



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term 3 - Week 6
Friday, 28 August 2026

From the Principal

With start of derived examinations just three weeks away, now is the time for all our senior students to focus on effective exam preparation and strong study habits. The effort students invest over the coming weeks can make a significant difference to their NCEA results and help them develop skills that will benefit them throughout their education.

Effective exam preparation is about more than simply rereading notes. Successful students plan their study time, review key concepts regularly, practise past examination questions, and seek support when they need it. These habits build confidence, improve understanding, and help reduce exam-day stress.

Derived examinations provide an important opportunity for students to experience examination conditions, assess their progress, and identify areas for improvement before the final external examinations later in the year. With three weeks remaining, even small amounts of focused study each day can have a significant impact on achievement.

For students considering university study, success in external assessments is particularly important. The University of Auckland notes that admission and rank scores are based substantially on achievement in NCEA standards, including externally assessed standards. Developing the discipline and examination skills required to achieve at least 20 external credits helps students prepare for the demands of first-year university study, where independent learning, revision, and examination performance are key to success.

We encourage all students to make the most of the next three weeks by setting goals, creating a study schedule, attending co-lab, and practising consistently. The study habits developed now will support success not only in this year's examinations but also in future academic and career pathways.

Well done to our Cambridge English, Mathematics, and Science students who have already completed their practice exams.

- Congratulations to the students who competed in this year's DanceMade NZ competition. Thank you to our student coaches who choreographed and prepared our dancers.
- Good luck to our Hockey, Football, and Netball tournament teams heading to New Zealand Secondary School Winter Sports Tournaments next week.
- Congratulations to Beth Gunns, Haru Pinedo Shinohara, and Sophie Slinn who were selected to showcase their fashion designs in the Walk the Line student fashion show at New Zealand Fashion week last Saturday.
- Congratulations also to Aisling Byrne, who was selected as one of only two student compères at the Walk the Line fashion show and was amazing!
- Good luck to Lily Ryan competing in this weekend's equestrian horse-riding competition.

Te Aroha o Te Atua
Raechelle Tauhi
Principal/Tumuaki



Walk the Line Young Designers Fashion Show

KEY DATES

Term 3

Week	7B	Tournament Week
Aug 31	Mo	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		AIMS Games, Tauranga
Sept 6	Su	Father's Day

Week	8A	Social Justice Week
Sept 5 - 11		AIMS Games, Tauranga
Sept 7 - 11		Y7/8 YMCA Sports Camp
7	Mo	Y12/13 Tech trip to Spark
9	We	Assembly/Social Justice/ Academic/Wellbeing Kid's Sing, Town Hall
10	Th	Y11 SI Class Mass, 8:20am St Mary's Church Open Mic B2, 219/220 AT Guest Speaker B2, 134 Y11 Pacific Wayfinders UoA Medical School College Sport Kī o Rahi Tournament, Otahuhu
11	Fr	Assembly/Te Ara o Maria/ 100% Attendance Awards International Student Social, Baradene 4:30pm
Rotation 1 - 5		

Upcoming Events:

Sept 14 - 20	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
15	Tu Māori Taonga Evening, Library
16	We Music & Dance Showcase
16	We BOT Student Rep Elections P2 in class 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 10COM Market Day B2 Performing Arts Awards
16	Fr Y7 & 8 Social
19	Mo Y11COM Market Day B2 PTFA Meeting 7pm
21	We 11SCX External Exam
22	Th 10&11CAE External Exam
For a full school calendar go to https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/calendar	

Walk the Line Young Designers Fashion Show

Senior Material Technology students: Beth Gunns, Haru Pinedo Shinohara and Sophie Slinn had garment designs selected for this year's Raise Up, Walk The Line Young Designers Fashion Show which is held during New Zealand Fashion Week. On Saturday, over 70 student-designed and made garments were modelled in the catwalk show in Shed 10 on Queen's Wharf in the city. Year 11 student, Aisling Byrne, was one of the excellent student compères for the show. Well done girls. What a fantastic experience for you.

