



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 3 - Week 4
Friday, 15 August 2026

From the Principal

We pray for Mary on the day of her Assumption.

Father in heaven,

all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you.

In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory
to be with him in heaven.

May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



- Thank you to the staff and students who organised our beautiful Marist Day Mass. Congratulations to Eliana Patel, Ruby Judd and Cocoa Patton on being awarded Service Leadership Badges. You are true role models of Mary in today's world.

- Thank you to the staff and Year 13 students for organising our fun Marist Day activities. Today was a great celebration of Family Spirit in Mary's Way.

- Congratulations to Yoshi Milford, Juanita Thomas, Magila Koloamatangi, Leilani Senio, Malia Muller, and Kalo Sundin for being awarded certificates of recognition from Bishop Steve Lowe for their outstanding care and commitment to helping others in our Diocese.

- Congratulations to our Lacrosse team for placing first in Division B across the season, winning gold. They also came second in Division B in the College Sport Lacrosse Tournament, winning silver.

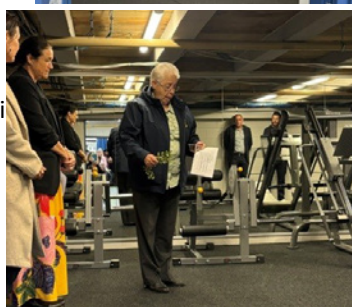
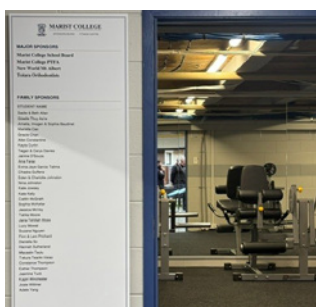
- Congratulations to our Basketball team for winning this year's College Sport U17A Grade! Undefeated all season; what an incredible accomplishment!

- Thank you again to our sponsors for their generosity in providing funds to make our Fitness Centre a reality. We held an official blessing and opening on Tuesday afternoon. PTFA Chair Gerard Thompson opened the space and Sr Lorraine blessed it. The Fitness Centre is open for use and membership available for all students and staff.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

Raechele Tauhi,

Principal/Tumuaki



KEY DATES

Term 3

Week	5B	Tongan Language Week
Aug 17	Mo	U17 Basketball Champs Options Evening 6-7:30pm PTFA Meeting 7pm
18	Tu	11TEC Microsoft trip, CBD Y11 class play rehearsal
19	We	Sports/Team photo day Assembly/VKN/Tongan Language Week Y11-13 FAB Fashion Week trip Y11 Class Play, 6:30pm, 219 Stand Up Stand Out Dance Competition Y9 & 10 Mathex Competition 6:30 - 9pm, Kohimarama
20	Th	Y11 SI Class Mass 8:20am St Mary's Church Fono 6:30pm, staffroom Y7 & 8 Mathex Competition Kohimarama, 6:30-9pm
21	Fr	School closed, mid term break Rotation 3 - 2

Week 6A

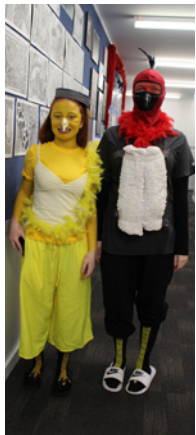
Aug 24 - 25	Y12 PE Camp
24 - 28	Cambridge Practice Exams
25	Tu Lockdown practice P3
26	We Assembly/VKW/Sports/Library/Student Council Y7&8 DanceMade Comp
27	Th Y11 LT Class Mass 8:20am St Mary's Church Y9-12 DanceMade Comp
28	Fr Y11 Careers assembly time Y12/13 Electoral Commission visit, assembly time DanceMade Competition pm Rotation 4 - 3
29	Sa Marybelles Kids Sing Rehearsal 12pm

Upcoming Events:

Aug 31	Mo	Y12/13 Tech trip to Spark BOT Meeting 6pm
Aug 31-Sept 4		Tournament Week
Sept 5-Sept 11		AIMS Week Y7/8 YMCA Sports Camp

Sept 6	Su	Father's Day
9	We	Kid's Sing, Town Hall
10	Th	College Sport Kī o Rahi Tournament, Otahuhu
11	Fr	International Student Social, Baradene 4:30pm
14 - 20		Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
15	Tu	Māori Taonga Evening, Library
16	We	Music & Dance Showcase
16 - 18		CAA Exams
17	Th	Y7 & 8 Kapa Haka Festival
21 - 25		Senior Exam Week
21	Mo	PTFA Meeting 7pm
25	Fr	Teacher Only Day Last Day Term 3

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





U17A Basketball – Undefeated Season!

