



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 6
Friday 7th March 2025

KEY DATES

Term 1 2025

Week (7A)

Mar 10	Mo	Sister Act 3:45 - 5:15pm, 218
11	Tu	Y7 Boostrix & Y8 HPV, 8:30am Photo ID catchup, 128 Y7&8 CZ Cricket
12	We	Assembly/NCJ/Social Action /Wellbeing Tongan Group 3 - 5pm, 220
13	Th	Athletics Day, Go Media Stadium Kapa Haka 3:15 - 5pm, 128 Tongan Group 3 - 5pm, 220 Self Defence 4 - 5:30pm, 220
14	Fr	Casual Clothing Day - Caritas Lenten Appeal Assembly/Student Council/Library/Cultural/Perf. Arts Y11 - 13 Dance trip Rotation 1 - 5
15	Sa	Kapa Haka 9am - 3pm, 128 Tongan Group 11am - 3pm, 220/Turf
16	Su	Sister Act 11am - 5pm, 220

Week (8B)

Mar 17	Mo	Senior Kilikiti Tournament Komar Sports Centre Sister Act 3:45 - 5:15pm, 218 PTFA Meeting 7pm
18	Tu	Y11 Art Unitec visit 12:45 - 2:30pm Y7 Boostrix & Y8 HPV, catchup Y9 - 13 Athletics Champs Mt Smart Stadium
19	We	Assembly/NDW/ Environmental/Family Festival Tongan Group 3 - 5pm, 220
20	Th	Family Festival, 4 - 7:30pm 12LT Mass, St Mary's Church 8:20am - 8:50am Y7&8 CZ Swimming Kapa Haka 3:15 - 5pm, 128 Tongan Group 3 - 5pm, 220 Self Defence 4 - 5:30pm, 220
21	Fr	Assembly/Head Girls Y7&8 CZ Tag Rotation 2 - 1
22	Sa	Kapa Haka 9am - 3pm, 128 Tongan Group 11am - 3pm, 220/Turf
23	Su	Dragon Boating 8am - 3pm Sister Act 11am - 5pm, 220

Upcoming Events:

Mar 24	Mo	Sister Act 3:45 - 5:15pm, 220
25	Tu	Y7 - 13 Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews, 8:30am to 7:30pm, School Closed
26	We	International Students Zoo trip 9am - 3pm
26	We	NCEA Info Evening, 6:30pm
27 - 28		Y11 PE Camp Y9 Retreats
31	Mo	BOT Meeting 6pm Y11 History & Geo trip Auckland Museum

Apr 1 Tu Fiafia Night, Gym

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

From the Deputy Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

Kō Tess Murphy tōku ingoa. I am excited to join the senior leadership team as the Acting Deputy Principal Pastoral for 2025. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Marist over the last five years as the PE/Health Curriculum Leader and am ready for the new challenges that this role brings.

In the last month I have picked up that the key elements of pastoral care at Marist College are the following:

- Catholic Values and Marist Charism:** Our approach is deeply rooted in our Catholic character and Marist traditions, guiding our commitment to holistic education.
- Personalised Attention:** With smaller cohort sizes, we ensure that each student is known personally, fostering strong, positive relationships between teachers and students.
- Supportive Environment:** We strive to create a nurturing atmosphere where kindness, safety, and inclusivity are paramount.
- Behavioural Management:** Clear rules and expectations help maintain a safe and secure environment, promoting self-discipline and respect.
- Leadership Opportunities:** Senior students are encouraged to take on leadership roles, providing positive role models for younger students.
- Personal Development:** We emphasise personal growth through various programmes and guest speakers, addressing social, emotional, health, and personal development topics.

I see these in action every day and truly value how connected our Marist community is. These pastoral elements pervade every aspect of the school, which was exemplified by the activities running throughout the day last Friday.

