

MARIST CATHOLIC COLLEGE PENSURST
MINISTRY PLAN 2015 AND BEYOND





Mission Statement

At Marist Catholic College Penshurst we support and respect the individual talents of all our students, encouraging all students to become good Christians and good citizens. We aim to fulfil our school motto every day - 'Agnoscere et Diligere' - Make Jesus Christ Known and Loved.



Catholic Life and Religious Education

At Marist Catholic College Penshurst a commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ is at the core of our identity. This commitment is permeated with the Marist charism which inspires our whole school community to participate actively in the mission of Jesus Christ. At Marist Catholic College Penshurst the importance of a Ministry Plan is highlighted in the Mission Statement. More specifically the central role of Ministry is highlighted by the following priorities as identified in the College Annual Improvement Plan:

Catholic Identity: Ensure participation of all students in the Catholic life of the College.

Marist Charism: Ensure all students are provided with opportunities to become knowledgeable about the teachings, traditions and practices of the Catholic faith.

Spirituality, Prayer and Sacramental Life: Creates further opportunities for students and staff to design, lead and participate actively in a variety of liturgical celebrations and maintain and strengthen a culture of prayer across the College community.

Parish Life: Strengthens and liaises with parishes to support the students in parish life.

Religious Education Curriculum: Ensures that the Religious Education Curriculum is relevant and engaging to students.

Social Justice, Community Outreach and Service: Ensuring its consistency with the Gospel values, supports the engagement of students in service and is compassionate to those who are marginalised or at risk in society.



Catholic and Marist Teachings Inform Us

SCRIPTURE

“I came to give life so others may have it to the full”

(John 10:10)

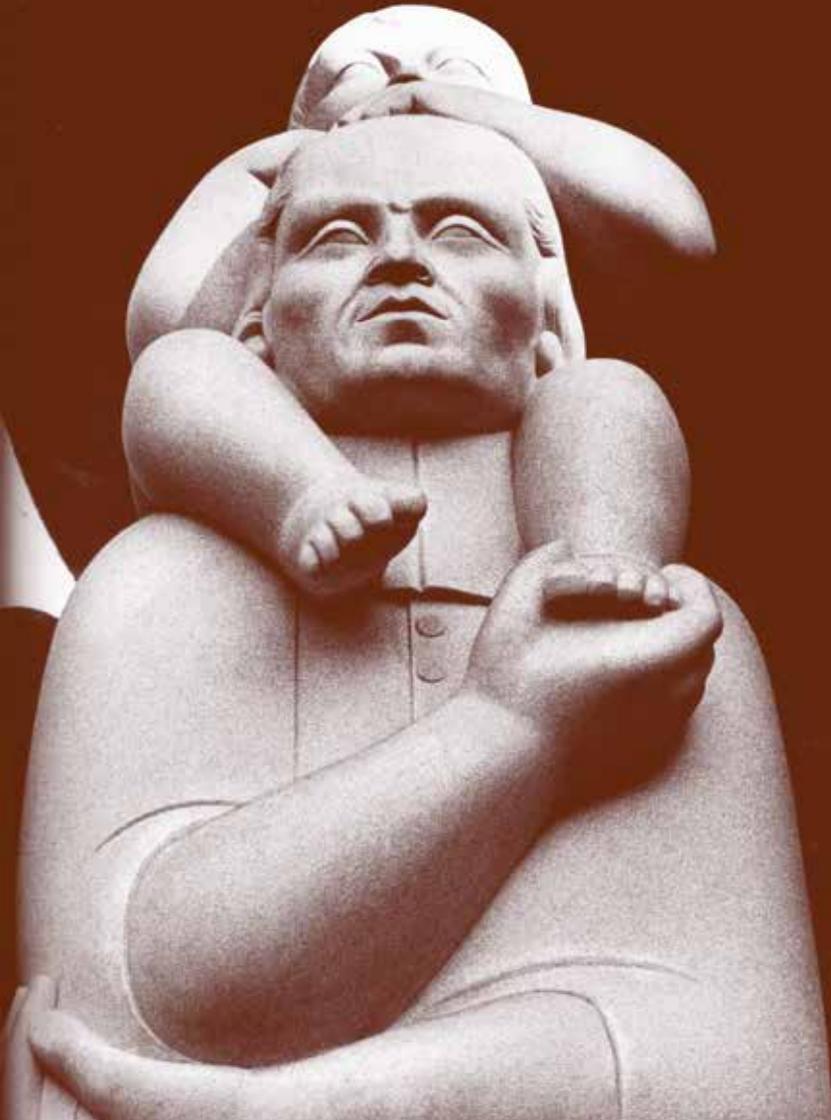
*“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you will be my witnesses”*

(Acts 1:8)

RELIGIOUS DIMENSION

- To help students understand that Catholic concern for Justice and Peace is founded in respect for human persons created in the image of God and redeemed by Jesus Christ.
- To assist students to appreciate that Catholic positions on issues of peace and justice are based on Scripture, traditional moral principles and the growing body of Social Teaching found in Papal, Council, Synodal and similar statements, such as those coming from the Bishops Conferences or Vatican Congregations.

