



MaristCollege
Canberra

TOGETHER, WE CREATE FINE YOUNG MEN

Marist College Enews

Important dates

Thursday 21 February

Commencement Mass Year 4-12, 12 noon,
Marcellin Hall

Opening and Blessing of the Jubilee Building
Year 12 QCS Skills

Friday 22 February

Dempsey House Day

Academic Awards Ceremony Year 8-12

Monday 25 February

Junior School Swimming Carnival,
Queanbeyan Pool

Monday 25 February -

Friday 1 March

Year 9 Bungarra Challenge

Year 11 Retreats

Wednesday 27 February

Year 12 Study Day

Friday 1 March

School Clean Up Australia Day

Monday 4 March

Junior School GRIP Leadership

Tuesday 5 March

Moderation Day - no school for Years 4-12
students

Combined Leadership Day

Thursday 7 March

Senior School Athletics Carnival

Friday 8 March

Junior School Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 13 March

Year 9 Integration Day

Year 11 Study Program

Year 12 Study Day

SYMPATHY



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Morison family on the passing of Robyn Morison, mother of Greg (1989) and Nevin (1986), mother-in-law of Zaneta, and grandmother of Tyler (Year 6) and Kira.

Our deepest sympathy is also extended to Caleb Birch (Year 5) and family on the passing of his mother, Tammie.

Please keep the Morison and Birch families and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Dear Marist Family,

Your best teacher is your last mistake

One of today's challenges in the classroom is encouraging boys to extend themselves when faced with difficulty rather than allowing them to wait patiently for the correct answer to be provided. We all love the reward that comes with getting something right while the making of mistakes is too often viewed with caution. Mistakes can make us feel incompetent, they can be alarming and, at worst, result in a loss of confidence. Mistakes are personal, we judge ourselves by them and so we actively attempt to avoid them. Yet all the research informs us that mistakes are overwhelmingly encouraging, they do not define you and are an important part of making progress. While many boys understand that mistakes are vital for learning, when it happens their response can, at times, be simply to 'kick it away'.

A significant part of the role of the teacher is inextricably linked to mistakes. It is the teacher's responsibility to provide feedback, to explicitly comment what has to be done for improvement. I remember my own teachers doing the same to me, although sometimes this was reinforced with the odd 'strapping' of the hand! Fortunately teachers today take a more balanced, gentle approach to teaching and learning. The trick is to provide accurate feedback without damaging confidence or enthusiasm. Parents are in the same business and must 'strike a balance' by encouraging their children while ensuring attention is drawn to areas for development.

Paradoxically, while teachers remark on the errors of the students in their care, they receive very little feedback on their own performance. Research informs us that the single biggest influence on student outcomes is the quality of the teacher. Every other variable pales into insignificance. Yet, the teaching profession has historically been one of isolation and of personal pursuits. This year the College will encourage teams of teachers to visit colleagues in their classroom providing feedback, but more importantly, assessing the learning taking place in the classroom by watching the response from the boys. It is part of our instructional coaching model encouraging a culture of shared practice. Without doubt, the best teachers continually question what they do, how and why they do it and search for evidence of success. One of the strategic goals is for Marist College Canberra to continue to be a place where teachers learn and discuss a great deal about being better teachers.

A few years ago I received some timely feedback in need of reflection following my colleague's visitation to my classroom. It was constructive, gently phrased, considered and helpful; reminding me that I must remain a learner for life. Interestingly, I found some of the comments confronting and a little unexpected; I did employ him after all! Initially I adopted a fairly defensive response, very much like some of my students. Excuses become wonderful allies for perceived weaknesses. One of the greatest privileges of teaching is that it provides experiences forcing you to examine yourself in ways that are both difficult and immensely powerful. My hope is the boys in our care view their mistakes with an honesty to allow them to be open to growth, to place high expectations and a determination for progress.



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FROM THE HEADMASTER CONTINUED...

