



MARIST COLLEGE
ASHGROVE





“If you want to teach young people, first you must love them - love them equally”.

*- Marcellin Champagnat,
founder of the Marist Brothers*



Welcome

MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE HAS A RICH TRADITION THAT HAS EXISTED SINCE ITS BEGINNINGS IN 1940.

Marist College Ashgrove was formed in 1940 by the Marist Brothers. The founder, St Marcellin Champagnat, a priest from southern France, was changed due to an experience of blessing a dying boy, only to see that he had little education and no understanding of God. His passion and determination to then start a religious order to address this concern led to schools being established throughout the world, including Australia and Ashgrove in Brisbane. Marist College Ashgrove, a Catholic school for young men in Years 5-12 was established in 1940. It has been an integral part of boys' education in Queensland for over 80 years.

Our College Mission is to educate boys in this Marist tradition and charism inspired by St Marcellin Champagnat, encouraging young men to love all people equally, be life-long learners, to lead positively and to serve all, especially those in need. Our vision is to provide a holistic education - achieving excellence in academia and facilitating a boy's spiritual, cultural, social and physical development. Teaching and learning that focuses on ways in which boys learn best is our specialty. Our staff are well versed and experienced in using pedagogy to maximise boys' learning and there is a shared goal to ensure boys reach their potential.

Marist College Ashgrove is a welcoming community where all are treated with dignity and respect because all people are formed in God's image and likeness. The pastoral care of each boy is paramount. Gospel

values provide a framework for teachings that are inherently espoused at Marist Ashgrove - integrity, right relationships, humility, character, honesty, persistence, resilience, acceptance, reflection and compassion for all.

Marist College Ashgrove is governed by Marist Schools Australia Ltd, where Catholic identity is central in a student's education. The College is supported by the generous contributions staff, parents and past alumni to create a warm, unique and identifiable family spirit.

Marist College Ashgrove prides itself on the partnerships it builds with families and the broader community to develop young men with both the capacity and courage to lead. Marist College Ashgrove graduates are well-rounded, self, and socially aware citizens. They are empathic to the needs of others and resilient young men, who, upon graduation, have developed the skills and confidence to strive boldly and courageously for their goals, whilst contributing humbly to make the world a better place.

On behalf of the Marist College Ashgrove community, I would like to extend a warm welcome to prospective members of our Marist family.

Michael Newman
Head of College

A Rich History

OFFERING A HOLISTIC EDUCATION, DRAWING ON THE CHRISTIAN VISION OF THE HUMAN PERSON AND OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.”

– CF. CH. 5, WITH A DISTINCTIVE MARIST STYLE.

The Marist Brothers

The Marist Brothers is a religious institute founded in France in 1817 by a young French priest, Marcellin Champagnat. He believed his mission in life was to make Jesus known and loved and to do so by creating schools, which not only taught secular subjects, but religious education and the catechism.

Over the next 50 years the Brothers expanded across all continents and established a system of education worldwide. Today, the Brothers' schools exist in 78 countries.

The first Marist Brothers arrived in Australia in 1872 and established schools in Sydney. In 1929, the Brothers established their first Queensland school at Rosalie and their second at Ashgrove in 1940. Today, there are over 50 schools in the association of Marist Schools Australia, representing schools begun by the Marist Brothers, Marist Sisters and Marist Fathers.

Marist College Ashgrove

Marist College Ashgrove began in 1940 with 70 students and Brother Ignatius O'Connor as its first headmaster. The College is built on the site formerly used by Father Walter Cain and his proposed missionary order. The only permanent building was the Tower Block - its graceful architecture has made it the icon of the entire College. Despite temporary evacuation and re-location during World War II, the College flourished and developed. With continuous development of the College since 1940, we have grown to over 1600 students.

The reputation of the College has also steadily grown and has been extended by its loyal supporters and Old Boys. It is respected throughout Australia, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, the wider Pacific and Asia region as a significant institution which embodies the very best in Marist educational values and teaching.





Faith & Solidarity

TO MAKE JESUS CHRIST KNOWN AND LOVED.

