

Marist Youth Ministry Creates a Fashion Frenzy with Marist 180 Community Wardrobe

Together, Marist Youth Ministry and Marist 180 aim to reach young people on the margins with the help of Marist Schools Australia. Would members of the Marist Association like to be involved too?

In a bid to 'walk the talk', Sydney Marist Youth Ministry (MYM) team is collaborating in an exciting new project with Marist 180, with the help of their Volunteer Coordinator, Angela Bekesi.

After extensive consultation with Marist 180 case workers, Angela has discovered that **their young homeless clients are not only in need of good casual clothes but also corporate wear for interviews and employment.** The MYM team has joined forces with Angela to create a **Community Wardrobe** whereby clients will be able to connect and access donated clothes by young Marists, who will also volunteer themselves to be rostered on at the Community Wardrobe.

The MYM team has invited students from Marist schools across Sydney to join us in donating clothes for the Community Wardrobe. Students received information at the recent Connect events and the Remar Gold Retreat. There has been much excitement from students about this prospect and on Friday, 15 September, the MYM team will be having their first collection of clothes, donated by Parramatta Marist High School and Cerdon College, Merrylands!

How can the Marist Association play its part? Marist Youth Ministry and Marist 180 would love to invite members of the Marist Association to consider being part of this exciting initiative. Marist 180 clients can easily become homeless due to a crisis. They may leave their homes with nothing. Besides the need for clothes, the clients also need toiletries such as toothpaste and toothbrushes etc. We would like to provide 'hygiene' packs to cater for this emergency need.

If you or your local Marist Association group would like to get behind the Community Wardrobe and support Marist Youth Ministry in our efforts to help young homeless Marist 180 clients, either with donating items for the hygiene packs or the Community Wardrobe, please contact Jeni Miller via email.

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Monica Gonzales and Supi Taufao from MYM NSW with donated clothes.

