

GAME CHANGERS

Game Changers is the new and exciting program in Marist Youth Ministry.

Highlighted by a strong sense of community, regular meetings, creative faith formation, and service opportunities, this dynamic program forms your students to become **faith-filled leaders and agents of change in their school community.**



FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Game Changers presents creative ways for young people to deepen their understanding of their Christian faith and sharing this with others. Beliefs and issues are considered within a contemporary Christian and ethical framework. Meetings and camps open with a prayerful reflection and throughout each Track of the program, students are introduced to a variety of creative, personal and communal forms of prayer.

LEADERSHIP

In Game Changers, students become part of a community of like-minded young people who are keen to make a positive change in their own lives and in the lives of others. Positive leadership takes many forms; some lead confidently from the front, while others lead quietly, and in more subtle ways, through advocacy for change, participation in ministry or by simply extending a hand to someone in need. All students who participate in Game Changers grow exponentially in confidence and leadership.

COMMUNITY

Typically, a Game Changers youth group will meet once a fortnight at school. Meetings are guided by the Mentor and gradually handed over to the students to lead and facilitate. Meetings provide great opportunities for the development of student leadership skills.

Meetings involve ice breakers, small group activities, inputs from the Mentor, and student presentation that help maintain the momentum along the journey of the track. Students are also encouraged to plan one or two social events during the year, as a way of staying connected as a group.

MINISTRY & SERVICE

One of the most exciting aspects of Game Changers is the opportunity for students to make a change through being “Good Citizens”, in the words of St Marcellin Champagnat. Students are encouraged to organise a range of practical and hands-on ministry projects. These can be undertaken on and off school campus. Group ministry provides authentic experiences and challenges that enable the students to grow in confidence and leadership.

During the Hermitage Track in Year 11, the ministry commitment culminates in the challenging but rewarding Solidarity camp. The school facilitates a week-long experience in a remote, isolated or alternative community to their own school setting. This is designed to challenge the students physically, mentally and spiritually. Furthermore, the Solidarity camp presents a unique opportunity for students to connect with and learn about a unique part of Australian culture and identity.

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Regional Retreat Days

Each year, the Game Changers Youth Group attends a Regional Retreat Day with Youth Groups from other Marist schools that are completing the same track. This day provides students with an opportunity to go deeper into the themes and focus areas of their track. Retreat days are conducted in partnership with the Marist Youth Ministry Team, the Game Changers Ministry Team and the school Mentor. Retreat days are scheduled during school time, with the exception of the Year 11 Hermitage ‘Twilight Retreat’ which is scheduled for one afternoon and evening.

Camps

Regional and national camps are one of the highlights of the Game Changers program. The Youth Group gets to experience the bigger picture of the wider Marist family. During the La Valla (Year 10) and Hermitage (Year 12) tracks, camps are facilitated by Marist Youth Ministry teams. Students are provided with the opportunity of connecting and celebrating with like-minded young people from across the country. Camps are normally scheduled on weekends, commencing on Friday afternoon and concluding around lunch on Sunday.