

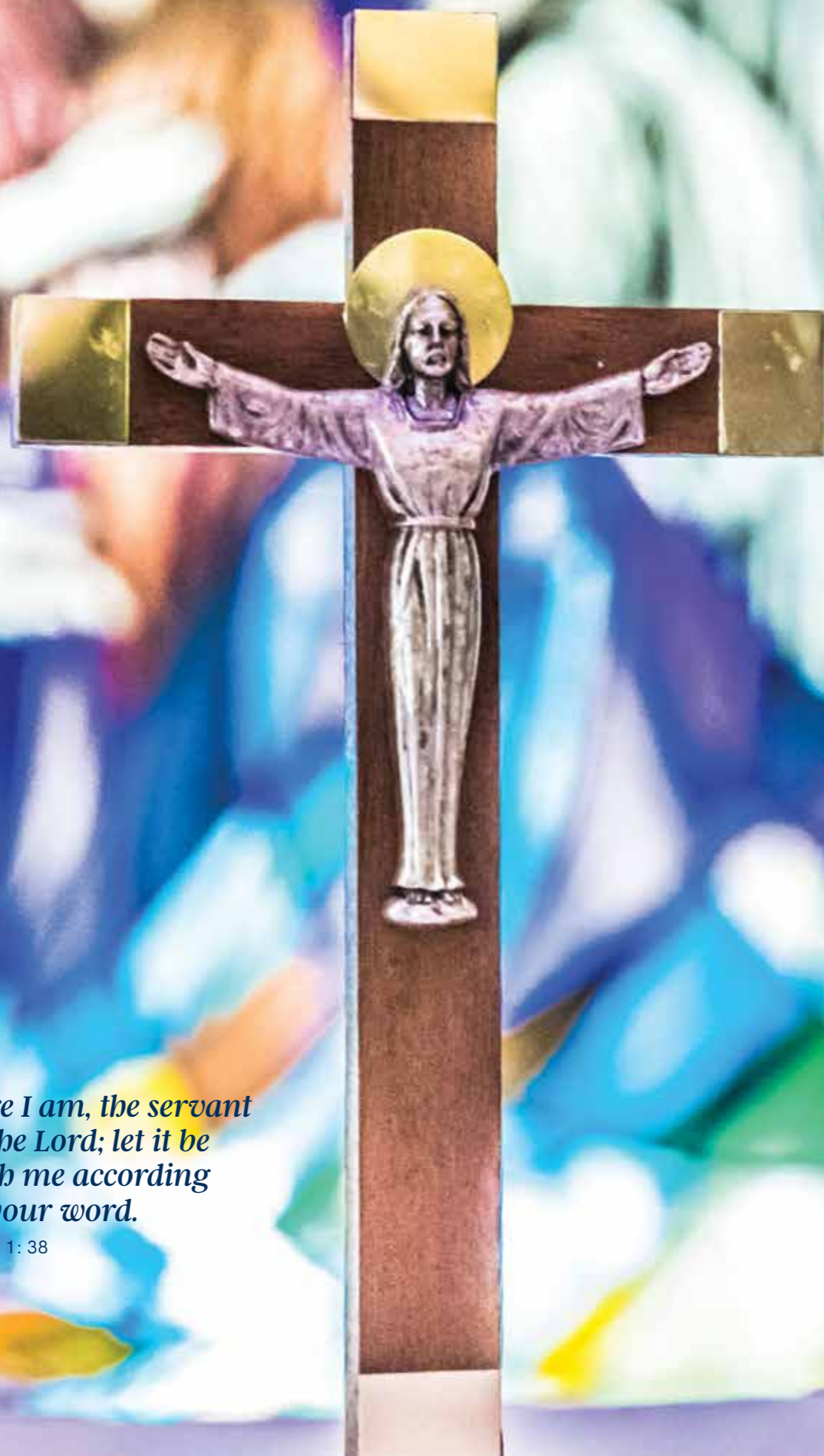
# Ministry Plan



# Shine *through* Discovery

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE MATTHEW 5:16





*Here I am, the servant  
of the Lord; let it be  
with me according  
to your word.*