I have the privilege in this role, of working with the student leadership team at Marist and get to see their motivation and willingness to serve others. Furthermore, there is a sense of family spirit and leadership amongst our whole Year 13 cohort. On Friday 28th February, we held our annual House day where students practiced their chants for the competitive Athletics Day March past at Mt Smart Stadium. The school was alive, loud, and cheerful. I look forward to seeing what our four Houses bring to the track, both in physical prowess and House spirit.

Ngā mihi nui,

Tess Murphy, Acting DP Pastoral

Good luck to our families who are playing golf today fundraising for Marist College and Marist School Mt Albert. Thank you to the PTFA for making this day possible.

Thank you, all families who attended Open Day. We look forward to welcoming our new students in 2026.



Our Lenten Season - a special time of Grace

This week we celebrated a beautiful Ash Wednesday Liturgy here at school which marked the beginning of the Season of Lent. Our Rosary Group also began on Wednesday which is one of the wonderful opportunities of deepening our connection with our merciful God during Lent.



In Pope Francis's message for Lent 2025, he emphasised "the importance of living one's life as a constant journey of conversion, choosing to walk in peace and hope aside one's fellow humans."



Here are some reflections from senior students about Lent:

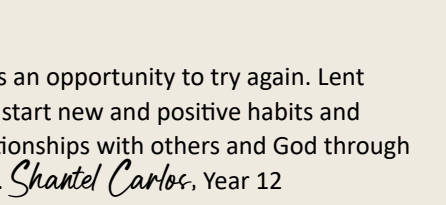


For me, Lent is about forgiveness and new beginnings. To sacrifice things that we love, we imbue in ourselves the Spirit of Jesus Christ.



Tiana Shijomon, Year 12

Lenten season for me provides an opportunity to try again. Lent gives us a new opportunity to start new and positive habits and goals, so we improve our relationships with others and God through almsgiving, prayer and fasting.



Shantel Carlos, Year 12

I think that Lent is a time of spiritual rebirth for us and a chance to start over again and repent for our past sins. Lent reminds me of the sacrifices that Jesus made for us in His passion and death on the cross.

Chantale Nand, Year 12

Lent is a time of giving without expecting anything in return because we imitate Christ. Something I will commit to do is giving a gold coin at the Casual Clothing Day next week for Caritas to those who are less fortunate.

Skye Maltman, Year 13

For me, Lent is a fresh start. It's not just about giving something up for 40 days and then going back to my old habits. Instead, Lent is about challenging myself to step up and give in a way that truly matters every day. By seeing Lent as a time of renewal, I try to follow Christ's example by being more generous, compassionate, and faithful.

Sara Gijo, Year 13

Lent is a time for me to deepen my faith by giving back to Jesus through sacrifice, almsgiving and prayer, while venerating His great gift of love and sacrifice. As His sacrifice was the greatest gift we have received.

Randinie Cadelis, Year 13

Ad Jesum per Mariam

Sr Seini Fatai sm, Director of Religious Studies

Year 7 Retreat

On Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th of February, we went to LOGOS for our Year 7 retreat. The theme for our retreat was *He Waka Eke Noa* and it means that we are all in this together. We started the day off with a liturgy and then we played some trusting and team games.

Throughout the day we had different sessions where we worked together to learn more about ourselves, each other, and our catholic faith. It was an awesome experience, and we'd like to thank the LOGOS team for giving us an amazing and memorable day. For some of us this was our first ever retreat and we can't wait for the next one.

Sabine and Arianne





Year 7 Zoo Trip

On Monday, all the Year 7 students went to the Auckland Zoo to learn about living things. This trip was organised to extend our scientific learning, as we are learning about the variety of life. It was an amazing day filled with lots of fun and exciting animals.

We attended a conservation talk with the zoo workers, about animals and how they survive. The talk was very educational, and we all learned a lot. The Year 7s had an amazing time, and they learnt a massive number of cool facts about the animals, whilst having fun.

A huge thank you to all the amazing parents who volunteered to take care of all the children and make the trip possible. We also want to thank all the Auckland Zoo workers, who talked to us and showed us lots of wonderful animals and taught us lots about them. Thank you to the Year 7 teachers who accompanied the Year 7s. They made the entire day great.