What an incredible season for our U17A Basketball team!

In our first year competing in the College Sport Central, East & West U17A grade, the team has finished the season undefeated.

Made up of a mix of Year 8, Year 9 and Year 12 students, with the majority new to basketball, this team has shown tremendous growth, commitment and determination throughout the season.

Last night, they finished their season with a hard-fought final against Botany Downs Secondary School, holding their nerve in a closely contested match to take the win and secure the U17A title.

The team now turns its attention to the Greater Auckland Basketball Champs on Monday, where they will take on some of the best schools from across South Auckland and the North Shore.

Throughout the season, our players have demonstrated courage, discipline and determination, embracing every challenge and continuing to grow together as a team. We are incredibly proud of what they have achieved.

A massive thank you to Coach Lionel, Manager Victoria, and the many families and supporters who have travelled, encouraged and backed the team throughout the season. Your support has made a huge difference.

Congratulations team — what a season! Now, one more challenge!

Lacrosse Silver Placing

Congratulations to our Lacrosse team, who competed at the College Sport Lacrosse Championships yesterday at Avondale Racecourse.

The team played some fantastic games throughout the tournament, showing great skill, determination and teamwork. They finished the day with a hard-fought final, securing 2nd place in the 2nd Division.

This result caps off a fantastic season for the team, who finished 1st in the College Sport 2nd Division competition. A fantastic achievement and a testament to the commitment and hard work shown by the players throughout the season.

Well done, team, on an outstanding season!

A huge thank you to Coach Gary, Assistant Coach Gaby and our team Manager Frances for your dedication, support and all the work you have put into the team this season. Your commitment has helped make this such a successful and enjoyable season for our players.

Congratulations, Lacrosse team! We are very proud of you.



Visual Arts Showcase

On Friday 7 August, we held our annual Marist College Art Exhibition in the Atrium. It was an awesome evening and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the creativity and talent of our students alongside staff, whānau, and members of our wider community.