Students who miss school achieve less

It is often at this time of year the College begins to receive requests for leave for extended holidays or special events. While there may be occasions when leave is granted for representative sporting commitments, compassionate leave or special family celebrations, the usual response from the school is not to grant leave. It may surprise some that recent studies show the average academic achievement on NAPLAN tests declined with any absence from school and continued to decline as absence rates increased. The study showed that students who have as little as 10 days of absence in a year drop a band in the NAPLAN testing. Academic achievement takes time, it takes practice and it takes presence. Creating beautiful music is a result of many practice sessions; sublime swimming is a result of many sessions in the pool and a strong academic performance comes from many hours of focus. It is

interesting that high performing school systems in Japan and Korea have an absence rate that is about a quarter of the rate in Australia. Certainly cultural differences play their part but it is my hope that the culture at Marist is one that values attendance and supports the College in its expectations.

May St Marcellin continue to watch over our boys and their families.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Hutchison
Headmaster

ENROLMENT FOR 2020

Applications are now being accepted from families who may be considering enrolment at the College for siblings in 2020 (from Years 4 – 12).

We would also encourage current families to let any friends who may be interested in enrolment that they too can now apply online at: www.maristc.act.edu.au/enrol-at-marist

A reminder that applications need to be lodged no later than **Friday 31 May** to be considered for enrolment in 2020.

YEAR 10 IMMUNISATIONS - REMINDER

Year 10 students will have received their School Immunisation Consent Cards. A reminder to please sign and return the card back to the Medical Room promptly.

Both “yes” and “no” cards are being collected and the College needs to

have 100% of the consent cards returned. Year 10 students have their vaccinations on **Thursday 23 May**.

Thank you for your cooperation.

UNIFORM SHOP NOTICE

Volunteers are needed every **second Thursday**, 3.00pm - 5.30pm, plus once a month on a **Saturday**, from 9.00am – 12 noon.

Please call the Uniform Shop on 6298 7263 for details.

CANTEEN SPECIALS

Specials for Term 1:

- *Mondays* Spaghetti bolognaise
- *Tuesdays* Vegetable quiche
- *Wednesdays* Curry and rice
- *Thursdays* Beef or vegetable lasagne
- *Fridays* Fish and chips

A reminder that orders can be made online. Please **click here** for more information.

YEARS 8 – 12 NEW STUDENT MORNING TEA



The Deputy Headmaster and Head of Student Wellbeing Senior School welcomed those students who are new to the College in Years 8 – 12 with a morning tea on Thursday 14 February.



JUNIOR SCHOOL

FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

As we move to the familiar rhythm of school life, your son should be into a solid routine and finding things to be smooth and well organised. Please be sure that as parents you are supporting him with good use of the College Diary and Calendar and keeping on top of our routines and expectations. Please be sure that your son is in correct uniform and with acceptable hairstyle as noted in the College Diary.

Our Commencement Mass is on Thursday at 12 noon and for the first time, is a day time event where the boys will all be together to celebrate the beginning of the year. Seeing all 1,600 boys and staff together in Marcellin Hall is always impressive and I know our new boys will be in awe of the sight. Following that, the Archbishop will open the Jubilee Building on the site of the Brothers' Monastery. I believe it is symbolic that our newest building houses the creative arts faculties and the 'hands on' design and technology subject. This is a powerful message to our boys that education takes all shapes and forms.

I am grateful for the very positive feedback after the Information Evening last Tuesday. I know all enjoyed the chance to meet their son's teachers and learn more about our expectations and discover what lies ahead for the year. I think it is time we looked at the format of the evening and would welcome your comments and suggestions as we look to the future and plan for 2020. Thank you all for your attendance and please be assured of my full support as the year progresses.

Winter Sports Registrations are opening up online and I ask that you make yourself familiar with the Portal and the processes of online registrations. Whilst participation in a co-curricular activity is not compulsory, it is a wonderful thing to play sport for the College. Involvement in a club builds and nourishes our College's excellent culture. Any questions need to be directed to the individual clubs via the College website under the tabs [College Life/ Sports/ Club Contacts](#).

