



Parramatta Marist High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year at Parramatta Marist High School. I hope you had a wonderful summer and I also trust that your sons are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome back all of our returning families, as well as those of you who are new to us this year. This year will be filled with numerous opportunities where our school takes great pride in establishing an atmosphere that invites our students to be a part of the spiritual and educational journey.

I am delighted that I am joining an amazing learning community that is full of energy and dedication and values not only excellence in education but also it's long tradition in being part of the Marist family. St Marcellin Champagnat encourages us to respond to those around us in a positive way and through Mary, we will achieve this with Christ's blessings in the year ahead.

Academic Assembly

Today we welcomed back over 30 students from the 2017 class for the High Achievers Assembly. This group achieved an ATAR in excess of 90. The 2017 school dux, Anthony Kroeger received the highest ATAR of 99.75. In his address during the assembly, he acknowledged the dedication and commitment of the teachers who assisted him and the other students to achieve their results.

Upcoming events:

Commencement Mass

The 2018 Commencement Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 6 February at 7pm in the Morley Centre, students are to meet outside the Morley Centre at 6:15pm for roll call. Fr Walter Fogarty will be the main Celebrant of the Mass. Attendance is compulsory for all students. As a Catholic school, this Mass is viewed as one of the most important events of our school calendar. **I appreciate all parents making an effort to be present.** Parents who are able to attend are asked to complete the following Google RSVP form: <https://goo.gl/forms/B40YqxIhJKXm6LYZ2>. **Students will be dismissed from school on Tuesday, 6 February at 1:30pm.** If your son requires supervision after 1:30pm, please complete following Google RSVP form: <https://goo.gl/forms/r8ZGITWkFCfJFGXp2>.

School Census

The annual February Census will take place on **Friday, 9 February**. Attendance is most important on this day and students should only be absent if it is absolutely necessary. If your son is absent on Friday, 9 February, a medical certificate must be provided to the school on the next day of his attendance.

Year 7 Introduction BBQ and Student Presentations

The Year 7 Introduction BBQ and student presentations will be held on **Friday, 16 February**. The evening will commence at 5:00pm with student presentations followed by a BBQ. This is also an opportunity for parents to meet school staff and other parents.

School Photos

School photos will take place on Monday, 26 February. All students will be issued an envelope for administration purposes. Students are expected to be in full school uniform ensuring their shoes are polished and have the correct hairstyle. Parents are able to pre purchase the photo packages online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit Online Order Code – **J3Q ZD4 P6Z**. Online orders are to be placed by Sunday, 25 February. If payments are not made online, students will need to hand in the correct amount of money in the envelope to the photographers on the day and not to school staff.



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Parent Echo Training

The annual Parent Echo Information evening will be held on Wednesday, 28 February 2018. Two identical sessions will be offered: 4pm - 4.45pm and 5pm - 5.45pm. This evening will assist you in understanding how you can access and monitor your son's projects within our Echo learning management system. Parents, with the assistance of their son and a classroom teacher, will learn how to access course content, students marks and feedback. Registrations for the evening are required, as accounts will need to be created. You can register to attend the evening at the link:

<http://tiny.cc/2018Echo>

Swimming Carnival

The annual swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday, 6 March at Granville swimming pool. Students are required to wear full sports uniform, including a hat. Students who are absent on this day are required to provide the school with a medical certificate. Further information regarding the swimming carnival will be provided closer to the date.

General matters:

Student Drivers

Parents who wish to have their Year 12 son drive to school must request approval from the Principal. There is no parking on school grounds.

School Year Book

The 2017 School Year Book is available to download from <http://bit.ly/2017PMHYearBook>.

Please be mindful of the download time as it is a large file due to the large volume of interactive content.

School information

Parents are encouraged to subscribe to both our e-News via the School website: www.parramarist.nsw.edu.au and our Skoolbag App by searching 'Parramatta Marist High School – Skoolbag' from the App Store. Both the e-news and app contains important information and updates for parents.

School Calendar

The Parramatta Marist 2018 school calendar has been developed using Google Calendar. Upon opening the link below, users who have a Google Account will be asked whether they would like to subscribe to the Calendar. This is recommended.

Parents who do not have a Google account will be able to continually access the calendar via the link in any web browser, although Google Chrome is our recommendation.

The 2018 School Calendar can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/2018PMHCal>

Travel

To ensure student safety and access for school buses, afternoon entry to the campus via Gate 3 is restricted to **BUSES ONLY** until 3:45pm. All students are asked to use public transport where possible or we suggest parents arrange alternative pick-up locations if students are required to be picked up before 3:45pm. **No drop off or parking is available outside Gate 1 and Gate 2 at any time.** Police regularly patrol and fine.

