



MARIST COLLEGE NORTH SHORE

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of one year and the beginning of another, I wanted to keep you informed of important events, dates and times leading up to the conclusion of our school year and in the first term of 2019.

KEY DATES

Staff Spirituality Day

On **Friday 7 December** we will be holding our annual Staff Spirituality Day this will be a pupil free day. Please note this day will be held off site so the school and the office will be closed.

Champagnat Gold

This will be held for Year 10 & 11 on **Wednesday 12 December**.

This will be held for Years 7/8/9 on **Friday 14 December**.

Year 10 & 11 Prize Giving Assembly

This will be held on **Thursday 13 December** which is the last day of the school year for Years 10 & 11. **All students will be dismissed at 12pm on this day for Staff Professional Learning.**

Christmas Liturgy - Years 7/8/9

Christmas Liturgy, Awards and Prize Giving will be held on **Monday 17 December**. **Students will be dismissed at approximately 12.30pm.**

Optional Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday 17 December - staff will be available for optional Parent Teacher interviews from 1.30pm to 3.00pm in the La Valla Hall, no appointments necessary.

Last Day of School for 2018

Year 10 and 11 conclude on **Thursday 13 December**.

Year 7, 8 & 9 will conclude classes on **Monday 17 December**.

School Office

The school will close on **Wednesday 19 December**.

School Office will open on Monday 21 January to Thursday 24 January. Please note that the office will be closed on Friday 25 January and Monday 28 January.

Start of School for 2019

Year 7 begins on **Wednesday 30 January**.

Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 returning students commence Term 1 on **Thursday 31 January** at the usual time of 8:35am.

Uniform Shop

The last date to purchase any uniform this year will be **Wednesday 12 December**.

To purchase last minute uniform items in the new year, the Uniform Shop will be open on:

Wednesday 23 January 9.00am - 12.00pm,

Tuesday 29 January 8.00am - 12.00pm

Wednesday 30 January 10.00am - 2.00pm

Swimming Carnival

The College Swimming Carnival will be held on **Friday 1 February** at North Sydney Olympic Pool. Boys are expected to assemble at Bradfield Park, adjacent to the Pool, at **8:30am**. They will be dismissed by **2:00pm from North Sydney Olympic Pool**. All times are subject to change. Boys must wear their sports uniform and bring their House tee shirt, water, sunscreen and caps or hats are essential. Further information will follow in the new year.

Commencement Mass

The Commencement Mass will take place on **Friday 15 February**. It will be held in St Mary's Church, North Sydney at **9:15am**. All parents are welcome to attend.

Year 9 Camp

In Term 1 all of Year 9 will spend some time away from the normal school routine and be involved in alternative activities. The **Year 9 Camp** will be held from **Monday 18 March to Thursday 21 March**. This experience is much more rigorous and challenging and will involve the boys in various outdoor activities. Year 9 Students will not attend school on **Friday 22 March** but stay at home. Further information will be provided closer to the date.

Parents and Friends Welcome Drinks

The Parents and Friends Welcome Drinks will be held on **Friday 22 February, from 6:30pm**. All parents are invited. Hopefully, many of our new parents will be able to enjoy this pleasant social evening.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Fees and Levies

Fee schedules for 2019 will be posted be on our website www.maristcollege.com by the end of the school year. Fees are payable over three terms - terms one, two and three. We rely on the **prompt payment** of all fees and charges to ensure the College's own financial viability. No charges are optional. Please be conscious of this and keep to payment deadlines. As is always the case, we are happy to assist families who are experiencing financial difficulties or those who wish to commence an instalment plan. If this is the case please write or phone and speak confidentially to the Business Manager or to Tony Duncan, Principal.

BYOD

Year 10 students are required to have a laptop computer as detailed in the letters from me earlier this year. Please refer to the [BYOD Year 10 2019](#) letter on the College website for complete details.

Textbooks

In 2019 Marist College North Shore students will order their textbooks through publishing company Champion Books. Students are to visit the website www.champion.com.au, click on "order now", find Marist College North Shore and enter the four digit code **EPKP**. Ordering and payment is handled directly with Champion and books will be sent directly to the student's address. Books will be delivered home. Ordering before **20 December 2018 will ensure books will be delivered in time for the start of the school year in 2019**.

In 2019 families will have the option of ordering many books as either soft copy (electronic) or hard copy texts or both. **Marist College encourages the use of soft copies as a continuation of 21st Century learning practice.**

This has been a lengthy communication, but I wanted to ensure that all parents receive this information for the start of the year, and you are quite clear about forthcoming significant events. All this information and much more can be found on our College website at www.maristcollege.com.

Yours sincerely,



Tony Duncan
Principal