



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 1 - Number 1
Thursday, 5 February 2026

From the Principal

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa. It is lovely to feel the Marist Spirit alive in our classrooms as we begin the school year.

A special welcome to our new staff, students, and whānau. I'm sure you'll feel at home here.

This year's school value is **Empowerment in Mary's Way, Whakamana i te Ara o Maria**—fostering self-worth and confidence in each person so they may fulfil their potential for excellence. Empowerment means challenging ourselves and supporting one another to take risks spiritually, academically, and across all areas of school life. *In Mary's Way* reminds us to remain grounded in our morals and to live out the Gospel Values with humility, love, and integrity as we strive to achieve our goals.

I look forward to seeing you live out these values throughout the year.

Welcome to our new staff:

- Miss Cornwell – English
- Ms Hanna – Long-term reliever
- Mrs Worsley – CL English
- Mrs Keene – Commerce
- Miss Ning – Mathematics
- Mr Gill – Digital Technology
- Ms Mallon – Te Reo Māori / Languages

As we head into Waitangi weekend, I hope you enjoy a safe and refreshing break.

This weekend gives us a moment to reflect on the significance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and what it means for us as a nation. I hope you find time to rest, connect with others, and appreciate this important part of our shared story.

Te Aroha o Te Atua,
Raechelle Tauku,
Principal/Tumuaki



KEY DATES

Term 1 2026

Week 3A

Feb 11 We Assembly/Liturgy/Polyfest
Y9 Whakawhanaungatanga
& P4 -5, Owairaka

12 Th PTFA New Parent Mixer 6pm

13 Fr Assembly/Ash Wednesday
& Inaugural Mass info

Rotation 1 - 5

14 Sa Valentine's Day
Kapa Haka 9am–3pm

Week 4B

16 Mo Europe Trip Info Evening
6:30pm, 220
PTFA Meeting 7pm staffroom

17 Tu Swimming Sports,
competitors only,
Mt Albert Aquatic Centre

18 We NRD Assembly/
Ash Wednesday

19 Th Assembly/Singing Practice

20 Fr Inaugural Mass, St Patrick's
Cathedral (no P1 & 2)

Rotation 2 - 1

21 Sa Kapa Haka 9am–3pm

Upcoming Events:

Feb 23 Mo Photo day

26 & 27 Open Days, 9am tours

Mar 3 Tu Hui, 6:30pm staffroom

4 We Y7 Boostrix (1) / Y8 HPV (1)
Gym

5 Th Evacuation practice P2
Cook Island trip meeting 5–6pm

Fono, 6:30–8pm, staffroom

5 & 6 Y7 Retreats (Whare Maria)

6 Fr PTFA Golf Day

10 Tu Athletics Day

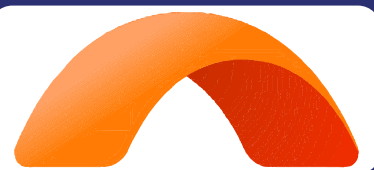
12 Th Family Festival, 4–7:30pm

13 Fr Y11-13 Drama trip P2-B2
ASB Waterfront Theatre

16 Mo NCEA info evening 6pm

Photo catchup day
PTFA Meeting 7pm

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



Download the
Marist College
SchoolBridge App

Barista Cafe Gateway Programme

The school year has only just begun but a group of Year 12 and 13 students are already well on the way to earning NCEA credits. In what has become a staple feature of the Gateway programme at Marist, the Barista-Café course was held two weeks ago, prior to school starting. The students involved had three days of training in customer service plus learning how to use espresso coffee machines, producing flat whites, cappuccinos, lattes, and mochaccinos, much to the appreciation of staff who were on site preparing for the start of school. These 20 students are now doing work experience in cafes around Auckland during the weekends, putting their skills into practice with front of house customer service.

Experiencing the highs and lows of working in hospitality can be very challenging, especially when cafes are very busy, but learning how to manage in these environments is great for building confidence and resilience. Successful completion of the programme will see each of these students earning 20 credits towards NCEA level 2-3.

Jenni Catley, Gateway Coordinator



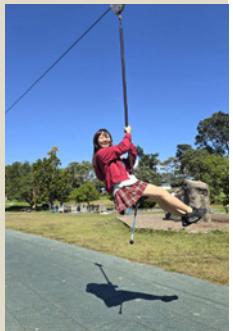
Welcome to our International Students

A huge welcome to our new international students who are starting in Term 1 and have travelled from China, Germany and Japan. We're so happy to see you here at school and we hope you enjoy everything that is happening this term.

Thanks to the buddies for your ongoing care and support and to the homestay families for hosting our international students.

If you would like to follow the international stories both here in NZ and offshore, please join us here:

Vivienne Kingsbury,
International Student Director



Lost Property

Please clearly name all belongings, uniform, laptop bags etc. This helps us to return items to the correct students quickly. Uncollected lost property gets donated to charity at the end of term. *Thank you*

Marist School & Marist College Golf Day

Maungakiekie Golf Club

Friday 6th March 2026

12pm for a 12:30pm Shotgun Start

Format: 4-Person Ambrose

Tickets are available online at

<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/2026-golf-day>

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.