The Junior School Swimming Carnival takes place next **Monday, 25 February**. Year 5 also have camp at Jindabyne next month. These are just some excellent opportunities for your son to be challenged and to learn more about himself and how he operates as a member of a team. Marist offers many experiences and I know that boys who get in and grab every chance they can settle and enjoy College life, and have a stronger connection than those who choose not to participate. Families too have a much richer connection if they become active in the various clubs and sports and give their time and expertise where they are able.

I hope that all boys are settling very well to school. I am extremely grateful for the support shown to a couple of families that have experienced hardship, as the year got underway. Thank you for your care, concern and many offers of assistance. St Marcellin himself wrote: "...do all you can to ensure that charity is always maintained among you... love one another as Jesus Christ has loved you. Be of one heart and one mind..." (Spiritual Testament of Marcellin Champagnat).

I leave you in the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Eamonn Moore

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH SACRAMENT INFORMATION

We invite you to register your son to celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation (usually Year 3), First Eucharist (usually Year 4) or Confirmation

(usually Year 6) at Corpus Christi Parish, South Tuggeranong, in 2019. [Click here](#) to view details and registration forms.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Junior School Swimming Carnival is on next **Monday, 25 February**, at the Queanbeyan Pool. An information letter along with the Consent and Swimming Ability form was sent home previously and the form was due back by **Thursday 14 February**.

[Click here](#) to view a General Information sheet and the Race Program. Please take special note of Point 7.

We look forward to a great day and ask the boys to join in the team spirit of their House (but no hair colour).

Alan Keogh

Sport Coordinator





Marist Faith Formation



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GROWING GOOD MEN RETREAT



'Growing Good Men' is a unique opportunity for dads and their teenage sons to embark on a quest of discovery. A son's relationship with his father can be a powerful guiding force as he wrestles with the questions of what kind of man he is becoming.

The most important ingredient in this relationship is time. [Click here](#) for more information about this Retreat.

- When:** 5-7 April 2019
- Where:** Warrambui Retreat Centre
- Who:** Fathers and boys in Years 7 and 8
- Cost:** \$400 inclusive of meals and accommodation for a father and son pair.
- Contact:** [Click here](#) to email Nathan Ahearne.

GAME CHANGERS - YEAR 7 AND 8 YOUTH GROUP

A brand new Marist Youth Ministry group called Game Changers launched on Wednesday at lunchtime for students in Years 7 and 8.

Game Changers will continue on Wednesday (Day 8) at the start of lunch and students should be prepared for some high-energy activities that encourage team building, social connection and strengthening of their faith.



Please contact Mr Ahearne or the College's Youth Ministry Officer, Michael Seselja, for more information.

CANBERRA MARIST ASSOCIATION CALENDAR



There is a full calendar of events in 2019 and we hope to see you at our first Marist Life Gathering on **Wednesday 13 March**.

[Click here](#) to view the calendar.

YEAR 11 RETREATS

Year 11 Retreats will be taking place in **Week 4 of Term 1**.

The Retreats are one way of assisting young people in the development of their spirituality.

[Click here](#) to view information about the Retreats.



SON-RISE BREAKFAST



Based on the success of our first Father and Son Breakfast in 2018, we will be holding our Son-Rise Breakfast on **Tuesday 26 March**, 7.30am - 8.30am, at the College.

Marist students from Years 4-12 and a person of significance are invited to attend.

[Click here](#) to book your place.



Tuesday 26 March
7.30am-8.30am
Marist College Senior Hall

\$10 breakfast. Tickets at <http://ap.ptly.com/act/mariste/SonRiseBreakfast>
Contact nathanahearne@mcc.act.edu.au



Chris is married to Leah (14) and they have three adolescent children: Angel (12), attended St Clare's College (previously Edward) (26) and Benedict (21) graduated from Marist. Both Chris and Leah are active in the Catholic faith community. Leah is parish secretary at St Benedict's, Manly (Sydney) and Chris has been active at St John's and professional level. Chris is presently from the coordinator of the Social Justice Group for Corpus Christi Parish, he served for 11 years on the National Council of Caritas Australia, is currently on the National Council for Caritas for Christ Australia and is an Advisory Group member for Australia Catholic Education. He has worked for the Church in various capacities in Queensland and the Philippines. Professionally Chris has worked as a National and Income Counsellor for disability support workers in group homes, and for the last 19 years a public servant in the Department of Family and Community Services, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Department of Health.



