

MARIST SCHOOL 2020

2020 has been an interesting year for the whole world! At the beginning of the year we were very excited to move in to, our long awaited new Improved Learning Environment. After the removal of four prefabs and half of the existing brick classroom block, we had a two- storey new learning space, restructured play areas and a new library. We reinstated the front netball court which is open for parish parking at the weekend. We only had 5 weeks in our new school when the nation went into Level 4 lockdown. Like everyone else we worked at home, we learnt at home and we supported our families in need in our community.

On our return (after a yo-yo period—in and out of school) we have been able to get our community garden started under the Garden to Table project. This is where the old swimming pool was at the back of the presbytery—there is a gate from the parish grounds to the garden and once it is more established, we would love to involve parishioners working with the children in the planting & harvesting of the garden.

We also plan to set up a reflective, prayer space behind the church in the new year.

In Term 4 we hope to be in Level 1 and be able to open the school once again to the whole community. We continue to support the St Vincent de Paul foodbank and we can't wait to once again gather for our Celebration Assemblies in the church on a Friday afternoon.

Lots of prayers for Level 1 and the continuing health & well-being of all members of our Marist Parish and Schools Community.

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