



MaristCollege  
Canberra

TOGETHER, WE CREATE FINE YOUNG MEN

## 2020 ATAR Academic Results

# Message from our Headmaster

“The culture of a school that allows for the achievement of academic excellence, and for its celebration, is the result of the efforts of all, and the pride we take in individual achievement is a pride we take in the efforts of all our boys”.

The 2020 Graduating Class more than rose to the challenge of a disruptive year and it is my great pleasure to congratulate them, their families and the teaching staff on the pleasing Year 12 Certificate results for 2020.

Our median ATAR of 82.60 positioned us in the top few schools in ACT. Marist College Canberra is proudly a non-selective Catholic boys' school drawing students from a variety of educational backgrounds. We are proud to have had more than 24% of students attain an ATAR greater than 90 and almost 50% achieved a score above 83. This is a performance that reflects the quality of our teaching and the diligence of our students.

These results are a testament to the ongoing care and support our boys received from their teachers, parents and families. Together, they helped to provide a network of encouragement during some stressful and challenging times.

We are equally proud of the many students who sought a vocational path, with many having secured apprenticeships.

We hope all the graduating class departed with a love of learning, a desire to think for themselves, a searching curiosity, and an openness to listen to views and thoughts of others.

Congratulations to Dux of the College, Lesh Samaranayake, for achieving an ATAR of 99.35 and Proxime Accessit, TJ Alder, with an ATAR of 98.55. Both these boys were involved in the fullness of College life with Lesh taking on the additional responsibilities of College Captain.

Our graduates fully demonstrated their willingness to adapt and to sustain the circulation of hope and positive expectations in the face of disappointments. They accomplished this while honouring their many extra and co-curricular commitments, upholding Marist's ethos of service, and contributing to the rich fabric of our school community. We are conscious that behind every number stands a young man who has ability and intelligence in their multitude of diverse forms.

We are proud of our 2020 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 are the result of a team, a community, which creates the support, investment, time, and the belief that brings out the best in our young men.

**Matthew Hutchison**  
*Headmaster*

## KEY RESULTS FROM 2020

Year 12 Certificates	<b>171</b>
Tertiary students	<b>132</b>
Non-Tertiary students	<b>39</b>

**Median ATAR: 82.60**

# High Achievers



## LESH SAMARANAYAKE

99.35

Joined Marist College Canberra in  
Year 4

- Dux of the College
- College Captain
- Subject Prize Winner for Mathematics, English, Religion and Chemistry
- College Colours for Academic Excellence
- College Colours for Service
- Awards for Leadership and Outstanding Contribution to College Life and Public Speaking

During his time at the College, Lesh contributed fully to all aspects of College life. His numerous academic achievements, including receiving prizes in four subjects in Year 12 and the College's Champagnat Medal, were testament to his dedication and drive in his studies. Leadership was a defining quality of Lesh's, becoming the Junior School Vice-Captain and College Captain.

His contribution to service was extensive and significant and included active involvement in the Marist Youth Ministry and ENGAGE Sports programs. Lesh also took part in the College's immersion to Cambodia in Year 11.

A talented off-spin bowler, Lesh was appointed the Vice-Captain of the First XI Cricket premiership team for the 2019-2020 season, and was the leading wicket taker and best bowler during this same season.



## TIMOTHY (TJ) ALDER

98.55

Joined Marist College Canberra  
in Year 7

- Third Aggregate in Year 12
- College Half Colours for Academic Excellence
- Crispin House Vice-Captain
- Gold MATES Award
- Member of College Basketball team

TJ applied himself fully to the academic, service and sporting aspects of the College, demonstrating a true Marist spirit throughout his education. As well as maintaining a high level of academic standard in his studies, TJ was Vice-Captain of Crispin House. His sporting interests included being a member of the College's Australian Football and Basketball teams. TJ also participated in the College's Basketball Tour to the USA.

He was awarded a Gold MATES Award in recognition of his contribution to many service activities including the Groundswell group, being a patrol member for Vinnies Night Patrol as well as being involved in ENGAGE Sports.

TJ also took part in The Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad (OzCLO).

# High Achievers



## ANGUS MCLAUGHLIN

98.20

Joined Marist College Canberra  
in Year 4

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- Gold MATES Award
- Captain of College's First X1 Football team
- Participated in the College's Football Tour to the UK
- Member of Marist Youth Ministry

Throughout his time at the College, Angus contributed to many aspects of College life. Angus pursued his studies diligently to achieve excellent results, receiving a number of academic awards. Angus balanced his academic studies with involvement in sport and service.

Starting to play football for the College in Year 5, Angus was named Captain of the First XI in 2020. He took part in the College's Football Tour to the UK in 2018.

His commitment to service was recognised through the awarding of a Gold MATES Award. Angus' service activities included being a member of the Marist Youth Ministry team in Year 11, part of the Groundswell group in Year 10, and as a member of the Marist Justice and Solidarity Group.



## JOSHUA GREEN

98.20

Joined Marist College Canberra  
in Year 4

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- College Vice-Captain
- Award for All-Round Excellence
- Subject Prize Winner for Physics and Ancient History
- Award for Senior Sportsman of the Year
- College Half Colours for Academic
- College Half Colours for Service
- College Half Colours for Sport

Josh was an exemplary Marist student who showed great commitment to his studies and College life. Josh received numerous academic awards during his time at the College, including receiving prizes for two subjects in Year 12, while balancing his leadership commitments as College Vice-Captain.

