



Marist Sisters' College
Woolwich

Principal's Welcome

Welcome to the community of Marist Sisters' College, Woolwich. The College proudly bears the history and charism of the Society of Mary who commenced their work in Lyon, France in 1816. By 1824, the Marist Sisters had begun their apostolic work across Europe led by their founder Jeanne-Marie Chavoin.

The College was established in 1909 by a group of Marist sisters (French, English and Irish) who settled in Woolwich to bring Marist education to the young women of Sydney. Today the College is a thriving educational and faith community beautifully situated in leafy grounds overlooking the Lane Cove River just a few kilometres from the heart of Sydney.

At the core of College life and learning are the values of our Catholic faith. These are nurtured by the Marist tradition and captured in our College motto "Virtus Super Omnia" (Goodness Above All). The contemporary learning facilities assist our young women to engage in the arts, literature, science, humanities, technology and sport in a vibrant environment. Effective teaching and wellbeing programmes prepare and equip students to meet the challenges of further study, professional workplaces and global responsibility.

Marist Sisters' College is a special place for girls to learn and grow supported by a vertical house system that provides guidance and mentoring as well as opportunities for student leadership. This environment, inspired by the Marist spirit, fosters a strong family atmosphere which cares for each student's individual needs.

It is my hope that every student who walks through the gates of Marist Sisters' Woolwich feels valued and respected, and through participation develops a strong sense of belonging to the College community.

MS ANNE ANDERSON
Principal





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Faith Life and Spirituality

Marist Sisters' College Woolwich is a Catholic community invigorated by the Marist charism and committed to developing it in contemporary ways. The College motto 'Virtus Super Omnia' (Goodness Above All) calls each of us to follow in the footsteps of Mary and embrace the qualities of truth, diligence and honour.

Students regularly engage in the Catholic life of the College. Prayer, meditation, liturgy, reflection days and overnight retreats are vital components of this faith journey.

The College encourages students to respect human dignity and to exercise compassion for the oppressed. Opportunities to reach out to those who are most vulnerable are found in a range of social outreach projects which are initiated by students. The College also provides opportunities to participate in immersion experiences – one to Cambodia, which builds upon links already established by the College, and the other to the Philippines which aims to strengthen our mission connection and provide an avenue for ex-students to continue their links with the College.

Marist Education: a compass for life





Learning and Curriculum

At Marist Sisters' College a broad curriculum includes the mandatory courses for Years 7-10 and the Higher School Certificate as set down by the Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES), as well as a wide variety of electives in languages, creative and performing arts, technologies, humanities, vocational education, sciences and more.

Pedagogy is informed by contemporary learning approaches. One imperative is the development of critical thinking skills and reflection so that well-rounded, global citizens are the outcome of teaching and learning. Project-based learning and integrated learning, have been adopted to help instil the importance of real world, lifelong learning in our students. This range of cross-curricular teaching and learning experiences are provided with the aim of developing the whole child in a nurturing environment.





Pastoral Care and House System

Marist Sisters' College aims to assist and support the personal growth of each student in the Marist Community.

Students identify with both, their academic Year, and their House.

The College has six Houses which acknowledge our Marist tradition – Chanel, Chavoine, Colin, Jaricot, Marcellin and Perroton. Each of these Houses has seven Tutor groups which include girls from Years 7 to 12. This means that for the six years the girls attend the College, they work with the same Tutor group. The daily meetings of the Tutor group allow for regular personal contact between students and their Tutor providing a family atmosphere in the House. In particular, the Co-Captains are the driving force of each House and are responsible for energising and overseeing all House activities from organisation of fundraising to participation in House and College events - Founder's Day, Gala Day, Open Days, Swimming Carnivals, Athletics' Carnivals, Cross Country and representing the House at House Assemblies and presentations.

The leadership team in each House is made up of senior girls. These girls are responsible for care of the House community, galvanising House spirit, and being worthy role models for all House members.

The College adopts Restorative Justice practices that work in concert with the pastoral care structure of these Houses to build high quality relationships in a supportive and safe environment that allows learning to happen.

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Co-curricular activities

From immersion experiences in Cambodia, Dragon Boating, St Vincent de Paul's Breakfast Van to Dance Ensemble, Debating or Choir, the College offers a wide range of co-curricular activities that maintain girls' connection to school and to the community in the crucial teenage years, and offer each girl the opportunity to pursue her special interest and find her own niche.

PERFORMING ARTS

Private tuition

Singing
Piano
Flute
Woodwind
Violin
Guitar
Speech and Drama

Talent Development Program

String Ensemble
Concert Band
Vocal Ensemble
Scholar Choir
Jazz Band
Young Composers
Drama Club
Senior Theatre Company
Dance Company
Hip Hop Dance Ensemble
Catholic Schools Performing Arts
Musicals (*Annie*, *Back to the 80s*,
Grease and *High School Musical*)

COMPETITION SPORT

Netball
Soccer
Touch Football
Athletics
Sailing
Water Polo
Basketball
Cross Country
Dragon Boating
Gymnastics
Hockey
Swimming
Volleyball
Triathlon

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING

CSDA Public Speaking and
Debating
Marist Oratory
Macquarie Schools Cup Debating
Tournament
Hunters Hill Rotary Debates

SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES

Social Justice group
Fundraising
St Vincent de Paul
Community Service
Cambodia and Philippines
immersion experiences

OTHER EVENTS

RoboCup
Gala Day
Academic Competitions



*Our students graduate as young women
equipped to make a real difference*

