

VISION FOR MISSION

To form "Good Christians and Good Citizens"



NEWMAN
COLLEGE

A CATHOLIC SCHOOL
EDUCATING IN THE
MARIST TRADITION

Shine
through
Discovery

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE MATTHEW 5:16





OUR STRATEGIC APPROACH TO MISSION

The Newman College Vision for Mission is how we bring faith, learning, and service to life every day. Based on the traditions of our Marist spirituality, we follow the example of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, creating a community where young people grow in faith and live with a spirit of love, humility, and service.

To live out our mission meaningfully, we use a methodology that shapes how we teach, lead, and serve. This approach is built on reflection, formation, and action, helping us create an environment where faith is not only taught, but deeply experienced. It ensures that our mission is not static, but continues to evolve, responding to the needs of our students, staff and the wider community.

Ministry plays a central role in this, as guided by the Bishops' Mandate, the priorities of Marist Schools Australia, and the aims of our Strategic School Improvement Plan. These key frameworks help us to continually renew and strengthen our mission, ensuring that our Catholic identity and Marist values remain at the heart of all we do.

With Mary as our model, we walk alongside our students and families, fostering a community where everyone is encouraged to grow in faith and serve others. Through this intentional approach, we ensure that our Marist values of **Presence, Simplicity, In the Way of Mary, Love of Work**, and **Family Spirit** guide everything we do.

As we move forward, our Vision for Mission will guide and inform our strategic intents, ensuring that our commitment to faith, learning and service continues to evolve and strengthen in response to the needs of our community.

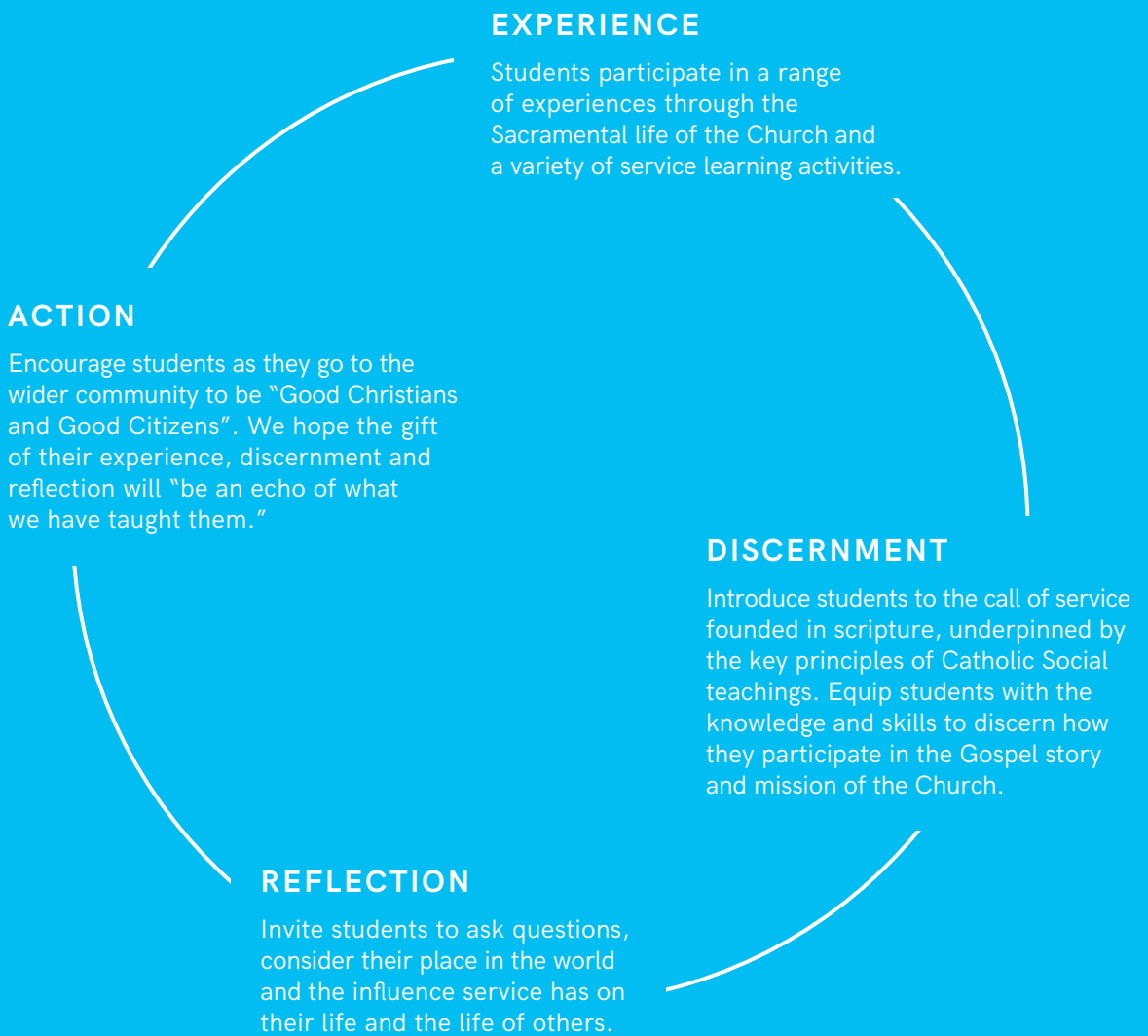


OUR VISION FOR MISSION

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.”