VINNIES DOORKNOCK



Thank you to all of the students who volunteered to help at this year's Vinnies Doorknock.

USA BASKETBALL TOUR REPORT

The USA Basketball Tour was a once in a lifetime experience. The group landed in America on 26 December and spent the next three weeks touring, visiting tourist attractions and playing basketball.

On court, we had the opportunity to play against high school teams from Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Everyone started to adjust to the new style of play after the first game and we had some very competitive games against every team we played on Tour.

Although our teams didn't have the results we wanted, all teams came away with a couple of wins. We also had the chance to play against some very high level competition, playing many people with Division 1 offers and Washington's State High School Player of the Year and all-time Washington leader in points.

Off the court, the experience in America was incredible. We had the opportunity to immerse ourselves in a completely different culture, visit many different landmarks along with making some great friendships.

Some of the highlights of the Tour included:

- getting to live a typical day as an American student by staying with American families and going to school
- the guided experience at Alcatraz
- visiting the Space Needle
- shooting on the Golden State Warriors court and courtside for Portland Trail Blazers shoot-around, and
- doing some outlet shopping.

On behalf of all of the boys who took part in the Tour, I would like to thank Mr Barclay, Mr Cook and Mr Aitchison who made this trip possible and who gave up their time to train and organise the trip for us.

Dan Busing - Year 11



NEW PARENT WELCOME DRINKS

Thank you to all of the parents of new students in Years 4-12 who joined us for the New Parent Welcome Drinks on Friday 15 February in the College's Pavilion.



2019 MARIST COLLEGE CANBERRA FOUNDATION EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES

We look forward to welcoming you to one or more of our Marist College Canberra Foundation events throughout the year.

Foundation Golf Day	Monday 8 April 2019
Blue & Blue Fundraising Dinner	Friday 24 May 2019
Marist Mothers' and Grandmothers' Afternoon Tea	Friday 16 August 2019
Foundation Cocktail Party	Thursday 31 October 2019

Sandra Marron
Events Officer



WEB

Basketball Club
Cricket Club

Hockey Club

Rugby Club
Snowsports Club

Rowing Club

Marist Canberra
Football Club

Marist Australian
Football Club

COLLEGE SPORT – WINTER SEASON REGISTRATION REMINDER

Marist Winter Sporting Clubs will have online registration processes opening during February, so please check the club websites prior to registration for more information. **Please use the links on the above headers to access the relevant Club website.**

When considering registering, there are a couple of points which all students need to be aware of:

1. Students currently representing the College in cricket, basketball or rowing: You **must** continue to honour that training and playing commitment even if there may be an overlap with the pre-season training of your chosen winter sport. Your first priority is to your summer team. In doing this, you will not be disadvantaged in your winter sport selections.
2. When choosing a winter sport, remember that you are expected to attend all training sessions and all games during the season. In doing so, you are supporting your coach and your team mates.
3. College sporting teams play in an age-based competition. All boys are registered to play in their appropriate age level. The College endeavours to ensure that we maximise the participation levels during competition which may require the movement of students up an age group. The College and the clubs work together to ensure if there is a need for this happen, it is managed appropriately.

Premier League (Football) Exemption Forms

Students who are considering playing for a local Premier League Football Club need to complete the Exemption form which is found on the [Marist Football Club website](#).

Paul Mead
Head of Sport

David Mallett
Assistant Head of Sport (Acting)

CRICKET

Sam Kirkcaldie, Under 12 Div 2 Royal, took 5/7 against Marist Blue.

Eric Firth (normally Under 13 Div 2 Navy), took four wickets in one over while filling in for Under 15 Div 1.