Lillian and Ruth Charles



Year 10 Burger Innovation & Development

After experimenting with burger patty flavours, we had our first burger prototype trial. Our best patty flavours were chosen by our stakeholders which went into our burgers. Further adjustments and refinements will be made to our prototypes for the burger competition.

*Year 10(82A)
& Mrs Verschuur*



Year 10 Materials Technology

This week, the Year 10 Materials Technology students were silk screen printing using paper templates in order to apply a design to fabric. They will be using their unique printed fabric to create a bespoke cushion cover. Watch this space to see the final outcomes!

Ms Kirkland



Year 10 Drama

On Tuesday March 4th Year 10 Drama students, who will be performing Shakespeare scenes for their assessment in Term 1, had the opportunity to take part in a Fight Choreography workshop.

The amazing Alexander from NZSSCS returned to teach the workshop, having guest taught the Year 10s last year. The workshop was booked to support the students in understanding the reality of what it is like to work with swords (more correctly, rapiers) eg handling and moving the weight of the rapier.

This amazing group of Year 10 students learned about the control and safety required to create a convincing and secure fight scene. This knowledge benefited those acting in Act 1, Scene 1 of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, "Do you bite your thumb at me sir?" fight scene. It created understanding amongst all the class about how to hold their bodies to portray characters that are ready to fight. They learned, in a very practical way, the danger and inherently dramatic nature of the Elizabethan world that Shakespeare so masterfully writes about.

Ms Kirsty Hamilton

RELAY FOR LIFE 2025

Once again, we're joining Relay For Life to celebrate, remember and fight back against cancer!

We're joining thousands of others in the unstoppable fight to create a future with less cancer. With your support, we'll make a real difference for New Zealanders with cancer and their whānau. The funds we raise will go to the Cancer Society's supportive care services, education programmes, prevention policy, and life-saving cancer research. Our team of over 100 students will be hitting the AUT Millenium track to take part in nonstop walkathon for 12 hours (rain or shine) on the 5th of April.

If you believe you would like to show your support via a donation, please click on the link provided. 100% of the fundraising goes to the Cancer Society.

Good luck to our students taking part in what really is an incredible cause.

<https://relayforlife.org.nz/t/marist-college-2025>



CoLab Each week Tues, Wed & Thurs from 3:10 – 4:15pm in the library.

All students are welcome! See the [roster](#) for teachers available to support your daughter in her learning. This roster is also available on SchoolBridge.

Student/Parent/Teacher Interview Bookings

are now open for Tuesday 25th March between 8:30am - 7:30pm

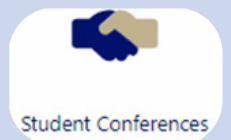
Year 7 - book a 10 minute appointment with your daughter's homeroom teacher.

Year 8 - 13 - book 5 minute appointments with your daughter's subject teachers.

Book online via our SchoolBridge App. Instructions on how to do this have been emailed out to all caregivers.

Bookings close March 24th at 2pm.

Please note: School is closed to all students for teaching on this day, but please bring them along to their interviews.



SchoolBridge Update:

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





MARIST COLLEGE
Family Festival 2025
Thursday 20 March
4 - 7:30pm

Donations Needed for Raffles & Prizes!

Donate items from home - gourmet food, vouchers, beauty products, unwanted xmas gifts, wine/spirits, etc. Drop off to the school office, with students House name, so they can earn House points.

Or donate a bulk food bundle: to help serve us tasty cuisines on food stalls <https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/2025-donating>

Every little helps, thank you!

School Charges

Term 1 is now due for payment

Please ensure you have a payment plan in place. If you need to discuss the account, please do not hesitate to contact Veronica Yates by email on v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz.

Extra-Curricular Activities

If your daughter joins up for any extra-curricular activity a statement will be issued and a due date for payment given. You are welcome to set up a separate payment plan for these activities. If you wish to do so please contact our Accounts Administrator, Veronica Yates by email on v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz.

