

VISION FOR MISSION

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NEWMAN
COLLEGE

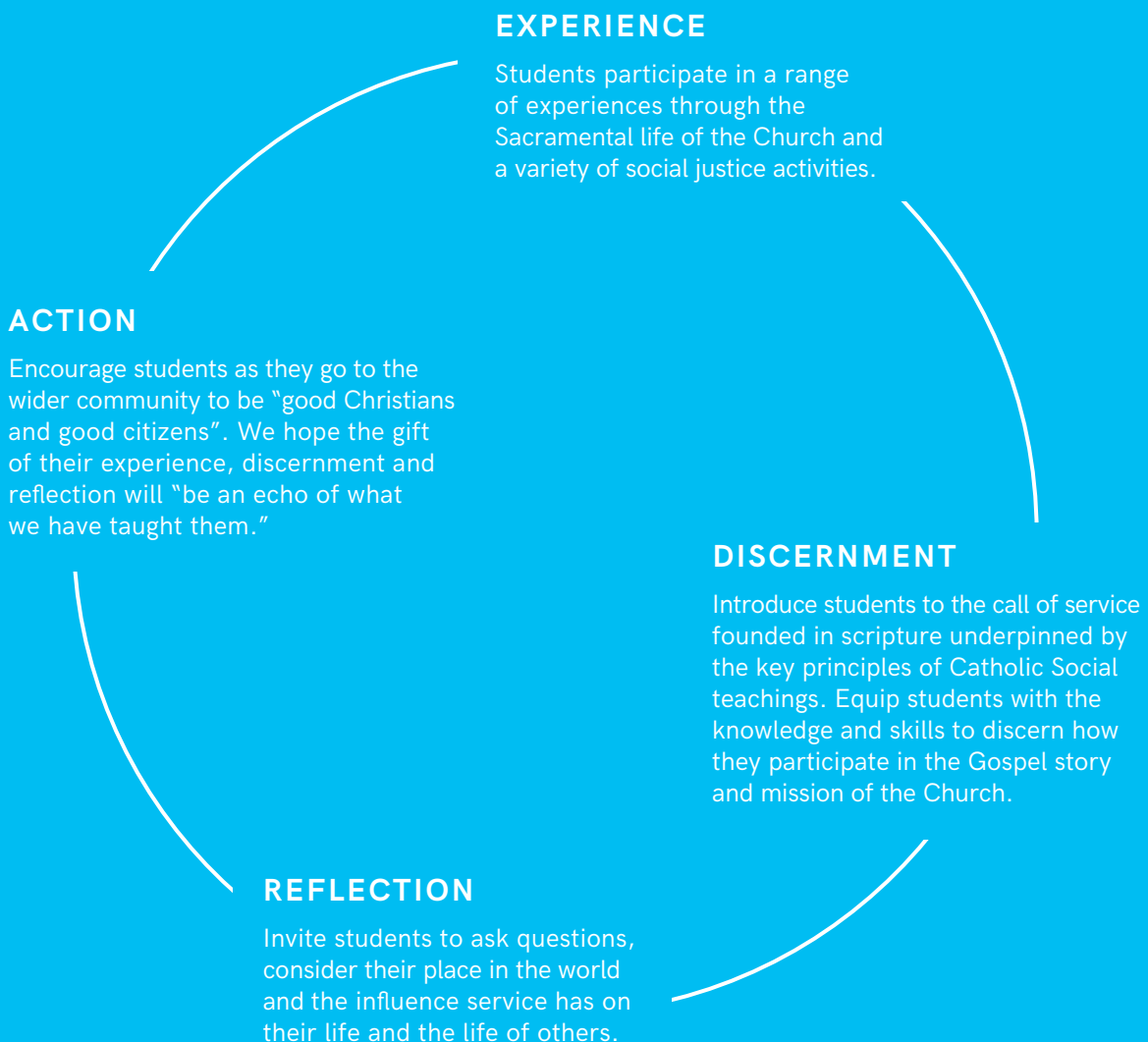
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LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE MATTHEW 5:16

OUR VISION FOR MISSION

To form "Good Christians and Good Citizens" is taken from St Marcellin Champagnat's desire for every child.

"We aim at something better... to give them Christian spirit, attitudes and virtues possessed by good Christians and good citizens."



"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

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.

This Vision is underpinned by our methodology of Experience, Discernment Reflection and Action. Our Mission embraces our Vision for Learning – 'Shine Through Discovery' – *Let your light shine* (Matthew 5:16), to develop the individual's unique God given gifts and to nurture their faith and learning to Challenge, Collaborate, Create and Celebrate who we are and what we seek to achieve.

"Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon." (Isaiah 58:10)

The central role of ministry is highlighted by the aims of the Annual School Improvement Plan, Bishops' Mandate, CEWA and Marist Schools Australia. We are committed to engaging with the global mission and expression of the Church and we will seek to animate the following four areas of College life.

STRATEGIC INTENT

EVANGELISATION

Maintain the integrated approach to the Catholic identity of the College in the Marist tradition through active support for the engagement of the entire College community in the sacramental and spiritual life of the Church.

FAITH FORMATION

Consolidate and build on the diverse opportunities for staff, student and community engagement with Parish, Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat, Marist Life Formation, Marist Youth Ministry and Catholic Education WA.

Promote and support RE Accreditation requirements to work, teach and lead.

CONTEMPORARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Support and develop our Religious Education Teachers to deliver an innovative RE curriculum and pedagogy in a contemporary classroom.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH, ADVOCACY AND SERVICE

Develop a College wide outreach program that evokes empathy for and service to the community especially the marginalised.

Maintain active engagement with faith and values-based advocacy, social justice, fundraising and other activities, underpinned by Catholic Social Teaching, enabling and empowering practical support for the marginalised and disadvantaged.

THE MARIST ASSOCIATION OF SAINT MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT

Develop a strategic approach to the leadership and coordination of the Association in WA and Marist Youth Ministry with Bunbury Catholic College and St Joseph's College Northam.

EVANGELISATION

Evangelising mission in the way of Mary. (MSA Strategic Plan, 2019)

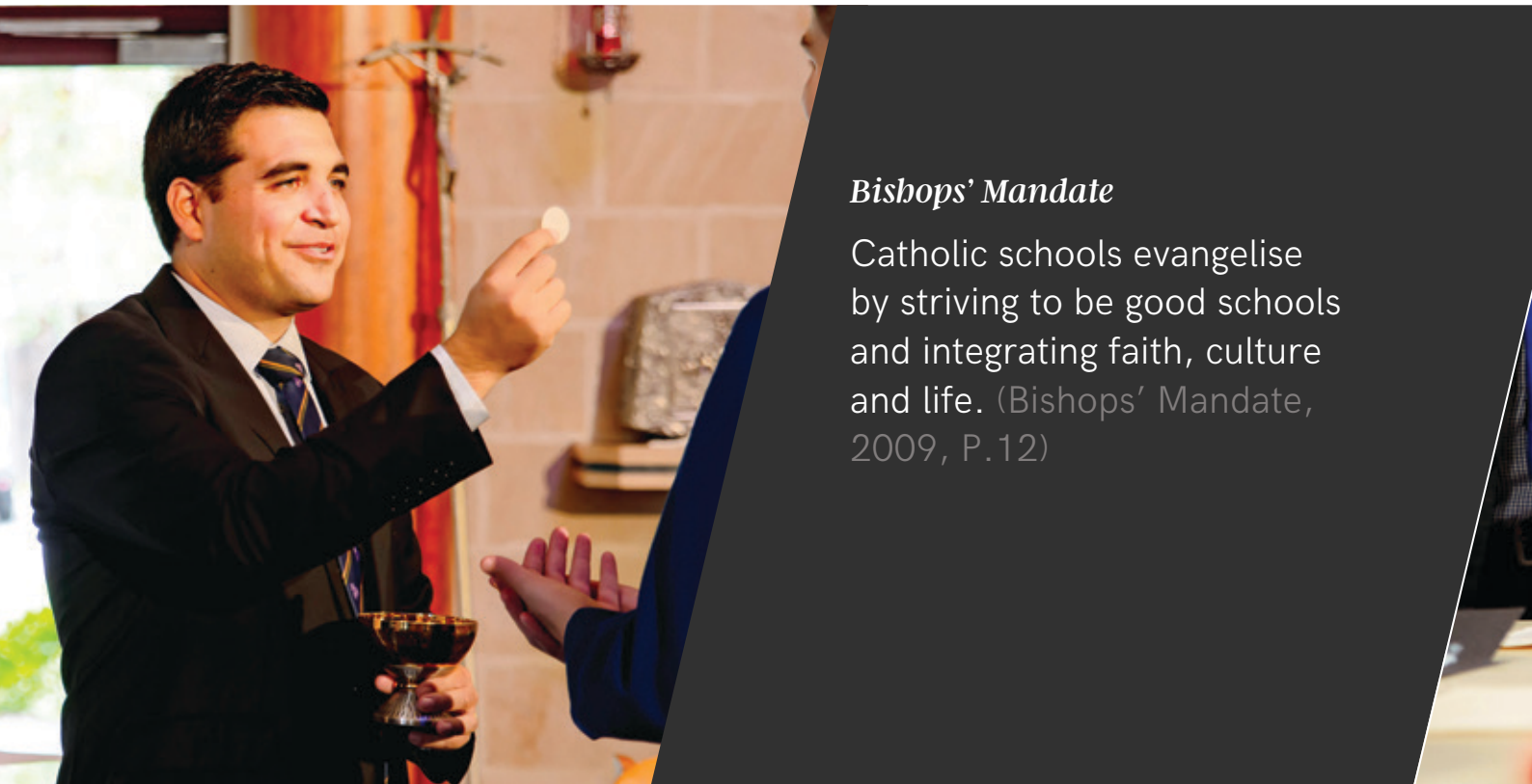
Like Mary, we build and lead communities in ways that are Christ-centred: relational, hope-filled and invitational. (We Marists, 2017)

