



MaristCollege  
Canberra

TOGETHER, WE CREATE FINE YOUNG MEN

## 2019 ATAR Academic Results

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# Message from our Headmaster

## It is with pleasure that we congratulate the Class of 2019 on their very positive Year 12 results.

Our students have achieved these results whilst also pursuing a wide range of interests beyond the classroom in their chosen co-curricular activities, be it in performing arts, sport, outdoor adventures, volunteering and local community involvement.

Our graduating class continued to provide excellent leadership to the College and were outstanding role models to those who will follow in their footsteps. They have embraced the Marist ethos of faith through service and have actively engaged in a liberal education, by demonstrating a genuine passion for learning, and a real commitment to their studies, supported by a superb team of teachers. We had many high achievers with 11% of students achieving a score above 95 and 24% of the graduating class attaining an ATAR score above 90, placing them in the top 10% of the State. The median ATAR was 81.85 and over 55% of the students achieved an ATAR above 80, placing them in the top 20% of the State. These are pleasing results and ensures many doors are open in deciding pathways for the future.

Further cause for celebration at Marist is the number of offers, including scholarships, to study degree courses in a wide range of subjects at university and colleges across the country and the number of apprenticeships offered to our VET students.

Marist College Canberra is a non-selective Catholic boys' school drawing students from a variety of educational backgrounds. We are proud to provide appropriate educational programs and specialised support for a number of our students with disabilities

and learning difficulties as well as providing opportunities to extend and challenge. All students are given the opportunity to achieve their potential and become contributing members of society in a dignified and meaningful way.

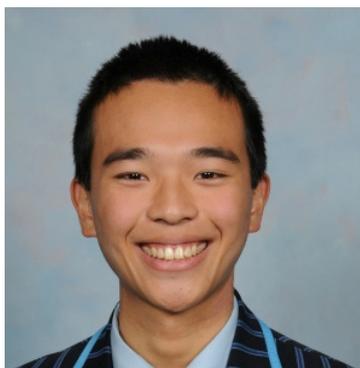
Success comes in countless forms at the College and we are especially pleased that many of our boys achieved beyond original hopes and expectations. Their success has been achieved through their application, dedication and hard work, with the significant support of their family. Of course, none of this success is possible without the highest quality teaching staff and we thank all of the staff for their dedication and expert guidance.

The boys' Year 12 achievements are but one piece of a jigsaw. Of greater importance is the character and the formation of their spiritual life, over the course of their education to date, and will continue to develop, as they take on the grand adventures of life!

We are proud of the 2019 Graduating Class. This publication profiles some of our top achievers whilst illustrating the fact that, at Marist College Canberra, you can achieve a vital balance between academic success and breadth of experience. These outcomes do not happen by magic, and they are not the result of any one person. It is a team, a community, which creates the support, the investment, the time, and the belief that brings out the best in our young men.

**Matthew Hutchison**  
*Headmaster*

# High Achievers



**LEO  
NG**

**99.90**

**Joined Marist College  
Canberra in Year 6**

- Dux of the College
- The Award for Outstanding Effort in Studies
- Subject Prize Winner for Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics
- College Colours for Academic Excellence
- College Half Colours for Academic Excellence
- McMahon House Captain

During his time at the College, Leo demonstrated a strong commitment to his academic studies and to serving others. His numerous awards included receiving High Distinctions and Distinctions in various Science and Maths Competitions as well as High Distinctions in the Physics and Chemistry Olympiads. Leo also received the College's Champagnat Medal and won the McMahon House Award twice. Leo demonstrated exceptional leadership during his time as McMahon House Captain. His dedication to service saw him recognised with a Platinum MATES Award. Leo's service activities included volunteering for Vinnies Night Patrol, and being an active member of the Marist Justice and Solidarity and Youth Ministry teams. Leo also took part in the College's Science Tour to the USA in 2019.



