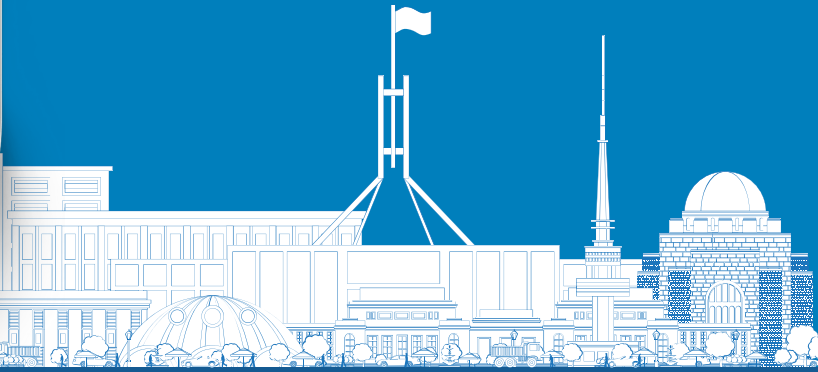




Building tomorrow's minds :

On the shoulders of teaching giants in the bush capital



Jo O'Connor is a Year 4 teacher at Marist College and is definitely a 'Teaching Giant' in our school having an impact that extends far beyond the Junior School. Jo is involved in several initiatives that are making a huge impact amongst the staff, students, and community. Since 2021, Jo has been an early adopter and champion for 'The Writing Revolution (TWR)', implementing it in her class and Year Level whilst also running Professional Learning sessions for teachers that are informative and engaging. Jo is a regular attendee at our TWR Working Committee and is always willing to demonstrate to teachers how they can implement TWR into their classrooms.

We as a College are focused on the implementation of a Low-Variance Curriculum and Jo has been influential in creating exemplar resources to guide this process.

Her resources, which take hours to create, are aligned to our Explicit Instruction approach and embed our Marist Learning Principles (high impact teaching strategies that are employed at the College).

In addition to all of this, in 2024, Jo has been the leader of the Marist Literacy Clinic. With her extensive background in 1 to 1 intervention, Jo has been able to lead a team of twenty staff who work with small groups of students to provide a literacy intervention aimed at bringing these students back to the National Standard in Literacy.

Jo walks alongside her colleagues, demonstrating to them what best practice looks like, and encourages them along the way. A true 'Teaching Giant'!

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