



## From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

*“Every Catholic School is a Sacrament of Hope.”*

This week for the first time in six years, the National Catholic Education Commission gathered teachers, school and system leaders, as well as members of school governing bodies from across Australia for their national conference. The first morning of the conference featured a keynote address by Father Anthony Gittins CSSP and Ms Madeline Forde, both well known to Australian Marists. Father Anthony is renowned internationally as a theologian, anthropologist, and missionary. He has worked closely with Marists at different times over the past decade, sharing his spiritual insights and wisdom gained by many years of scholarship and living in service with peoples on the extreme peripheries of society in a variety of circumstances. Educated at Sacred Heart College Adelaide, Maddie is currently a Councillor for the Marist Association of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, a delegate to the International Youth Advisory body established by the Vatican’s Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, and was a member of the recent Australian Plenary Council. In the words of Archbishop Pat O’Regan, “She is energetic, has a preferential option to stand with the marginalised and is a strong young woman of faith.”

Fr Anthony and Maddie throughout their presentation, invited the 1400 delegates to engage during the days together in a manner promoting deep thinking and respectful listening. There were many pearls of wisdom and moments of realisation for the listeners. In subsequent conversations with fellow delegates a number of key ideas and urgings emerged prominently.

Quoting Father Timothy Ratcliffe, it was asserted that “Every Catholic School is a sacrament of hope”. It is a sentiment all Catholic educators would spontaneously support whilst also challenging us to consider the inherent responsibilities in clearly and unambiguously promoting hope for all students, and especially those who feel marginalised in some way. For adolescents, feeling “left out or different” is acute. Some contributing factors include peer relationships and self-worth, family circumstances, poverty, ability to learn, identity, physical maturation, and sexuality. Father Anthony and Maddie affirmed the importance and success of our teachers in creating communities of hope. Reflecting on her own education and the influence of her teachers, Maddie said,

*“Teachers are formidable witnesses of God’s love.”*

At the Conference Mass, celebrated at Saint Patrick’s Cathedral, Archbishop Peter Comensoli highlighted again the vital and privileged role of the Catholic school teacher, recalling the words of Saint Pope Paul VI, in his 1975 Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii nuntiandi*,

*Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers,  
and if he does listen to teachers, it is because  
they are witnesses.*

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The Chair of the Australian Bishops Commission for Catholic Education, Archbishop Anthony Fisher and the CEO of the National Catholic Education Commission the Honourable Jacinta Collins, encouraged all schools to continue to build success for all students, so that every child in a Catholic school fulfils their potential as a learner. Most importantly they called on all Catholic educators to continue to unambiguously “flavour” teaching and learning with and through Jesus, the great teacher, from whom we continue to be guided throughout our lives.

Yours sincerely,



**Dr Frank Malloy**  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes, NSW

Red Bend Catholic College Forbes, located in a peaceful rural setting with state of the art facilities, is seeking dynamic staff who will Inspire Minds, Hearts and Spirits. If you are passionate about making a difference in the lives of students, then we encourage you to join our community.

Due to growth in enrolments we are seeking teachers in the following areas:

- Agriculture
- Creative Arts - Music and Visual Arts
- English
- HSIE
- Languages
- Mathematics
- Religious Education
- Science - Physics
- TAS - Food / Metal / Timber
- VET - Construction / Hospitality / Primary Industries

The College is also seeking applicants for the following positions of responsibility

- House Coordinator - Student Wellbeing
- Languages Coordinator
- Mathematics Coordinator
- VET Coordinator

Successful applicants will be required to demonstrate a willingness to support the Marist and Mercy traditions of the College, have NESAT accreditation, a NSW Working With Children Check and an understanding of, and commitment to, child safeguarding.

Enquiries including specific role description and selection criteria can be obtained at [www.redbendcc.nsw.edu.au/employment](http://www.redbendcc.nsw.edu.au/employment) or by emailing [employment@redbendcc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:employment@redbendcc.nsw.edu.au).

Please submit an application letter and resume to the Principal at [employment@redbendcc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:employment@redbendcc.nsw.edu.au).

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



## 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](mailto:michael.flanagan@marists.org.au)).

## Fully Known and Truly Loved

The staff of Marist College Bendigo enjoyed a two-day retreat based on the themes of the Three Marist Virtues held at RACV Goldfield Hotel at Creswick.



Rebecca Morrissey, Nicole Klicki, Br Tony Leon, Giselle Talbot, Jeremy Darmody



The Known and Loved Program for Mt Carmel Catholic College Varroville was held at the Hermitage in Mittagong.

*"To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God. It liberates us from pretence, humbles us out of our self-righteousness, and fortifies us for any difficulty life can throw at us."*

Living Truth: Daily Devotional: Feb 12, 2018



Participants from Trinity College Lismore enjoyed the Known and Loved Program

# Australian Marist Solidarity NEWS

Our school communities create change with their donations to AMS projects. AMS school partnerships have been highlighted at recent forums in Victoria and NSW.



