



## A Message from Br John McMahon...

It is always good to welcome staff from our schools to our Marist Tertiary Programs. Our first program for the year, which began in Adelaide on 22nd March, was the Marist Methodology program which constitutes part of the Grad Certificate Course which is accredited by the University of South Australia. This program involves twelve 2 hour sessions spread across the year.

Our second program, an ACU Unit accredited program at the Masters level, titled 'Leadership from a Marian Perspective' commenced on 5th May in Melbourne. This Unit seems to attract students interested in the theology of leadership and to ring true with those identifying with Marist spirituality.

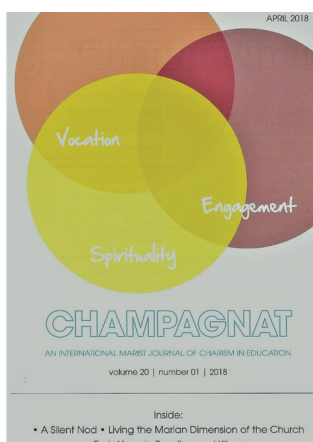
Many staff from Marist schools who are completing our traditional programs emanating from Mittagong, like Footsteps 1 and 2 as well as the Pilgrimage and Study Tour, are completing essays for the ACU approved units they are undertaking.

Our Marist Tertiary Website [www.mte.org.au](http://www.mte.org.au) is attracting plenty of visitors. An increasing number of books, theses and articles are available there for downloading. It is pleasing also to see articles are appearing in 'Champagnat', the insert to the 'Lavalla' magazine, which have emerged from the Marist Tertiary stable. We hope you find them thought provoking, as well as providing you with an opportunity for reflection and study.

Marist College Canberra is once again welcoming us this year in August for the fourth annual Marist Educational Leadership program. This four day program seems to provide a spring board for those who like to delve more deeply, not only into Marist leadership, but also leadership related topics like the Leadership of St Paul and the Leadership of Jesus as revealed in the Gospels.

Our Marist culture of learning is hopefully being enhanced through these Marist Tertiary programs and studies. Please get in touch with your ideas should you wish to contribute more formally to this culture, whether by writing an article or participating in a think tank type activity. We always appreciate your involvement.

With best wishes,  
**Br John McMahon**  
National Director



## Upcoming Programs

### MT401 Marist Educational Leadership Program

This program will be offered on 4th-5th August, 2018 and 25th-26th August, 2018. The Course will be held at Marist College, Canberra ACT and presented by Dr Jennifer Elvery and Br John McMahon.

Further information can be obtained on [www.mte.org.au](http://www.mte.org.au)



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## Leadership from a Marian Perspective

### A wonderful opportunity...

Recently I had the privilege to participate in the “Leadership from a Marian Perspective” course, facilitated by Brother John McMahon FMS. This was a wonderful opportunity to learn from knowledgeable presenters, who were engaging, informative and even provocative, ensuring participants were challenged.

The course moved from focusing on Mary, her qualities and standing within the Catholic Church, to styles of leadership within an educational setting. There were many opportunities to share ideas in a warm and collegial environment, with quiet time to contemplate and synthesise ideas. For those who were completing tertiary study, this was a great opportunity to develop and refine their thesis. Through this course, I gained a deeper understanding of the role of Mary as a leader within her community and the qualities she emanated throughout her journey.

This has enabled me to take these ideas and adapt them to my school and community context. I will try to be more open and present to those around me; listen, contemplate and discern their concerns and hopefully assist them through collaboration and empowerment. I thoroughly recommend this unit for those who wish to develop personally or gain a greater understanding of leadership in a Catholic school.

**Susan Nabbs**

Learning and Teaching Leader 7- 12  
Notre Dame College, Shepparton



Michael Green, Hubert Williams, Grant Barclay, Jamie McIlroy, Susan Nabbs, John McMahon, Mark O'Connor

### A rewarding experience...

Over two weekends I was privileged to participate in a Marist Tertiary Program that explored Marian Leadership from a Marist perspective. I joined teachers from Marist College, Canberra and Notre Dame College, Shepparton. Dr Jennifer Elvery and 4 learned Marist Brothers: Br Mark O'Connor, Br Hubert Williams, Br Michael Green and Br John McMahon.

Our exploration began with a study of Mary in the Gospels and moved towards learning about the impact of the Second Vatican Council on Mariology. We then explored this model of Marian leadership in contemporary Catholic Schools. Our learning was based on academic literature, Biblical texts, the vast experience of the Marists attending and the valuable insights that were shared. We also explored the concept of Contemplative Leadership in an educational setting. Through a rich process of reading, writing, prayer, sharing and reflecting I found the experience very insightful and it formed the basis of an essay I completed for a Unit in a Theology Master's Degree.

We also learned about iconography and the theology behind certain icons of Mary.

The experience was a rewarding learning experience as I continue my faith journey in Marist Education.

**Jamie McIlroy**

Marcellin College, Bulleen

## Mixed Mode Learning from 2019

Mixed Mode Learning, face to face and online, will be available in 2019.

Locations will be

1. Marist Centre Ashgrove in Brisbane,
2. Marist Centre Mascot in Sydney or
3. Marist Centre, Brunswick in Melbourne.

A presenter and/or tutor will be located at each Centre during the four days.

**May, 4 & 5 and May 25 & 26, 2019**  
**MT402 Leadership from a Marian Perspective**

**July 8 & 9 and July 11 & 12, 2019**  
**(School Holidays)**  
**MT401 Marist Educational Leadership**

Team members, depending on availability, will include

Mr Anthony Clarke,  
Dr Jennifer Elvery,  
Dr Michael Green,  
Dr John McMahon,  
Br Mark O'Connor and  
Br Hubert Williams.

If you would like to express interest in a 2019 program, please email us at [tertiary@marists.org.au](mailto:tertiary@marists.org.au)

