Marcellin College is delighted to offer you an opportunity to experience a lifetime memory with your son at the inaugural ‘Father & Son - Stepping Up’ night.

This single evening program creates the ‘time & space’ for our Year 8 boys and their dad or mentor to take a ‘step up’ and create an action plan for the challenge now and ahead as our boys tackle their adolescent years. Media attention often focuses on the reality that some famous sportsmen and celebrities fall short of being good ‘role-models’ to our boys... but we are confident that the best role-models are much closer to home. ‘Stepping Up’ taps the very best resources in our own Marcellin College community... the dads (or grandfathers, older brothers or uncles) of our Year 8 boys.

Be part of this innovative single evening program that gives a signpost to each boy about the best ways he can ‘step up’ to be a good man. Dads and mentors get a rare opportunity in a busy world to create a moment in time, a memory for the boys of you ‘stepping up’ and taking responsibility to be a guide through the adolescent 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 session provides opportunities for conversations with other dads and their boys.

The fathers and mentors are impressed by the way their sons’ classmates embrace (and relish) the challenge to give a few tips on how they can be a good dad! Boys are fantastic at responding to a challenge to speak up and in a community gathering of Marcellin men – participants will experience the wisdom of our Year 8’s. Be assured the night is not all talk... it is planned for the boys and the boys at heart! Some fun interactive activities help to break the ice, starting the night with some real laughs.

It’s a rare opportunity that will stay with you forever.
From the boys (continued)
Everything said was an eye-opener.
Marcus W. (Simonds College, Melbourne)
Got to know dad very well and let him know about my feelings about him.
Dean (Rostrevor College, Adelaide).

I really enjoyed being able to talk with my dad one-on-one.
Kieran H (Rostrevor College, Adelaide).

A good time to talk to each other about what we think about each other.
I learnt some new things about how to keep our relationship going strong.
Aiden R. (Parade College, Melbourne).

I didn’t expect my father to be so open, I thought it would be more awkward. It was great. I loved having a laugh with him. We both learnt a lot.
Roland S. (Year 8, 2009 – St. Kevin’s, Toorak, Melbourne).

General comments.
- Great to hear from other fathers.
- Excellent to hear other parents’ comments and experience and to know you’re not alone.
- We often talk but not about what was spoken about tonight.
- Eye opener as to how mature the young men were.
- Some of the boys’ concerns were a real eye opener for me.
- It was much better than anticipated. Highly recommend to other dads.
- Highlighted many common concerns.

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We know that families come in all shapes and sizes. If dad is not around a grandfather, uncle (other male mentor) is welcome.