



# Reflection

*As Marists we seek to foster our unique identity. We do this by living in a way that has, at its heart, the five Marist Characteristics:*

## **In the Way of Mary**

- We are committed to promoting the work of the Church through the Marist way of 'making Jesus Christ known and loved', by being open to the action and will of God just as Mary was at the Annunciation.
- We do our part to bring 'Christ-life to birth' in those with whom we live and work.
- We strive to create a caring and nurturing community.
- Like Mary, we walk with the marginalised to create a more just world for all.

## **Presence**

- We educate through being present to young people in ways that show that we care for them personally.
- We develop genuine relationships with all we meet.
- We are present to all we meet.
- We commit to nurturing a sense of community through close and life-giving relationships.

## **Love of Work**

- We are committed to providing opportunities for all learners to engage in continuous personal reflection, growth and development.
- We are focused on providing learning opportunities for all learners to collaborate, communicate, be creative, and think critically both locally and globally.

## **Family Spirit**

- We relate to each other as the members of a loving family.
- We live by St Marcellin's maxim: 'To educate children first you must love them, and love them all equally.'
- We ensure that our community is a supportive environment which fosters growth, self-esteem and positive relationships, where all are valued.

## **Simplicity**

- Our relationships and contact with all those we meet is genuine and straightforward. There is no pretence or affectation.
- Like Mary, we seek 'to do good quietly'.