



# MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 2  
Friday 7th February 2025

## From the Principal

Our school year is well underway. It has been wonderful to see our young women return to school happy and ready to learn. I can already feel the spirit of this year's school value 'Family Spirit in Mary's Way' alive and living in our classrooms and playground.

'Family Spirit in Mary's Way' is our ability to foster a sense of belonging, encouragement, unconditional love, and acceptance of each person. Just as Mary would in today's world.

What does 'Family Spirit in Mary's Way' look like at Marist College:

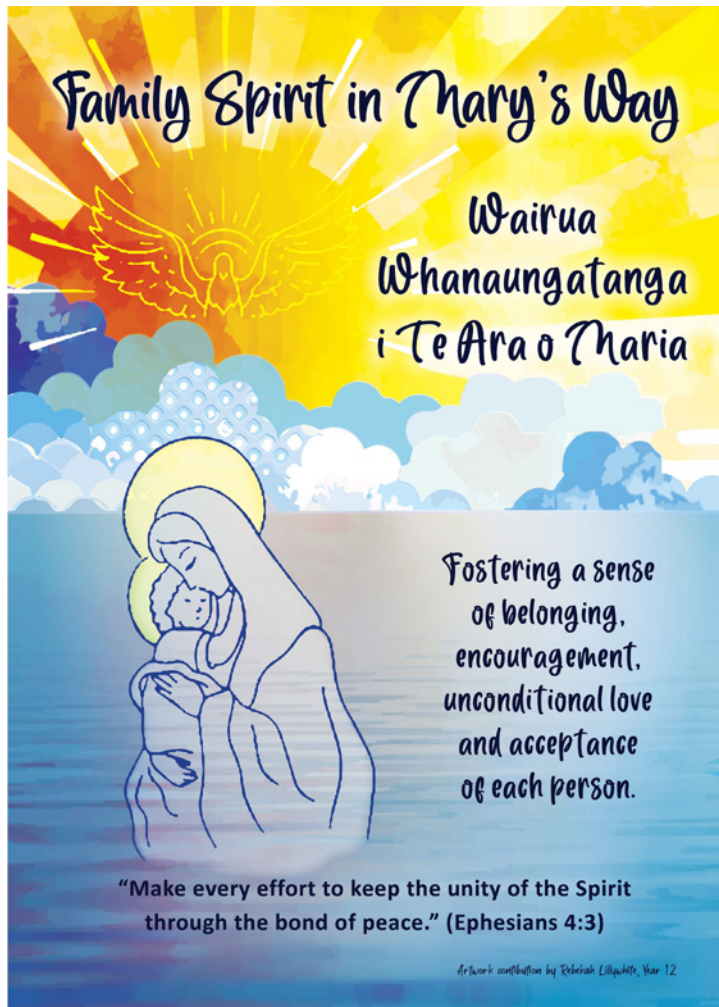
- It is emphasising our Mother Mary as a model of compassion, empathy, and strength, and guiding our students to emulate these qualities in their interactions with others.
- It is fostering a sense of belonging among students, staff, and whanau, creating a supportive community where everyone feels valued and included.
- It is supporting the personal and spiritual development of every student and staff member, nurturing their individual gifts and talents.
- It is encouraging our students to participate fully in the life of the College including academic, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities.
- It is inspiring students to engage in service activities, embodying Mary's spirit through acts of kindness and outreach to the wider community.

I look forward to seeing our family spirit grow throughout the year and celebrating the milestones of our young women and Marist community.