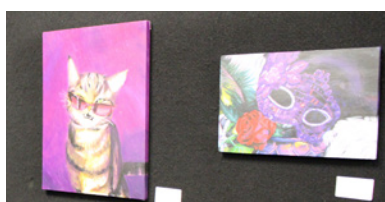
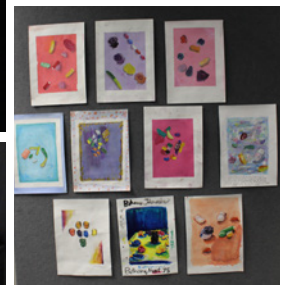
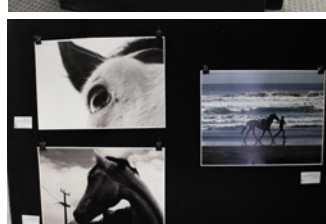
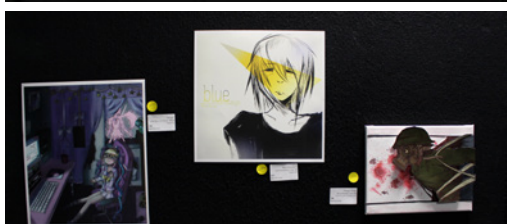
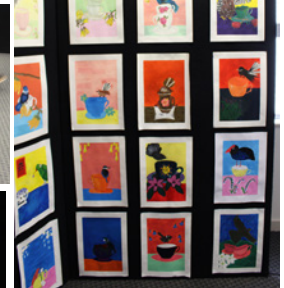
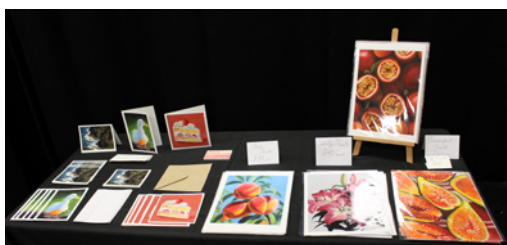
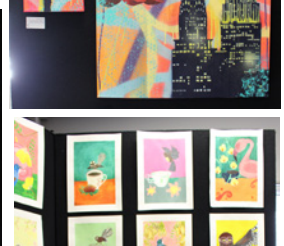
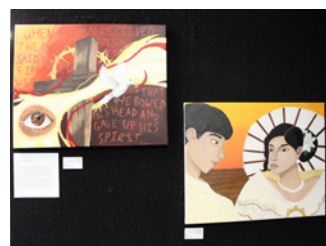
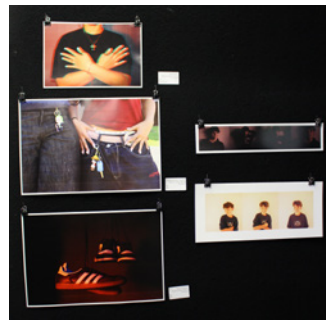
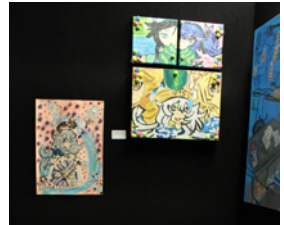
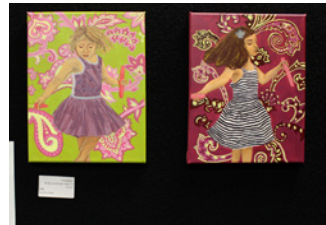
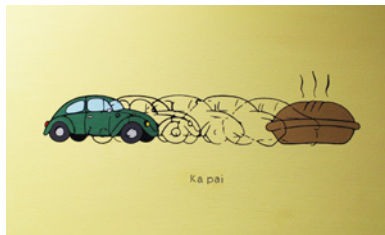
The artworks on display were outstanding, and reflected the creativity, commitment, and skill of our young artists. It was great to see so many people enjoying the exhibition and taking the time to appreciate the artworks our students pour so much of themselves into. Our talented musicians helped create a welcoming atmosphere with their performances, and the PTFA generously provided refreshments throughout the evening.

A huge thank you to our staff, students, and PTFA volunteers for all their hard work in making the exhibition such a success. We are incredibly proud of our students and grateful to everyone who joined us to celebrate their achievements.

Jessica Jacobsen, Curriculum Leader Visual Arts

Pat Hanley Opening

Last Friday, our Visual Arts leader attended the opening of the Pat Hanly Creativity Project at Toi Tamaki Auckland Art Gallery. Her work "Speaking in Tongues" was selected to be part of this exhibition and will be on display for the next three weeks.



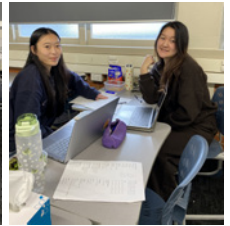
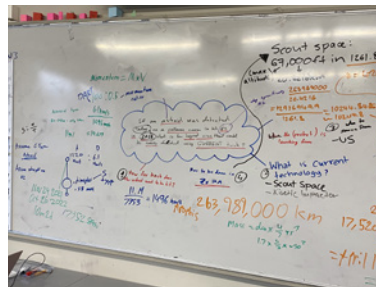
Mathematical Teams Challenge

Taking part in the NZESC competition was such an exciting and unforgettable experience. We were put into teams of three or four and given a question, giving us the chance to work with other students. The eight-hour competition challenged us to think creatively, solve problems under pressure, and apply what we had learned in ways we had never experienced in the classroom.

There were definitely moments when we were stuck but working as a team meant we could share different ideas, help each other out, and approach problems from different perspectives. Although the competition was demanding, the teamwork, laughter, and sense of achievement made the long day fly by.

It was a fantastic opportunity to challenge ourselves, work with other students, and discover just how much we could accomplish as a team.