TEAM	DIV	OPPOSITION	RESULT
First XI		Grammar	Lost
Second XI	Colts	Tuggeranong	Lost
U10 Sixers		ANU Blue	TBA
U10 Thunder		WCMCC Sixers	TBA
U10 Heat		Queanbeyan Blue	Lost
U10 Stars		Eastlake Thunder	Won
U10 Hurricanes		CGS Renegades	Lost
U11-1	Div 1	ANU	Lost
U11-2	Div 1	Radford	Lost
U11 Blue	Friday	CGS Hurricanes	Lost
U11 Royal	Friday	St Edmund's White	TBA
U12	Div 1	Queanbeyan Blue	Won
U12 Blue	Div 2	Marist Royal	Lost
U12 Royal	Div 2	Marist Blue	Won
U12	Friday	WCMCC	Won
U13	Div 1	Tuggeranong	Won
U13 Blue	Div 2	Daramalan Black	TBA
U13 Royal	Div 2	Radford	Won
U13 Navy	Div 2	WCMCC	Won
U13 Teal (Light)	Div 2	Eastlake	Won
U14	Div 1	Norths Blue (T20)	Lost
U14	Div 1	St Edmund's (2 day match)	Won
U14 Blue	Div 2	Wests (T20)	Won
U14 Blue	Div 2	Daramalan (2 day match)	Won
U14 Royal	Div 2	Grammar (T20)	Lost
U14 Royal	Div 2	Radford (2 day match)	Won
U15	Div 1	WCMCC (T20)	Won
U15	Div 1	Ginninderra	Lost
U16 Navy	Div 2	Ginninderra (T20)	Lost
U16 Navy	Div 2	Norths Green (2 day match)	Lost
U16 Blue	Div 2	Norths (T20)	Draw
U16 Blue	Div 2	Ginninderra (2 day match)	Lost



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ACT SCHOOL SPORT REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Anyone interested in trialling for the various regional sports needs to log onto the ACT Sports website and register for the sport that your child wishes to trial. It is the responsibility of parents to monitor the website for any upcoming sporting events if your child is interested in competing in the regional competitions. [Click here](#) to access the website.

A reminder: If your child is successful in being selected for an ACT team to participate in a national or regional tournament, **you need to write a formal letter to the Deputy Headmaster or Head of Junior School to seek permission for absences longer than two days from school during this period.**

Once the College has received such a request for your son's participation in an activity with ACT Schools Sport, his absence can then be formally approved. Secondly, we will be also able to acknowledge his achievement in the College newsletter.

Paul Mead
Head of Sport

CONGRATULATIONS TO...



Mario Baldwin
Year 9 MA1 who will be participating in the Mountain Biking Interscholls Championship in Threddo in March.



Kiefer Brennan
Year 9 HA6 who has been selected to compete for Athletics ACT at the Australian Athletics Championships in Sydney in April.



Cormac Hayes
Year 11 DA5 who won silver in the Schoolboy's single scull and gold in the elite men's lightweight eight at the NSW Rowing Championships on Sunday.



Darcy Fogarty Year 10 HA5, Hunter Fogarty Year 9 HA5 and Bede Fogarty Year 6 who will all be representing the ACT in the NSW Touch Championships in Wagga in February.



Christian Rowell
Year 5 who competed in the ACT Scooter Titles at Woden on the weekend and placed second in the Under 10 Boys competition.



Riley Sellars Year 11
PA8 who commenced his ASBA pathway training with Skinner Fabrication in February. Riley will also be studying a Certificate III in Engineering alongside his Year 12 Certificate.