## Marist Game Changers

30 Victorian Marist Grade 9 Game Changers students learned about the work of AMS and our partners. This is part of their exploration of how they can be Game Changers in their communities.



## Marist Youth Ministry - Marist College Sydney

hosted Yr 11 students from across NSW at Mittagong to build life meaning and

purpose. AMS CEO Bec Bromhead added the AMS mission into the mix for this passionate group

We are grateful for the fundraising support in our schools. Day in the Life and Steps to Success donations have flowed from shaved heads, class-baked Timor-Leste treats, runs and walks.



## Marist College Canberra.

Congratulations to our College leaders who had their heads shaved in support of the upcoming College Walkathon as well as the Australian Marist Solidarity Appeal.



## Day in the Life Campaign

Great work from a group of year 9 students at John Therry Catholic College in Campbelltown who have fundraised for our Day in the Life campaign. The students used the cooking challenge within the campaign to make Timor-Leste treats for recess at school recently.

We appreciate all the effort and commitment by the students – especially Lara, who has singlehandedly

raised more than \$550 already for the appeal!

The Day in the Life campaign supports students access education in Timor-Leste. It asks Australian students to step into the shoes of a student in Timor-Leste by walking to school, learning the language, cooking traditional food or taking part in a school assembly. You can find out more at [dayinthelife.org.au](http://dayinthelife.org.au)



## Cardijn College Galilee

As part of their 'Steps to Success' elective Year 8 students will be running up to 12km in the City-Bay Fun Run this month (18/9)! They are aiming to raise \$1000 to help the Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS), a charity that works to ensure that all young people have access to educational opportunities. AMS believes education has the power to eradicate poverty. Their projects

focus on providing access to education for vulnerable young people and building facilities for the future to ensure safe spaces for learning.

It only takes a minute and any money you can give (no matter how large or small) will go a long way to help reach their target. Head to [dayinthelife.org.au](http://dayinthelife.org.au) to donate.

# Australian Marist Solidarity NEWS

## AMS Project Visits Recommence

Wonderful news! After a COVID-imposed break from international travel, AMS is delighted to be back on the road visiting our projects.

Nigel Sydney, AMS Project Coordinator, says "The huge benefit of being on site is the chance to connect with the project partners in person after extended period of being restricted to only phone / zoom

calls and emails. Being my first trip with AMS this was an especially exciting opportunity to meet with the school staff, students and the local Brothers community and to see the great work and collaboration that is having such a positive impact on vulnerable communities". In 2022 Nigel has visited AMS projects in Fiji and Timor-Leste, with travel to the Philippines also scheduled.



## Project Visit - Life-Giving Skills for Marginalised Students in Fiji

In April 2022, Nigel met with Br Kees, Country Coordinator of the Marist Brothers in Fiji and the Project Coordinator to help to plan for AMS' most recent project providing support for the continuing operations of Marist Champagnat Institute (MCI), Suva, Fiji.

MCI is Fiji's only post-primary schooling for those with learning difficulties and special needs. It focuses on each student's educational,

vocational, social, and emotional skills. Each year around 144 students aged 13 – 19 each year attend MCI for a second chance to obtain education and skills for effective participation in society.

Thanks to the kindness of AMS supporters, MCI will continue its life-changing work during 2022 – 2024. A huge thanks in particular to **Sacred Heart School, Adelaide**, and **Parramatta Marist High, Sydney** who have generously contributed to AMS assistance to MCI.



## Connect with us to find out more.



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# MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

Late August Update

## MYM NSW

Thank you to principal, Silvana Rossetti and Youth Minister, Helena Bozic, for hosting the MYM Term 3 Super Connect at Marist College Eastwood. Over 100 students from Eastwood, St Gregory's College, St Joseph's, Marist North Shore, Marcellin Randwick, Parramatta Marist High School, Champagnat College Pagewood and Trinity College, Auburn enthusiastically joined in all ice breaker activities to get to know each other. They respectfully engaged in learning about the 'Uluru Statement from the Heart' and looked at ways they can appropriately support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 'Voice' to parliament.

The MYM Sydney team wish all the Year 12 students the best as they finish school this term to complete their HSC.

All Year 12 students are invited to our ex-students Christmas party on 1 December in order to continue their Marist journey beyond school environment! Details on our socials closer to the event.



## MYM VIC

We had a great day with some of our Year 7 & 8 Game Changers students on Friday 2nd of September. Energy was high as we kick started the day with some get to know you games, before we headed straight into our workshops! Students started off with some team-work based activities, including the classic egg & spoon race, followed by some insightful discussions into 'The Boy Jesus in the Temple' Story. Grace then lead students in a session surrounding our 'Star Qualities', where students were invited to discuss and share the inspiring qualities of people in their lives. We finished off with a workshop that had everyone rolling up their sleeves, to design a cup with ways in which they currently support their community and loved ones, as well as a commitment for their future engagements. Once students had decorated their cups, the team helped each student fill their cups with soil, and plant a sunflower seed in it.

All in all, it was a fantastic day full of life, connecting & fun. We hope to see some bright yellow flowers from some of our Game Changers this spring!