LUKE 1: 38

# *Welcome*

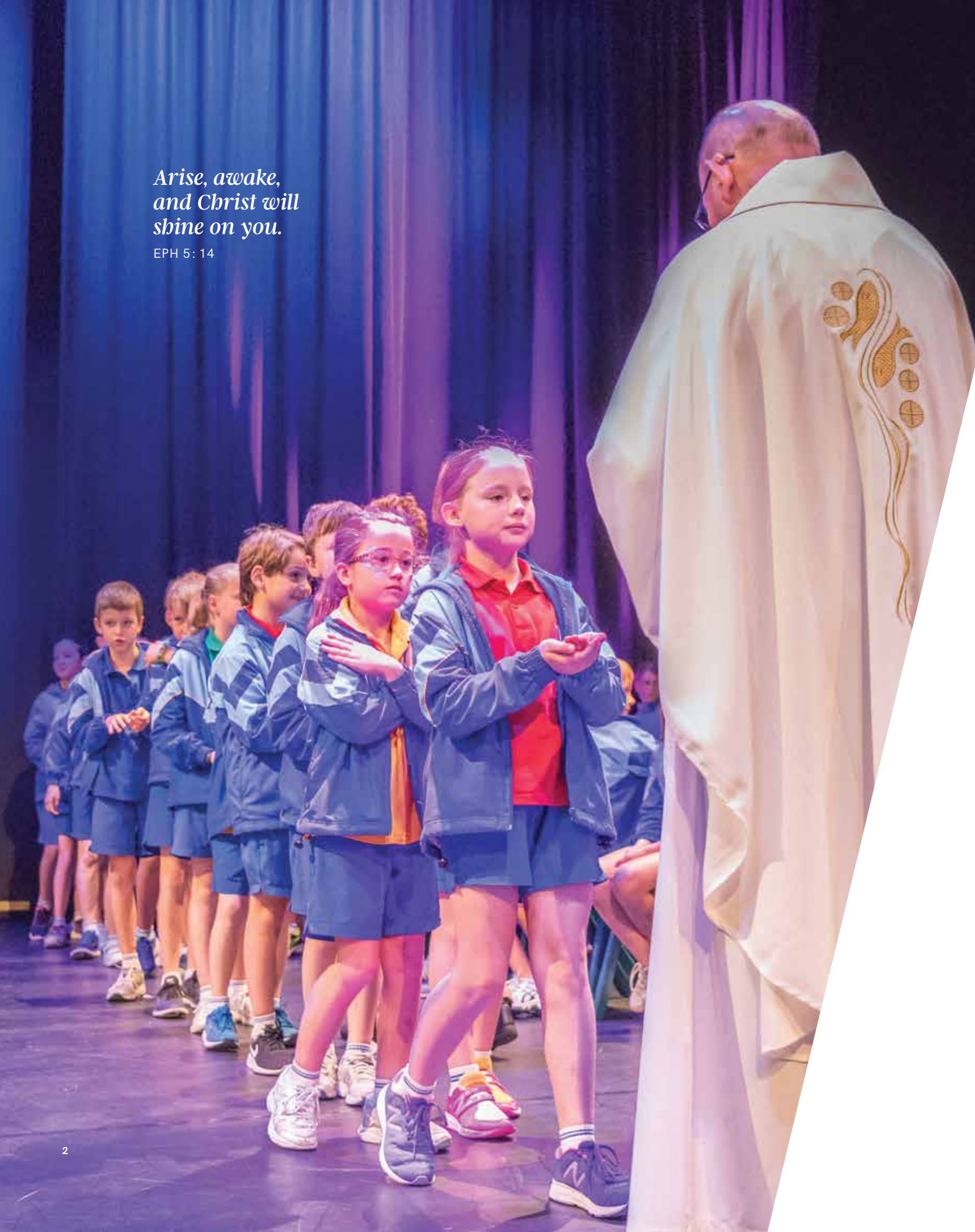
Newman College is a Catholic school educating in the Marist tradition which endeavours to lead students to know and love Jesus Christ. With Mary as our model in faith, we encourage students to grow into the fullness of their humanity in an educational environment where they feel welcomed, accepted and valued.

The Newman College Ministry Plan is designed to provide our College Community with a framework through which 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 during the students' lifetime, and that their Catholic, Marist school experience will be one that transforms and animates them to be people of the Gospel.



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE  
MATTHEW 5:16



*Arise, awake,  
and Christ will  
shine on you.*

EPH 5: 14

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### *A Catholic School Educating in the Marist Tradition*

Newman College is a Catholic community in the Marist tradition that is animated by its commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In having taken the name of Blessed John Henry Newman, we are inspired by the call to move 'through shadows and images to truth' in Jesus Christ. The purpose of the Newman College Ministry Plan is to animate in identifiable ways the intents that underpin our College Mission Statement. More specifically the central role of Ministry is highlighted by the following aims of the College Annual Improvement Plan.

# The Marist Way

## **CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

To invite full participation of all members of the Newman College community into the life, mission and values of the Catholic Church.