Important reminder!!!! Term 1 is extremely busy. It is important that all students and whanau read all correspondence, including daily notices, Teams year level announcements, SchoolBridge notifications, Marist Updates, and our school newsletter to ensure that no one misses out on the number of opportunities that are on offer.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

*Raechelle Taulu*, Principal/Tumuaki



## KEY DATES

### Term 1 2025

#### Week (3A)

Feb 11	Tu	Diocesan Dedication Mass 7pm, Bishop Steve
12	We	Assembly/Family Spirit Y12 - 13 Whakapiki Ake talk P5, 308 Y11 - 13 Senior Netball trials 3:15 - 5pm, Gym
13	Th	PTFA New Parent Mixer 6pm
14	Fr	Assembly/House Leaders Y11 - 13 Senior Netball trials 3:15 - 5pm, Gym/Turf <i>Rotation 2 - 1</i>
16	Su	Sister Act Rehearsal 11am - 5pm, 220

#### Week 4B)

17	Mo	Polyfest Meeting 5:30pm Kapa Haka & Tongan Groups Fono, after Polyfest Mtg, Gym Hui, after Polyfest Mtg, Library
18	Tu	Swimming Sports, Mt Albert Aquatic Centre (competitors only) Y9 - 10 Netball trials 3:15 - 5pm, Gym
19	We	Y9 Whakawhanaungatanga P4 - 5
20	Th	Mass 12 SR, B2, St Mary's Church Y9 - 10 Netball trials 3:15 - 5pm, Gym
21	Fr	Inaugural Mass (am) St Patrick's Cathedral <i>Rotation 3 - 2</i>
23	Su	Sister Act Rehearsal 11am - 5pm, 220

### Upcoming Events:

Feb 24	Mo	PTFA Meeting 7pm
26 - 27		Y7 Retreat
27	Th	Fono 6:30 - 8pm, Staffroom Samoa trip meeting 5:30 - 6:30pm, 203
28	Fr	Photo Day
Mar 2	Su	Sister Act Rehearsal 11am - 5pm, 220
3	Mo	Y7 Zoo Trip
5	We	Ash Wednesday Y10 Camp Info Zoom 6:30pm
6 - 7		Open Days, tours 9am
7	Fr	PTFA Golf Day, 10am tee off
9	Su	Sister Act Rehearsal 11am - 5pm, 220
13	Th	Athletics Day, Go Media Stadium
14	Fr	Y11 - 13 Dance trip
20	Th	Family Festival

For a full school calendar go to  
<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/calendar>

Please Note: Next week's Marist College Newsletter will not be published until Monday 17th February.

## Core Value 2025:

### Family Spirit in Mary's Way Wairua Whanaungatanga i te Ara o Maria

The Core Value for our school this year is Family Spirit in Mary's Way - Wairua Whanaungatanga i te Ara o Maria

What does it mean?

Family Spirit is one of the pillars which characterises our life as Marists in the world. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph can teach us about the true meaning of Family Spirit. The unity, prayerfulness, unconditional love, faithfulness, simplicity, a love of work, support and serving God in each other are some of the beautiful values we can learn from the Holy Family.



When the first Marists received the inspiration to begin the Marist Family, they were convinced that Mary wanted all Marists to bear her name and to have her spirit/Family Spirit. Thus, the Family Spirit is living our life daily as Mary did with her family in Nazareth. Our Marist College community has been nurturing this Family Spirit in the way Mary would live it over the past 97 years.

The Scripture passage which accompanies the Core Value comes from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. It speaks of unity as one of the spiritual gifts (Family Spirit) which every single one of us must aim to grow in our Marist College family throughout the year.

### Core Scripture 2025

*Ephesians 4: 3 "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace"*

#### A prayer for the gift of Family Spirit in Mary's Way - Wairua Whanaungatanga i te Ara o Maria

Gracious God, help us daily to grow the Marist Spirit which unites us as a Marist College whānau. We pray that you guide each one of us in our responsibility for continuing to share Marist charism and vision.

May we model for each other and to our Marist students the unconditional love that Mary had for her Holy Family. Mary, lead us to encounter the holiness, the hope and the radiant joy of your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Ad Jesum per Mariam

*Sr Seini Fatai, sm*

Director of Religious Services

## Refugee Camp

During the holidays, I had the privilege of being invited to take a leadership role to help run a holiday program for 36 refugee children. The programme was based in Hamilton and was run by the Refugee Orientation Centre (ROC) Trust and Fernhall Study Centre.



