

From Frank Malloy

Dear Colleagues,

This week has seen Marist educators from across the globe gather each afternoon and evening online to engage in a range of shared experiences to launch the new Marist Global Network of Schools. It is pleasing and enormously encouraging to see the number of Australian Marists involved. Be assured your contributions are greatly appreciated.

The word of welcome from Brother Carlos Alberto Rojas, the Director of the Secretariat for Education and Evangelization opened the events on Monday afternoon.

This project, under the leadership of the Secretariat for Education and Evangelization from the beginning sought the Design Thinking and the Appreciative Inquiry methodology. The brightness on the faces and Marist family spirit is felt online as if all were physically present in one conference room of the General House in Rome. This is an indication that the sessions for the week that will end of the 29th of October 2021 will give birth to something that will have great impact on the institute and the final beneficiaries, the children, and young people.



*Sitting: Stella Menegucci and Br Carlos Alberto Rojas
On screen: Vicar General Br Luis Carlos Gutiérrez and Superior General Br Ernesto Sanchez*

The work sessions will focus on areas of opportunities divided into themes and topics seeking contributions through participation in the various groups.

It is our hope that the participation of all Marists of Champagnat will give a resounding welcome to the birth of this Network of school through cocreation.

Brother Ernesto Sanchez, the Superior General also spoke and highlighted four key features of Marist education the new network will seek to flourish in close collaboration. These were:

CREATIVITY
EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION
JOURNEYING WITH THE YOUNG IN OUR SCHOOLS
SERVICE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR SCHOOLS

If you are interested to learn more about this exciting new initiative and view some of the recorded sessions from the week, follow the link to the [Champagnat Global](#) website.

May Mary our Good Mother and Saint Marcellin pray with and for us for the success of this significant development for Marist education worldwide.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Frank Malloy
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr Paul Ryan will commence as Principal of **St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas, NSW** in 2022. Paul is a well known and highly regarded Catholic school leader and Principal in Sydney and New South Wales. Paul's appointment is a welcome return to Marist education in a distinguished vocation spanning 43 years, during which a variety of leadership roles have been successfully undertaken. [Read more](#)

Mr Daniel Head will commence as Deputy Principal of **Sacred Heart College, Adelaide** in 2022. Daniel is an experienced Catholic leader, with a strong connection to Marist spirituality and knowledge of Sacred Heart College having been the Director of Marist Mission 2013 – 2016. In the last five years Daniel has held senior leadership positions at Cabra Dominican College including: Deputy Principal: People, Culture & Operations and Deputy Principal: Student Wellbeing and Leadership. [Read more](#)



Towards an ever wider 'We' - Marists

Each year the Church calls on us to remember those displaced by conflict and persecution and those seeking a better life for their families in new lands.

Support is needed for four young asylum seeker students to complete their final year at University. They arrived in this country as minors from Iraq and Sri Lanka, and are currently on Humanitarian Scholarships at the University of Newcastle studying Civil Engineering and Computer Science. Marist180 and the Marist Brothers have provided for them over last three years but now funding is needed for their last year of study.

Let's help them through this last year so that they may become contributing citizens welcomed by all Australians.