## **MARIST CHARISM**

To provide all members of the Newman College community with opportunities to deepen their knowledge of the distinctive way in which the charism of Saint Marcellin Champagnat calls 'all to Jesus through Mary'.

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*Aims of the Newman College Ministry Plan 2018 – 2020*

To provide a Ministry program that is shaped as a practical response to the imperatives of the Gospel that invites students and the wider College community into diverse experiences of faith formation.

# Outlook

## PRAYER & SACRAMENTS

Providing opportunities to deepen faith in Jesus Christ through prayer, sacraments and liturgies.

## FAITH EDUCATION

Providing a relevant and innovative Religious Education curriculum.

## PARISH LIFE

Actively engaging in partnerships with parishes across the Archdiocese of Perth.

## FAMILY & COMMUNITY

Inviting and supporting the involvement of parents and care-givers in the faith-development of their sons and daughters.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE LEARNING

Seeking and opening opportunities for service and community engagement which stimulates a passion for social justice, and heightens awareness of the possibilities for life-long service in the community, both now and post-school.

## EX-STUDENTS

Linking current and ex-students through the provision of shared faith and service opportunities.



## Ministry Plan

Commencing in 2018 the Newman College Ministry Plan will seek to animate the following areas of College life:

# Ministry Plan

## AREA 1 EVANGELISATION

- Developing formation opportunities for members of the Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat.
- A commitment to growing the life of the Marist Association.
- Involvement of members of the College community at the weekly Thursday morning Mass.
- Training Acolytes, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
- Development of School Sacramental Program.
- Facilitation of whole-school, Guild and class liturgies.
- Support and assist in pre and post-World Youth Day Archdiocesan initiatives.
- Developing reflection days and senior Retreat Programs.
- Broadening opportunities for staff faith formation.
- Collaboration with 24:7 Youth Ministry and the Youth Mission Team.

## AREA 2 PARISH LIFE

- Development of a Years' 6 - 8 Youth Group linked to both school and the life of local parishes.
- Link the Newman Advocacy Group in partnership with local Parishes and Primary feeder schools.
- Development of Marist Youth Ministry (MYM) Perth.
- Collaboration with Catholic Youth Ministry, Archdiocese of Perth.

## AREA 3 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Assisting staff in maintaining ongoing RE Accreditation through Catholic Education Western Australia.
- Support Professional Development opportunities for staff, e.g. relevant pedagogies of religious education, catechetical understandings and Liturgy Preparation.
- Ongoing professional development opportunities for staff.

## AREA 4 COMMUNITY OUTREACH / ADVOCACY

- Development and implementation of all outreach programs through LifeLink.
- Commitment of three years to an international Immersion to the Philippines.
- Ongoing financial support to Caritas Australia, Marist Solidarity, St Vincent De Paul and the KUYA Centre for Street Kids.
- REMAR Youth Ministry Program.
- Guild advocacy and fundraising events.
- Dominican Special Needs Youth Group.
- Interagency collaboration with St John of God Health and the University of Notre Dame Campus Ministry.
- Development of Marist Youth Mentor Program.





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### *Together*

This group will develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the course of the next three years - 2018-2020. Each teacher at the College will have their responsibilities and Key Performance indicators built into their Growth Plans.

# Ministry Group

The Newman College Ministry Group will be led by the Deputy Principal | Mission and Catholic Identity, and will have a whole school representation:

- Religious Education Coordinators (Primary & Secondary)
- Campus Minister
- Leader of Youth Ministry and Advocacy
- College Youth Chaplain
- Student Leaders: Faith and Liturgy and Social Justice Captains
- Leaders of Wellbeing
- Parent representatives
- Clergy representative

*As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you:  
abide in my love.*

JOHN 15: 9



*Experience*

*Action*

*Reflection*

*Discernment*

*With Purpose*

We encourage the members of the Newman College community to be involved in an ongoing decision making process for all issues surrounding Ministry and Outreach.

# Methodology

- EXPERIENCE** Facilitate opportunities for students to be directly involved in activities where they engage in faith life that encourages:
  - Lifelong Parish involvement, access to sacraments and prayer life.
  - Community Service as advocates for others and the community.
- REFLECTION** Give students the skills and opportunities to critically reflect on their experiences, enabling them to integrate the meaning of these experiences into their ongoing journey of faith and life. This reflection is to have a theological basis in light of:
  - Living faith, Theology, Philosophy and Scripture.
  - Catholic Social Teaching.
  - A worldview of informed opinions.
- DISCERNMENT** Equip students with the knowledge and faith required to make informed personal judgements about issues they have confronted during their practical experience. Key questions to consider:
  - How does a commitment to sacraments and prayer life assist me in my contemporary life?
  - Who are the ones suffering and what are the causes for it?
- 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? Areas for action could be:
  - Involvement in Parish Life, Service and Advocacy.
  - Awareness and Education, Immersion Opportunities.