**ZACHARY  
JOHNSTON**

**99.45**

**Joined Marist College  
Canberra in Year 4**

- Second Aggregate in Year 12
- College Half Colours for Academic Excellence
- Subject Prize winner for Ancient History, Modern History, Religious Studies and Economics
- Headmaster's Award for Special Contribution to College Life
- Mark House Service Captain
- Gold MATES Award

Zac pursued his studies diligently to achieve excellent results while being fully involved in various service aspects of the College. His hard work was recognised through numerous academic awards. These included receiving College Half Colours for Academic Excellence and also being the inaugural recipient of the Denise Hodge Award for Academic Proficiency in Mark House in 2019. Zac was the Service Captain for Mark House in 2019, a role into which he threw himself wholeheartedly and one where he led by example. He was awarded a Gold MATES Award in recognition of his contribution to many service activities including the Stewardship group, being a patrol member for Vinnies Night Patrol as well as a Minister of Communion.



**ACHINTHA  
ATTANAYAKE**

**99.25**

**Joined Marist College  
Canberra in Year 7**

- Subject Prize winner for Japanese
- Gold MATES Award
- Member of Marist Justice and Solidarity
- Member of College Basketball team

Throughout his time at the College, Achintha contributed to many aspects of College life. He received numerous academic awards including a Gold Certificate from competing in The Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad (OzCLO). Achintha balanced his academic studies with involvement in sport and service. Starting to play Basketball for the College in Year 9, he also took on coaching Basketball in Year 11.

His commitment to service was recognised through the awarding of a Gold MATES Award. He was an active member of Marist Justice and Solidarity and also volunteered for his House charity Stella Bella. Outside of the College, Achintha balanced his studies and co-curricular involvement by playing piano for a number of years.

# High Achievers



## SUNNY BRIDGER

98.60

Joined Marist College  
Canberra in Year 7

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- Subject Prize winner for Hospitality
- Bronze MATES Award
- Member of the College's First VIII Marist Rowing Squad
- Member of College's Division 2 Under 19 Basketball Team

Sunny supplemented his academic studies with involvement in College sport and service activities. His many academic achievements, including being the recipient of the Conway House Academic Award, illustrated his dedication to his studies. His commitment to his Hospitality studies saw him help cater for many College functions including the Son-Rise Breakfast and the Marist College Canberra Foundation's Marist Mothers' and Grandmothers' Afternoon Tea. Sunny was also actively involved in the OzHarvest Community Meals initiative. His involvement in College life extended to being part of a number of different sporting teams. He was a member of the College's First VIII Rowing squad and also played in the College's Division 2 Under 19s Basketball Team during Year 12.



## WILLIAM DYSON

98.45

Joined Marist College  
Canberra in Year 7

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- Gold MATES Award
- Member of Marist/ Merici Sailing Club
- Minister of Communion
- Participated in the College's French Study Tour
- Member of Stewardship group

Will was a well-rounded member of the College community, participating in a range of co-curricular domains. His interest in studying the sciences resulted in him excelling in Physics and Mathematics. Will's education was also rounded on the sporting field. He was a valued member of a Marist Rugby team from Years 7-10 and a keen sailor and part of the Marist/ Merici Sailing Club during the summer months while in Years 11 and 12.

He also participated in Debating and demonstrated an excellent attitude to service by being involved in Stewardship, Marist Justice and Solidarity and as a Minister of Communion. Will also participated in the College's French Study Tour. Outside of the College, Will was a volunteer Martial Arts instructor.



## JOSEPH KETTLE

98.25

Joined Marist College  
Canberra in Year 4

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- The Award for Third Aggregate in Year 12
- Subject Prize winner for English
- Bronze MATES Award
- Member of the Stewardship Group
- Member of the Debating Club

Joseph contributed to all aspects of College life. He is gifted academically and was the recipient of a number of academic awards. Joseph articulated his presence in a confident and compassionate manner, with his outstanding commitment recognised through the awarding of a Champagnat Medal as well as the Patrick House Proficiency Award in Year 12.

