



## From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

Last week 200 Marist educators from across the country gathered for the Biennial Conference at the Brisbane Powerhouse.

Representatives from each of the 19 Dioceses in which our schools provide a Marist education for young people were present. It was a most reflective and constructive experience with high quality input, dialogue, and debate. The panoply of distinct ideas and approaches consistently drove to the same basic goals: effective evangelisation through quality education. Significant in the Conference success was the support of the Diocesan Directors of Catholic Education, two of whom attended. Mr Peter McLoughlin, Acting Director for Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Lismore, and Dr Doug Ashleigh Deputy Director for Brisbane Catholic Education were most welcome participants. The encouragement and support of all the Diocesan Directors for staff and Principals to attend is acknowledged with appreciation.

As we recognised with gratitude in prayer all who have gone before us in Marist education over the past 150 years, it was significant that the next Marist school to be founded was a particular focus during the Conference. Situated in the new and developing Parish of Aura on the Sunshine Coast and governed by Brisbane Catholic Education, Notre Dame College will be a Prep-12 coeducational school in the Marist spiritual tradition and a member of Marist Schools Australia. The appointed Administrator of the Parish Father Joshua Whitehead established himself as a most popular Conference delegate and his many enthusiastic and insightful contributions were well received. Mr John Cortese, Principal of Notre Dame College Shepparton, officially welcomed Father Joshua to the Marist family and presented him with a special gift for the new school.

Many participants suggested this was among the best Catholic education Conferences they had attended. Certainly, the organization and creativity of the conference team was outstanding under the leadership of MSA Regional Director Mr Mark Elliott. There was also a strong sense of optimism for the future of the Church in Australia and the vital contribution of our schools to God's mission, and to the emerging educational needs of young people throughout Australia.

Yours sincerely,

**Dr Frank Malloy**  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE LISMORE NSW

Leader of Learning - Mathematics

Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Applications close: 19 August 2022



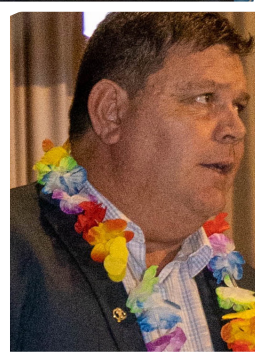
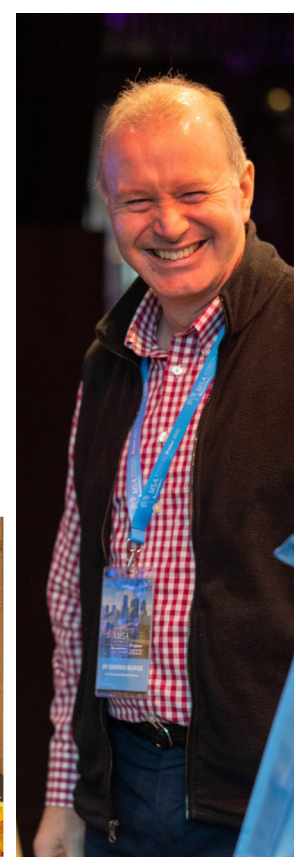
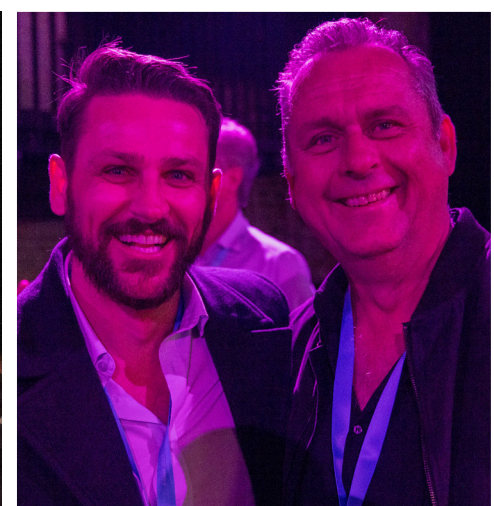
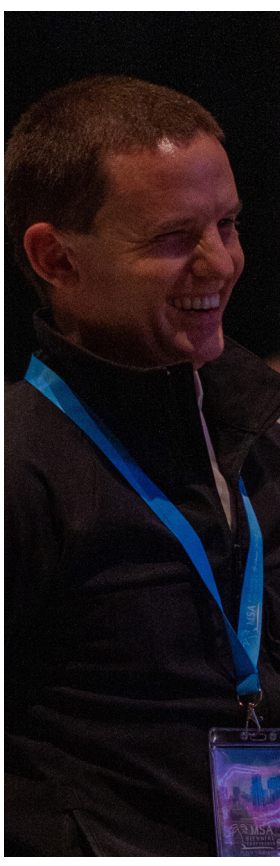
# LAVALLA MAGAZINE