Year 7, 2019 Information Evening

The Year 7, 2019 Information Evening will be held on Wednesday, 14 March 2018. Details of the event will be posted on the school website.

School Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is opened during the school terms on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8am-10am. The uniform price list and order form can be found on the school website. Prepaid orders can be faxed or emailed.



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School Hats

It is expected that all students at Marist will be proud of their uniform and maintain high standards while wearing their school attire. The school hat is a compulsory part of the uniform and should be worn at all times except when indoors.

Haircuts

All boys were reminded to return to school with the correct haircut. Hair is to be clean and neatly cut off the collar, of natural colour, of even grade with extremes of fashion avoided. All students are to be clean-shaven at school. More information about the correct haircut can be found in the student diary.

Jewellery

- Facial rings, earrings, nose rings, eyebrow rings, studs, retainers and spacers are not permitted
- Rings, chains and necklaces (including religious symbols) are not to be visible on the outside of the uniform.
- Watches and medical bracelets are the only wrist accessories permitted.

Diary Amendment

The 2018 Term Dates in the student diary are incorrect. Please refer to the following dates for your personal calendars:

Term	Begins	Ends
1	Monday 29 th January	Friday 13 th April
2	Tuesday 1 st May	Friday 6 th July
3	Monday 23 rd July	Friday 28 th September
4	Monday 15 th October	Wednesday 19 th December

Please note: The student diary will be amended to reflect this in week 2. Apologies for any inconvenience.

I hope all students have an enjoyable year at Parramatta Marist.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mark Pauschmann
Principal.



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SCHOOL BASED FEES FOR 2018

1. Resource Fee (charged on a per student basis)

This fee is charged on a per student basis, helps meet administration, maintenance and operating costs, such as:

- Entry fees for subject competitions
- Couriers/post compulsory information and resources
- All correspondence to parents
- Postage, telephone, stationery, medical supplies
- Printing: photocopying, paper, equipment repairs
- Learning Centre (Library) costs
- ESSA - science assessment program.
- Digital copy of the Year Book is provided to each family at the end of the school year.
- Student Diary and ID Cards
- Stationery and other resources used in the classroom
- Supply of school notes and examination papers
- Student Diary and ID cards
- General excursions/incursions to \$100 per student. Costs in excess of this amount are to be met by the students
- Provision and maintenance of the school's technology resources including network infrastructure, network management and maintenance, school Internet access, software licences and apps.
- Utilities: electricity, water, gas, telephone
- Cleaning Costs
- Maintenance of education facilities, buildings and grounds to an acceptable standard. This also includes the maintaining of the Morley Centre and Playing Fields.

2 Activity Fee (charged on a per student basis)

This fee is charged per student and is geared to cover the costs of supplying relevant resources for sports tuition, membership to sporting bodies, hire of venues and bus transport between the School and venues. The fee for Year 12 students is at a reduced rate to reflect the lessening participation of the seniors as they progress to the HSC.

5. Camps and Retreats (Years 7 and 12 - per student basis)

This fee is charged to year 7 and 12 students who attend either year 7 camp or year 12 retreat. The fee on your Statement will be broken into two components, i.e. overnight excursion and overnight meal. This is being done to separate the GST component for accounting purposes.

6. Family Levy (charged per family basis)

This fee is to support community building and fundraising activities in the school.

All matters relating to your fees and their payment are dealt with in confidence and not discussed with your son/s.

All fees are compulsory. Questions relating to the payment of accounts should be directed firstly to the School's Business Manager. Where families are experiencing difficulty in meeting their commitments to pay the fees, application can be made for assistance. It should be noted that there is no automatic entitlement to assistance and that financial hardship must be established. It needs to be noted also that where assistance is given, it applies only to the first year in which it is given. Arrangements for payment of fees must be made at the beginning of each year.

Any parents who cannot pay the full amount due each term by the due date are asked to immediately contact the Business Manager, to make instalment arrangements. This is asked also of those parents who find it necessary to seek assistance. Arrangement is to be made at the beginning of each year with the school fees section on 9635 7066.

Failure to pay fees or to make arrangements will result in your account being forwarded to our Debt Collection Agency.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

For your convenience payment of fees can be made by the following methods:

BPay	internet, phone banking
Postpay	internet or post office
Credit Card (visa or Mastercard only)	payment at school office or by calling 9635 7066
EFTPOS	payment at school office
Cheque	by mail or payment at school office
Cash	payment at school office

NOTICE OF TERMINATION

Parents are required to provide five (5) term weeks' notice if they decide to remove their son from the school. Failure to provide this notice will result in a further charge of fees for half a term.

FEE PAYMENT DATES

The final date for payment of each term's fee will be four weeks after the Statement Date.