The Mission and Ministry Program nourishes the spiritual life and faith development of students. In the tradition of St Marcellin Champagnat, Marist College Ashgrove students are educated in faith and solidarity through:

- An engaging Religious Education curriculum that focuses on a student's religious literacy, in light of the Catholic tradition
- An integrated program of retreat and reflection opportunities for students from Years 5-12
- Regular opportunities for prayer and liturgy, including Wednesday morning Mass, boarders' Sunday Mass, pastoral group and class prayer, assembly prayer and reflection
- Service and ministry groups such as St Vincent de Paul, Caritas and GreenAsh
- Extensive ministry and outreach opportunities through the MATES Social Justice Program, including weekly barbecues with the homeless, visits with elderly and disabled people in the community; the annual Sony Holiday Camp for children with disabilities and immersion programs with our Marist neighbours in other cultures and countries
- An exciting Youth Ministry Program ('Game Changers') for the boys to partake in

Religious Education and ministry are co-ordinated by the College Mission Team which comprises the Head of Mission, Marist Father Chaplain, Head of Religious Education and Campus Ministry Team.

At Marist College Ashgrove, Religious Education and ministry are founded on the examples and values of Jesus and the Marist way of living the Gospel. We aim to engage individuals and groups within the College community in expressions of a lived faith through offering a broad range of sacramental, prayer and reflection experiences, together with opportunities to minister to the "least favoured" in the wider community.

Primary School

A CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK: LEARNING TO KNOW,
LEARNING TO DO AND LEARNING TO BE.

Marist College Ashgrove's primary school provides an outstanding opportunity for boys in Years 5 and 6 to immerse themselves in college life. This is done through a holistic education focused on the personal, spiritual and academic growth of each student.

Our strong pastoral care and academic program ensures that the primary boys are known, supported and challenged as they transition into their new learning environment.

The students benefit from the many exceptional facilities and resources available to them as part of a 5-12 college. The primary school is purposely located within its own unique precinct on the larger college campus, containing a primary reception and administration building. This provides the boys with a place of belonging as they build valuable relationships with their peers and teachers.

In the footsteps of St Marcellin Champagnat and guided by our values of modesty, simplicity and humility, boys are encouraged to reach their potential and develop a life-long love of learning.



Secondary School

OUR TEACHING AND LEARNING PHILOSOPHY IS FOCUSED AROUND THE SPECIFIC STRATEGIES USED TO ENGAGE BOYS WITH INQUIRY, COLLABORATION AND MASTERY LEARNING.

Teaching and learning is a focus of the College as evident through our improved results in NAPLAN and ATAR.

Year 7 is a key transition point for boys into the energetic environment of the secondary school as they begin their journey from childhood to young adulthood and establish the foundations for their future studies.

To help in this transition, students are taught by a select group of teachers, exposing their growing minds to the complexities of a more demanding curriculum, whilst providing all the care and support required in a new and challenging environment.

In the later years of secondary education, students can choose from a range of courses. These courses cater for the different interests and pathway opportunities of our student population. Boys are encouraged to choose courses appropriate to their needs and abilities.

In addition to our timetabled curriculum, Marist College Ashgrove can provide students with specialist courses at tertiary education institutions, including university pathways for talented students. Marist College Ashgrove continually assesses which courses should be offered at the College to suit the needs, abilities and interests of our students.

The College has a comprehensive Academic Extension Program. Boys have the opportunity to be involved in activities such as: extension classwork, 'Future Solutions' groups, robotics clubs and various extension competitions. In addition, co-curricular teams such as chess, debating, Science and Engineering challenges and 'Gen X' innovation competitions are also included in our offerings.

Marist College Ashgrove also offers opportunities both within and outside the College in nationally recognised Vocational Educational and Training (VET) facilities. These span many fields including Construction, Hospitality and Fitness.

The teachers at the College understand how boys learn and work towards supporting each student to achieve success in an ordered, supportive and collaborative environment.

The Arts, Music, various sports, debating, public speaking and a Ministry Program is also very much part of the secondary school experience.