Olivia Jiang, Year 13



Congratulations

to **Anasta Karouta**, Year 13, who recently travelled to Christchurch to take part in the National Cadet of the Year 2027 Selections, as one of six cadets from across New Zealand. As part of the selection process, the cadets delivered a presentation about the national impact of St John Youth and took part in an interview with a panel of judges. While Anasta was not selected as the overall *National Cadet*, she has been shortlisted for the *Regional Cadet of the Year* role, with the final selections taking place in September. Best of luck Anasta!



Twelfth Night Shakespeare Unit

As part of their preparation for the Literacy CAA, 10R have been developing their skills in writing informative articles for a real audience. Drawing on the English units they have studied this year, students have worked collaboratively to share their learning in a way that is informative, engaging, and relevant to our school community.

The article below showcases some of what 10R have learned throughout the year, while giving students the opportunity to practise the writing skills they will need to communicate clearly and effectively beyond the classroom.

During Term 1, 10R studied Twelfth Night as part of our Shakespeare unit. We discovered many new ideas about Shakespeare, his plays, and performing for an audience. The unit began with us learning more about Shakespeare before focusing on our play. After that, we began producing scripts and preparing to perform them to the class.

The unit started with us unpacking Shakespeare. This included learning about his family, his upbringing, where he lived, his plays and poems, and society at the time. We did a deep dive into the language, which included a demonstration of iambic pentameter by Ms Hill. Slowly, we became more prepared to translate a scene from Twelfth Night into modern-day language. The goal was to create a clear and entertaining piece. It was a great opportunity for us to discover new vocabulary, as you have to understand a word to be able to swap it for another. Our class was lucky enough to have a Shakespearean comedy to read and interpret, which kept things light-hearted.

We had so much fun learning and getting ready for our assessment. Performing was very nerve-wracking, but as we got into the scenes, everyone was so supportive, and it gave us all a big confidence boost. We really enjoyed watching the other performances and seeing how they created their own interpretations of scenes we had all read as a class. Each group had their own unique take on the performances, such as backgrounds and costuming, which really brought the pieces to life.

Across this unit, 10R learnt so much about the origins of Shakespeare's magnificent plays and poems, and how they came to be. Overall, we really enjoyed this unit and being able to express ourselves to our peers. This topic was a great start to the year!

Eve, Emily, and Emma

NCEA, Cambridge & Junior Options Evening

Monday, 17th August, 6pm, in the Gym

We encourage all current Year 9 - 12 students and their families to attend. This evening provides an opportunity to learn more about NCEA, explore the option subjects available for Years 10 - 13 at Marist College, and find out about Cambridge courses offered in Years 10 and 11.

Curriculum Leaders will be available to answer questions about subjects within their learning areas, and university representatives will also be on hand to discuss future study pathways.



Careers Expo at MAGS

This week Mt Albert Grammar School held their annual Careers Expo and generously extended an invitation to families from Marist and Elim Colleges to also attend. A big range of tertiary training providers attended including universities, trades training, polytechs, Police, Defence Force, alternative education providers (foundation and bridging courses), offering something for everyone.

It was good to see some Marist families taking the opportunity to engage with these training advisors, especially those who were unable to attend our big expo with the other central Catholic schools at St Peter's last term. A wonderful group of Year 12 students volunteered to be the face of Marist for the evening, greeting people on arrival to ensure that our whanau felt welcome.

Jenni Catley, Careers Advisor

Year 9 Retreat

Our retreat was held in Mount Albert Baptist Church, just a short walk away from Marist College. We went with 9M and got to wear casual clothing. It was absolutely fantastic, especially since I had never been to a retreat before. We had two lovely people who led our day. Both were ex-Marist girls, Liv and Angela. They told us lots of information about the House patrons of Marist College. We did lots of fun activities like heads or tails and synergy. Liv asked us all about our costumes for Marist Day. We also learned about the difference between a virtue and a value and more about our school values, including what each of them mean. At the end of the day, we had a closing liturgy, and we were given a phone case/wallet memo about how we could live in Mary's way. We also had a group photo. *Adriel, 9T*



University of Auckland Catalyst

Catalyst 2026 was an incredibly interesting and enlightening experience. A group of 11 girls from Marist spent two days at the University of Auckland with many other Year 12 students from around the country. We attended a range of mini lectures, breakout sessions, and hands-on workshops. These covered things ranging from Musicology and Anthropology, to Bioengineering, Design, and Law.

