



# ST PATRICK'S MARIST COLLEGE

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## An Invitation to Catholic Students or those interested in the Catholic Faith

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I hope that 2019 has been a good start to the year for you and your family. Upon enrolment for your son or daughter, we would have discussed with you that St Patrick's Marist College, as a Catholic school, is a part of the Church's identity and mission. In fulfilling that mission we are committed to giving all students the opportunity to become more involved within the Church through the religious teachings, traditions and dimensions of the College.

St Patrick's Marist College has been founded upon the traditions, practices and spirituality of the Marist Brothers and St Marcellin Champagnat as leaders within the Catholic Church. In our educational partnership with parents, St Patrick's Marist College seeks to provide students with a holistic education that will give them the best foundations for adult life. This foundation includes the academic, sporting, cultural, personal and spiritual aspects of their lives.

As part of the Religious Education programme offered at St Patrick's Marist College, we are now pleased to be able to invite any Catholic students or those interested in the Catholic faith who desire to begin or continue in their Catholic faith journey through the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation, which the College will facilitate on behalf of the local Parishes. These Sacraments include Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. The Sacraments are the faith and spiritual path by which we as Catholics grow in our connection with God, in Jesus Christ and within the Catholic community.

In inviting and supporting our students to complete or even begin this process of Initiation into the Catholic Church, we will be preparing the students here at the College in partnership with the local parishes and their priests. Preparation lesson dates and times will be organised in term two.

If, after discussing this invitation with your child, you are interested in being part of this Sacramental Program please complete the form on the back of this letter and return it with your son/daughter to me by the end of this term. If you would like to discuss further this invitation please do not hesitate to contact me at the College.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Matthew Paton  
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