In the secondary school, a student's thoughts and dreams can take shape as they prepare to become confident, successful and valued members of society.



Pastoral Care

MORE THAN WELL-PREPARED, THOUGHT PROVOKING AND STIMULATING LESSONS.

Pastoral care at Marist College Ashgrove extends beyond the delivery of well-prepared, thought provoking and stimulating lessons. It means being concerned for the total wellbeing of students with the development of the whole person in mind. The philosophies underpinning pastoral care, the active pursuit of programs and practices aimed at promoting and supporting well-being and school ethos, as well as the climate and atmosphere in which students and staff learn and work, are complementary.

Through explicit philosophies, we hope to educate young men in the way of St Marcellin Champagnat so that they have the courage and confidence to develop traits like those modelled by Marcellin himself.

Pastoral care is a strong feature of the College.

The Brother Ignatius Centre, catering to the needs of boys in Years 5 and 6, is also an integral part of the College and its pastoral care structure.

It is a welcoming place where the younger students are cared for and initiated into the Marist community and its ethos. Due to their stage of development and learning needs, students in the primary school are cared for by the Head of Primary, Year 5/6 Pastoral Leader and their classroom teachers in a horizontal pastoral care model.

Pastoral care for students in Years 7–12 is provided through a vertical eight House system. This vertical approach sees the students at the College being well-known, encouraged and well-advised by their Head of House and pastoral group teachers. Each House (during pastoral group time and weekly house meetings) has its own way of encouraging active contribution in college life as well as co-operation and peer mentoring amongst the students. This builds in the boys a growing sense of belonging and ownership.

Both primary and secondary classes follow the ASH Program. The program is based on the developmental needs of each age group and incorporates evidenced based strategies from areas such as positive psychology, respectful relationships, resilience, cognitive behaviour therapy and emotional regulation to assist in the social and emotional development of students to ensure each student has opportunity to reach their learning potential.



Sports

THE CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM PLAYS AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN THE COLLEGE'S HOLISTIC APPROACH TO BOYS' EDUCATION.

Through our sporting programs, students learn the values of competition and achievement. Participation in sport builds unique skills, reinforces the importance of teamwork, develops resilience and provides the experience of striving to achieve a personal best.

Marist College Ashgrove is an enthusiastic participant in the inter-school sporting activities organised by the Associated Independent Colleges (AIC) and has an outstanding record of achievement in this highly regarded competition. A wide range of sports and teams provides an opportunity for every boy to compete in weekly competitions.

Facilities for sports include a new state-of-the-art heated Olympic size swimming pool, seven sports fields, track and field precinct, six tennis courts, two outside basketball courts, outdoor multi-purpose area, gymnasium – including two basketball courts, weight-training complex and two indoor multi-purpose courts.

Sports at Marist College Ashgrove include:

- AFL
- Basketball
- Chess
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Hockey
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Water Polo





{ The Arts - Music, Drama & Visual Art

MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE HAS A PROUD HISTORY OF CATERING FOR THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS.

Through an impressive contemporary, purpose-built venue - the Molly and Len Draney Theatre - students are provided unparalleled opportunities for their artistic development. The foyer boasts a gallery for Visual Arts, while the theatre contains a performance area that readily accommodates school Music and Drama ensembles while providing seating for 300 patrons. Each department is well-resourced, offering students state-of-the-art facilities and equipment in flexible classroom spaces where innovative learning and teaching occurs.

Drama

Marist College Ashgrove offers students opportunities to excel in the dramatic arts, including acting, directing, producing and playwriting. Students can engage in community theatre, which prepares them for a challenging, 21st century world and careers in any field.

Many drama students of Marist College boast careers in both theatre and cinema, working with world-famous actors and directors both in Australia and abroad.

Visual Art

Studying Visual Art at Marist College Ashgrove develops personal expression, aesthetic judgement and critical awareness. The creative talents of our students are nurtured through ongoing opportunities to display their work in art exhibitions, to enter and be recognised for their outstanding work in art competitions and to collaborate with professional artists and designers through participation in workshops. Visual Art students of the College have moved onto successful careers as architects, designers, photographers, curators and practicing artists.

