

Marcellin College Randwick

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AETERNA NON CADUCA
The Eternal not the Transitory

From the Headmaster

It was perhaps the most challenging decision I have made about my career in education. Running a boys high school is not all peaches and cream but I love it and in many ways I find it hard to imagine myself not doing it. And so it wasn't easy to accept my Provincial Superior's invitation to apply for the position of the Dean of the La Salle Academy at The Australian Catholic University (ACU). Having gone through the process of application and now having had this new appointment announced I am very excited about a job that will take me into new fields and extended horizons.

But I will miss Marcellin, and I will miss it very much. My thanks to the many well-wishers who have sent messages of congratulations; later in the year we will have a formal occasion when we can say our good-byes. In the meantime, its business as usual. We have a building program to complete, a 2015 Annual Plan to create, along with the everyday business of running a school. Please be assured of my 100% attention to Marcellin until the end of this school year.

In reflecting on my departure some people have expressed curiosity about why the Marist Brothers have asked me to be engaged in university, rather than school education. "Aren't schools your core business, your *raison d'être*", they ask. Not long after St Marcellin Champagnat opened his first school in the remote village of La Valla in the south of France more and more young men expressed a desire to join him in his venture of providing improved education for the young people of a country recovering after the ravages of a brutal civil war. To train these fledging teachers St Marcellin built and staffed The Hermitage, a training college; by 1825 we had our first Marist 'university'. St Marcellin was convinced that without solid pre-service training, and then further formation during their careers, his Marist teachers would never be able to run effective schools.

After thirty years involved in schools and with academic training in the area of developing teachers and leaders it is timely for me to make a new and different contribution to the creation and maintenance of effective schools. My new job has been created by ACU to help refine and improve the preparation of teachers and leaders for Catholic schools. The La Salle Academy will be a 'department' within the university that will bring together all of the stakeholders from across the Catholic and education community who are interested in forming teachers to be effective evangelisers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It will also be a place where new research into the area of Religious Education and faith formation can be imagined and actioned so that school practitioners can be supported in their efforts to make our Catholic faith relevant in an ever-changing global society.

My new job will be to work across the seven campuses of ACU, and indeed with international partners, to create an Academy that will further position the biggest English speaking Catholic university in the world as a player on the international stage. It will be a job involving much travel and working with the range of people who have an interest in this area of education: Catholic Education Offices, school Principals and staff, Catholic Education Commissions, Bishops and their chancery staff and other academics, to name but some. I will continue to reside at the Brothers residence at Randwick and work from an office at the North Sydney campus of ACU.

I am deeply grateful to the Marcellin community for contributing so significantly to my personal, professional and spiritual growth, and in so doing, preparing me for this new chapter in my life.

God bless.
Br David Hall FMS - **Headmaster**



Above: Br David at The Hermitage in France with senior boys who were among the group of students on the 2014 Europe Study Tour – the first group of Marcellin students to visit The Hermitage.

From the Deputy Headmaster

Next week we celebrate the achievements of and say farewell to Year 12. Thursday will be a day of mixed emotions as our most senior students graduate after 13 years of schooling. Their day will begin with breakfast followed by Mass, morning tea, a whole school assembly after recess then graduation at Doltone House, Pyrmont. I would like to take the opportunity to wish these young men every success as they graduate and prepare for their HSC. I would ask that all in our community keep our Year 12 students and their families in your prayers over the coming weeks.

It is absolutely essential that students are in attendance up until the last day of school. I can assure you that classes will be engaged in learning until the very last period of term. School will finish after the Graduation Assembly on Thursday, 18 September at approximately 1.45pm and there will be three "400" School Special buses at this time. Students not at school on the last day will need to present a doctors certificate to their homeroom teacher on Day One of Term Four.

I ask all parents to please read the below information concerning Canteen arrangements at the College for Term 4.

Have a restful break and please remember that students return on Tuesday 7 October (Day Two), in summer uniform.

Mr Peter Buxton
Deputy Headmaster



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CANTEEN - TERM 4

In Term 4 our building program moves into its next phase. The classrooms on the perimeter of the Marist Centre, along with the servery that currently serves as our temporary canteen, will undergo renovation to become our hospitality and food technology teaching spaces. These spaces will be out of action until 2015 and our new canteen will not be ready for occupation until close to the end of the year.

This being the case we will not have a canteen at the College next term.

We are currently negotiating with a mobile food van provider to come to the College each day and if we can secure something practical we will let you know via email before this Term ends.

Next term, Year 11 will be permitted to go the 'The Village' at lunchtime.

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES

A reminder that all outstanding fees must be finalised by Thursday, 18 September.

