

1. If I complete an Online Enrolment Application form for my son, when will I hear if he is accepted?

The 2022 enrolment period for Marist College will close on 28 May 2021. Applications can be submitted online before the end of this period including a non-refundable application fee of \$130.00. For Years 4 and 7, offers will be made by the end of June. Year 11 applications will be processed upon receipt. After the official enrolment period, applications continue to be received for all year levels; however, places are only offered subject to availability.

2. What places are available other than Year 4 and Year 7?

Besides the intake into Years 4, 7 and 11 in 2022, we will also accept applications for all other years. However, a limited number of places are available in the other years, dependent on current student numbers.

3. Does Marist College have feeder schools?

No. Marist College is an independent, congregational Catholic school and can offer enrolment to boys from Canberra and surrounding suburbs.

4. Does my son have to be Catholic?

Marist is a school with a diverse range of cultures and religions among its student population. While all boys are warmly welcomed, enrolment preference is given to Catholic families.

5. Is Religious Education compulsory?

Religious Education is an integral part of the curriculum at Marist and all students from Year 4 to 12 participate in classes, liturgies and, in their final two years, the retreat programs.

6. Do we have to contact the College for an interview time?

All applications submitted are considered by the Headmaster and if a family interview is requested, the College Registrar will contact the family with their interview time. Parents and the applying student(s) are expected to attend the interview. Interviews are part of the College enrolment process and does not guarantee a place being offered.

7. Does my son need to prepare for an interview?

If a family interview is requested by the Headmaster, the applying student/s do not need to bring or prepare anything.

8. Does my son have to do an entrance exam?

The College is not academically selective and caters for students across a diverse range of abilities.

Boys do not have to sit an entrance examination for enrolment into the College. Once accepted, we gather information from the boy's previous school to help cater for the needs of individual students.

9. Does my son have to play sport for the College?

Marist is a school committed to the development of the whole person. The College provides a wide range of summer and winter sports and competes in local Canberra competitions. Parents who elect to enrol their son at Marist do so on the understanding that where the College offers a particular sport, he will represent the College rather than an outside team. While sport is not compulsory, all students at Marist are expected to participate in some co-curricular activity.

10. Is there an Outdoor Education Program?

All boys are involved in our extensive outdoor education program, commencing with a one-day orientation program in Year 7, three-day camp in Year 8 and a week in Year 9 that is part of the Footsteps program, and concluding with the rigorous nine-day Year 10 Trek. Junior School students attend a 2-day camp in Year 4, 3-day camp in Year 5 and 4-day camp in Year 6.

11. When will he know which House he is in?

After all enrolment offers have been accepted, new students to the College will be allocated to a House. Generally, boys who have had fathers and/or brothers attend the College are placed in the same House. Successful applicants will be informed which House they have been allocated to prior to the commencement of the new school year.

12. Are there direct buses to Marist?

There are many buses both in the morning and afternoon to transport boys to and from Marist. Transport Canberra and QCity Transit buses determine the routes each year and they usually publicise them before the commencement of the school year. Please refer to the Transport Canberra and QCity websites for further information. Marist has its own College bus service that runs in Belconnen, Gungahlin and the Inner North suburbs of Canberra. For further information on the Northside Bus service provided by the College, please contact the College Registrar: registrar@mcc.act.edu.au