

THE OPENING OF MARCELLIN HALL



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The first celebration to occur in Marcellin Hall was suitably a whole school Mass and Blessing of the building. We were very fortunate to have Most Reverend Max Davis, Military Ordinary of Australia and Catholic Bishop of the Australian Defence Force as celebrant with Monsignor Peter J O'Keefe, Father Brian Ebert, Father Peter Day and Father Julian Wellspring co-celebrating the Mass.

Our celebration began with a reflection on the Silver Heart which is an important and appropriate symbol of our community and history. When sending a group of Brothers out to found a new school in the country hamlets, Fr Champagnat would entrust their care to the sacred hearts of Jesus and Mary. He would do this by writing their name on a piece of paper and putting it inside a small silver heart that he owned.

The graduating class of 2008 presented a large silver heart to the College as a parting gift. Stored inside it on a USB (a more modern version of paper), are the names of all staff and students since 2008.

Boys from the Year 9 Learning Through Liturgy class presented an enactment of the Gospel, The Wedding at Cana. Bishop Max highlighted the call of Mary to "do whatever he tells you" a call that Marcellin and his Brothers would have pondered and one that is still relevant for us all today. The Gospel also focuses on community and the joy of being together in celebration. We were reminded that this new Hall provides us with a place to join together as a community and support each other in our lives here and beyond the College.

The Mass was made especially beautiful thanks to the Music Department. Mrs Margaret Smith and Miss Heather Grady prepared the musicians and choir to perfection and their gift of music and song was outstanding.

Thank you to Mrs Kathy Haseler, all the Mission Team, the Facilities and Grounds staff, Eclipse Lighting and Sound for your work in preparing for this very special occasion.

Erica Drewsen

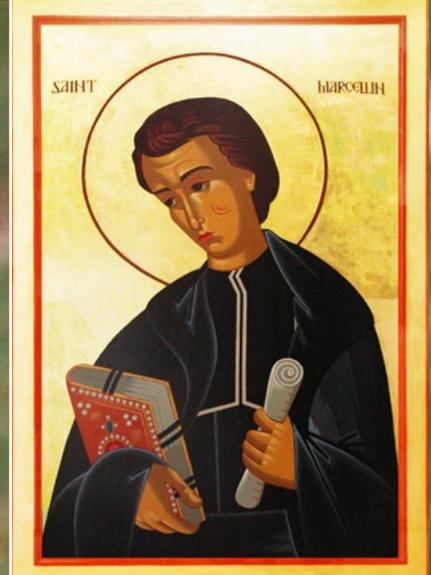


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The Marcellin Hall development is a significant one for the Marist College community, providing for the first time a venue that will be able to house the entire Junior and Senior school body under one roof.

It provides external grandstands to view sporting competitions on Oval One. Marcellin Hall also contains a weights room, two full sized basketball courts, staffrooms and state-of-the-art AV equipment. This innovative building has been developed in association with architects Clarke Keller, and builders G.E.Shaw & Associates Pty Ltd, who have provided a Hall of great distinction.



Alongside the new hall, the College has constructed The Brothers Way, a Walk of Appreciation. This pathway is lined with sponsored bollards which have been purchased by past students and other community members to show appreciation for parents, staff and Brothers who have supported them throughout their College life.



THE BROTHERS WAY

