



## **PARRAMATTA MARIST HIGH SCHOOL**

### **A MESSAGE FROM MR MARK PAUSCHMANN, PRINCIPAL**

Choosing a school for your child is an important decision and we encourage you to think carefully about this decision.

Parramatta Marist High School, the oldest Catholic school in Australia, was established as a catholic school in 1820 and as a Marist school in 1875, now educating boys from Years 7 to 12. We firmly believe that all students are unique. We value a sense of community, family and spiritual development which is aligned to our strong Marist culture and school spirit.

Through our Marist charism, our goal is to be a school that encourages mutual respect, partnership, healthy relationships and appreciation of all members of the community - staff, students, parents, carers and parish.

Our education is characterised by faith and the Roman Catholic tradition engendering pride in offering excellence in both the academic and vocational arena but also a pastoral care structure that supports all our students. Our belief is that our students learn best when they feel that they belong and that they matter. This informs our vision and our mission.

We believe Parramatta Marist is a welcoming and inclusive school. It is a place where students of all backgrounds, abilities and interests belong to our 'Marist Family'. We are guided by the Gospel values of compassion, courage and commitment which prepares our students to become "Men of Marist". Our creed is: ***Christ centred through Marist eyes.***

We have high hopes for, and high expectations of, our students. We want all students to participate fully in the many opportunities that are offered so that they get the most out of their time here. In demonstrating that we strive for excellence and distinction, we also achieve exceptional success in our spiritual, cultural, sporting, performing and creative arts areas, all of which are underpinned by a year of mission and learning. Parramatta Marist students are justifiably proud of their school.

At Parramatta Marist High School, academic results are only one measure of achievement. As a Catholic centre of learning, we believe in developing lifelong values, learning and skills that will set up our students for success in life. In offering a broad and balanced education, our students gain the confidence and the skills to develop their talents and strengths as emotionally intelligent leaders – young men who are able to think globally and act locally.

By returning the enrolment application to the school together with the required application fee, you are acknowledging that, if accepted, you and your child are willing to trust and participate fully in the life of Parramatta Marist. By encouraging our students in being open, truthful and respectful, you will be supporting us in participation in the faith life of our Marist school and in promoting and maintaining the high expectations set for all students.

We are here to help if you need more information or help completing the application form. We look forward to welcoming your family to our school community.