Tax Donation Certificate (31/03/2025)

The Tax Donation Certificate for the year ending 31st of March 2025 will be emailed out in the first week of April. Please use this form to claim back up to 33.3% from the Inland Revenue. You can claim back as far as 2021 (4 years), if you require previous year's Tax Donations Certificates, please email your request to v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz.



MARIST COLLEGE
Family Festival 2025
Thursday 20 March

Pasifika Stall Menu

- Chop Suey
- Lu
- Taro
- Bananas in coconut cream
- Surimi salad
- Chicken drumstick

Cost \$12 a plate (one size only)

Thank you to our generous families that have donated chicken drumsticks.

We still need:

- Surimi salad
- Cooked bananas in coconut cream
- Cooked taro in cocount cream

Cooked food: Drop off by 12pm on 20 March, to the office or Food Tech room.

Please contact Agnes Milford if you are happy to donate any of the above items. Much appreciated.
 E: agnes.milford1@gmail.com M: 0210 567 379

Careers Hub

University of Otago Open Days

Sunday 4th and Monday 5th May. With a huge range of courses available and 15 different residential colleges, it is recommended that students who are interested in studying at Otago go to visit their open day in order to get all the information needed to make a good decision. Suitable for Y11-13 students.

For more details go to <https://www.otago.ac.nz/open-days>



Lunch Bags For Sale

Handy 5L lunch cooler bag made from tough 600D polyester. Water-resistant PEVA lining with PE foam insulation.



Woven carry handles. Zippered main compartment and a slip pocket.

\$25 each at our online store

<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/lunch-cooler-bag>

2025 SPORTS



Registrations are open

HEAD TO OUR SPORTS WEBSITE TO SIGN UP FOR 2025 SPORTS

IMPORTANT:

Please clearly name all belongings, uniform, laptop bags etc. This helps us to return items to the correct students quickly.



COME AND JOIN

MARIST STRING ORCHESTRA

JOINING THE ORCHESTRA IS A CHANCE TO MEET PEOPLE FROM ALL YEAR LEVELS, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND ENJOY PLAYING MUSIC TOGETHER. WHETHER YOU PLAY VIOLIN, VIOLA, FLUTE, CLARINET, CELLO, OR ANY OTHER ORCHESTRAL STRING INSTRUMENT.

COME JOIN NOW!

REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS FROM 7:30

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HOCKEY - KEY DATES

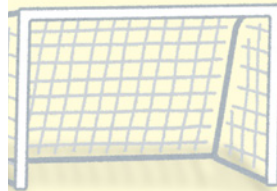


PRE-SEASON:

- GIVE-IT-A-GO DAY (ALL AGES + NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY) - SATURDAY MARCH 8TH | 9 - 11 AM | MT ROSKILL GRAMMAR TURF
- OPEN TO ALL AGES FITNESS TRAININGS - FRIDAYS STARTING MARCH 14TH | 7 - 8 AM | MARIST TURF

TRIALS:

- 1X, 2XI, U15 (U15 OPEN TO YR 7/8 EXPERIENCED/CLUB PLAYERS) - MON 24TH + WED 26TH MARCH | 6:45-8 AM | MT ROSKILL GRAMMAR TURF
- YEAR 7+8 - FRIDAY 4TH APRIL | 7 - 8 AM | MARIST TURF



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/>

DESIGNING THE FUTURE

Empowering young minds to engineer change

Saturday 15th March - University of Auckland Engineering Building - Terraces - Time: 12 - 3pm



Calling all Year 9 & 10 students!

Join us for a fun and interactive Women in Engineering STEM Workshop at the University of Auckland. Led by current women in engineering students, this hands-on session will explore real-world problems through exciting activities.

Discover the world of STEM; ask questions about engineering; meet inspiring students and future engineers. Parents are welcome to join us at the end for light refreshments and a chat! For any questions please contact Ella at ewil853@aucklanduni.ac.nz

[Sign Up Here](#)



For more info please contact Makerita at m.tagomoa@maristcollege.school.nz or 0223234367
Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako