



MaristCollege
Canberra

Marist...
Together, we
create fine
young men

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The Marist College Canberra Foundation raises funds to provide support for financially disadvantaged students and their families.

The Foundation currently concentrates on two programs:

- The Br Mark May Bursary Fund which provides financial support for disadvantaged families, and
- The Capital Appeal Fund which ensures the continued provision of quality facilities at the College.





Br Mark May, one of four founding brothers of the College and the second Headmaster, was pivotal in the establishment of Marist College Canberra in 1968.

Br Mark devoted his life to serving the families and educating boys of the Marist community. In his retirement and closely involved with the annual enrolment process, he was concerned about the increasing cost of providing a Marist education for boys in Canberra. In keeping with the thinking of St Marcellin Champagnat, he insisted a Marist education ought to be open to boys of all socio-economic backgrounds. The fund, which bears his name, honours his work and that of the Marist order.

**“ A chance
for all
our boys. ”**

So far, since the Foundation began in 2010:

- **over half a million dollars** has been raised for the Br Mark May Bursary Fund
- **over \$60,000** has been distributed in bursaries
- **more than 10 boys** from Years 5 to 12 have benefitted from the Br Mark May Bursary Fund.

More donations are needed so more bursaries can be allocated.

“I benefitted from a Marist education – an education I have been proud to have received. There are many families who have a burning desire to be able to do that for their children, however don’t have the means to be able to do so. I’m keen to raise funds for a most worthy cause.”

Joe Roff

Marist College Canberra Old Boy



MARCELLIN HALL



A snapshot:

Families who have received Br Mark May bursaries since 2010

Low income
INDIGENOUS
Broken family
Large family
Expelled
FROM
other
SCHOOLS
Troubled
FAMILY
Health issues
Family death
Sole Parent
REFUGEEES

Excerpt of a letter from a parent whose son is a recipient of a Br Mark May Bursary

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Dear Mr Sidorko

Br Mark May Bursary

Thank you and the College for offering my son the very generous Br Mark May Bursary. It is with much pleasure and humility that I accept the bursary. This will make a huge difference for us.

I am very happy with Marist and the way my son has been accepted into the community of teachers and boys at the College. This acceptance has made a huge improvement in his behaviour, attitude and demeanour. He likes his teachers and the school and is happy to put his hand up to do various other activities. He is enjoying the sports he has chosen where once again he is received very positively. The discipline which is expected in participating in the classroom, the schoolyard and in the sports offered at Marist has also been very good for him. The rules and expectations are very clear. He is even doing his homework with the minimum of fuss which is just so good for me, but also he is only now beginning to get the idea that perhaps doing that homework just might be what one has to do.

We have been made very welcome at Marist and I appreciate this very much. This has not been our experience at other schools.

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Excerpt from a letter from Darlinghurst Old Boy

“ Enclosed is a cheque for \$25,000 as donation to the Br Mark May Bursary Fund.

I am a Darlinghurst Old Boy, and was the beneficiary of a bursary during my years there. It is therefore a great pleasure to reciprocate now in a small way for the advantages that bursary gave me. ”



Marist College Canberra Foundation Pledge Form

Since its inception in 1968, Marist College Canberra has looked to enhance and share the uniquely Marist education experience.

The Marist College Canberra Foundation was established in 2010 so that the opportunity to be a part of this experience could be available to many more students in the future, and to provide all students with outstanding College infrastructure and facilities.

The Foundation focuses on two programs:

- The Br Mark May Bursary Fund provides support for financially disadvantaged students and families.
- The Capital Appeal Fund assists with the funding of building and construction projects.

Donations to the Br Mark May Bursary Fund has allowed the Foundation to provide bursaries to more than 10 students at the College. Funds raised through the Capital Appeal have assisted the College with the recent construction of Marcellin Hall.

Please return this pledge form to Marist College
Canberra Foundation PO Box 727, Mawson ACT 2607

Your gift will be allocated to the Br Mark May Bursary Fund unless indicated differently below.

- My gift is for the Capital Appeal Fund only
 My gift is to be divided equally between both funds

Please accept my tax deductible gift of:

\$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$ _____

My gift is Personal Business Anonymous

My cheque is enclosed (payable to Marist College Canberra Foundation)

or debit my Visa Mastercard

On this occasion only Monthly* Quarterly*

Card number _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Expiry date _____ / _____

Name on card

Signature

Direct deposit (Contact the Finance Office on 02 6298 7200 for our bank details)

I would like a receipt Yes (provide details below) No

Receipt to _____

Address _____

Email _____

All gifts over \$2 are tax deductible.

*These are ongoing pledges. This arrangement can be changed at any time by contacting the Foundation by email (foundation@mcc.act.edu.au), by post (PO Box 727, Mawson ACT 2607) or by telephone (02 6298 7200).

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