



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 3 - Week 5
Thursday, 20 August 2026



From the Deputy Principal

This week, our Year 10 to 12 students began selecting their option subjects for next year. This is an exciting milestone, particularly for our Year 10 students as they start to consider what their senior school journey may look like. We encourage families to discuss future pathways with their daughters and support them to make informed subject choices by selecting courses that align with their strengths, values, and future goals.

While our senior students are beginning to look ahead to the opportunities and challenges of next year, it is important to remain focused on the busy term ahead. As Mrs Taulu reminded us at this week's assembly, there are just eight weeks of school remaining. This equates to approximately 40 school days and only 28 lessons per subject before NCEA examinations begin.

Alongside increasing academic demands, many students are also balancing commitments to sport, the performing arts, extra-curricular activities, and their whānau and friends. Families can play an important role in supporting their daughters during this time by:

- Talking with your daughter about her assessment workload and helping her map out key due dates, including study plans for derived grade examinations.
- Encouraging regular attendance at school. The learning that takes place in class is invaluable, and we know that students who attend regularly achieve at higher rates and experience fewer gaps in their learning.
- Supporting a healthy balance by encouraging time for rest, prayer and the activities that she enjoys.

If your daughter feels she needs additional support, please encourage her to speak with her teachers, Academic Dean, or Dean. We are here to work alongside her and help ensure she achieves her personal best.

- A huge congratulations to our Basketball team, who have won the College Sport U17A Greater Auckland Basketball Tournament!
- Thank you to the managers and coaches who made themselves available to support a team.
- Congratulations to the girls who competed in the Central Zone Cross Country. Well done to Matilda Scott who placed 2nd in the Year 8 Girls and Joanmary Jose placed 10th in Year 7 Girls.

Ngā manaakitanga

Dr Browyn Houlston, Deputy Principal Curriculum



Students preparing for Mathex competitions



KEY DATES

Term 3

Week 6A

Aug 24 - 25	Y12 PE Camp
24 - 28	Cambridge Practice Exams
25 Tu	Lockdown practice P3
26 We	Assembly/VKW/Sports/Library Y7&8 DanceMade Comp
27 Th	Y11 LT Class Mass 8:20am St Mary's Church Y9-12 DanceMade Comp
28 Fr	Level Assemblies Y11 Careers, assembly time Y12/13 Electoral Commission visit, assembly time DanceMade Competition pm Rotation 4 - 3
29 Sa	Marybelles Kids Sing Rehearsal 12 - 5pm (218)

Week 7B Tournament Week

Aug 31 Mo	Y12/13 Tech trip to Spark BOT Meeting 6pm
2 We	Assembly/VSD/Enviro/ Student Council Malosi UoA Law School Trip
3 Th	Y11 CP Class Mass, 8:20am St Mary's Church
4 Fr	Assembly/Performing Arts/ Head Girls/Science Badges Rotation 5 - 4

Sept 5-Sept 11 AIMS Week

Sept 6 Su Father's Day

Upcoming Events:

Sept 7-11	Y7/8 YMCA Sports Camp
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 We	CAA Numeracy
17 Th	CAA Literacy, Writing, Reading
18 Fr	CAA Literacy (save date)
18 Fr	Awa Run Kainga Kakahu Day Sausage Sizzle
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
Oct 12 Mo	First Day Term 4
	11CAM External Exam
13 Tu	Pasifika Graduation
14 We	11CAM External Exam
14 - 16	Y13 PE Camp
15 Th	11SCX External Exam
	Performing Arts Awards
16 Fr	Y7 & 8 Social

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

Basketball Champions!

A huge congratulations to our Basketball team, who have won the College Sport U17A Greater Auckland Basketball Tournament!

Continuing their unbeaten run this season, the team showed that they can have fun, stay focused, play through the tough moments, and support their teammates throughout the day.

And they did it all while smiling and having plenty of fun both on and off the court!

Not bad for a team made up of Basketball, Netball, Rugby, League and Football players!

What a fantastic way to finish their season. A big thank you to everyone that has come to watch and support them at their games. They have enjoyed having their school support!



Cross Country Muddy Success

It was a great day at Central Zone Cross country yesterday with our six students. They all did well, with last minute changes to the course due to works at the park. We had a few lost shoes in the mud but lots of smiles at the end.

Congratulations Matilda Scott who placed 2nd in the Year 8 Girls and Joanmary Jose placed 10th in Year 7 Girls. Both runners will compete at the Interzone event next Friday 28th August against the North, West and South zones.



College Climbing

Eva and Ella had a great finish to the College Series Climbing at Boulder Co on Sunday. They had a record 300 students registered for the final event across Junior and Senior. There were lots of challenging climbs the girls attempted using skill, problem solving and determination. They showed great Marist Spirit, cheered each other on and worked together on solving some of the more tricky climbs.

Eva and Ella ended up tied in 34th place. It was very tight scoring with only one point between 25th and their 34th using countback scoring for their final placings.

Both really enjoyed the day with lots of spot prizes given out and a great team running the competition. A great highlight was watching the NZ Oceania Champ compete alongside the girls.

This was an excellent practice for when they both compete at AIMS next month. Onwards and upwards for the Marist Rock Climbing team!



Digital Technology Microsoft Trip

Year 11 Digital Technology students were lucky to have the opportunity to visit Microsoft in Auckland CBD this week. It was a great opportunity to learn about careers in tech.

