



MARIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Inspired to Learn, Empowered for Life



Year 7 and 8 Prospectus

2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



*Haere mai nau mai haere mai ma te Atua
koutou e manaaki*

Greetings and a warm welcome to Marian Catholic School, Hamilton.

We are a thriving school in the heart of Hamilton East catering for 600 students from year 1 through to year 8. As a full primary we embrace and nurture our year 7 and 8 students as leaders and role models within our school.

Our school was established in 1989 following the amalgamation of St Mary's Cathedral School and Marist School which had

previously coexisted on adjoining sites. Marian Catholic School recognizes and celebrates the founding charisms of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions foundress, Euphrasie Barbier and the Marist Brothers founder, Marcellin Champagnat. We are a special character school and leadership opportunities are given to our year 7 and 8 students to support our Catholic character. These include; leading our Monday Gospel assemblies, taking on ministries within our regular school Masses and liturgies, and involvement in our liturgy group.

We are proud of our multicultural diverse school, and we actively seek to connect with our parents to build positive partnerships. The school provides a safe and culturally responsive environment for all students. We actively seek to ensure our students feel proud and celebrate their culture. Our year 7 and 8 students are our cultural leaders and we provide leadership opportunities within our Raukura Group, Pasifika Group, and our Indian Group. We hold cultural assemblies to celebrate the diversity of culture within our school.

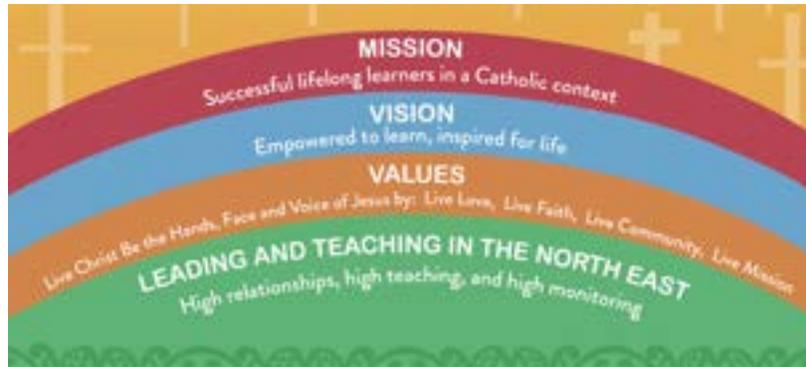
Learning is our core business and we believe developing whānau like relationships is foundational in order to implement effective teaching and learning within our classrooms. Our students are supported by dynamic teachers and a dedicated team of support staff. The teaching staff have a range of expertise, interests and experience. They work collaboratively sharing professional skills and knowledge to help our students achieve.

We warmly invite you to visit our school or call for further information.

Ngā mihi nui

Debra A White
PRINCIPAL

MISSION AND VISION



OUR CHARISM



LIVE CHRIST

I roto i te Karaiti ka ora ai tātou
Be the hands, face and voice of JESUS



LIVE LOVE
Manawata te Aroha

By this everyone will know that you are the disciples if you love one another" John 13:35



- Be kind
- See God in each other
- Share what we have
- Forgive others.

LIVE FAITH
Manawata te Whakapono

The world is dead but in the faith, be courageous, be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13



- Live like Jesus
- Make time to listen to God
- Thank God for all we have
- Look after our world

LIVE COMMUNITY
Manawata te Papatipu

The where we go when we gather in my name, there we will dwell" Matthew 18:20



- Build relationship
- Look after each other
- Listen to each other
- See God in our world

LIVE MISSION
Manawata te Miharo

"I will show you my faith by my words" James 2:18



- Be Jesus in the world
- Serve others near and far
- Help people in need
- Share our faith by the way we live

OUR ACTS

*The **ACTS** are an important part of our Learner Profile.*

They are capabilities our students develop to live and learn

today and in the future.



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A huge benefit of having your child attend a full primary school is the various leadership opportunities that are available to them. At Marian Catholic School we offer many leadership roles:

House Leaders

We have five Houses: **Red** - St Thomas Aquinas, **Blue** - Euphrasie, **Green** - St Peter Chanel, **Yellow** - St Therese, and **Purple** - Marcellin Champagnat.

At the start of each year our year 7 and 8 students are invited to prepare a speech to gather votes from their peers for the role of House Captain or Deputy for their House. From these speeches each team selects 4 House Leaders for each House. This group then works to promote the house competition within school during school competitions and lead a whole school house event each term.



Special Character

We are a special character school and leadership opportunities are given to our year 7 and 8 students to support our Catholic character. Two special character leaders are selected from each class. Their roles include; leading prayer within their classes, creating displays, and taking on ministries within our special school Masses and Liturgies. They attend a retreat at the end of the year.

To ensure all children are immersed in our special character, each class is also rostered on to lead our Monday Gospel assemblies and is involved in our Liturgy group.



Young Vinnies

Young Vinnies are a group of year 7 and 8 students who work for social justice and want to make a difference in the world. They meet regularly and organise a range of activities. Fundraising activities are organised and money raised donated to local groups.

Cultural Leaders

We are proud of our multicultural diverse school. A group of year 7 and 8 students are selected as the Cultural Group where they work to promote, share, and connect students to various cultural celebrations during the year. We also provide leadership opportunities within our cultural groups; Raukura, Performance Kapa Haka, Pasifika and Indian. We hold whole school cultural assemblies throughout the year to celebrate the rich diversity of culture within our school.



Kapa Haka Performance Group

All students work with our Kapa Haka tutor - Matua Harley once a week. This provides a positive, disciplined, strength-based environment to enable students to shine by giving them; the leadership skills, performance opportunities, confidence, health and fitness, music and dance which are all aspects of being part of our Kapa Haka group. A selection of students make up our Kapa Haka performance group.



Raukura Student Leaders Any year 7 and 8 student can elect to be part of this cultural identity group where culture, identity and tikanga, are celebrated and promoted. These students take leading roles in any Te Ao Māori celebrations across the school.

Student Council

The Student Council is an opportunity for students to work collaboratively to support the LC5 community and uphold the values and special character of our school. Each class has student representatives that sit on the Student Council. Together they plan and review events for the school such as; Mission Day, Op Shop Ball, Year 8 Leaver's Hoodies, Council Korero input and special weeks and days that are to be celebrated like Anzac Day and Sign Language Week.



Sports Council

Sports Council is an opportunity to lead peers and younger students in sporting activities and house based activities. This role provides our students, who have a love of sport, with the means to gain more confidence and to 'Lead by Example'. Sports Council students spend time organising sports equipment for teachers and students, and run games during lunchtimes. They also step up as tuakana-teina supporters at school-based sporting activities e.g. cross country and athletics.



Enviro Schools

Enviro Schools is an exciting opportunity for students to be empowered to work together to create more sustainable, healthy, caring environments and places for everyone to enjoy. They spend time working on our Gully Restoration project, reduce waste, promote healthy eating, and organise our worm bins, amongst other environmental initiatives within our school.



Digitech

This group supports our year 7 and 8 students to learn about and with digital technologies to contribute to developing an informed digital society. Their mission is to promote digital fluency by supporting peers to effectively and confidently use digital technologies to maximise learning in classrooms and at home.

Librarians

Our librarians are rostered on each week to work in the library with Mrs Rose. These students can be found making posters to promote new books and organising lunchtime activities for the younger students. An important role is shelving books and tidying up the shelves.

LEARNING PROGRAMMES

C3 Connected Curriculum Concepts

Once a week our year 7 and 8 students are involved in our C3 Programme. Each year level rotates through three - four options.

- Music - Working with our Specialist Music Tutor

We are pleased to have the services of Mr Sam Trenwith from Music House, who is based here at Marian. We try to have at least 3 bands every year at Marian. These bands practise through the year and go on to compete at the local Band Slam and Band Quest. They also perform for the school at various occasions throughout the year.



- Science
- French (Year 7 students)
- Spanish (Year 8 students)
- E-PRO 8 an extension mathematical technology programme
- Drama
- Tumeke Time - combining Tikanga/Te Reo and Physical Education. All students learn the craft of Ki-o-rahi and other healthy body and mind sports based activities.



Tech Arts

Once a week our students are collected by bus from school at 8.45am and taken up to St John's College to partake in Tech Arts in their Technology department. They are delivered back to Marian at 11am in time for morning tea.

One group goes on a Tuesday morning and the second group goes on a Friday morning.

Each student will get a chance to learn each of the following subjects over the whole year:

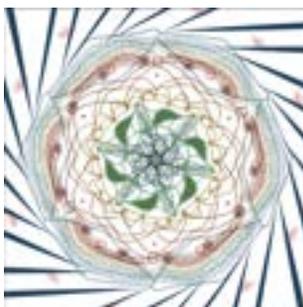
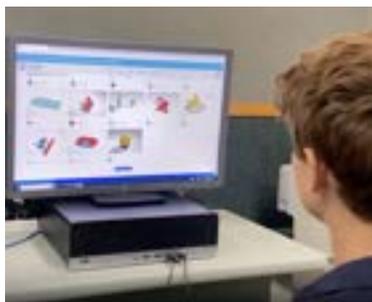
- Design and Visual Communication
- Digital Technology
- Food/Cooking
- Visual Arts
- Materials Technology



This gives each of them a great introduction into these subjects and helps them decide if they may like to follow on in an area for High School.

Design and Visual Communication

The study of Design and Visual Communication enables students to develop and communicate design ideas and potential outcomes, it will provide them with the skills to interpret and communicate visual information.



Food and Cooking

An introduction to learning about nutrition and basic cooking methods. The children will learn to follow recipes and make a variety of everyday foods that they get to take with them to bring home or enjoy after the session.



Visual Arts

This course gets students involved in drawing, design and painting. To see an art work come together from the planning stage to a completed artwork is good perseverance. This encourages thinking, managing self and relating to others.