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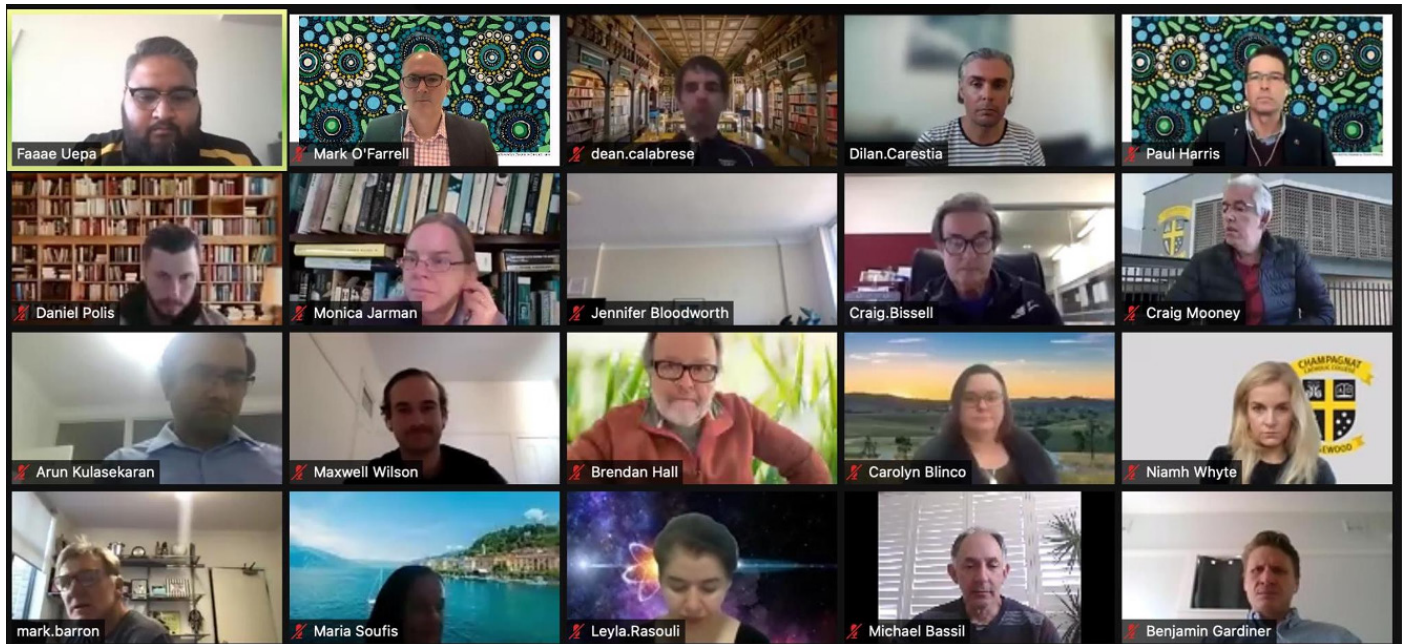
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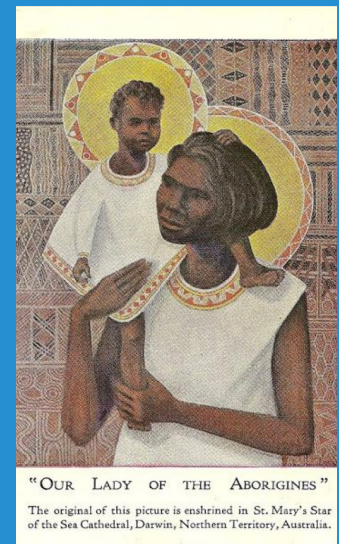
Breathe: Champagnat College Pagewood

The staff at Champagnat Catholic College Pagewood took some time to ‘exhale’ at the end of last term as they came together, online, for the *Breathe: the spirit of life* program. As one staff member commented: **“our connectedness is not only to the physical environment but to each other as well, through the human spirit”**.



Mt Maria College Petrie

Every year the staff of Mt Maria College Petrie enjoy a Bespoke Spirituality Program which is followed by a great night of fun as they battle it out with Marist trivia and enjoy a lovely dinner. This year the focus was on Mary through the arts and cultures of the world.



