One of the main goals of MJR is to encourage the students to own their own growth as a person. They, and only they, are responsible for this growth. This can be done through personal questioning and reflection, along with goal setting.
OUR MAKING JESUS REAL (MJR) program is centred around the belief that we are the image of Jesus to all people around us. We are His representatives and our actions should reflect His values. In the scriptures, Jesus says that we are part of his family and that the way we treat others should be reflective of the way we would treat Jesus.

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:40)

The MJR programme aligns with the School’s Religious Education curriculum and Values Education programmes. The values that we encourage and promote in our programme include: care and compassion, respect, honesty and trustworthiness, understanding, tolerance and inclusion. These values encourage students to do their best, treat others fairly, be responsible for their actions, follow principles of moral and ethical conduct and stand up for the rights of others.

At St Mary’s, MJR is not seen as an ‘extra thing’ to ‘do’. As it is a values based philosophy, it becomes ‘the way’ we do all things. MJR filters through everything we do, and say during the course of any given day.

‘W.E.S.T.I.E.’ is an acronym that provides a meaningful platform for students, teachers and parents to ‘live’ the values of MJR on a daily basis. The acronym stand for:

- Welcoming - being friendly and welcoming to others
- Encouraging - Saying positive things to self and others
- Saying Sorry - admitting personal wrong doing and taking steps to repair relationships.
- Thankful - showing appreciation to others.
- Inclusive - being inclusive in words and actions to others
- Enthusiastic - showing a positive attitude towards school work, peers and teachers.

We discourage the E.A.S.T. approach to relationships: Excluding, Argumentative, Sulking and Talking back.

Meet Greet and Speak

‘Raising the Bar’ is a common expression that is applied to MJR. It asks students to examine themselves and reflect on how they can become better people, always continuing to think positively; even during the times of hardship that life can present.

At St Mary’s we have incorporated ‘GOTCHA’s as a positive behaviour initiative. They are used as a tool to ‘catch kids being good’, or in other words, kids who are displaying and ‘living’ MJR values. These awards are traded for prizes when enough are collected.

One of the most important ways we can be a W.E.S.T.I.E. is in the way we meet, greet and speak to people. Our Year Seven leaders have devised a fun way to promote this concept on a daily basis.