

Companions Medal

Mark White came into the Jesuit family on the 21st September 2000, when he accepted a position at Saint Ignatius' College, Riverview. Over the last 19 years, the College has been blest with an outstanding colleague, both as regards the professionalism of his work as well as his availability to serve on:

- *the Parents and Friends Committee for College Bursaries;*
- *being the organiser of the Newcastle to Sydney charity walk, raising funds for the Loyola College in East Timor;*
- *leading the boys on the SVDP Night Patrol;*
- *leading the Immersion 2015 Kokoda Track Walk;*
- *assisting boys from the Seip program with general sports skills; and*
- *as an Athletics and Rugby Coach and rugby Referee.*

Beyond Riverview, however, Mark has been available to Jesuits and our ministries through:

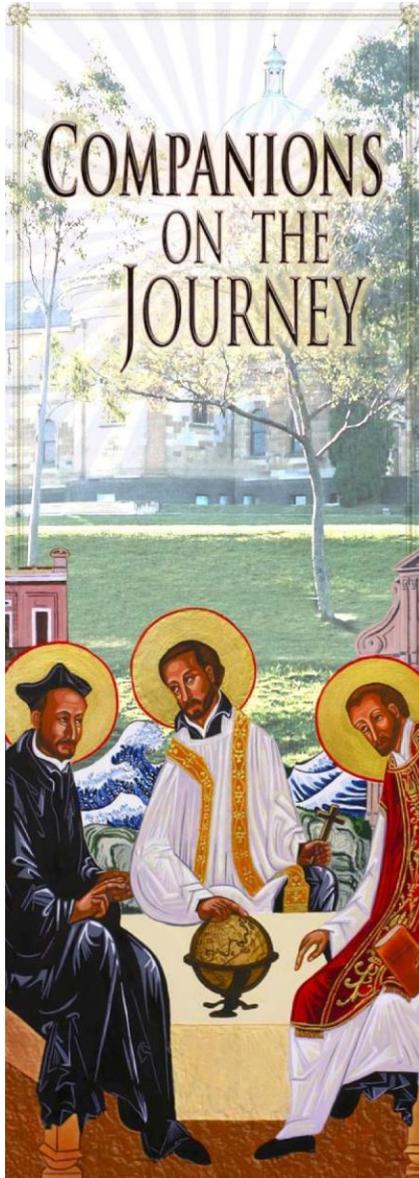
- *the Canisius College Retreat Centre Committee for five years;*
- *the World Youth Day MAGIS Committee (2006-2008); and*
- *the Indian Bazaar Committee for Jesuit Mission, on which he continues to serve.*

Furthermore, for the last 19 years Mark has supported, enabled and assisted every Province and Jesuit Gathering and retreat held at this College, as well as the ones held at Canisius College, Pymble.

Indeed, every time Sydney Jesuits or the Province have asked Mark for any assistance on anything, he has been there to support us. In paying tribute to him, we also thank Liz, his wife of 32 years, and their three adult children, Rachel, Luke and Madeleine, for sharing their husband and dad with us for so long.

A truly humble man for others, we are all the richer for Mark White's quiet and selfless service and are delighted to award him a Companions Medal.

Thank you, Mark.



*"The Three Companions of Jesus"
by George Drance SJ*