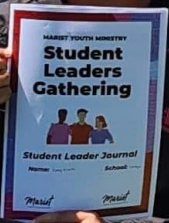




STRATEGIC PLAN 2022 - 2024



Today many young people find themselves alienated from the Church and question its relevance in their lives. We see MYM as a privileged place for being involved in the lives of youth and accompanying them in their personal and communal experience of faith, helping them discover the face of a vibrant, young and caring Church.

- Evangelisers in the Midst of Youth III



MISSION

The mission of Marist Youth ministry is to make Jesus Christ known and loved among young people.

VISION

Our vision is for young people to grow as authentic, lifelong disciples of Jesus, in the way of Mary and Saint Marcellin Champagnan.



STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

Marist Youth Ministry is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people in all its programs and events.

The Gospel imperatives of truth, justice, compassion and reconciliation underpin this policy. Our statement of commitment is founded on the conviction that the rights and dignity of children and young people need to be promoted and protected, that they are all to be treated equally with love and respect, and that their personal dignity is never to be compromised.

Marist Youth Ministry has zero tolerance for child abuse and is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.

Every person involved in programs and events conducted by Marist Youth Ministry has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people and this is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

MYM will make full disclosure of any allegations of abuse to the Police and/or other government agencies with responsibility for management of such matters, as required by law. It will make a similar disclosure to the relevant Marist Brothers Professional Standards Office.



SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS

Marist Connect

Organised by the regional Marist Youth Ministry team, Marist students from a similar geographic location gather in community and take part in opportunities for faith formation. These gatherings allow students to meet other students from the wider Marist family in a fun and engaging way.

Student Leaders Gathering/Summit

An annual event for for student leaders to further explore leadership in the Marist way.

Marist Forums

Students are invited into a shared space of encounter and engagement to consider the viewpoints of peers, facilitators and guest presenters. Students reflect on their commitment to being Marist in the way of Jesus, Mary and St Marcellin Champagnat.

Game Changers

A comprehensive Catholic youth ministry program for students in Marist Schools from Years 7-12. It seeks to form Christian leaders by making Jesus Christ known and loved among them.



YOUNG-ADULT PROGRAMS

Exchange

Spaces for young adults to engage in an authentic encounter with Christ. 'Exchange' combines moments of hospitality, prayer, reflection and accompaniment to empower young adults to be 'Agents of Change' in the world.

Mass

Young Marists gather in various locations to celebrate the Eucharist together. Mass is followed by a time of connection over a shared meal or a cup of coffee.

Retreat

The annual Young Adult Retreat provides young adults an opportunity to get away from their busy lives to spend time a few days with others to enjoy companionship, prayer and reflection.

Outreach and Immersions

There are a number of volunteering opportunities and immersive experiences available to young adults to go to new 'horizons' and encounter people on the margins of life both in Australia and overseas.



Strategic Horizon 1:

Engaging Marist students with Marist spirituality.

GOAL: *To sustain the growth of Game Changers and other school-based events and programs in Marist schools.*

► **Strategies**

- i. Refine and provide contemporary resources for online and in-person engagements.
- ii. Review marketing, registration, and implementation procedures for MYM programs and events.
- iii. Audit engagement, reach and impressions through social media channels.

► **Outcomes**

- i. Increased attendance at MYM programs and events in Marist schools.
- ii. Consistent and safe engagement in the online space that complements in-person events.
- iii. Stronger networks and collaborations between MYM, the Marist Association and Marist Schools Australia.



Strategic Horizon 2:

Engaging Marist school staff in Marist formation.

GOAL: *To provide a broader reach of formation and ministry for youth ministers and mentors in Marist schools in collaboration with other Marist ministries.*

► **Strategies**

- i. To develop and formalise a professional development pathway for Game Changers mentors in Marist schools.
- ii. Strengthen and formalise regular formation opportunities to support Marist schools employing youth ministers in Marist schools.
- iii. Refine the resources available to Marist schools' staff, both online and in-person.
- iv. Improve communication channels between MYM, MSA Leadership Team and Marist schools' Principals about formation possibilities.

► **Outcomes**

- i. A comprehensive and bespoke pathway of formation for youth ministers and mentors in Marist schools.
- ii. Increased number of Marist schools' staff equipped and formed as educators at Marist schools.
- iii. Increased collaboration between the Marist Association, Marist Schools Australia, the Mission Life and Formation team and MYM.
- iv. Strengthened financial sustainability through the generation of alternate income streams.



Strategic Horizon 3:

Engaging young adults with Marist life.

GOAL: *To accompany and empower peer-led Marist young adult communities that foster discipleship in Jesus Christ and connection to each other.*

► **Strategies**

- i. Respond to the needs and interests of local young adult communities.
- ii. Create opportunities for young adults to connect and build relationships with each other, especially within the Marist Association context.
- iii. Facilitate prayer, formation, and ministry opportunities that strengthen personal faith and a community centred in Jesus Christ with a Marist flavour.
- iv. Organise social justice and immersion experiences that connect faith, practice, and a preferential option for the poor and marginalised.

► **Outcomes**

- i. Relationships between Marist young adults are authentic and pastoral.
- ii. Sustainable and vibrant communities marked by missional spirit.
- iii. Collaborative relationships with other ministries and ecclesial bodies.
- iv. Increased presence and ministerial impact of MYM within the local Church, rooted to the mission of the Marist Association.



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