Above: Deputy Principal, Kerry Maher and “Our Lady of the Aborigines” icon

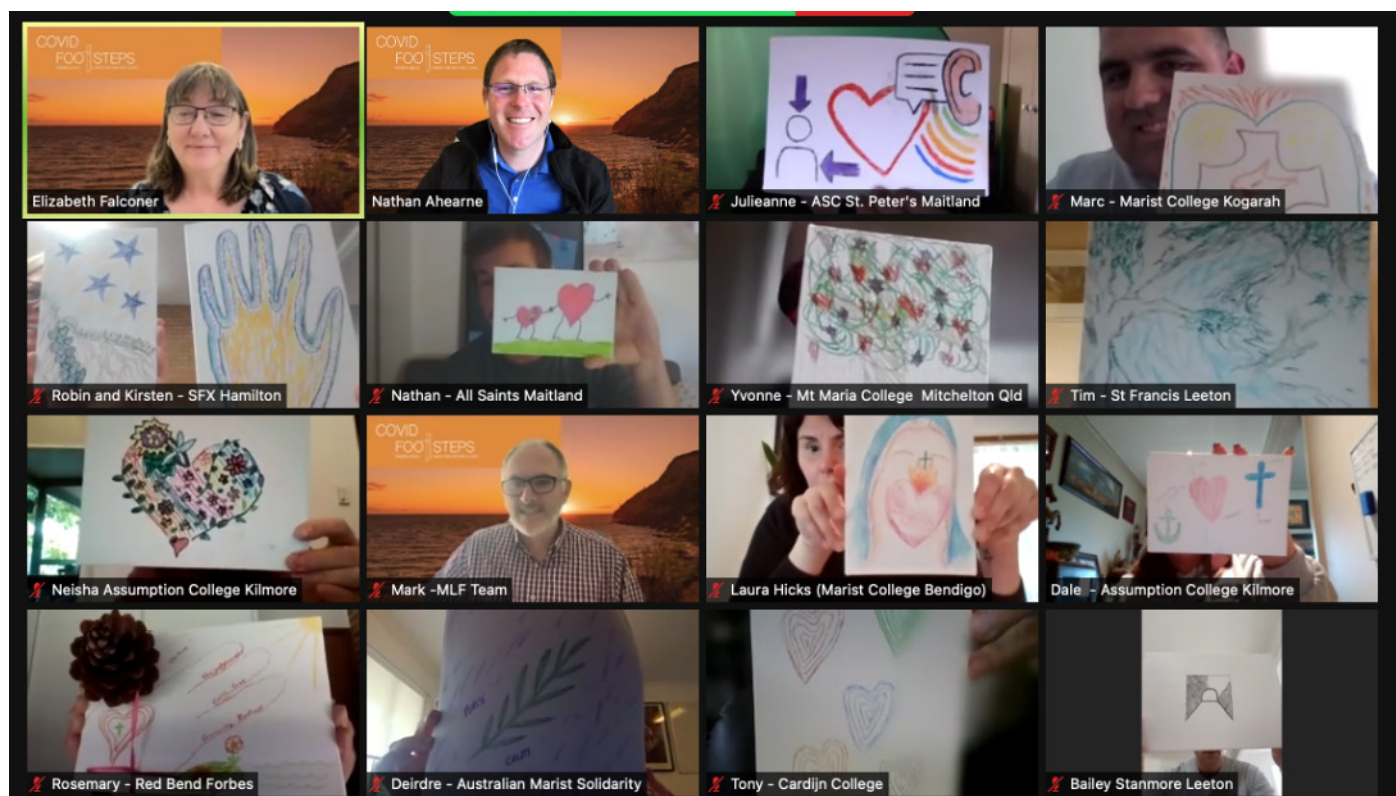
COVID Footsteps

Well, we have come to the end of a great series of online, COVID Footsteps Programs for 2021. As the photo shows, there is no end to the creativity of our Footsteps participants as they exhibit their artwork from the session on Mary.

Some insights from the group:

The program made me more aware that it is up to all of us to live the Marist values and keep the spirit of St Marcellin alive in the work we do each day and share it with everyone we meet.

It inspired me to find the courage to respond to my vocational call. It helped me realize that I am making a difference, and that I need to continue to be present, and give my time to both staff and students.



While Jesus is the human face of God in our midst, the Holy Spirit isn't usually described in human terms but rather in images such as breath, wind, water, fire, and oil. These images from nature remind us of "the otherness" of the Spirit. They resist our tendencies to domesticate the Spirit who is experienced in the depths of human relationships and in the wilderness and beauty of the natural world. A 'spiritual life' is really the Spirit-living-through-us life. A life lived with deep intention, compassion, and love. When we are open to the Spirit, we are living a life outside our normal striving, and live way beyond our own capacity.

- Kathleen Rushton: Tui Motu Magazine. Issue 226, May 2018: 22-23



Don't forget to register for the AMS supporter event

There's just two weeks until our end-of-year supporter gathering. It's free, online, and you can join us from the comfort of your home or office – but you must [register!](#)

This event will include:

- a special exhibition of the work of talented photographer and AMS champion, Conor Ashleigh
- details of our exciting 2021 Christmas campaign
- an interactive Q&A session with one of our overseas partners, Dr Sothun Nop, about the inspiring work at LaValla, Cambodia.

Hosted by AMS in Brisbane, please join us on Thursday, 11 November from 3.30pm to 4.30pm AEST (for those in daylight-saving states, this will be 4.30pm to 5.30pm AEDT).

This will be the first public showing of Conor's photography exhibition, Connecting with Communities. Conor will present his

favourite photographs of AMS projects in Asia and the Pacific and will share his insider's tips on how they were captured.

To register for this special end-of-year event, please click [here](#). Registrations will be accepted from individuals, but you are also welcome to gather as a group in your school, workplace or family and join in together.

For more information about this special event, please contact us at australianmaristsolidarity@marists.org.au



Project update Operation Rainbow | India



Operation Rainbow - a wonderful project in India that supports community members living with HIV - recently celebrated the Pooja

Festival with a family day out. We're told it was heaps of fun – and judging by the photos it certainly was.