As a renowned and highly accomplished sportsman, Josh represented the College in Australian Rules Football, cricket, rowing and basketball.

Josh also made a significant contribution to service programs at the College and was recognised with several MATES Awards (Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum). Josh was actively involved in Marist Youth Ministry in Years 11 and 12, ENGAGE Sports as well as cricket coaching. Josh also took part in the College's Immersion to Cambodia in Year 11.

# High Achievers



## KAI MITCHELL

98.20

Joined Marist College Canberra in Year 7

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- Second Aggregate in Year 12
  - Conway House Service Captain
  - Platinum MATES Award
  - Member of College's Senior Band and Jazz Band
  - Member of Marist Youth Ministry

Kai applied himself fully to all aspects of the College. During his time at the College, he received numerous awards including the Conway House Academic Award and the Endeavour Award for Performing Arts.

Kai's musical contribution to the College was extensive. This included being a member of the Senior Band since Year 7 and the Jazz Band since Year 8.

He also participated in debating from Years 7-11 and was on the editing committee for *Omega*, the Year 12 Book.

Kai was the 2020 Conway House Service Captain and an active member of Marist Youth Ministry. His commitment to service was recognised through the awarding of a Champagnat Medal in Year 12 and a Platinum MATES Award. Outside of the College, Kai balanced his studies and co-curricular involvement by playing and coaching tennis.



## PETER ILYK

98.00

Joined Marist College Canberra in Year 10

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- Patrick House Proficiency Award
  - Swimming representative at State and National levels
  - Member of the College's First XVIII Australian Rules team
  - Participated in the College's Science Tour to the USA

During his time at the College, Peter applied himself to the school's academic and sporting aspects. He impressed staff and fellow students with his mature, responsible behaviour, and worked very hard at completing all academic requirements at a high level. He is an intelligent, capable student who took on, and mastered, a challenging Tertiary package.

To balance his academic studies, Peter was a member of the College's First XVIII Australian Rules Football team in Year 12. He also proudly represented the College and Patrick House at various swimming carnivals where he enjoyed considerable success at both state and national levels.

Peter also participated in the College's Science Tour to the USA.

# High Achievers



## JACK THURTELL

97.90

Joined Marist College Canberra in Year 4

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- Award for Outstanding Effort in Studies
- Headmaster's Award for Outstanding Contribution to College Life
- Bronze MATES Award
- Member of College's Third XV Rugby team
- Member of ENGAGE Sports

Since joining the College in Year 4, Jack demonstrated his determination to do well in all his academic studies. These efforts were acknowledged through his numerous academic awards, including receiving the Award for Outstanding Effort in Studies.

His outgoing nature enabled him to be a positive role model to the younger members of his House Group.

Jack was a keen member of the College's rugby teams, playing for eight years. During this time, Jack proudly played in five grand finals and his teams won two premierships. His involvement with rugby culminated with his representation in the Third XV in Years 11 and 12.

Jack also achieved a Bronze MATES award for his hours of dedicated community service at the College.



## MYCHAE MITROUSIS

97.70

Joined Marist College Canberra in Year 7

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- Patrick House Captain
- College Half Colours for Academic Excellence
- Silver MATES Award
- Member of the College's First XI Football team
- Member of Marist Justice and Solidarity
- Member of Marist Youth Ministry

Mychael personified the Marist values perfectly. Throughout his time at the College, Mychael contributed to many aspects of College life. He was the recipient of several academic excellence awards including receiving College Half Colours for Academic Excellence.

Mychael supplemented his studies by engaging in a range of co-curricular activities. This included being a member of Marist Justice and Solidarity since Year 7, a member of the Marist Youth Ministry team in Year 11, as well as playing football for the College since Year 7.

Mychael's resilience, lateral thinking and commitment to the College was also demonstrated in the manner he led Patrick House during an extraordinary year.

# High Achievers



## SEBASTIAN PELLE

97.70

Joined Marist College Canberra  
in Year 7

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- College Half Colours for Academic Excellence
- Subject Prize Winner for Italian
- Gold MATES Award
- Member of Marist Youth Ministry
- Member of Groundswell service group

Sebastian pursued his studies diligently to achieve excellent results while being involved in various service aspects of the College. His studies in his senior years focussed on mathematics, science and Italian, for which he achieved outstanding results. This included receiving College Half Colours for Academic Excellence.

Sebastian also received a Gold MATES Award in recognition of his significant contribution to the spiritual side of College life. These included being a member of the Marist Youth Ministry team in Years 11 and 12, and previously involved with Groundswell, Cooee Project, and Marist Justice and Solidarity.

In addition, Sebastian played Premier League Football for a number of years and represented the ACT at three national competitions.



## LIAM SANDISON

96.95

Joined Marist College Canberra  
in Year 7

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- College Half Colours for Academic Excellence
- Subject Prize Winner for Biology
- Haydon House Award for All-Around Excellence
- Silver MATES Award
- Member for Marist Justice and Solidarity
- Co-Captain of the College's Second XI Football team

Liam supplemented his academic studies with involvement in College sport and service activities. Academically, Liam led by example, illustrated through receiving numerous academic excellence awards and the Haydon House Award for All-Round Excellence.

Liam balanced his academic studies with involvement in sport and service. Liam was heavily involved in football, including being a member of the Under 18 ACT Premier League premiership team in Year 11. He also represented the College in athletics and cross country.

Liam was awarded a Silver MATES Award in recognition of his contribution to the Marist Justice and Solidarity and Groundswell service groups.



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