MARIST COLLEGE Open Day

Tours at 9am

26th & 27th February

Co Lab

CoLab is back for 2026! Come to the library on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:15pm for support with your homework.

You can find the [CoLab roster here](#)

EUROPE HUMANITIES & ARTS TOUR APRIL 2027

INFORMATION EVENING



Monday 16th February
6.30pm
Drama Room

Defining Moments



Scan the QR code to register your interest

Europe Humanities & Arts Tour 2027 Info Evening

This is an exciting opportunity for our students to visit London, Florence, Sorrento and Rome, taking in cultural, historical and religious sites. Defining Moments will provide information on the itinerary, costs and answer any questions you may have about the trip. You can register for the evening using the QR code below.

Please note – if you have already registered and paid your deposit for the trip there is no need to attend this evening again (unless you would like to).

Please email

b.houliston@maristcollege.school.nz

with any questions.

2026 SPORTS



Registrations are open

HEAD TO OUR SPORTS WEBSITE TO
SIGN UP FOR 2026 SPORTS

If you need further information contact
sports@maristcollege.school.nz

Coaches & Managers Needed!

Our sports programmes are in need of your support. We are needing coaches and managers. If you can help, we would love to hear from you.

Currently needing coaches for:

Netball (all year levels)
Touch (Year 7 & 8)
Hockey (all year levels)
Volleyball

Why Volunteer With Us?

- ✓ School community connection
- ✓ Make a Real Impact
- ✓ Giving back with your expertise
- ✓ Boost Personal Growth

Good Vibes Company partners with Marist College for our school tuckshop. Follow the link below, select the "Online Orders" button in the top right corner, and choose Marist College to browse the menu and place orders.

Pre-orders can be made before 8am at the tuckshop window.

Online ordering is available here:

<https://thegoodvibes.co.nz/marist-school-ordering/>

Please note for our Good Vibes team to prepare your food with care, we require your order processed 9pm the day prior. Orders will be available for pick up from 11am until 12:30pm



Good Food, Great Vibes!

Swimming Sports

Reminder to sign up for Swimming Sports.
Students must sign up to attend.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/maristcollegeswimsports>

Statements for School Charges

A statement for the 2026 school charges will be issued as soon as the subject/option charges are added to the account. Until then, you can always view and pay the account using the SchoolBridge app. If you would like to set up an automatic payment, please do not hesitate to contact Veronica Yates at vyates@maristcollege.school.nz. We ask that all accounts are cleared in full by the 31st of October each year.

ATTENDANCE DUES

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2026 ATTENDANCE DUES CHARGES	PRIMARY STUDENTS	SECONDARY STUDENTS
per year (incl. GST)	\$544	\$1,124
per term (incl. GST)	\$136	\$281

Attendance Dues must be paid either in full at the beginning of the year or through regular instalments (weekly, fortnightly, monthly, or per term). Please note that paying in full at the end of the year is not an available option.



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.

For more information:
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>
Phone: (09) 360 3040 **Email:** acfl@cda.org.nz

Mō tātou, ā, mō ngā uri ā muri ake nei | For us, and our children after us.

Catholic Special Character Contribution

The Catholic Special Character contribution is used to fund the staff and services provided by the Catholic Education Services Board, who are responsible, on behalf of the Proprietor for maintaining and enhancing the Catholic Special Character of our schools. This includes:

Religious Education
Supporting schools to deliver high-quality, nationally approved Religious Education programmes.

Professional Development
Providing training for teachers and leaders to gain the qualifications and certification needed to teach and lead in Catholic schools.

Leadership Formation
Growing and forming strong Catholic leaders in our schools.

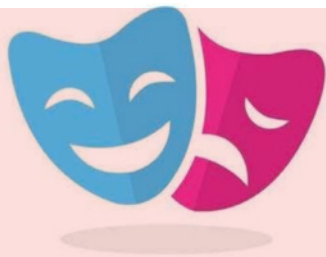
Governance Support
Supporting school Boards to govern with a Catholic worldview.



The contribution is \$70 per student per year, or \$17.50 per term. The contribution is tax deductible, and a 33% refund can be claimed from the IRD.

For more information go to:
www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-education-services/
Phone: (09) 360 3091 **Email:** ces@cda.org.nz

Your contribution ensures that the Catholic special character remains well-supported and at the heart of our schools.



KIDS 4 DRAMA
SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS
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Kids 4 Drama has a new monthly programme taking place in Mt Albert on the 1st Saturday of each month based at Marist College. A monthly workshop based club that teaches practical performance skills for children and teenagers.

Check it out at www.kids4drama.org or enrol at <https://kids-4-drama.classforkids.io/>

Email stephenkids4drama@gmail.com to find out more or to arrange a one off session trial.



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Family Festival 2026

Save the date

**Thursday 12th 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 Text 029 474 6660



MARIST COLLEGE

Trip for Years 7 to 10



Cook Islands

**23 - 30
September
2026**

Expression of Interest - Contact:

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