Over the five days that the programme took place, the group of leaders set up many activities and games for the kids to play, which produced lots of laughter and excitement! This is the second time I have attended this event. This year I was joined by Elizabeth Aldous, Year 12. We both agree it is truly an amazing programme to be a part of, as you get to witness the positive and joyful impact you have on the children who have come from many different backgrounds, cultures, countries and beliefs. Despite their often daunting pasts and traumas, these children always have a smile from ear to ear, expressing their gratitude for our presence in their lives and the fun offered by the programme!

I very much look forward to attending another camp mid-year.

*Harper Lawson, Year 13*

## Hands-On Otago

In January I was fortunate enough to attend Hands-On Otago, a week-long programme run by the University of Otago in Dunedin. This event provided an incredible



opportunity to engage in hands-on learning and explore various career pathways offered at the university. Throughout the week, we were taught by university professors and staff, gaining insights directly from experts in their fields. We also had the chance to experience campus life by staying in the university dorms - a very refreshing and eye-opening experience!



For my main project, I chose Pharmacy, where we explored how different drugs work and how medicines treat a range of diseases. However, the programme offers a wide variety of projects across disciplines, including Mathematics, Psychology, Law and Politics, Nanochemistry, Media and Communications, and many more. Alongside this, students can apply for scholarships to cover the cost of attendance, and I highly recommend applying for these when signing up!

Overall, I highly recommend Hands-On Otago to Year 11 and 12 students considering attending Otago in the future. It's a fantastic opportunity to experience life outside of Auckland, meet new people, form lasting friendships, and gain a fresh perspective on potential career paths. This programme is not only a chance to challenge yourself but also to discover new skills and interests—so if you get the opportunity, I encourage you to take it!

*Nele Maile, Year 13*

# Taiwan Experience

Over the holidays a few Marist students studying Chinese had the amazing opportunity to travel to Taiwan. It was a trip I'll always remember. We explored many vibrant cities like Taipei and Kaohsiung. We visited beautiful temples and parks, and (most importantly) we tasted incredible Taiwanese food. I am also so grateful I got to share this trip with the incredible group of girls that I became so close to and create memories with that will last a lifetime.

The trip was an incredible chance to immerse myself in a completely different culture and make memories I'll never forget. I'm so thankful for the experience and everything I got to see and do. I highly recommend this trip to everyone who is offered to go in the future!

*Isabel O'Brien, Year 11*



## Welcome to our International Students

It's always a great day when we welcome our new international students to Marist College. Last week, we introduced students to school and also a little bit of the city with a bush walk, ice-cream at Mission Bay and a walk around the school neighbourhood.

A big thank you again to the returning buddies and welcome to the new ones for your support and leadership. It's going to be a busy term and we're looking forward to the fun and activities. Our students this term are from China, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Papua New Guinea and Peru. We're so happy to have you here with us at Marist College and for some of you, to your family that is here in Auckland too.

*Vivienne Kingsbury, International Students Director*

## Exciting Opportunity to experience Spain

Hola! An amazing opportunity is available for Marist students to experience life in Madrid, Spain. We are very excited to invite students to come on this adventure and are planning the trip for the Term 3 break. You'll learn to make tortilla; discover your dancing skills with flamenco; visit historical sites; participate in a day of service; experimantar misa en la iglesia (experience Mass in church); attend a Catholic school and so much more! As the schools are co-educational, we are joining with Rosmini College (boys' school) who will be accompanying their students as well.

We're taking applications now and have limited spaces, so please complete the application form here as soon as you can to book your place [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rfoYMR6Trf1OLY6rnqTk0t5zh7mEHWo3WQuJ-V\\_n7Lk/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rfoYMR6Trf1OLY6rnqTk0t5zh7mEHWo3WQuJ-V_n7Lk/edit)

We will organise a webinar later this month and invite your family to join us to find out more about the trip. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please email [international@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:international@maristcollege.school.nz) at any time and I'm happy to chat to you about this amazing opportunity.

# Gateway Programme – Barista-Café

The government-funded Gateway programme has been operating in NZ secondary schools for over 20 years, offering Year 12 and Year 13 students the opportunity to do extra training and gain work experience in a field that may help them into the workforce, as well as earning unit standard credits that count towards NCEA. At Marist the most popular Gateway programmes are ones which provide students with a chance to gain skills that will help them to get their first part time jobs. All courses and work experience are completed by students outside of their school hours.

The Barista-Café Gateway programme has been offered at Marist for the past six years and is extremely popular, always over-subscribed. This year was no exception, with a record number of 20 students completing training at school during the January holidays. They learned how to operate an espresso machine and the key characteristics of the six most popular coffee styles, producing examples of each type. More importantly, they gained understanding of what is involved in customer service and teamwork, skills which will serve them well in any undertaking. These students are now practicing their customer service doing work experience during weekends at different cafes around Auckland. Look out for familiar faces at a café near you!

*Jenni Catley, Gateway Coordinator*

*Having the hands-on opportunity to learn the ins and outs of hospitality was a rewarding experience, giving me a real taste of the fast-paced environment and the satisfaction of serving customers while also perfecting my coffee-making skills. Mele Feao*

*I found this Barista course to be enjoyable, fun and extremely educational because I learned about many different coffees, the ways to make them, and how to use other machines. The instructors were kind and warm people who were always open to helping us and guiding us through our ups and downs of making coffees and of course, everyone's favourite thing - stretching the milk. Their anecdotes of working in cafés and different places helped us when doing different activities such as customer service practice and making coffee for real customers. I would highly recommend this for anyone who wants to train in making coffee or who wants to get a part-time job. I was able to have some café work experience, which I highly enjoyed. I feel I also learned quite a bit, especially on working at a till with customers and the orientation involved with serving customers their food and coffee. Fether Ceato*

*The Barista course turned out to be so much better than I initially expected. I wasn't expecting to learn about customer service or getting the chance to serve some of the teachers, which was quite helpful for when I was at my work experience. The content we learnt was interesting and the work experience is good practice for when you get an actual job. Priya Soni*

*I found the Barista course and work experience quite fun. They have helped me build my confidence. Arianna Toan*

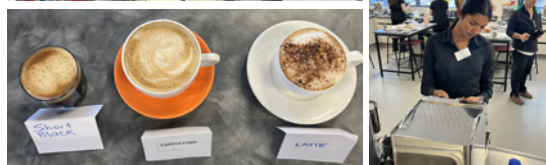
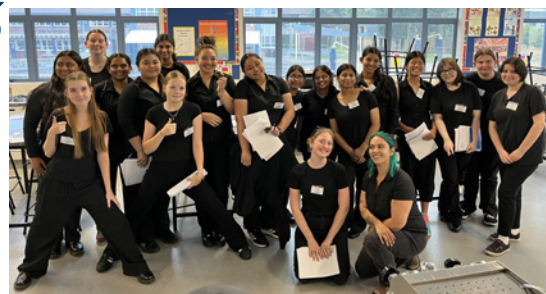
*The Barista course was very interesting and fun to do. The instructors were very patient with all of us because the majority were beginners. We learnt a lot about coffee and how to use a proper espresso machine. We made different types of coffees, and they were all very fun to make. I would definitely recommend others to take this course as well. Hanna Sheji*

*It was challenging to work in a café for the first time, serving customers and making coffee in a very busy environment. Nevertheless, it was an exceptionally delightful experience that helped me get a taste of what work life is like. Nau Fatai*

*The Barista course was an incredible and fun experience for me and helped to gain more knowledge about not only making coffee but also learning about the etiquette in cafés. This course helped me to be more confident with using barista machines and taught me many techniques that is helpful in the hospitality industry. Anna Jose*

*The Barista course was a very valuable experience for me, gaining real life experience in a cafe and also having the beneficial opportunity to work with Gold star to develop these hospitality skills. Mariah Tausilia*

*I really enjoyed meeting people in the café that I was at. It was cool to see all the people who lived in my community. Czae D'Souza*





# Sports 2025

## A busy Term 1 for sport at Marist:

### Senior season has begun for

- Archery
- Dragon Boating
- Futsal
- Kilikiti
- Touch
- Volleyball
- Waka ama
- Waterpolo

### Year 7 & 8 Central Zone Tournaments coming up

- Tennis
- Softball
- Cricket
- Swimming
- League tag
- Running club starts **Thursday 13th Feb at 3:15pm** then the following **Monday morning 17th Feb at 7am**. All students welcome.
- Self defence classes starting soon for all students. Check sports website for details.