Justice in the world - Synod of Bishop Second General Assembly - Rome (1971)



EVANGELISATION

"If we are convinced that education and evangelisation of children, teenagers and young people is a grace for our time, we need to provide a fitting response to this call."

"As young people become more and more aware of their identity, they are committing themselves to serving others and actively participating in the life and mission of the Church."

Evangelizers in the Midst of Youth (2011)

St Marcellin Champagnat statue, St Peter's Basilica, Rome



MARIST CHARISM

124: Marist spirituality, being apostolic, is lived out on mission. The mission of Marist apostles is born in the experience of being loved by God and of our desire to actively participate in the mission of Jesus. Like Jesus we recognise the urgings of the Spirit within, calling us to be witnesses to this Good News.

127: The cries of the world, especially those of the poor people, touch the heart of God and ours as well.

Water from the Rock (2007) Marist Spirituality

Our Lady of Los Angeles, The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, Los Angeles, USA

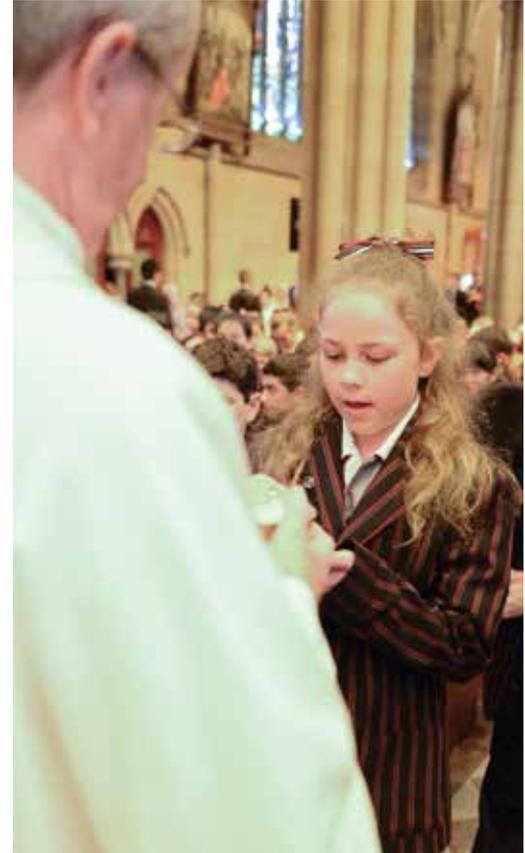
THE ARCHBISHOP'S CHARTER FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (2012)

Marist Catholic College Penhurst is “called to give witness to their distinctive educational, spiritual, moral and social purposes within the evangelising mission of the Church, founded on faith in Jesus Christ, and express this in a Mission Statement that identifies their traditions and charism”.
The Archbishop's Charter For Catholic Schools (2012)



MARIST CATHOLIC COLLEGE PENSHURST - VISION FOR LEARNING (2015)

The Vision for Learning at Marist Catholic College Penhurst 'Aspire to be Inspired', animates and empowers all members of our community to hope and dream. As a community, we support one another and nurture growth as we build on strengths. The Scripture passage from Isaiah 41:13 "I will hold you in the palm of my hand" encapsulates this and is visually represented through the image of the hands.



Methodology

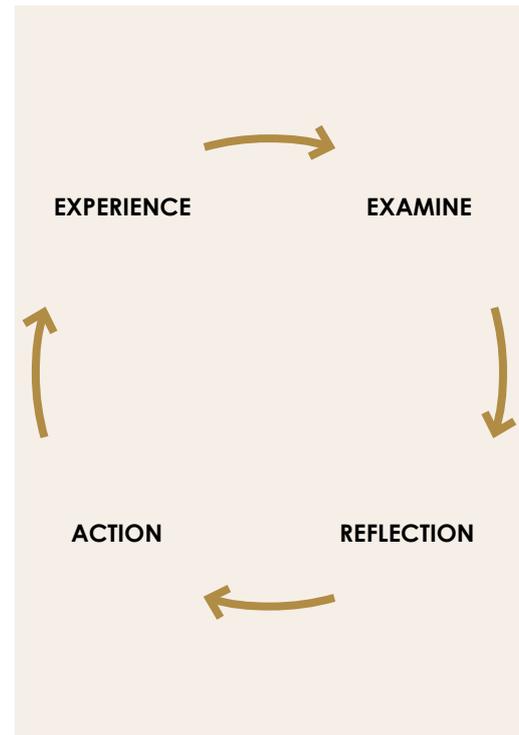
We encourage students of Marist Catholic College Penshurst to be involved in an ongoing decision making process for all issues surrounding Ministry and Outreach;

