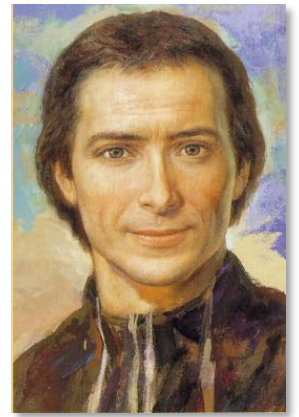


Our Marist Characteristics



Presence

When we are present to each other we show that we care for one another and about each others lives and experiences on a personal level. As we get to know each other we can seek to **establish relationships that are founded on love and care**. By being **attentive** and **welcoming** to each other we can promote **openness** and **trust** in our conversations and decisions.

Simplicity

Simplicity reminds us that our connections with others within our school community should be genuine and straightforward, allowing each of us to feel comfortable to say what we believe and to show that we believe what we say. Simplicity is linked closely to the 'Three Violets' of the Marist tradition - showing **honesty** before ourselves and our God, **humility** - patiently allowing the action of God to work through us and **modesty** - seeking to do good quietly.

Love of Work

Love of Work is inspired by St Marcellin Champagnat; a man of faith and vision. Helping students discover the **dignity of work** allows them understand that work is a powerful means to **self-fulfilment**, and can add greatly to our sense of **well-being**. By developing a love of work, everyone has an important role to play as a member of the wider community, to **co-operate** and recognise that the work that they do helps to **serve** and **nurture** others in the school.

Family Spirit

As members of our school community we are called to develop values such as **warmth of welcome, acceptance, belonging, honesty, mutual respect and tolerance**. As we share successes and failures within our school family it is important that we continue to **believe in the innate goodness of each person** and always be ready to **trust, forgive** each other and prioritise **reconciliation**.

In the Way of Mary

As Marists, Mary is the perfect model for us as educators. Mary's life was a journey of **faith**. She knew the joys and trials of life and yet she was always **open to accept what God was asking her to do**. In her family, Mary and Joseph showed Jesus the **family love** and **unity** he needed to grow as a person. Mary showed a great **awareness of the needs of others** and a desire to always be a symbol of **wisdom, grace** and **strength** to others.

