



Youth Ministry and Advocacy 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians

Newman College is a Catholic school founded on faith in Jesus Christ. Integral to this is the lived expression of the charism of Saint Marcellin Champagnat. The College is committed to engagement with the mission and expression of the Church through opportunities for reflection and practical works of outreach grounded in Catholic social teaching.

St Marcellin Champagnat's desire for every child was "We aim at something better... to give them Christian spirit, attitudes and virtues possessed by good Christians and good citizens." Newman College seeks to provide opportunities to students and families to live out the Christian mission.

Game Changers: [Game Changers](#) is a Marist Youth Ministry Program facilitated in Marist schools around Australia. The program encourages students to focus on the areas of Leadership, Faith Development, Community and Ministry, and Service. Game Changers has three tracks from Year 7-12. Groups gather on Tuesday afternoons, from 3:30pm – 4:30pm every second week, with a retreat day each year, as well as camps and excursions in the senior years. If you would like your son or daughter to become involved in Game Changers, please contact Daphne Peters daphne.peters@newman.wa.edu.au

Marist Connect Nights: Students in **Years 11 and 12** meet with students from St Joseph's Northam and Bunbury Catholic College to develop relationships and grow a wider network facilitated by Marist Youth Ministry.

Living Marist: A Christian Service-Learning Program for **Years 7, 8, 9 and 10**. The program commences in Term 1 and concludes in Term 3. Students are expected to complete 10 hours of service during this time. The College will be able to offer some service-learning placements to students, however, we encourage them to plan, seek and arrange their own service, liaise with organisers, teachers, and parents. If you have any openings our students could engage with, please contact Daphne Peters daphne.peters@newman.wa.edu.au

Caritas: Project Compassion and Caritas Fast; students will be involved in fundraising activities during Lent in Term 1 with all proceeds going to Caritas Australia.

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Saint Vincent de Paul: The Blanket Appeal, Christmas Appeal, and the Winter Sleepout are opportunities to provide support to people in need within our own community. Families are requested to bring in a blanket during winter and food and drink for Christmas hampers.

LifeLink: As part of our support of LifeLink, the outreach agency of the Archdiocese of Perth, in Term 3 we align our celebration of the Feast of the Assumption with our annual Walkathon.

Australian Marist Solidarity: In Term 2 we celebrate Champagnat Day with our annual Fete Day. All proceeds on this day go to Australian Marist Solidarity with a focus on the Kuya Centre for Street Children in the Philippines and St Joseph's College in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea.

Catholic Mission: In Term 4 we raise awareness for Catholic Mission through Socktober. Events associated with this initiative are Soccer-based and pertain to fostering an understanding of the lives of the underprivileged in neighbouring countries.

If you require any further information about Youth Ministry and Advocacy, please contact Daphne Peters daphne.peters@newman.wa.edu.au

Yours sincerely

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