We were all so lucky to have been selected to attend this exciting event, and we would highly recommend this programme for future Year 12s who are interested in exploring various career paths and getting a taste of university life.

Zenia, Michalle, and Eva



UoA Waipapa Ōhanga Rau

On Wednesday, five of our Year 11s participated in a day organised for Māori taura, introducing them to learning possibilities which can unlock at the University of Auckland. Through interactive workshops and hands-on activities, they were encouraged to think critically about their subjects, assessments, and future aspirations. The programme also included having them imagining themselves in tertiary spaces, exploring future pathways plus connecting with other Māori students. It was great to see our ex-Marist Māori students helping in leading this kaupapa at the university; Ata Kerrison who is a Māori Student Ambassador and Nia Cherrington-Thomas who is the Māori Schools and Community Liaison person.

'E kite ai ngā taonga o te moana, me te mākū koe.'

If you seek the treasures of the ocean, you'd better get wet. Opportunities are found by those willing to step forward and get involved.

Makerita Tagomoa-Papali'i, Year 11 Academic Dean



Students' one takeaway from the day:

- 'The bond between my Māori Year 11 peers'.
- 'There is more to university than studying because of the number of opportunities UoA provide'.
- 'I loved the fact that we got to eat at the food court'.
- 'I enjoyed the tours around the university and the love for the culture they had'.

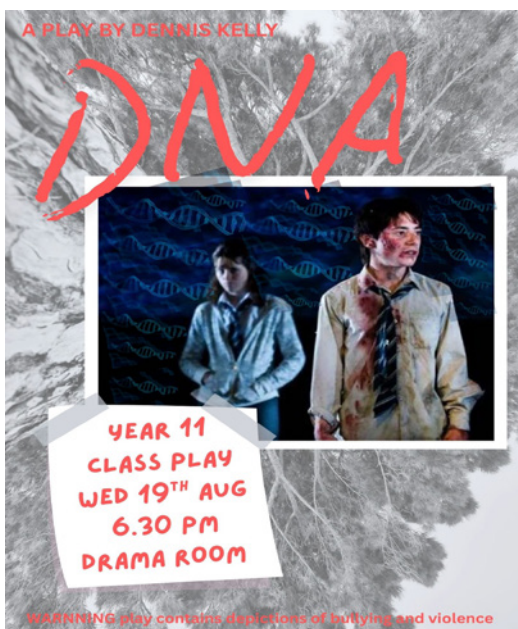


Tough Gal

On Wednesday 12th August, some of the 13PE went out to the Kumeu Showgrounds to compete in the Tough Gal competition.

Congrats to Lucy Henshaw who came in first for Marist College, within the top 20 secondary school girls.

Tess Murphy,
Deputy Principal
Pastoral Care



Careers Hub

Upcoming Open Days

For students considering going to university in the future it is a good idea to attend university open days in both Year 12 and Year 13. These events offer the opportunity to look around at the campus, see the facilities, imagine what it would be like to attend. There are often info sessions about different degree programmes and the opportunity to speak to current students and staff for each faculty.

Prospective students can also learn about changes to programmes and entry criteria and discuss the pros and cons of different majors, combinations, and pathways. In addition there's usually entertainment, giveaways, interactive activities and a chance to see extra student facilities such as uni halls, rec centre/ gym, marae/ Pacific centre, student support services etc.

Thursday 20 August

- **QRC info night**, (Newmarket) 6-8pm. QRC presentation & Q&A session. [Register here](#)

Friday 21 August

- **Victoria Uni** open day, 8am-3pm (Wellington) [Open day info](#) [Hall and campus tours](#) [Campus map](#) [Register](#)
- **Massey Uni Wellington** open day [Open day info and register](#)
- **Learning Connexion School of Creativity and Art** open day (Lower Hutt) [Open day info](#)

Friday 28 August

- **Canterbury Uni** open day, 9am-5pm (Christchurch) [Register](#) [Open Day programme](#) – book for the sessions you want to attend! Sometimes spaces are limited.