## Sports registrations open

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/maristcol/sports/sports-1>

## School events in Term 1

Students to register for our big school events coming up in Term 1!

Swimming sports and Athletics Day:

- Swimming sports registration - <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/325359>
- Athletics Day registration - <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/193987>

Students who compete well on these days may go on to represent Marist at Interzone.

## Trials & Pre-season information for Winter sports

For any team trials and Pre-season Winter sport information - <https://www.sporty.co.nz/maristcol/newsarticle/149722?newsfeedId=1387939>

## Coaches and Managers are needed for the following sports:

- Badminton - Senior
- Basketball - Senior & Intermediate
- Netball - Senior A & all year levels
- Touch - Junior & Intermediate
- Volleyball - Senior & Junior

Please share your experience and expertise with us. If you are interested in being a coach or manager, register here - <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/273147>



# Jazz Band

Come to the Music room,  
Break 2, Wednesday 12th February 2025

## Please Note:

Our SchoolBridge App has recently been updated. If you are having any technical issues please go to your usual mobile app store and update your app, or uninstall and reinstall the app. This should fix all recent technical glitches.

To download the app Search 'SchoolBridge' on your mobile AppStore;

or click 'Sign In' from our website [www.maristcollege.school.nz](http://www.maristcollege.school.nz)



# School Charges

Please arrange to have a payment plan in place for the 2025 School Charges. Payments can be made via the parent portal – accepting credit card (no surcharge applies) & account to account payments. You can also set up an automatic payment (weekly, fortnightly, or monthly). We accept cash, EFTPOS and credit card payments at the office. Please note that credit card payments at the office incur a 2.0% fee. If paying per Term, please arrange for payment at the beginning of each new Term.

**We ask that all accounts are fully paid by the 31st of October, each year.**

If you have any queries or wish to set up a payment plan, please contact our Accounts Administrator, Veronica Yates. [v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz) or direct Ph 09 892 2803.

# Library Notice

Please promptly return any books that were issued in 2024, so other students may also enjoy them. Automated overdue notifications will begin again soon.

Many thanks,  
*Mrs Pughon*,  
School Librarian



# ATTENDANCE DUES



Attendance Dues are used to pay for building related costs at Catholic Schools in the Auckland Diocese. Paying Attendance Dues is a condition of enrolment for all students attending New Zealand Catholic Schools. Attendance Dues are compulsory – there is a legal requirement for parents and caregivers to pay Attendance Dues under the Education and Training Act 2020.

#### ATTENDANCE DUES ARE:

2025	PRIMARY STUDENTS	SECONDARY STUDENTS
per year (incl. GST)	\$532	\$1,080
per term (incl. GST)	\$133	\$270

#### For more information:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

Phone: (09) 360 3040

Email: [acfl@cda.org.nz](mailto:acfl@cda.org.nz)

*Mō tā tou, ā, mō ngā uri ā muri aki | For us, and our children after us*



# Open Day Tours

Thursday  
**March 6th**  
 and Friday  
**March 7th,**  
**9am**

**MARIST COLLEGE**  
**Family Festival**  
**2025**  
**Save the date**  
**Thursday 20th March**  
**4 - 7:30pm**

Our fantastic annual Family Festival is coming very soon! Join us to celebrate the diverse Marist community. Enjoy food and performances from the cultures within our school. Family fun. A great opportunity to meet new families and see what the Marist PTFA contributes to our school.

**We'd love your help! We need volunteers and donations.**  
**Watch the school newsletter for updates.**  
 Get in touch with Gerard Thompson.  
 Email: [gerardt@barker.co.nz](mailto:gerardt@barker.co.nz) Text 029 474 6660

## Marist School & Marist College

# Golf Day

Maungakiekie Golf Club

**Friday 7th March 2025**

**12pm for a 12:30pm Shotgun Start**

**Format: 4-Person Ambrose**

Tickets are available online at <http://tinyurl.com/2025GolfDay>

#### Price:

Individual Player: \$130

Team of Four: \$480

Team of Four & Hole Sponsorship: \$580

Price includes course fees, on-course sausage sizzle and snacks, beer and non-alcoholic drinks, and dinner afterwards.