Music

Marist College Ashgrove is at the forefront of music education with students regularly participating in performances, international tours and competitions. The College's state-of-the-art facilities has produced students who have gone on to garner multiple Aria awards as well as performing in national orchestras across the world.



Boarding

THE ETHOS OF A MARIST SCHOOL IS EMBEDDED IN ITS FAMILY SPIRIT.

Boarders are an integral part of the College community and boarding at Marist College Ashgrove gives boys from rural areas and overseas access to an education of outstanding quality.

For families living closer to the College campus, weekly boarding provides all the benefits of a caring, supervised environment on campus during the week, leaving weekends free to relax at home.

Located in a tranquil garden setting, the boarding college is a welcoming and supportive community which emphasises the development of self-confidence, independence and a tolerance and understanding of others. Creating a 'home away from home' has been an important feature of Marist education since its inception by St Marcellin Champagnat in 1817. Marcellin's charisma continues to shine today in our modern and vibrant boarding community. We strive to ensure that boarding at Marist College Ashgrove is a safe, rewarding and socially to and pray together.

Boarders can take full advantage of the breadth of Marist College Ashgrove's teaching and co-curricular programs and facilities.

Structured study periods in the evenings allow boys to complete homework and study. Boys also benefit greatly from the advice, encouragement and expert assistance from resident teaching staff and academic tutors.

Accommodation for 240 boarders is divided amongst five residences. Meals are well-balanced, with menus developed in consultation with a qualified nutritionist.

Recreational areas provide ample opportunities for indoor activities and the Boarding Program makes extensive use of the College's leisure and sporting facilities, including sports grounds, swimming pool and tennis courts.

On weekends, our boarders enjoy a busy lifestyle, which includes participation in the outstanding Boarding Recreation and Clubs Program, as well as representing the school through the AIC Sporting Competition.



Marist Family

MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE VALUES ITS FAMILIES AND THE BROADER COMMUNITY.

Parents and Friends

The College is fortunate in having a very active, supportive association which organises social functions, discusses issues of significance in the College community and supports the development of educational resources. The P&F Committee extends a warm invitation to everyone in the College community to be actively involved.

Old Boys

This association is a community of past students who promote the charm and mission of St Marcellin Champagnat. As a college community, we take great joy and strength from our ongoing relationship with our Old Boys and their families. To be part of the Marist College Ashgrove family is an enduring gift.

College Foundation

The Foundation is an integral part of life at Marist College Ashgrove and a vital contributor to the College's future. It provides a reliable revenue stream that helps the College keep pace with developments in education so students and teachers can enjoy the best possible facilities and learning outcomes without large increases in school fees.

Boarding Parents Network

The Boarding Parent Network meets online every term of the school year to discuss issues relevant to boarding students. Care and the practical implementation of a meaningful boarding college is essential. Such a group ensures this is a reality for our boarding students.

Various Other College Support Groups

The College has a wide range of specialist groups who ensure professional and accountable practices are maintained to the highest level. These groups include the College Advisory Council, College Finance Committee and the Marist Schools Australia Regional Council and National Board.



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Enrolments

INTERESTED IN ENROLLING YOUR SON AT MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE?

Parents interested in applying for a place for their son at Marist College Ashgrove are encouraged to complete the online application form that can be accessed via our website.

For day students, our main entry year is Year 5. Entry into other year levels is subject to availability at the time of enquiry.

Boarding students are considered for all year levels from Years 6-12.

College Tours

We invite families to join our Head of College, senior staff and students on a tour of the College campus during the scheduled tour, held each term.

Tours occur between 9:00am and 12:00pm with upcoming tour dates outlined on the College website.

Families wishing to attend one of our tours are welcome to register on the Marist College Ashgrove website. Tours outside of these times can be arranged by contacting the Enrolments Department.

Overseas and remote families interested in a boarding position who are unable to participate in one of our scheduled tours are encouraged to contact the Enrolments Department to make alternate arrangements.

Further Information

Additional information or other enquiries should be directed to the Enrolments Department:

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