Marcellin Champagnat



“Strong Minds, Gentle Hearts”

EVANGELISATION

"Marist schools are called to be places of encounter, where the Gospel is lived and shared, and where students, staff, and families are formed in faith, service, and community."

- MSA Strategic Directions 2025-2027

At Newman College, evangelisation is about opening hearts and minds to the presence of God, seen through a Marist lens that connects faith and life. Inspired by the vision of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, staff are called to be living witnesses of the Gospel, embodying the Marist characteristics of Presence, Simplicity, Family Spirit, Love of Work, and In the Way of Mary.

We are committed to creative and engaging forms of evangelisation, ensuring that students encounter faith in ways that are meaningful, relevant, and transformative.

In partnership with families, we keep Marcellin's dream alive, ensuring that together, we continue to 'make Jesus Christ known and loved' in all that we do.



The core of Marcellin Champagnat's vision of mission was 'to make Jesus Christ known and loved'.

"We present Jesus to the young as a real person they can come to know, love, and follow"

- In the Footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat

FAITH FORMATION

"It is important that teachers have a deep and authentic knowledge of the faith and are themselves in the process of conversion. Only then can they help the students make that same journey."

- Pope Francis, Address to Catholic Educators, September 2013

Faith formation is central to life at Newman College. As a Marist community, we are committed to helping students, staff, and families grow in their faith, deepening their relationship with God, and understanding how faith shapes the way we live.

For our students, faith formation is more than Religious Education. It is about encountering Christ in daily life. Through prayer, retreats, and reflection, we guide students to develop a faith that is personal, active, and grounded in Gospel values.

For our staff, formation is essential in supporting their mission as Catholic educators. Through ongoing professional learning, prayer, and spiritual reflection, we nurture a culture where staff model faith in action and inspire those they teach.

For our families, faith formation is a shared responsibility. We encourage parents and caregivers to take an active role in their child's faith journey, partnering with the College in prayer, liturgies, and opportunities to live out the Gospel together.

Inspired by Saint Marcellin Champagnat, we seek to form strong minds and gentle hearts, creating a community where faith is lived, strengthened, and shared. In all we do, we strive to 'make Jesus Christ known and loved' and to walk together in faith.



"The mission of Catholic education is to provide students with a thorough understanding of the faith, while also forming them as people who are committed to living out that faith in their daily lives. This formation is a continuous journey for both students and staff, who are called to witness to Christ in their words and actions."

*- Bishops' Mandate,
Western Australia*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Dialogue is born from an attitude of respect for the other person, from a conviction that the other person has something good to say."

- Pope Francis

"Ensuring an explicit focus on the continuous improvement of engagement, wellbeing, and learning in our Marist communities"

- MSA Strategic Directions 2025-27

Religious Education at Newman College offers an engaging and enriching experience, inviting students to explore their faith, identity, and the world around them. Grounded in Catholic tradition and our Marist heritage, we encourage deep thinking, meaningful reflection, and a sense of curiosity amongst our students.

We recognise parents and families as the first educators in the faith journey, and we value the essential role they play in shaping the spiritual lives of their children. In partnership with families, we create a supportive environment where students are encouraged to ask questions, share their viewpoints, and engage in thoughtful conversations about faith, life, and current issues. By fostering discussion, critical thinking, and making real-world connections, we help students reflect on their beliefs in a way that feels relevant and personal.

Our Religious Education program embraces contemporary pedagogy, incorporating interactive and inquiry-based learning to deepen understanding. Through Scripture, Church teachings, ethical discussions, and opportunities for action, we challenge students to think critically, respond with compassion, and live their faith with authenticity.



"Religious education in Catholic schools is not just about the transmission of knowledge; it is about the formation of the whole person. It is the work of integrating faith with life, forming the heart, mind, and actions of students so that they can live as disciples of Christ in the world"

- Bishops' Mandate,
Western Australia

CONNECTIONS TO CHURCH

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ... we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body."

- 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

Newman College seeks to bring local parish communities together to provide ministry 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.

We also recognise the importance of our connections with other Marist schools, and our broader Marist network. These relationships strengthen our shared mission and commitment to fostering faith, community, and service across our schools.

We work closely with supporting agencies of the Church, such as Lifelink, Caritas and St. Vincent de Paul, to provide opportunities for students and families to engage in acts of charity and service.

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.



"Marist schools in Australia are places where the teachings of the Church are lived out in the everyday life of the community. We engage with local parishes, communities, and families, walking together in faith and service."

- Marist Schools Australia

COMMUNITY, OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

"Saint Marcellin's great desire and legacy is that we relate to each other as members of a loving family."

- MSA Strategic Directions 2025-27

Our Community Outreach and Advocacy is based on the Catholic Social Teachings and the imperative of Jesus to serve others. In all areas of College life, whether faith, sport, academics, or cultural activities, we actively embed the Marist characteristics of Presence, Simplicity, Family Spirit, Love of Work, and In the Way of Mary. These values guide our actions, shaping how we interact with one another and how we approach all aspects of College life.

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. 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.



"The story of our Marist spirituality is one of passion and compassion, passion for God and compassion for people"

- Water from the Rock



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