Saturday 29 August

- **University of Auckland** open day, 9am-4pm. UoA [Manawa Mai Open Day](#) [Open Day Map and Programme](#) – you can't book for sessions at UoA, just get in early to get a seat. (If a room is full they don't allow more people in) [Download free ticket for AT bus or train to UoA open day](#) [Register](#)
- **AUT LIVE**, AUT open day, 9am-3pm. [AUT Live](#)

Saturday 5 September

- **Unitec** open day, 10am-2pm Mt Albert and Waitakere campuses. [Open Day Info](#)

Saturday 12 September

- **MIT open day**, 9:30am-12:30pm, TechPark and Manukau campuses. [MIT Open Day](#)

University Transition Summer Programmes for Year 13s

Year 13 students intending to go to university in 2027 can undertake a 6 week university preparation programme over the summer. Both UoA and AUT offer these. During the programme students will:

- Become familiar with the campus and the student support services available.
- Learn about university study, how to structure assignments, find resources, reference correctly.
- Complete a 100-level university paper, with points that can count towards their degree (general education course).
- Participate in many fun activities, sports etc. and meet other students.

Undertaking a programme at either of these universities does not require the student to commit to studying at that university, they could then go on elsewhere (although the points may not count at another uni).

- **AUT UniPrep Programme** – this programme is open to all students, is held at AUT's South Campus (Manukau) and is completely FREE
- **UoA has three different programme options**, one for Māori students, one for Pacific students, and a general one. There is a cost of approximately \$1000 for the programme, but some scholarships are available. To apply for one of the UOA summer programmes, a student must have applied to study there in 2027
 - [Toia ki Waipapa \(Maori\) Summer Start](#)
 - [UniBound Summer \(Pacific Students\)](#)
 - [UOA Summer Start \(General\)](#)
- **Scholarships** are available for students with financial hardship to attend a UOA Summer programme [Kokiri Raumati Scholarships](#) (applications for these open late Nov/ early Dec)

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School Charges

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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.

Should you wish to discuss the account, please contact Veronica Yates by [Email here](#) Thank you

 **Reuben O'Neill Bursary**

Families who apply for the Reuben O'Neill Bursary desire a Catholic education for their child.

See links below for:

- [Information](#)
- [Application Form](#)

MARIST COLLEGE PTFA

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Play Your Part this Netsafety Week

Netsafety Week is taking place 17–23 August 2026, bringing together communities across Aotearoa New Zealand to help create safer online spaces.

This year's theme, Online Safety is a Team Sport – Play Your Part, reminds us that online safety isn't just one person's responsibility. Whether you're helping someone spot a scam, supporting young people online, promoting respectful digital behaviour or simply starting a conversation, every action makes a difference.

Throughout the week, you can access free online safety resources, join expert-led webinars and discover practical ways to help your whānau, workplace or community stay safer online.

Learn more and explore ways to get involved:
<https://netsafe.org.nz/netsafety-week-2026>

Welcome to Term 3's Fono!

Whakamānā i Te Ara o Maria - Empowerment in Mary's Way

Thursday 20 August 2026
6:30 - 8:00pm

Focus: Strengthening Partnership

Meet in the staffroom and please bring a plate of food to share.

RSVP your attendance by clicking on this [Form](#)

Fa'afetai, Mālō 'aupito, Vinaka
Veronica Verschuur
Food Technology & Pasifika Liaison Teacher

NIE National Institute of Education CAREERS FUTURE DOCTORS AUSTRALIA

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Helping 14–18 year old students discover if medicine could be the right career path for them



The Future Doctors Australia Program offers students aged 14–18 a unique opportunity to explore whether medicine could be the right career path for them. During the four-day program, students take part in a range of hands-on clinical activities and spend time with doctors who share firsthand insights into medical careers and daily life in the profession. Students also participate in communication skills workshops, explore what a future in healthcare may involve, and learn about pathways and admission processes for studying medicine in Australia, including an introduction to the UCAT and medical interviews. All details are available at niecareds.com.au