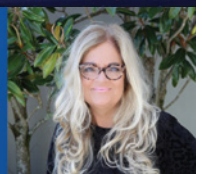
Raffles and auctions in the clubhouse from 5pm, with cash bar.

Golf carts \$75 each - limited numbers so first in, first served.



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## Receptionist/ Administrator - Catholic Social Services, Auckland

Catholic Social Services is looking for a part-time (20 hours - 3 days – hours can be negotiable) Receptionist/Administrator based in Ponsonby. As a faith-based professional service Catholic Social Services provides social work, counselling, out-reach and support to individual people and families.

The successful applicant would be required to provide efficient, effective, and professional reception and administrative services to the team at Catholic Social Services.

For further details please go to our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz), Diocesan Services and staff vacancies.

## St Mary's Food Bank in need of donations

If you are able, please remember food items when you are shopping. Any non-perishables/pantry items you can contribute will be much appreciated! Donations can be dropped off at the Marist Primary School office.  
*Thank you for your support.*

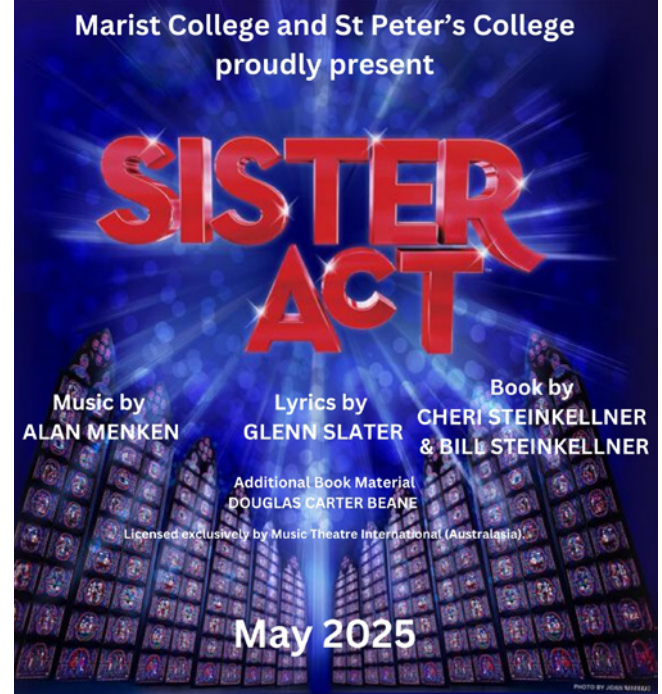
## School Policies & Procedures

Please note that you can view the Marist College School Policies and Procedures on the SchoolDocs website. This is also where you can follow our policy review process. This link will take you to the SchoolDocs site where you will be asked to login.

[maristcollege.schooldocs.co.nz](http://maristcollege.schooldocs.co.nz)

The community username is 'maristcollege'

The password is 'mary'



## Samoa Service Trip Abroad 2025

### Donations wanted: Stationery and Hygiene packs.

#### PACK A PENCIL CASE:

Donate a pencil case of stationery equipment for a learner ready to learn.

#### YOUNG WOMEN'S SANITARY ITEMS:

Donate a pack of sanitary items for a resident at the SVSG Campus of Hope.



*Items will be taken to Samoa Victim Support Group and specific village schools as part of the Auckland Central Catholic Schools Kāhui Ako and Marist College trip in July 2025.*

*Drop off donations to a trip participant or at the Marist College front office during term time. (Before end of Term 1, 2025)*

**Samoa Victim Support Group** provides residential care for abused women and children in Samoa.  
Learn more at: <https://svsg.org.ws/>



For more info please contact Makerita at [m.tagomoa@gmail.com](mailto:m.tagomoa@gmail.com), or 0212314367  
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