



M A R I S T C O L L E G E E M E R A L D

COLLEGE EXPECTATIONS





Marist College prides itself on the behavioural and academic expectations placed on students. We welcome you to our community and outline below some of our expectations which are fostered in a firm but caring ethos. A fuller outline of student expectations is in the Annual Student Diary.

Respect is the Cornerstone

The key expectation of all at Marist College can be summed up by one word – RESPECT. This entails respect for everyone we meet, staff, students or visitors. It also includes respect for property belonging to the College and to other people. This respect should reflect the family nature of Marist College.

In a practical sense this can be shown by always being ready with a friendly greeting when passing others. Movement in buildings, games in the grounds, lining up and purchasing at the tuck shop, behaviour in classrooms, should all be marked by politeness and respect. Fighting and/or quarrelling have no place at Marist College. Differences are not resolved in this way. Likewise, theft, vandalism or graffiti are not tolerated at the College. The use of good manners is an important behavioural expectation.

In the Classroom

The classroom is a place of learning. Every student has the right to expect this and the responsibility to ensure it.

- Classes normally wait quietly outside the room until the teacher arrives. The lesson will normally start with a greeting and/or a prayer.
- During the lesson every student will engage purposely in the task at hand. All classroom interaction should be characterised by respect and courtesy.
- Students should care for the furniture and equipment in the room. They should not lean back in chairs, disfigure the desks or walls, or damage any property.
- At the end of the lesson all should remain seated until the teacher formally dismisses the class. The room should be left neat and tidy, with chairs placed at the desks.

Punctuality and Attendance

- All school days are important.
- Students are to be on the College campus by 8.35am and in Homerooms by 8.40am.
- A student who arrives late to school must report to the Office with his/her diary for a late stamp to be placed in the diary.
- Any student arriving late to any class should have an explanatory note. If the student has a reason for being late he/she needs to obtain verification of this reason and take it to their Homeroom teacher.
- Any absence from school needs to be explained by a note, phone call or email from parents.
- Any foreseeable absence from school (other than appointments for health reasons) should be validated by way of a letter to the Principal.
- Students who need to leave College grounds for appointments should have a note and inform their Homeroom teacher. They are to report to the Office before leaving and upon return. Only parents/caregivers can give permission to leave the College.
- Parents are required to respect the beginning and end of terms. Permission for students to leave early or return late, is given only in exceptional circumstances, and then only by the Principal to whom formal written application should be made.





Illness/First Aid

If a student feels ill or suffers an accident while at the College, he/she should bring this to the attention of the nearest teacher. This teacher may arrange for the student to be brought to the Office where appropriate attention will be decided upon.

Where a student requires outside medical treatment or needs to go home, the Administration Staff concerned will attempt to contact parents or carers. Students are covered for Ambulance travel, but require their own accident and/or medical insurance.

Where a student comes to the sick room during the day, his/her diary will be stamped to indicate time(s) of arrival and departure, for parent information.

Detentions

For failing to meet normal expectations students may be detained at lunchtime or after school by a teacher. Students may then be given cleaning duties, written work or some other activity appropriate to the situation.

Serious Offences

Serious misconduct which will normally incur suspension or termination of enrolment include:

- Gross rudeness or violence towards a member of staff or public;
- Persistent or serious disruption of the learning of other students;
- Stealing at the College, while in uniform or on a College activity;
- Serious vandalism to College or public property;
- Persistent non-compliance with College expectations on study, conduct or participation;
- Bringing the name of the College into public disrepute;
- Smoking at College, in uniform or at College functions or activities, or possession of cigarettes;
- Drinking or possessing alcohol at College, in uniform or at College functions or activities;
- A student who uses, possesses or is knowingly involved with illegal or non-prescribed drugs, and/or implements for drug use or literature promoting drug use. In this case the student will face immediate termination of enrolment, with no second chances given.

Homework

All students are expected to draw up a homework and study timetable. Each night they should do their set homework as well as other study and reading. Recommended MINIMUM times are:

- 1.5 hours per night for Year 8;
- 2 hours per night for Years 9 and 10;
- 3 hours per night for Years 11 and 12.

Homework Diary

The Homework Diary is to be used in such a manner that encourages communication between teachers and parents. They should be kept neat, without graffiti or other decorations. Students are





to record all homework in the Homework Diary. Used pages should not be folded or treated in such a way that parents or teachers cannot easily access the record of past happenings.

Travelling

When travelling to and from the College, students are to be aware they are wearing the Marist College uniform, and as such represent the College. They should act accordingly. This means:

- Uniform should be worn correctly;
- Students to line up in an orderly fashion at bus stops;
- Due courtesy should be shown to other passengers;
- Students travelling on buses should remain quietly in their seats, avoiding all loud and rowdy behaviour. Members of the public should be offered seating preference;
- Students riding bicycles are to do so responsibly. This includes obeying the rules of the road;
- Students riding bicycles are expected to wear the full, correct College uniform;
- Students who have permission to drive a car to/from school must have lodged the “green” permission form duly filled out and signed, at the College Office. Permission must be received from both sets of parents, driver and passenger, if the student driver is conveying any other student passengers. This permission must also be placed on the “green permission form”.

Participation in Sport

All students are expected to take part in the sports program. This includes positive participation, wearing the appropriate uniform, and having the correct money should there be fares.

Parents

Marist College invites parents to:

- Support their children in their education;
- Support the College in whatever way they can, such as through:
 - The Tuckshop;
 - Working bees;
 - Attending Parents & Friends meetings on the second Monday of the month;
 - Helping at College functions such as the annual College Race Day;
 - Helping with expertise if/when asked;
 - Helping with reading groups or other class groups;
 - Paying accounts as rendered, or contacting the College Principal or Bursar if there is a difficulty with this;
- Communicate with the appropriate people at the College if there is to be a variation to their child’s attendance or domestic situation, or if their child is ill;
- Communicate with appropriate personnel at the College if there is a problem with their child’s education either at home or at school;
- Support College policy and College staff.
- Communicate with College authorities if they experience problems with the above.