The Church's purpose for education is to advance the mission that is based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (CEWA Strategic Directions, 2019)

At Newman College, evangelisation is opening students to the presence of God in their life with a Marist lens allowing them to reflect on the relationship between faith and life.

Staff are called to be a living witness of the Gospel message to students and families in their teaching and pastoral relationships, in a Marian way.

Families support the role of the College in keeping the dream of St Marcellin Champagnat alive as, together, we strive to 'make Jesus Christ known and loved'.



Bishops' Mandate

Catholic schools evangelise by striving to be good schools and integrating faith, culture and life. (Bishops' Mandate, 2009, P.12)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catholic schools witness effective, contemporary pedagogy and mission-inspired practice and outreach. (CEWA Strategic Directions 2019)

We are called to cultivate a prophetic, authentic, Marian spirituality incarnated in history and inspired by the teaching methods of Jesus. (Evangelisers in the Midst of Youth, 185)

Develop greater congruence and coherence between contemporary educational theory and practice and the pedagogy of Marist education and make available professional learning programs for teachers. (MSA Strategic Plan 2019)

At Newman College our Vision for Learning – ‘Shine Through Discovery’ – *Let your light shine* (Matthew 5:16), inspires our learning community to Challenge, Collaborate, Create and Celebrate by promoting education in the Marist tradition. Staff animate our delivery of teaching and learning and work to underpin our contemporary and relevant pedagogy with innovation and creativity.

The curriculum integrates knowledge and faith experience, encouraging students to question and reflect on the interaction between religion and life.

Families are acknowledged as primary educators and are invited to engage with their child’s life-long learning experience.



Bishops' Mandate

Religious Education needs to be the first priority in the Catholic School. (Bishops' Mandate, 2009, p.32)

PARISH LIFE

Central to our identity as a Christ-centred community are our partnerships with families, parishes and schools. (CEWA Strategic Directions 2019)

Partnership in Building and maintaining the family of the Church. (MSA Strategic Plan 2019)

Newman College seeks to bring local parish communities together to minister to the students within the PK-12 community.

Through the celebration of the sacraments, students are invited into relationship with their local parish and actively participate in liturgy and mission.

Staff are encouraged to embrace a relationship with their local parish to offer authentic witness to students and to continue to grow in their own faith journey.

Families are invited to develop a relationship with their parish through the sacramental program and support their young children in being present in their parish community.



Bishops' Mandate

Catholic schools complement parishes with their supportive responsibilities towards parents. For evangelisation to be effective, it is imperative that family, parish and school work in partnership. (Bishops' Mandate, 2009, P.39)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

Effective communities developing students as whole Christian persons. (CEWA Strategic Directions, 2019)

Explore creative and contemporary ways of deepening Christian discipleship. (MSA Strategic Plan, 2019)

Our Community Outreach and advocacy is based on the Catholic Social Teachings and the imperative of Jesus to serve others.

Students are taught to think of the other and to do good quietly as they learn their social responsibilities to collaborate with local and international communities to create a better humanity.

Staff are models and leaders in demonstrating a community approach to outreach and advocacy at Newman College. They support student growth increasing their knowledge of the world around them and their place in it using the call to service as their guide.

We invite our families to participate in the joy of giving, to be people who bring hope and joy to others. We welcome support, assistance and participation in outreach and advocacy programs.



Bishops' Mandate

Students need to develop a spirit of solidarity with, and service to others. They need to learn respect for the dignity and rights of every human person. (Bishops' Mandate, 2009, P.14)

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