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BASKETBALL

TEAM	DIV	OPPOSITION	RESULT
U12 College	Div 1	Tuggeranong Vikings	34 – 60 Loss
U12 Royal	Div 2	Norths	48 – 26 Win
U12 Sky	Div 3	CGS Dragons	10 – 14 Loss
U12 Blue	Div 4	Bye	
U12 Marine	Div 4	Ginninderra Rats	24 – 8 Win
U12 Navy	Div 5	TSC Tigers	17 – 22 Loss
U12 Cobalt	Div 6	Burgmann Lions	10 – 5 Win
U14 College	Div 1	WC Woden Dodgers	90 – 27 Win
U14 Royal	Div 2	WC Woden Dodgers	36 – 25 Win
U14 Sky	Div 2	Wests Basketball Club	17 – 41 Loss
U14 Blue	Div 3	Daramalan College	18 – 19 Loss
U14 Navy	Div 3	Canberra City Stallions	21 – 63 Loss
U14 Marine	Div 4	Ginninderra Rats	23 – 17 Win
U14 Cobalt	Div 4	Marist Sapphire	18 – 42 Loss
U14 Steel	Div 4	Burgmann Hawks	28 – 17 Win
U14 Sapphire	Div 4	Marist Cobalt	42 – 18 Win
U14 Aqua	Div 5	WC Woden Dodgers	16 – 13 Win
U14 Teal	Div 5	Warriors	41 – 25 Win
U14 Indigo	Div 6	CGS Kings	9 – 26 Loss
U14 Cyan	Div 6	Burgmann Sharks	36 – 9 Win
U16 College	Div 1	CGS Warriors	58 – 44 Win
U16 Royal	Div 2	Tuggeranong Vikings	36 – 39 Loss
U16 Sky	Div 2	Daramalan College	26 – 37 Loss
U16 Blue	Div 2	Belconnen Ramblers	40 – 28 Win
U16 Navy	Div 3	St Edmund's College	56 – 14 Win
U16 Marine	Div 3	Canberra City Stallions	21 – 23 Loss
U16 Cobalt	Div 3	CGS Broncos	23 – 22 Win
U16 Steel	Div 4	Daramalan College Black	46 – 11 Win
U16 Aqua	Div 4	Tuggeranong Southern Cross	42 – 34 Win
U16 Sapphire	Div 4	CGS Texas Longhorns	42 – 6 Win
U16 Teal	Div 5	St Edmund's College	35 – 43 Loss
U16 Indigo	Div 5	Radford Bulls	45 – 18 Win
U16 Cyan	Div 5	Bye	
U16 Azure	Div 6	Ginninderra Rats	19 – 17 Win
U19 College	Div 1	Queanbeyan Roadrunners	108 – 70 Win
U19 Royal	Div 2	Norths Spirit	31 – 34 Loss
U19 Sky	Div 2	Canberra City Stallions	31 – 28 Win
U19 Blue	Div 3	CGS Mavericks	25 – 29 Loss
U19 Navy	Div 3	Burgmann Titans	38 – 46 Loss
U19 Marine	Div 4	Belconnen Ramblers	25 – 23 Win
U19 Cobalt	Div 4	Daramalan College	27 – 28 Loss
U19 Steel	Div 4	CGS Bobcats	22 – 68 Loss
U19 Aqua	Div 5	Burgmann Bombers	27 – 36 Loss
U19 Sapphire	Div 6	WC Woden Dodgers	14 – 50 Loss

MARIST JUDO CLUB

The Marist Judo Club has been operating in the school for over 30 years, and are unique among the school's sporting clubs. Some of our members have been with the Club for 30+ years. We are a competitive Judo Club and our players compete in tournaments locally, nationally and internationally.

Come and try the Olympic sport of Judo.

Children are unique. We want to empower them as individuals who are:

- Energetic in a happy and healthy way
- Powerful in their understanding of the potential of their bodies and their minds
- Self-motivated through the discipline and commitment that comes from regular training
- In control when times are tough or when outside influence is strong
- Inspiring to others in their dedication to finishing what they start.

Values and beliefs are a central part of our program. Every week we focus on instilling these positive character traits: compassion, gratitude, enthusiasm, honesty, respect, perseverance, contribution, integrity, character and commitment.

The Marist Judo Club enjoys the reputation of the most successful competitive judo club in the ACT and arguably one of the most successful in Australia. Many players from our ranks have represented Australia, and some have been all the way to the Olympics. A Marist Judo Club player, Tom Hill, won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester.

Attached are the times for Judo which is held in the Junior School Hall:

Classes	Monday	Thursday
Primary School Children	4.30pm – 6.00pm	4.30pm – 6.00pm
Seniors - including Secondary School Children	6.00pm – 7.30pm	6.00pm – 7.30pm