Please use Lavalla to share some news from your school with the rest of Marist Schools Australia.

The cut-off date for contributions for the next edition of Lavalla is **Friday 23 September 2022**.

All submissions should be sent to Br Michael Flanagan (michael.flanagan@marists.org.au).





## *Holding The Space: A Contemplative Conversation*

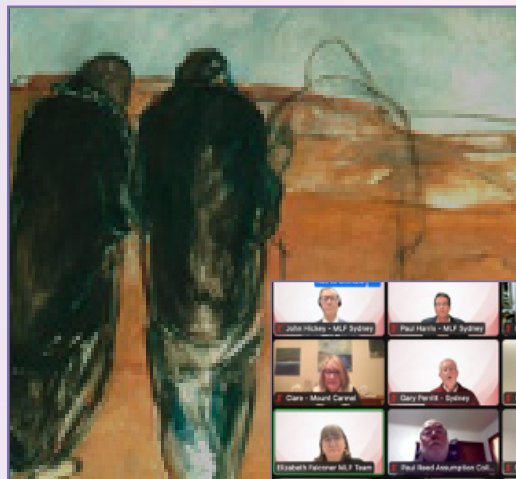
This online contemplative conversation, for one hour per week for four weeks, gave participants a unique space to connect with their spirituality by spending time in prayer, reflection and dialogue with others. Some comments from participants included:

*I haven't been able to stop thinking about how "self-care is not self-indulgence". It has been wonderful to feel like I've had 'permission' to pause, to reflect, to not feel like I need to be 'productive' at all times.*

*I was reminded of the importance of prayer and giving time to God. Prayer - friendship with God. I am very aware of the negative effect 'noise' and 'busyness' has on this relationship. I found the question, 'What changes do I need to make to let me be more available to God?' quite helpful.*

*What words can I use to describe the impact of this experience on me? Inspirational. Prayerful. Insightful. Soothing. Meaningful. Very appropriate and 'spot on'.*

*We are moving into a new phase of what it means to be a dedicated Christian.*



*"We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a 'Gospel of life.' It invites all persons and societies to a new life lived abundantly in respect for human dignity."*

*(Living the Gospel of Life, para. 20)*

## **Footsteps 1 Program 19 – 22 June at the Hermitage, Mittagong 2022**



# MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

July/August Update

## MYM NSW

### Year 11 Forum

Thirty four students from 7 Marist schools braved the cold to attend the Year 11 Forum in Mittagong on the weekend of 5 – 7 August! The Forum's theme, 'Meaning and Purpose', allowed students to explore and reflect on the nature of what their life means in the Christian context. Along with some 'timeout' for contemplation, Bec Bromhead, the CEO for Australian Marist Solidarity, outlined the work Marists do in the Asia Pacific region and ways that students can connect with the people on the margins. As per usual, all students present made some new awesome Marist friends!



## MYM VIC

### Year 11 Hermitage Retreat Day

On Friday the 29th of July, Year 11 students from Assumption College, LaValla Catholic College, Marcellin College & Notre Dame College gathered to embark on their Hermitage Retreat Day journey! Ruby and Grace lead students through 3 workshops, focusing on the themes of positive risk-taking, personal identity and leadership. Students also heard from a Young Marist Volunteer, Kara, about the important of the 5 F's (Family, Friends, Fun, Faith & Fitness) in each of our lives, and were inspired by her authenticity during her sharing. It was a fantastic day, full of new friends and experiences. As always, a huge thanks to all those involved!

