



Dear Newman College Parents and Guardians,

**College Family Mass and Student Leadership Commissioning 2026
Tuesday 17 February, 5.30pm, Br Terrence Gleeson Oval (Marcellin Campus)**

We warmly invite you to join us for our Annual College Family Mass, a special celebration of our faith and community. We will also commission our Years 6 and 12 Student Leaders, with their family's involvement, marking an important milestone in their journey.

As a **compulsory event for all students from Pre-Primary to Year 12**, this Mass is a significant occasion in the life of our College. As a Marist school, we are guided by the spirit of St Marcellin Champagnat and this gathering is a beautiful opportunity for us all to come together in faith, reflection, and celebration. It is also an expectation that parents and guardians attend with their children. This is the only occasion of the year where we ask for all our families' presence.

To assist with your planning, please find the key details below.

Student Arrival and Departure

All students should arrive at the Lavalla or Marcellin campus by 5.00pm, in full summer uniform. Teachers will meet students in the venues below and attendance rolls will be taken.

Lavalla Students	Meet their classroom teacher at their usual classroom.
Marcellin Students	Meet their Pastoral Care Group (PCG) teacher in their usual classroom.

Pre-Kindy and Kindy children are welcome to attend the Mass and sit with their families.

The Mass will commence at 5.30pm and is scheduled to conclude at 6.35pm. Marcellin students will be dismissed by their teachers at approximately 6.40pm. All parents of Lavalla students are required to collect their children from their classroom teacher at the end of Mass. Students are not permitted to leave the oval area until parents have met with their child's teacher.

After School Supervision

There will be **no after-school supervision** for students prior to the Mass. Out of School Hours Care will run as normal.

Homework club will still be running as follows:

Lavalla Students	3.00 - 3.45pm
Marcellin Students	3.15 - 5.00pm. <i>The canteen will be open from 3.20pm-3.45pm for students to purchase a snack if they require it.</i>

Seating

All students will be seated on the grass in unit and year groups with their respective teachers. Parents and family members are encouraged to bring their own seating i.e. blankets or fold-up chairs. The Mass is a reverend and holy event and it is not appropriate to bring drinks or snacks.

Toilet Arrangements

Due to Child Safeguarding requirements, the College will provide separate toilet facilities for children and adults. The College will provide portable toilets for parents to use. Lavalla students are to use the toilets located in the Auditorium only, while Marcellin students are to use the toilets in the Sports Complex. We thank you for your support in keeping all children safe.

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Sunsmart

We encourage all families and students to be vigilant in maintaining appropriate sun protection i.e. hats, sunscreen, water bottles, and sunglasses.

Parking and Drop off Zones

Traffic flow within and around the College will be congested before and after this event. Parking will be available on Tuscany Way and within the College, with additional parking on the top oval, accessed via Dolomite Court.



Thank you for your continued support of the College. We look forward to celebrating this significant event as a College community.

Yours sincerely

Mr Andrew Watson
PRINCIPAL

5 February 2026

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