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.