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*Bishops' Mandate*

Through Catholic schools, we seek to foster a Christian mentality in our society, and to encourage young people to contribute more broadly to the development of the kind of world envisaged by Christ. One of the key tasks of the Catholic school is to form Christian men and women committed to the love, compassion and justice of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. BISHOPS' MANDATE (2009, P. 7)

# Catholic Life & Culture

**A CALL TO A LIFE OF SPIRITUALITY, PRAYER & SACRAMENT**

To develop an inclusive space in which all within the Newman College community are called to deepen their journey of faith through a variety of liturgical celebrations that maintain and strengthen a culture of prayer across the school community.

**PARISH LIFE**

To cultivate reciprocal relationships with parishes to support students in actively engaging in the life of their parish.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM**

To ensure that the Religious Education Curriculum provides an innovative space that fosters engagement, critical inquiry and a deepening of the faith life of each student.

**ADVOCACY, SOCIAL JUSTICE & SERVICE-LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS**

To provide a framework for social action that is inspired by Gospel values, which seeks to provide the Newman College community with local opportunities to collaborate in ministries of outreach of the Catholic Church.







*We Marists: Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat*

"We Marists are a vital faith community, an expression of Church that embraces God's mission with Marian joy, hope and audacity. Our discipleship of Jesus Christ and the priorities of all our ministries are inspired by the Gospel passion and compassion which fired St Marcellin Champagnat". (P.6)

# Guidance

Guided by Catholic Teachings and Marist Imperatives

## EVANGELISATION

*Evangelizers in the  
Midst of Youth (2011)*

"The heart of Marcellin Champagnat's mission was 'to make Jesus Christ known and loved', seeing education as the means for bringing the experience of faith to young people and helping them become good Christians and good Citizens." EMY #110

"Following Jesus is a response to a personal call. This is what sets apart the way that Jesus taught and is also a distinguishing characteristic of the pastoral mission that we undertake and our ways of accompanying young people whom we prepare for beginning their life's journey." EMY #179

## MARIST CHARISM

*Water from the Rock  
(2007)*

"Mary inspired in the first Marists a new vision of being Church which was modelled on that of the first Christians. This Marian Church has the heart of a mother: no one is abandoned." WFTR #114

"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." WFTR #124

## Our Marist Principles

### *Love of work*

This Marist characteristic inspires the principle of 'challenge' as we find enthusiasm for our work: we are reminded by Marcellin's zeal and devotedness and we strive forward, relishing the challenges ahead.

### *Family Spirit*

This Marist characteristic inspires the principle of 'collaborate' as with a pedagogy of presence and family spirit, united in Christ's love, we can build a community with a spirit of friendliness and collaboration, enabling young people to become responsible for their own formation.

### *In the way of Mary*

This Marist characteristic inspires the principle of 'create' as when we draw nearer to Mary, we can understand and be motivated by the animated and creative example Marcellin set. We too can be daring and decisive, bold and innovative, like Mary and Marcellin.

### *Simplicity, Presence*

These Marist characteristics inspire the principle of 'celebrate' as the spirituality of simplicity shapes our whole lives whereby in humility, we seek to know ourselves in our strengths and weaknesses and readily accept the help we may need. In being present to this spirituality and to others in communion, we can authentically celebrate our dual moral purpose of faith and learning.



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## Challenge — Collaborate — Create — Celebrate

Newman College is a Catholic school educating in the Marist tradition. We strive to animate our delivery of learning, teaching and wellbeing, as one which is innovative and creative, underpinned by contemporary and relevant pedagogy. Our Vision for Learning 'Shine through Discovery' – *Let your light shine* (Matthew 5:16) inspires our faith and learning community to Challenge, Collaborate, Create and Celebrate who we are and what we seek to achieve.

The scripture passage *Let your light shine* (Matthew 5:16) encapsulates our aspiration for our community to let their gifts and talents shine, represented through the image of the light. It is this light that will guide our students to personalised learning pathways that will give them the very best opportunity to be successful lifelong learners and agents of change. In the process, we will challenge and inspire them to reach the plan God has for them.

Pedagogical principles are methods and approaches used to reflect learning. These thoughtful relevant principles inspire the design of flexible learning environments that create spaces where our teachers and students come together as co-learners. We recognise that 'our walls no longer mark the boundaries of our classroom' and consequently active exploration of ideas fosters creativity and encounter.



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