



Dear Parents and Guardians

Newman College Strategic Directions 2025-2028: Community Involvement

Our College is about to embark on the process of developing its new Strategic Directions 2025-2028. Newman College is a Marist School and, as a system of schools, we commit to excellence in nurturing student growth in a very intentional way through school improvement. In 2024, the College is undertaking a Cycle of Inquiry, where we examine our school improvement journey to this point and engage with students, staff and parents in determining our priorities heading into the Strategic School Improvement direction for the next three years.

Parents, students and staff will be invited to participate in two pivotal surveys; the Diagnostic Inventory for School Alignment (DISA) and the Leuven Catholic Identity tool.

DISA

The Diagnostic Inventory for School Alignment (DISA) is a longitudinal on-line survey that evaluates the perception of students, parents and staff on the progress of school improvement strategies and our Vision for Learning. The DISA also reports on challenges.

The diagnosis is based on the Research-based Framework for Enhancing School Outcomes (RBF). This framework is based on the concept of organisational alignment and will provide invaluable insight into how well the school's key organisational elements are aligned.

How to access the DISA survey:

- Click on the link: <https://disasurvey.acelleadership.org.au/survey/ff175c52>
- Select "Parent Survey"
- Press "Start"
- On the last page of the survey, press "Submit"

Leuven – Catholic Identity and Marist Spirituality Survey

An authentically Marist curriculum will always be informed by Marcellin Champagnat's core imperative—to educate people to be good Christians and good citizens. What is consistent is the purpose of a Marist school, its characteristic emphases, priorities, cultures and pedagogical approaches. One of the needs is to ensure that, as a spiritual family, we adapt and contextualise to find fresh ways to articulate its spiritual traditions so that they speak with relevance and saliency to our time and place. Again, the survey has three participant groups, students, staff and parents. The results of this survey will help shape strategic intent for Catholic Identity and Marist Spirituality.

Challenge — Collaborate — Create — Celebrate

How to access the Leuven survey:

- Attached is a pdf with instructions and link to the website: www.ecsi.site/au/user/
- Enter the case-sensitive password **Ghj654** and click login. Follow instructions in pdf.
- Survey Access Code is **qs89xV**

Survey Timeline and Duration

I invite parents and all members of our community to participate in the surveys this term. The survey links will be open between **Monday 25 March to Wednesday 10 April**. The more parental input we have in this part of the process, the better data we receive for identifying our achievements and challenges.

Both the DISA and Leuven surveys take approximately 20 minutes each to complete. Participation is anonymous via a link to the surveys.

Students and staff will complete the surveys at the beginning of Term 2.

I will write to you later in Term 2, keeping you informed of the next steps in the Cycle of Inquiry. Please take the opportunity to be involved in this most important stage of working together to shape Newman College's next strategic direction.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely



ANDREW WATSON
PRINCIPAL

22 March 2024