

MARIST PAGEWOOD ST JOSEPHS MABIRI IMMERSION



In late October 2009, 8 students and 2 teachers from Marist College Pagewood established an unbreakable bond of Solidarity and friendship with St Josephs College Mabiri of Bougainville.

This immersion program began at the beginning of 2009, where an initiative was thought of by the school to establish a positive, brotherly relationship with the students and teachers of St Josephs Mabiri. The aim was for students from Pagewood to immerse themselves in the life and culture of the Mabiri people – in other words eat what they eat, sleep where they sleep, and participate in activities that they do everyday.

The trip was planned for the 22nd to the 30th of October 2009, with a pre-immersion program to educate the selected students from Pagewood of the culture and lifestyle of Bougainville, as well as the history of the island and the day to day running of the school. The boys that were selected went through a long process from a large pool of applicants,



including interviews and various meetings. Eventually 8 boys were chosen, and with two teachers from the College, they left Australia and started their long trip to St Josephs Mabiri.

