



A Message from John Hickey...

Dear Friends, Colleagues and Brothers,

Greetings from Marist Tertiary.

It is that time of year when those of you in our Marist schools are immersed in the 'in between' time – having one eye reviewing the past year and the other firmly focused on the year to come. The same is true of Marist Tertiary.

This year the Marist Educational Leadership course was run out of the Marist Office in Brunswick. A small but high-quality and enthusiastic group worked with Dr Jennifer Elvery and myself in unpacking Marist Leadership and discerning how this leadership 'lens' can be best put into practice in their own school environments. You can view some of the feedback from course participants on the following page.

While only one course was run this year, several staff used the opportunity to seek tertiary accreditation through their involvement in one of the Marist formation programs run through the Mission and Life Formation Team. The feedback from staff involved in these programs has been very positive also.

In terms of planning for 2020 and beyond, an exciting development this year was the implementation of a Marist Tertiary survey. The primary purpose of this survey, sent to all Marist schools, was to firstly, establish how many staff in Marist schools are currently undertaking tertiary study and secondly, to inquire as to how many staff would be interested in accessing the services of Marist Tertiary into the future. Close to 350 staff took

part in the survey so the data that has emerged is substantial and has given us invaluable information for our future planning.



In response to the survey data, things are already being put in to place for next year. Full details will be available in the Marist Programs and Events booklet which will be available in schools during fourth term but details of the main two courses being run next year are located here on the front page of this newsletter. A new development for next year is that for the Marist Educational Leadership course, there will be an option for staff who are not seeking any form of tertiary accreditation, to do the face to face component of the program (2 days) as a stand-alone.

In other news, the Marist Tertiary Library, which is situated at the Marist Centre in Brunswick, is taking shape and will be a great resource for anyone engaged in further study next year and beyond. Questions in relation to use of the Library can be addressed to Grace Johnstone at the Brunswick office.

My best wishes to all Marists for a calm and productive final couple of months of the year and I look forward to a very exciting 2020 for Marist Tertiary.

Blessings to all,
John Hickey
Executive Officer
Marist Tertiary Education



2020 Programs

Marist Educational Leadership

This course will be offered via two pathways.

26 & 27 March, Marist Centre Mascot & Online mode to be completed by 17 July 2020.

Leadership from a Marian Perspective

This course will be offered via two pathways.

8 & 9 August, Marist Centre Melbourne & Online mode to be completed by 17 July 2020.

If you would like to express interest in a 2020 program, please email John Hickey at john.hickey@marists.org.au or www.mte.org.au

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Marist Educational Leadership Program

This year's Marist Educational Leadership program was taught in Melbourne from 8-11 July. Participants in the program were Jill Fitzsimons and Phillip Kamay from Marcellin College, Bulleen. Jodie Hillhouse was from St Gregory's College Campbelltown, she completed the course via Webex teams video conferencing.

A feature from Jill Fitzsimons and Phillip Kamay...

We would like to thank John Hickey and Jennifer Elvery for leading our four days and Jodie (and Ruby!) for being such excellent companions on the journey. We are very grateful for the opportunity and loved having the chance to develop a more consolidated understanding of the history of the Marist Brothers and key figures, settings and stories.

"Developing a richer understanding of Marist Leadership."

Developing a more nuanced understanding of the charism and its influences, as well as a richer understanding of Marist leadership, was also a source of delight and will no doubt prove to be a source of strength in the face of leadership's inevitable challenges. Learning more deeply about the many and varied aspects of Marist ministry, as well as the key figures in Marist education, was also invaluable and inspiring. An often underestimated benefit of professional learning is the chance it provides to develop relationships. Getting to know key people working for Marist Schools Australia and benefitting from their expertise and experience was simply terrific. (We loved the simple ritual of sharing morning tea and lunch each day with the community working in the Marist Centre in Brunswick, as well as our meal at the Brunswick Hotel!) We completed our course with a real optimism for how working in a Marist school will continue to develop us as teachers, leaders and people. Thank you so much to Marist Tertiary

for taking the time to invest in our formation.

Jill Fitzsimons, Director of Professional Learning and Partnerships, Marcellin College, Bulleen

Phillip Kamay, Faulkner House Leader, Marcellin College, Bulleen



Phillip Kamay, Jill Fitzsimons, Jodie Hillhouse, Jennifer Elvery and John Hickey

A feature from Jodie Hillhouse...

I am currently completing the Master of Educational Leadership course at Australian Catholic University and was thrilled to find out Marist Tertiary offered the Marist Educational leadership unit at a tertiary level. **I am grateful that Marist Tertiary catered for my unique situation (having a newborn baby and living interstate) by allowing me to attend the course 'virtually' via Webex Teams video conferencing.**

This course gave me a deeper understanding of the life and leadership of St Marcellin Champagnat and how leading in a Marist way looks in a modern context. I gained a greater understanding of the five Marist characteristics and in particular 'solidarity' and what this could look like in my school. This course also provided the latest scholarship on emotional intelligence, networking and theological perspectives on leadership in the Catholic school. Not only was this a highly professional and thought-provoking academic unit, it was engaging in a spiritual and faith formation way too.

Completing this unit is a worthwhile experience for any teacher or leader looking to lead and serve in the Marist way within their school.

Jodie Hillhouse

**Year 3 Classroom Teacher
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University Accreditation

Marist Tertiary belongs to the Marist Brothers' Province of Australia. As a Marist organisation we have formal academic agreements with Australian Catholic University, the University of South Australia and the Australian Institute of Theological Education. This means we can teach our own courses and gain academic credits for these courses from these Universities and Institutes. We also have informal academic agreements with the University of Divinity and the University of Notre Dame. We offer academic supervision of students undertaking a selection of these courses at the postgraduate level.

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