Marcellin College is delighted to offer you an opportunity to experience a lifetime memory with your son at the inaugural ‘Mother & Son’ Transition Night.

This innovative single evening program is a first for Marcellin College and it is happening here in our school community in Term 1 2010. Schools such as Rostrevor College in Adelaide, St Kevin’s College Toorak in Melbourne and St Virgil’s College in Hobart have enjoyed these evenings in large numbers.

The transition into the first years of secondary school can be a challenge… for mums! It is a big thing when our boys start their journey through these teenage years.

We are bringing Bill Jennings, the program creator to our school to facilitate this unique experience for you. Bill is the Director of ‘Time & Space’ (www.time-space.com.au), a company he has developed to give people just that – ‘time and space’ for parents and their children to share important moments together in a school community setting. The program has a whole range of delightful surprises that include carefully guided interactions with other mums and their boys.

Mums emerge from this night feeling reassured and impressed by the way our students are able to speak up and share insights about their early times here at school. And be assured the night is fun too… our boys have a great capacity to ‘go deep’ but they make us laugh as well.

It’s a rare opportunity that will stay with you forever.
I was pleasantly surprised at the way things kept moving throughout the program. As someone who works with boys I am aware of how long their attention span is and their need to be active. I felt that as the ice breaking techniques involved moving to different areas as well as engaging different people it worked particularly well.

Jacinta W (Rostrevor)

I felt really good about the night and I was really looking forward to it because me and my mum don’t really get a lot of time to talk because I have two younger brothers. What struck me was listening to how other mum’s and students coped and felt about the transition. I felt really good because it was a chance just to have a one on one chat. It’s just a great experience and you go out feeling better because you know a bit more about your mum.

Mike D (St Virgil’s)

It was great listening to both the panel members and other small group members, in that it confirmed a lot of my own thoughts, feelings and personal experiences. What wonderfully resilient boys we have, who are more than ready to grasp all the new experiences already laid and yet to be laid before them this year. What proud parents we are, who need to learn to perhaps take more of a back seat, supportive, listening role from here in our son’s lives. Even though my one to one time with Matt was short that evening, I plan to grab more of these moments with him during the year. I thoroughly enjoyed many moments of the Mother-Son night, which in my mind should be enjoyed every school year.

Delia S (St Kevin’s, Toorak - Melbourne)

Some Testimonials from Time & Space program participants:

The one on one discussion with my son was the highlight of the evening. Having a list of questions promoted a lot of focussed discussion and prompted us to talk about issues that would otherwise not be discussed.

We loved sharing the special item and both found we had tears in our eyes as we revealed the item and shared its significance. This was a very moving activity.

Denise A (at the Year 8 Mother & Son Night, Rostrevor College, Woodforde - Adelaide)

I don’t know who was more nervous my son or myself. I was relieved to find that a lot of other mum’s were feeling the same. Both my son and I were surprised by how much we enjoyed the night. I found it interesting and reassuring to listen to other people’s experiences. The biggest surprise of the night was how honest and open my son was with our one to one chat. The mother and son night, was a great experience and I strongly recommend it to anyone. Forget the nerves and enjoy yourself, it’s worth it.

Debbie H (at the Year 7 Mother & Son Night, St Virgil’s Austrins Ferry - Hobart)

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We know that families come in all shapes and sizes. If mum is not around a grandmother, aunty (other female mentor) is welcome.