TERM 3 & 4 CALENDAR EVENTS

Thursday, 18 September	Year 12 Graduation Day
Thursday, 18 September	Term 3 concludes
Tuesday, 7 October	Term 4 commences
13 Oct - 7 Nov	HSC examinations
Friday, 24 October	Walkathon
Thursday, 13 November	Staff Development Day (PM)
Friday, 14 November	Staff Development Day
Monday, 8 December	Year 10 Liturgy & Prizegiving
Monday, 15 December	Years 7-9 Picnic Day
Wednesday, 17 December	Parent feedback interviews
Thursday, 18 December	Term 4 concludes

College Yearbooks 2002 - 2013

There are additional copies of the 2002-13 College Yearbooks. Please contact the Front Office to collect a copy.

From the
Office of the Provost



Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Br David Hall to the position of Dean, La Salle Academy for Religious Education within the Faculty of Education and Arts. Br Hall will also hold the Academic Title of a Professor of the University and will be based on the North Sydney campus, commencing 5 January 2015.

Dr David Hall has been a Catholic school educator for approximately 30 years and has been a Marist Brother for most of that time as well. His professional life has seen him fill positions as a teacher, Religious Education Coordinator, Deputy Principal and Principal in both primary and secondary schools, single-sex and co-educational. He has also spent time as the Executive Director of the Marist Ministries Office – a position that saw him responsible for the ministries of the Marist Brothers – schools, welfare agencies, young adult ministry and overseas solidarity works. During this time he consolidated his expertise in faith formation and evangelisation, school governance, change management and strategic planning.

For the past five years Br Hall has been the Headmaster at Marcellin College Randwick in Sydney. Among his emphases at this school has been the revitalisation of Religious Education so that it might be more engaging and meaningful for increasingly disengaged teenagers. Prior to this position, Br Hall spent time undertaking doctoral studies in Chicago, USA. He has a keen interest in the support and development of teachers and leaders in Catholic schools and this was the focus of his doctoral research in the field of practical theology.

Br Hall is a member of a range of Boards and Councils across the Catholic sector, is a sessional lecturer in the UNSW Master of Education Leadership program and is currently engaged in the development of leadership programs for Marist and associated Catholic schools across the continent of Africa. His other research interests are in cooperation with Catholic University Leuven, Belgium in a project exploring the identity and effectiveness of Catholic schools, particularly those with charismatic traditions. He has an abiding interest in what it means to be a Catholic in a Church in turmoil and an ever-changing global society.

Please join me in congratulating Br David Hall on his appointment.

Yours Sincerely,

Professor Michelle Campbell
Acting Provost



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Daniel Ivancic - Recipient of The Archbishop of Sydney Award for Student Excellence

On Friday, 5 September, forty-eight exceptional Year 12 students from across Sydney Catholic secondary schools received high honours at a special awards reception at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney. Witnessed by parents, families, teachers and classmates, the students were presented with an Archbishop of Sydney Award for Student excellence in recognition of their exceptional contributions to their schools and communities.

Outstanding students at Sydney's Catholic secondary schools have been selected for these prestigious medallions to acknowledge a range of achievements from school leadership and commitment to faith and social justice to contribution to parish life, service to the community, academic and sporting success, as well as other many other talents and works in their six years of secondary schooling.

At Marcellin College, the student chosen was Daniel Ivancic. The citation, which was read by Noah Simpkins (Yr 11) stated:

Daniel Ivancic is the Social Justice leader at Marcellin College and a young man who exemplifies the Marial qualities of strength, compassion and gentleness. He demonstrates commitment to his faith by vigorously participating in the many liturgical celebrations, and other activities and programs that bring to life the Catholicity of the College. Daniel's selfless attitude, thoughtfulness towards others and involvement in all spheres of school life reflect the Marist values of hard work and presence. The authentic interaction he has with both staff and students makes Daniel an outstanding role-model of the values of Jesus Christ.

Mr Paul Daley
Year 12 Coordinator



Above: Bishop Peter Comensoli congratulates Daniel Ivancic, recipient of the Archbishop's Award for 2014.

2014 Annual College Walkathon

The College Walkathon is on Friday, 24 October.

We are one week into our annual College Walkathon fundraiser and have \$18,732.50 already pledged. This is excellent work, but there is still a long way to go to reach our \$60,000 target.

A big thank you to the overwhelming response of parents already so far, but we are still in need of more helpers. If you are interested in helping, please click on the following link and complete the survey: [Walkathon Helpers Survey](#)





A Prayer for the Graduating Class of 2014

Dear Lord,

Help our Year 12 students in their studies and in the Higher School Certificate examinations.

Grant that they may reflect the best of the work they have done and the best of the teaching they have received.

Lord you are the source of light and wisdom:

Graciously let the ray of your wisdom penetrate the depths of these Year 12 students.

Grant them a sharp sense of understanding, a retentive memory, and the ability to grasp concepts correctly.

Grant them the talent of being exact in their explanations, and the ability to write, clearly and with good sense.

We ask you, Lord, to bless their beginnings, to direct their progress, and to help them in their completions.