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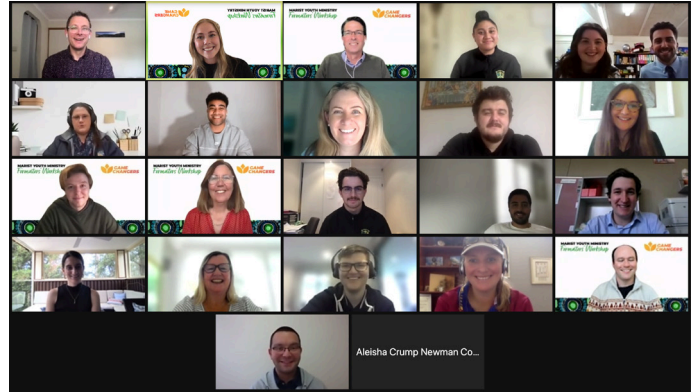


MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

MYM NATIONAL

The Final MYM Formators' Workshop for 2021!

On 14 October Game Changers mentors from across the country gathered for a final time this year for the MYM Virtual Formators Workshop. Paul Harris (MLF) journeyed with the mentors by reflecting on the year, identifying the “wins” along the journey. These workshops assist GC mentors implementing Game Changers at their schools, through moments of reflection, connection and formation.



The MYM leadership team would like to thank the MLF team members for presenting, the Principals of the GC schools for creating space for mentors to attend and for the mentors for engaging and enriching the experience for us all. We look forward welcoming you back to next years workshops (dates in the 2022 Programs and Events Booklet).

The MYM Formators' Conference in 2022!

On 14 and 15 February 2022, the MYM leadership team will host the annual virtual MYM Formators Conference. The aim is to assist mentors and coordinators to commence GC for the year. The MYM leadership team is pleased to announce that Mr Andy Otto will be the keynote speaker at the conference. Andy is a Catholic writer, speaker, spiritual director, and the creator and editor of GodInAllThings.com. Many of his resources are being used by schools, universities and parishes around the world. Registrations to the conference are open now and will close on the 17th December, please follow the QR code below.

MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY *Formators' Conference*

The Marist Youth Ministry leadership team invites you to join us virtually for our annual National MYM Formators' Conference.

The program aims to assist Mentors to implement Game Changers in our Marist schools.

When: Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 February 2022

Where: Virtual event via Zoom

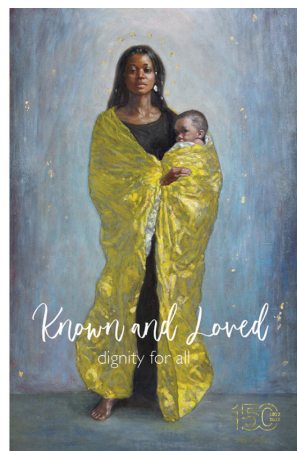
Registration Closes: Friday 17 December 2021

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

- + Keynote Presentation with Andy Otto
- + Practical Workshops
- + Networking Opportunities
- + Spiritual Formation
- + Unpacking the 'Tracks'



SCAN TO REGISTER!



For more information:
edwin.bakker@marists.org.au

This is a free event for staff at schools that facilitate the Game Changers program, but can be attended by anyone, so please do not hesitate to contact **Edwin Bakker (MYM National Coordinator)** if you are interested.

For more information, contact edwin.bakker@marists.org.au.

MYM PERTH

This past Tuesday, Marist Youth Ministry was able to host our third and final **Connect Night at Newman College** which brought together year 11 and 12 students where they **engaged in conversation around St Marcellin and The Happy Gang**. This term we wanted to offer an event that had more of a **social element to it to enable free flowing, open conversation**. Students engaged in trivia where only the most quick thinking and inquisitive team (with maybe a little bit of staff intervention) won. **This final event gave students a time to support one another as they make their way through the of high school. Overall, it was a perfect way to wrap up the year with a fun and engaging event allowing a social setting to extend beyond school boundaries.**



“The Marist Connect nights held in WA this year have been crucial in enabling students from our three schools to **share their common Marist Spirituality**. It is thrilling to see **Bunbury, Churchlands and Northam friendships established due to the continuing influence of St Marcellin.**”