This year I had the privilege of being part of a youth fashion show that was presented in New Zealand Fashion week. After hours of hard work I got to model my ball dress that I made, on the runway. It was an unforgettable show. I met so many incredible people who shared similar interests with me and I highly recommend if you are thinking about entering next year, that you do! **Beth Gunns**, Year 13

Walk the Line was such an amazing experience. I was grateful to have had the chance to see what the fashion industry is like, from backstage to on the runway. Being able to watch my design walk down the runway was so surreal. I met so many like-minded young people who also had a passion for fashion! **Sophie Slinn**, Year 12



Garment designed by Haru for the Enchanted Earth category, modelled by Laura Ngui, Year 13.



Garment designed by Sophie for the Avant Garde category, modelled by Mia Merrick, Year 12.



NZ Fashion Week

The senior Materials Technology students enjoyed a fun trip to watch two catwalk fashion shows at Shed 10 during New Zealand Fashion Week: The Studio, which included several fashion designers' work including Sylvester; and The Graduate Collections from Whitecliffe, Massey University and Otago University. The pumping music and blue ambient light created a night club atmosphere while we waited for the shows to start. Looking forward to next year's New Zealand Fashion Week!

The New Zealand Fashion Week trip was honestly an awesome experience - seeing the industry up close and being part of the whole environment was amazing. Being surrounded by so many different styles and seeing how designers, especially the graduate artists, built garments with such clear purpose and influence made the whole experience one of the best of the year. **Kalo Sundin**, Year 11

I really enjoyed watching the two shows on Wednesday with my class. It was fascinating to see all the unique and artistic designs being modelled, and overall it was a new and exciting experience for me. **Sarah Chan**, Year 11

Our trip to the fashion show was such an incredible opportunity, and getting to see all of the graduates' amazing creations was really inspiring. **Mikayla Troy**, Year 11

I have never had a better field trip in my life, and I am so grateful for all those who organised and allowed this to happen this year! Such a cool and unforgettable trip, jealous of those who get to go next year! **Beth Gunns**, Year 13

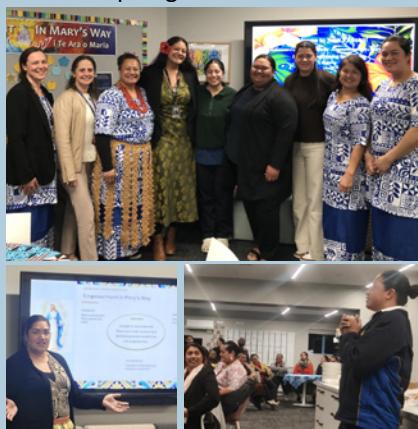
New Zealand Fashion week was an amazing way to see all the talent and potential that Kiwi students have. All the clothes were amazing and looked incredible on the runway! **Taylor Clayton**, Year 13

Pasifika Fono – Journeying Together

Our Term 3 Pasifika Fono brought together students, families, staff, and alumni under the theme *Journeying Together – Strengthening Partnership*. Our alumni shared inspiring stories of their journeys, highlighting the importance of faith, family, perseverance, and hard work in achieving their dreams. Students also reflected on their Term 1 goals and celebrated their progress.

The Board of Trustees also valued the opportunity to hear directly from our Pasifika families and gather parent voice to help inform the school's strategic plan. A wonderful evening of connection, encouragement, and partnership. Fa'afetai lava to our Pasifika families and community for your continued support.

Veronica Verschuur, Food Technology & Pasifika Liaison



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12PE Camp

On Monday and Tuesday, our Year 12 PE class took on the Pinnacles Tramp in the Coromandel. The 14km tramp was a great mental and physical challenge - which helped our class grow closer together - and we were well rewarded by the incredible views at the lookout.

Overall, the sunny weather brought out great views of the Kauaeranga Valley and Coromandel Peninsula for us to enjoy!