Materials Technology

A fun introduction into working with wood, metal and other materials. They learn all about the protocols and importance of safety when using a range of machinery. Children will plan and build something to bring home. Past constructions have been a bird feeder and a peg board.



Mission Day

In October, our year 7 and 8 students lead our school Mission Day. Each student works on their own or within a group to build on learning throughout the year to create a product or service. On Mission Day they set up and run a stall. Students from throughout the school spend their money on items and games, and money raised goes towards the Missions.



EOTC Camp Experiences

Our year 7 and 8 students attend annual camps. One year is at Tui Ridge Camp, Rotorua and the alternate year is Christian Youth Camp, Ngaruawahia. During these camps the students experience a range of indoor and outdoor activities that challenge them to engage physically and socially in all experiences.



Year 7 and 8 Catholic Inter School Sports

Each year our year 7 and 8 students participate in our local Catholic Inter School sports events. These include: swimming, cross country, winter tournament, athletics.

Representatives from the Catholic Inter School events go through to the Waikato Full Primary events. These include: swimming, cross country, and athletics.



Other Inter School or National Competitions

We have a wide range of other opportunities for year 7 and 8 students. Activities such as EPRO8, Chess Club, Lit Quiz, AIMS, Writers Festival, Rock Bands, and Tough Guy/Gal are all experiences that many students enjoy.



SAINTS UNITED SPORTS CLUB

St Columba, St Josephs, Marian, St Peter Chanel and St Pius Schools

Sport for Year 7 and 8 Students

Saints United is a club set up by the five Hamilton City Catholic Schools. It is to ensure your children will have the opportunity to play a variety of sports which they may not have had the chance to do representing their individual school.

The main aim is for our children to have the chance to play and compete against the bigger Intermediate schools in the Waikato. Our aim is to also give our children the chance to play at their ability and hence a few sports will require trials. We will endeavour to get independent selectors to come and run our Trials before the start of each season. But, no one will miss out!

If you register to play on time we will try our hardest to put your child in a team.

We are getting great results for all our children both in sporting achievement and socially. They are meeting a lot of new children who they will then hopefully be going off to high school with soon.

Saints United will try to offer the following sports:

- **Basketball** (all year)
- **Cricket** (term 1 and 4)
- **Hockey** (term 2 and 3)
- **Netball** (term 2 and 3)
- **Lacrosse** (term 4)



MARIAN SPORTS

We also offer the following “out-of-school” sports where the children represent Marian Catholic School.

- Our students play Touch Rugby on a Monday evening in terms 1 and 4.
- A Water Polo team from Marian Catholic School competes at Te Rapa on a Sunday afternoon in Terms 1 and 4.
- Futsal is played on a Friday night during terms 1 and 4.



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Out of School Music

We host Out of School Music classes which are heavily subsidised by Ministry of Education funding. Why not offer your child this great opportunity?

The classes we offer at Marian are as follows:

- Clarinet
- Beginner and Advanced Guitar
- Beginner and Advanced Flute
- Beginner and Advanced Violin
- Saxophone
- Trumpet

Classes are held at Marian School between 8.00 - 9.30 am. Lesson times will be finalised once classes have been confirmed. Music fees are \$80 per year and instrument hire is also \$80 per year. If you choose guitar you must provide your own. Your child must commit to a full year's lessons as classes to maintain minimum class sizes.

Orchestra

We are fortunate to have an orchestra tutor who takes weekly sessions with our school orchestra. This is a great opportunity for our students to get together and perform in a real orchestra. They practise through the year to perform at our cultural assemblies, the end of year concert and local rest homes.



Senior Choir

Mrs Soagia works with our year 7 and 8 students to develop their God given gifts through their passion for singing. The senior choir meet every week and are given opportunities to develop their singing skills through performance. The choir supports our special character in school by leading Monday liturgies, end of term Masses and our annual Marian Kids for Caritas. Our choir leaders support Mrs Soagia by leading the warm ups.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

At Marian Catholic School we provide our international students and their families a warm and welcoming environment. We accept up to 20 students from around the world at all levels.

Our International Student Coordinator, Mrs Michelle Vevers is onsite every day to assist students and parents to feel welcome and to support them within the school and the community. During the school year our international families are invited to join in with many of the school's activities and share their culture.



Marian Catholic School has a special character, where Catholic spirituality and faith are practised every day. The students attend regular school Masses at the Cathedral, which is situated next to the school.

Our students are instilled with a strong sense of supporting each other and contributing to the whole community through a sense of social justice and support for others. They are asked to display these values on a day to day basis. We develop a strong sense of high achievement and expectations of the individual students, so they can thrive within the well supported school and community environment.



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"Who, therefore will love that you are the things that you are" John 13:25



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"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong" 1 Corinthians 16:13



- Live like Jesus
- Make time to listen to God
- Thank God for all we have
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LIVE COMMUNITY
Manawhāia te Whānau

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I with them" Matthew 18:20



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If you have any queries about our year 7 and 8 programme please do not hesitate to contact Debra White PRINCIPAL