We saw how they were using Artificial Intelligence in their work and had a chance to create an AI-coded website or app. We also heard from a panel of women who work in tech which empowered us to consider tech as a future career path.

Thank you to ShadowTech for organising the trip.

Nick Gill, Digital Technology Teacher

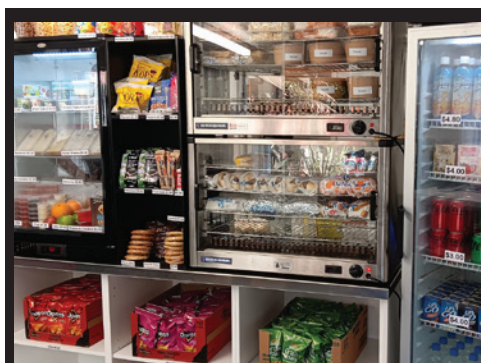


Year 11 Drama

On Wednesday, the Year 11 Drama class performed *DNA*, a play written by Dennis Kelly. The whole class did an admirable job of tackling some tough but relevant topics, especially for teens. These included bullying, peer pressure and moral dilemmas created by a scenario that was engineered by the teen characters in the play.

Well done to all of the students involved. The play was enjoyed by all who attended the performance.

The PA Team



MARIST COLLEGE CMS Tuckshop NOW OPEN

[View the full menu range here](#)

Select, purchase and enjoy in person.
No online orders available.

See you there!

School Charges

Term 3 is due for payment. Please ensure you have a payment plan in place. Please check the Portal on SchoolBridge to view any outstanding finances and arrange for payment.

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 at v.yates@maristcollege.school.nz

Thank you

" 10 Things I Hate About You " our Narrative Writing 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.

10R's narrative writing unit in Term Two focused on the film *10 Things I Hate About You*. This unit helped us to expand our writing skills, and it was super fun to take part in.

Throughout the unit, we discussed key moments from the film and learnt specific strategies we could use to make our writing more captivating and engaging. *10 Things I Hate About You* is a rom-com, which was especially entertaining for us, and it was very engaging. We learnt what a narrative is and how to write one. We also had lots of opportunities to give and receive feedback from our peers, which helped us make our writing even better.

After we had watched the movie, we each had to pick a main character and write a prologue or an epilogue for the film from their point of view. Throughout this writing task, we had a series of criteria to follow, such as using proper grammar, including language features, and meeting the word count. A lot of people found writing to a word count difficult, as either their ideas wouldn't flow, or they'd come tumbling out too quickly! Luckily, we have two very helpful teachers, Ms Hill and Ms Purdie, who were willing to aid us through our struggles. They provided us with different activities to help us properly edit our scenes. We all ended up with multiple drafts and a final piece, so our markers would be able to see our progress throughout the assessment.

Our group mutually agreed that we thoroughly enjoyed this topic, and we would happily do it again. This narrative writing unit gave us editing, spelling, and writing skills that we are finding very helpful as we prepare for our Literacy CAAs in September.

Violet, Henieta, and Poppy



Administration Assistant Wanted

Marriage & Family Life Ministry is seeking a part-time Administration Assistant (16 hours per week) to support its work serving marriage and family life. Based at the Pompallier Diocesan Centre. **Applications close Friday 4 September**

To learn more and to apply, please visit:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/



Catholic COFFEE GROUP
for parents and grandparents
all are welcome! ♥

OUR NEXT COFFEE GROUP IS
SATURDAY 5 SEP
11AM TO 12PM

SACRED HEART CHURCH HALL
16 VERMONT STREET
PONSONBY
CHURCH AND OFF STREET PARKING

You're invited!
COME FOR COFFEE, CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY.

Faith Friendship Community ♥

Local Youth Ministers Wanted!

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is looking for self-motivated relationship-builders to become part-time Local Youth Ministers, working in a secondary school and/or parish. This is a unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people!

To learn more and to apply, please visit:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

SEASONS FOR GROWTH (SFG)

A grief and loss and coping with change process for children and teens

COMPANION TRAINING DAYS

Whanau Room
Mangere East Primary School
16 Ferguson Street, Mangere East, Auckland

Thursday 17th and Friday 18th September 2026
9am to 3pm each day

Companions work for 8 weeks in 1-hour meetings with small groups of children/teens identified by their parents, caregivers or teachers as needing to process a loss of some kind that is affecting their day-to-day well-being and function and to develop coping strategies.

Who can train as a Companion?

SENCO, Teachers, Teacher Aides, RTLB, SWIS, Social Workers, Family Workers

What's it all about?

Seasons for Growth is an enjoyable, creative, safe learning experience which:

- Supports young people and adults to understand and manage the issues they experience through change and loss
- Educates and develops skills for coping, problem solving and decision making
- Helps restore self confidence and self-esteem and builds a peer support network
- Draws on extensive research in developing a sound educative response to loss and grief

Cost: \$250.00 – payable to Catholic Diocese Auckland- invoice sent upon completion

Includes Companion Manual, Morning and Afternoon Tea

Lunch break – there's bakery, takeaway shops, KFC and Countdown nearby

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE Independent evaluation funded by the Commonwealth Department of Family Service and the National Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy states:

"Seasons for Growth makes a substantial contribution to the well-being of young people in a way that no other programme does."

To request an Application for Companion Training email Liza Zapata: liza@mefsc.org.nz

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.

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](#) [Map & 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/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)