Experience: Facilitate opportunities for students to be directly involved in activities where they engage in faith life.

Examine: Equip students with the knowledge and faith required to make informed personal judgements about issues they have confronted during their practical experience.

Reflection: Provide students with the skills and opportunities to reflect on their experiences and be able to think about the connections established and their ongoing involvement.

Action: 'Where to from here?' Can this experience be an ongoing part of my life? Do I want to get involved at a different level?



Aim of the Ministry Plan

Involve the students and wider College community in a Ministry program that encompasses the following:

- Provides opportunities to deepen faith in Jesus Christ through prayer, sacraments and liturgies.
- Engages a partnership with the St George Deanery Parishes particularly St Declans Peshurst Parish and St Joseph's Oatley Parish through the Marist Youth Mass and Youth Groups.
- Provides a relevant and dynamic curriculum.
- Encourages parental involvement.
- Provides opportunities of service and engagement which stimulates students sense of social justice and heightens their awareness of the opportunities for service in the community, both now and post school.
- Links past and present students to the Marist charism through a continuity of faith and service opportunities.



2015 - 2018 Marist Catholic College Penshurst Ministry Program

Commencing Term 1, 2015 the Marist Ministry Plan will engage in the following areas:

AREA 1 EVANGELISATION

- In partnership with Bethany College Hurstville, Marist College Kogarah and St Ursula's College Kingsgrove.
- Attend weekly Wednesday Morning Prayer and Tuesday Parish Mass.
- Training Acolytes, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.
- Coordination of School Sacramental Program.
- Facilitation of whole school and class liturgies.
- Support and assist in Pre and Post World Youth Day Archdiocesan initiatives.
- Staff Spirituality Days.

AREA 2 PARISH PARTNERSHIP

- Development and expansion of the Marist Youth Mass.
- Link the Marist Social Justice Group to Parish in partnership with Primary feeder schools.
- Support St Declan's Penshurst Youth Group (IGNITE).
- Support Marist Youth initiatives including Marist Forum.

AREA 3 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- RE Accreditation through the Work, Teach and Lead Policy - CEO Sydney.
- Support Professional Development opportunities for staff members.
- Subject Benchmarking and Individual Career Pathway (ICP) for senior students.
- Implementation of Stage 4, 5 and 6 revised Religious Education Curriculum; including Studies of Religion.
- Ongoing professional development opportunities for staff and parents.

AREA 4 COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ ADVOCACY

- Development and implementation of all outreach programs such as Night Patrol.
- Commitment to local and international service opportunities, including a school wide outreach plan.
- Commitment of three years to an international Immersion to the Philippines.
- Provide ongoing financial support to Caritas Australia, Marist Solidarity, Marist Youth Care, St Vincent De Paul and the KUYA Centre for Street Kids.
- Development of REMAR (Christian Leadership) Youth Ministry Program.
- Development and expansion of the Marist Solidarity Group.
- Animation of Marist Catholic College Penshurst alumni to support College social justice initiatives.

Marist Catholic College Penshurst Ministry Group

The Marist Catholic College Penshurst Ministry Group will be led by the Religious Education Coordinator and will have whole College representation, including:

- Religious Education Coordinator
- School Chaplain
- Members of the Leadership Team
- Youth Ministry Coordinator/ Social Justice Coordinator
- REMAR Coordinator
- Liturgy Support Teacher
- Music Coordinator
- Sacramental Support
- Student Leadership Representatives
- Leaders of Wellbeing
- St Declan's Penshurst Representative
- Parental Representative

This group will develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the course of the next three years, 2015- 2018. Each teacher within the College will have their responsibilities and Key Performance indicators built into their Professional Growth Plans.





Conclusion

The Marist Catholic College Penshurst Ministry Program is designed to give our College Community the best opportunity to engage and live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Its outcome may not be measured during the students' College life. It is our aim that the values of faith, love, hope and service will manifest themselves throughout their lives and that their Marist school experience will be one that transforms and animates them to be people of the Gospel.





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