We then participated in active recovery through Aqua Aerobics. This recovery session helped us to move our bodies and relax our muscles. We enjoyed this Aqua Aerobics class very much, and would strongly recommend it to upcoming year levels.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Sandra Mu and Jock MacCauley for sacrificing their time and effort to accompany us along our journey up the Pinnacles. Without your support and help, we wouldn't have felt as motivated to complete our trip. Thank you very much and God bless!

Year 12 PE students



8R's Gourmet Sandwiches

Our focus was to make a quick, healthy, nutritious, and low-waste meal while understanding how ingredient choices affect sustainability. We also had to practice basic kitchen safety and hygiene practices.

8R Food Technology



7M's Brain-Boosting Breakfast

Our focus was to plan and create a brain-boosting breakfast that contain nutrients for energy, health, and brain function. We enjoyed creating and eating our customised breakfast toast dishes. They were delicious.

7M Food Technology



The Hunger Games: 10R's Experience

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.

In Term Two, 10R began their novel study. For this unit, we are focusing on Suzanne Collins' novel *The Hunger Games*. The novel is part of a wider series, with themes of love, death, and friendship expanding our imagination and vocabulary and opening our minds to the world of dystopia.

The Hunger Games dives into the life of Katniss Everdeen, a brave 15 year-old who looks after her family with the help of her hunting mate, Gale. She volunteers to take her sister's place at the Reaping and is then forced to fight for her life against the other tributes. Katniss shows courage and strength despite her life being put on the line.

As a Year 10 class, we found her actions inspiring. While she was put through tough times, she never gave up. Being teenage girls ourselves, we see Katniss as an example of independence and leadership. Although we definitely won't have to experience something like the Hunger Games in our lives, this book displays what life could be like through a different angle. Reading this novel has opened us to a range of new ideas and creativity.

We personally found this book entertaining and enjoyable. If you haven't read it, it's definitely something you could binge-read, or even watch in your free time. This dystopian novel shows a corrupt world that we all hope won't ever come true. We are so excited to continue with this unit once our CAAs are completed, so we can continue this learning experience.

Lani, Anne, and Ava.



Thursday 10th September
Break 2 | Drama Rooms

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/MltqVFq7lk>

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Donate your used uniform

We take all uniform items such as long skirts (all sizes), cardigans (all sizes), blouses (all sizes), blazers (all sizes), hats and scarves. Please ensure all items are in good condition or they will not be accepted. These can dropped into reception with your name/daughter's name.

For queries please email
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Co Lab

Come to the library on Tuesdays, Wednesdays &
Thursdays from 3:15 – 4:15pm
for support with your homework.



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.

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 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)

Projects Abroad Volunteering Experiences

PROJECTS ABROAD.

Projects Abroad organise short term overseas volunteering experiences during school holidays for 14-18 year old high school students.

There is a webinar on **Monday 14 September 8:30-9:30pm** to explain their upcoming projects in Fiji, Cambodia, Nepal, Tanzania and Peru with experiences relating to • Community Work and Early Years Development; • Conservation Work; • Human Rights and Social Justice; • Construction & Sports. To find out more about these projects, [register for the webinar here](#)

Whakapiki Ake Whānau Hui-Ā-Rohe

AUCKLAND CENTRAL
University of Auckland GRAFTON CAMPUS - Robb Lecture Theatre
Wednesday 2nd September @ 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Rangatahi Yr 9-13 & Whānau

Building Strong Foundations for the Future

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Making Choices that Matter-Keep future options
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Saturday, 30th August, 11am - 2pm

Marist Primary Hall

book & bake sale



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AUCKLAND WEEKEND



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Auckland Weekend Program

Saturday October 17th - Sunday October 18th
Freemans Bay Community Centre
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HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Monday 28th September - Friday 9th October 2026
held at both venues



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Week One
Commences Mon 28 Sep - Fri 2 Oct

Week Two
Commences Mon 5 Oct - Fri 9 Oct

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7 Allison Ferguson Drive
St Johns (OSCAR Accredited)

Windmill Park Venue
48 Windmill Road
Mt Eden



To book or for more information please contact:

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