Amen.



Ex-students and Senior Debate

The Ex-students and Senior Students Debate Spectacular held on Friday 5th September was a vigorous and entertaining event, with the Ex-students emerging as victors on the night. They argued the negative of the topic, "That the world is at our fingertips and we are better for it".

Old Boys Matt Peterson, Sean Harris and Tim Lynch were informative, clever and ruthless against the funny, charming and articulate Year 12 students of James Bassil, Shaun Buckton and Miguel Vila. The night was skilfully managed and brought to life by the ever effervescent and quick-witted Mr Tony Cogin, the shining star of the evening.

The event was a wonderful family evening of entertainment which concluded with a shared supper where the frivolity continued. The perpetual trophy is proudly held by the Ex-students for 2014, and I'm sure that now glory has been tasted, they will be reluctant to let it go. They have 12 months to prepare for the next big event.

Miss Naleen Greenwood
Debating & Oratory Coordinator



Photos:

- 1) The winning team of Matt Peterson, Tim Lynch and Sean Harris
- 2) Tony Cogin was the entertaining MC
- 3) Miguel Vila representing the Senior Debate team.



Careers

The cut-off for on time UAC applications is Tuesday, 30 September. Students will be able to change preferences up until 4 January 2015, providing they have entered their initial preferences this month. The Educational Access Schemes, as mentioned last newsletter, also need to be submitted by 30 September. Accordingly, they must be handed into Mr Daley or myself by early next week so that we can provide the school based information for the applications.

High achieving Maths and Science students have been made aware of a UTS Scholarship that gives guaranteed entry before the HSC and \$2000 per year for the entire degree. If you would like more information, please contact your Science/Mathematics teacher, or myself.

The deadline for Year 10 work experience forms has been confirmed. All forms must be returned to Mr Cuthbertson by Wednesday, 15 October.

The College website has the [latest careers news](#). For enquiries, please contact me at: john.cuthbertson@syd.catholic.edu.au

Mr John Cuthbertson
Careers & VET Coordinator

Science Alive at MCR



Year 7.1 Science classes, under the guidance of Mrs Janice Adonis, engage students with challenging and fun experiments.

Photos:

- 1) Jaylan Muyesser, Mali Murphy, Xavier Roper and Joshua Murray investigating electrostatics
- 2) Antonio Casas and Gian Cornale putting Science under the microscope.
- 3) Thomas Go, Sean Flahive and Darren Gunawan.
- 4) Justin Rizzi-Kelly and Xavier Roper investigating magnetism.
- 5) James Youssef, Adrian Brajkovic, Justin Rizzi-Kelly, Isaiah Jackson and Adam Mattioli with their models of typical cells.
- 6) Mali Murphy investigating magnetism.

From the Sports Coordinator

NSW All Schools Taekwondo

On Saturday, 6 September Marcellin students Braedon Booc, Jesse James, Aiden Tulenheimo and Joshua Reddy competed in the annual “NSW All Schools Taekwondo Tournament” at Saint Ignatius’ College, Riverview. The boys entered the competition representing the College as part of a greater group of fourteen students from JAI Martial Arts in Maroubra. All four boys made it to the finals and finished the day with 2 Gold, 1 Silver and a Bronze medal. Congratulations to these boys on an outstanding effort.



Above: Jesse James (Yr 8), Joshua Reddy (Yr 8) and Braedon Booc (Yr 8) competing at the NSW All Schools Taekwondo Tournament

MCC Volleyball

On Thursday, 4 September Marcellin competed in the annual MCC Volleyball competition at Homebush. Under the guidance of Mr Davidson and Ms Moore, the Under 15s competed hard on the day and were unlucky not to make the semi-finals. The Opens team lead by Mr Laing and Ms Bourke dominated their division, dropping only one set in the entire day on the way to the Championship. Congratulations to all involved on the day.

Under 15s

MVP – Will Harrison

Most Improved – Marcus De Luna

Opens

MVP - Pearse Dolan

Most Improved – Giuseppe Guiffre

MCC Summer Season

By now all trials for Touch Football, Basketball and Cricket are beginning to finish up, with all team lists to be finalised by the middle of Week 10. Thanks to all boys who put their hand up to trial for a team and represent the College, and to the coaches who have volunteered their time and expertise.

A reminder that the first trial match will be in Week 1 next term against Bankstown, with the regular season beginning in Week 2. Best of luck to all those involved.

Mr Sean Mullaly
Acting Sports Coordinator



The Under 15 Volleyball team



The champions - Opens

2002 - 2013 Yearbooks

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If you would like to obtain a copy, please email john.finley@syd.catholic.edu.au, and a copy will be labelled for collection from the Office.

*We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.*

May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

Old Boys’ Reunion

Class of 1973-1975 Reunion

Scheduled for October 2015

Details: Facebook Page

“Marcellin College Randwick Class of 1973-1975”