



Dear Parents and Guardians

A warm welcome back to the start of Term One. A special mention to our new families who will begin their journey within our Newman Community next week.

We trust that the Christmas and holiday period provided opportunities for relaxation, connection, presence, and family spirit. The 2023 school year is shaping up to deliver many life-giving experiences to our students and community at large.

It is an exciting time for Newman College, as we progress towards the consolidation of our Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12 College on one site. The building of the new state-of-the-art Primary school on our Churchlands campus is well underway and is on track to be completed by the end of 2024.

### Presence

This year, we will focus on our Marist characteristic of “**PRESENCE**”, in acknowledgement of staffing and leadership changes and anticipation of the new Principal, Mr Andrew Watson in Term Two. The Marist understanding of presence is underpinned by ‘a way of being’ that requires relationships to be intentionally based on care, attentiveness, and acceptance of the other. Over time, presence promotes familiarity and is foundational to the development of trust and respect. Being present to one another in a school setting also requires a joint appreciation of the reasonable boundaries, established norms and expectations of behaviour in our community.

### Marist Theme

The Marist theme this year is ‘Created and Called: a revolution of love and tenderness.’ The theme focuses on the notion that we are each created unique and are called to express our deepest and truest selves in this world, safe in the knowledge that we are loved unconditionally by God.

### Results 2022

We know that holistic success extends way beyond the academic realm and relies on experiences that liberate students to grow socially, spiritually, emotionally, morally, and physically. Newman offers comprehensive learning pathways inside and outside of the classroom, to cater for our vast spread of student needs. A true reflection of society.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the Class of 2022 on achievements in their chosen pathways of academic pursuit. We extend a sincere thank you to all teachers and support staff, for their dedication to students during their entire journey at Newman.

A showcase of student results from the 2022 Academic Year can be found [here](#).

### Welcome Sundowner

All parents are invited to attend the Welcome Sundowner on Friday 3 February in Founders Court on the Marcellin Campus, 5.30pm - 7.30pm. This is a ticketed event. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased [here](#). Our new Principal, Mr Andrew Watson, new Head of Primary, Mr Ryan von Bergheim and the Executive will be present to meet and greet our parent community.

### Family Mass

The formal opening of the school year occurs at our Family Mass and Commissioning of Student Leaders on Wednesday 8 February at 5.30pm on the Br Terry Gleeson Oval (Marcellin Oval). This is the first time in three years that we have come together as one school community. Further details will be shared with families in the coming week. **Please note, student attendance is compulsory.**

**Challenge — Collaborate — Create — Celebrate**

### **Start of Year Information**

We are looking forward to our students commencing the 2023 Academic Year. Introductory letters detailing the first days back for each Year Group can be found in the links below. Highlighted within the letters are key events for each Year Group, uniform, and personal appearance expectations. Please make yourselves familiar with the content prior to commencement of term. Primary parents (PK-6) are asked to pay particular attention to the section of the Primary letter that explains the drop-off and pick-up arrangements for the first few weeks of the term.

Alongside the letters below, please read the [Welcome to 2023 at Newman](#) publication which outlines and summarises practical information that is pertinent to the start of the year. This publication is a result of parent feedback from our Newman Parent Forum.

The staff at Newman send their best intentions to our students for a successful start to the year. I personally look forward to continuing to work in collaboration with each of you. The sense of presence and family spirit that is characteristic of life in Newman makes it a pleasure to come to work every day. It is my hope that our wonderful Marist community continues to grow and evolve, and that students and staff pursue and achieve their goals as the year unfolds.

Best wishes for the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely



Dr Lucie McCrory  
**ACTING PRINCIPAL**

25 January 2023

### **2023 INFORMATION LETTERS**

- Primary Introduction – [here](#)
- Year 7 Introduction – [here](#)
- Year 8 Introduction – [here](#)
- Year 9 Introduction – [here](#)
- Year 10 Introduction – [here](#)
- Year 11 Introduction – [here](#)
- Year 12 Introduction – [here](#)

### **2023 WELCOME PUBLICATION**

- [Welcome to 2023 at Newman](#)