



FRESH WATER SUPPLY, BURUI, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Water for All

Saint Marcellin Champagnat Technical High School at Burui on the Sepik River in Papua New Guinea is one of our newest schools.

It is established on the Sepik grass plains just seven kilometers from the Sepik River. The local Primary School, Local Level Government, Provincial Education Authorities, Diocese of Wewak, National Education through the Technical, Vocational, Education and Training Division (TVET), the local member Hon. Galus Yuambi and the Marist District of Melanesia are all stakeholders in this amazing partnership. Amazing because so many are working together!

St Marcellin's is operating with 210 students in classrooms borrowed from the local Primary School. The teachers of the Primary School offered their facilities (the *best* classrooms) so that their students would get a fair go. Most of the buildings are constructed of bush materials but the Secondary School buildings are timber and corrugated iron. There is a combined population 560 Primary and Secondary students on the site.

There is NO FLOWING WATER at the moment. By contrast in the wet season they will be flooded. For washing and sanitation, students dig a soak hole in the grassland and wait for the groundwater to soak into it. With all the people on the site there is a potential disease risk. Tank water for cooking and drinking is in reasonable supply.

We are committing ourselves to provide a reasonable water supply by some means. We are seeking European funds for much of this but will need to demonstrate good faith with what is termed a 'local contribution'. After this situation is fixed we can continue to help the students of the Sepik build a good school.



Water Supply Soak Hole



Girls Dormitory