Joseph supplemented his academic studies with involvement in the co-curricular domains of service and enrichment. He devoted many hours to the Stewardship Group, was a keen member of the Debating Club, and also took part in The Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad (OzCLO). Joseph also participated in the College's Science Tour to the USA.

# High Achievers



## ADRIAN MITROUSIS

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Joined Marist College  
Canberra in Year 7

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- Subject Prize winner for Engineering Studies
- College Half Colours for Academic Excellence
- Member of Marist Justice and Solidarity
- Gold MATES Award
- Played and coached for Marist Basketball Club
- Year 12 Innovation in Design Award

Throughout his time at the College, Adrian endeavoured to embrace all that Marist has to offer. A quiet achiever, Adrian received multiple Academic Excellence and Merit Awards. He was also awarded the Year 12 Innovation in Design Award. His passion for engineering saw him gain multiple subject prizes in this field and achieve first place in the relevant division of CIT's Advanced Bridge Challenge in Year 11.

Alongside his academic studies, Adrian played and coached Basketball and was also a member of Marist Justice and Solidarity. Adrian is an exceptional leader who utilises actions rather than words.



## BRENDAN HUYNH

98.05

Joined Marist College  
Canberra in Year 4

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- College Half Colours for Cultural Service
- Silver MATES Award
- Member of the College's Jazz and Senior Bands
- Member of Senior Vinnies
- Participated in the College's Study Tour to Japan
- Distinction in the ANU Chemistry Extension course

Brendan was an exemplary Marist student who showed great commitment to his studies and the life of the College. Academic awards and various national competition awards are just some of Brendan's finest achievements. This included receiving a Distinction in the Australian National University's High School Extension course for Chemistry. Brendan's musical contribution was extensive. He was a member of both the Jazz and Senior Bands, and also played piano/keys for many of the College's masses. He was also extensively involved in the Vinnies service group for much of his senior schooling. Brendan also participated in the College's Study Tour to Japan in 2018.



## MARLON TAYLOR

97.75

Joined Marist College  
Canberra in Year 4

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- Subject Prize winner for French
- College Half Colours for Academic Excellence
- Silver MATES Award
- Member of the Senior Band including for College musical

Since joining the College in Year 4, Marlon's varied contributions to the College were always positive. He is a friendly and mature young man and was a wonderful role model for the younger students in his House Group. Marlon's academic results were consistently impressive and evidence of his diligent and committed approach to his studies. They included achieving a High Distinction in an ANU Biodiversity Extension course.

His sporting interests included representing the College in Football. Being a talented musician, Marlon also played piano in the Senior Band for a number of years including in the College's 2018 musical production *The Addams Family*. Outside of the College, Marlon balanced his studies and co-curricular activities with playing ice hockey.

# High Achievers



## THOMAS SESELJA

97.25

Joined Marist College  
Canberra in Year 7

- College Half Colours for Service
- McMahon Vice-Captain
- Platinum MATES Award
- Member of Marist Youth Ministry
- Headmaster's Award for Special Contribution to College Life
- Member of the College's First XI Football team

Tommy applied himself fully to the academic, service and sporting aspects of the College. He is a fine young man of commitment and action, demonstrated through his role as Vice-Captain of McMahon House. His sporting prowess was demonstrated by representing the College's First XI Football team in Years 11 and 12.

Tommy was awarded a Champagnat Medal and participated in the Wadeye Immersion during Year 11. Tommy was a core and active member of the Marist Youth Ministry in Years 11 and 12, and also involved in Marist Justice and Solidarity during Year 11. Tommy's co-curricular involvement extended to being a part of the editing team for the Year 12 Yearbook, *Omega*.

## KEY RESULTS FROM 2019

Year 12 Certificates	<b>163</b>
Tertiary students	<b>131</b>
Non-Tertiary students	<b>32</b>

## ATAR Points of Interest

- **17** students achieved an ATAR over 95
- **31** students achieved an ATAR over 90
- **72** students achieved an ATAR over 80

**81.85**

**Median ATAR**



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