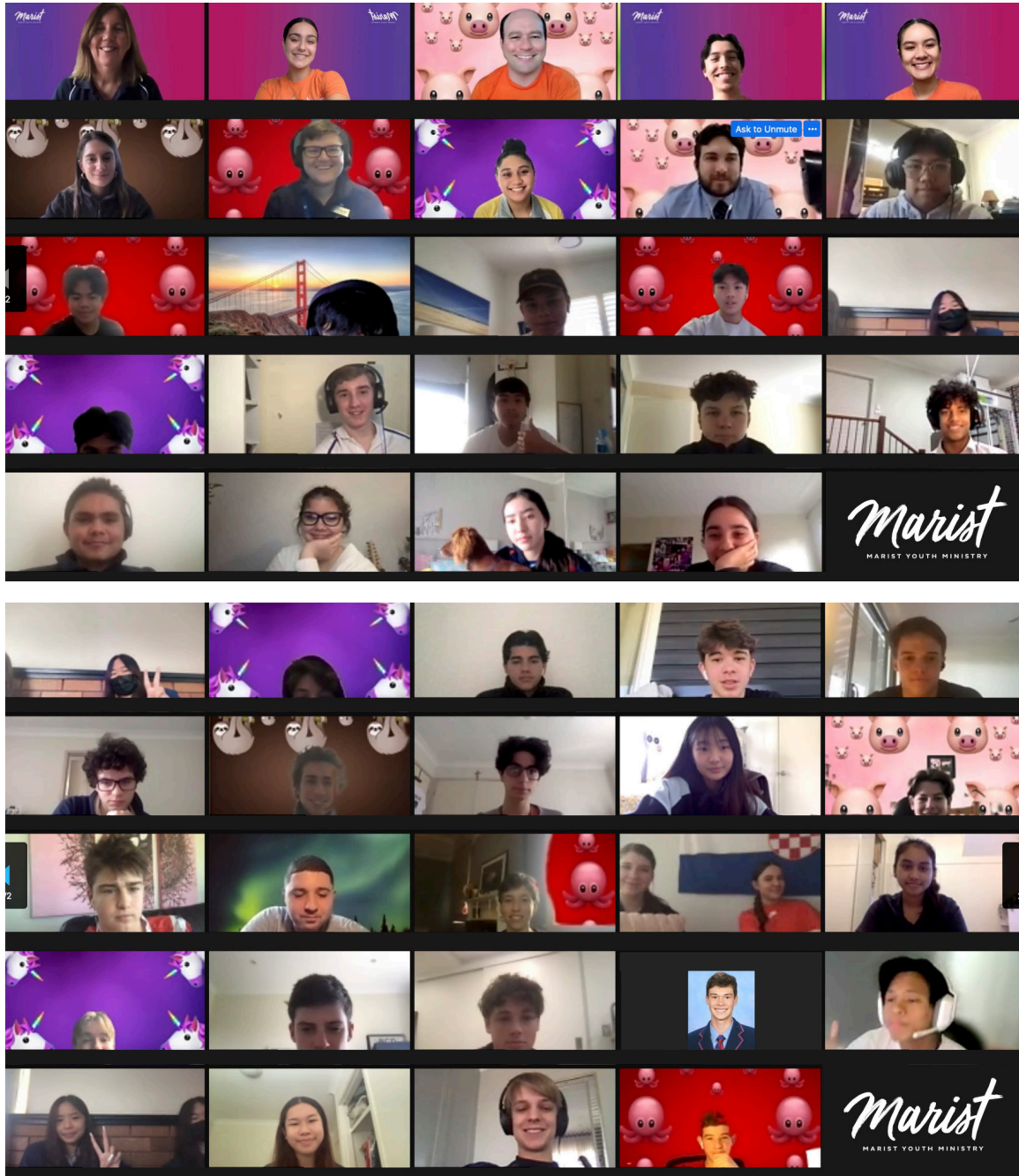
*- Staff Member at
St Joseph's Northam*



MYM NSW/ACT

Year 10 LaValla 'Camp'

Not to be stopped by restrictions, **four schools** went online to participate in the Year 10 LaValla Camp on Friday, 22 October! **Forty students from Marist Canberra, Trinity Catholic College Auburn, St Joseph's College Hunters Hill and Marist Parramatta High School** joined together to **discuss and learn more about Christian leadership, Community and Connection.**



MYM SYDNEY DATES

Term 4 Super Connect - online Friday, 29 October 4 – 5.15pm

Student Leaders' Gathering - Thursday, 18 November and Friday, 19 Nov

When thinking tertiary studies in Melbourne, think **Maristhouse**

Marist House is a residential program for young adults who are studying at one of the many tertiary institutes in and around Melbourne. Whether from the city or the country, Marist House offers a friendly and supportive student residence where faith and service are encouraged.

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