

Marian College

304 Barkly Street,
ARARAT VIC 3377

Phone (03) 5352 3861

Fax (03) 5352 5002

principal@mcararat.catholic.edu.au

www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au

Strength and Gentleness



A Kildare Education Ministries College in the Brigidine tradition

From The Principal

Dear Prospective Parents, Guardians and Students,

The choice of a secondary school is one of the most important decisions a family has to make. I trust that the information contained in this folder helps you to make that decision.

Marian College is a Year 7 to 12 Catholic co-educational college with a 130 year history of serving the parishes of Ararat, Stawell and Beaufort.

The College was established by the Brigidine Sisters and they still own and operate the College and have a presence on staff and through the Stewardship Council. As a community we are very proud of our school, its Brigidine identity and of the Brigidine ethos developed so strongly over the years.

The classroom facilities available are excellent with over \$6 million worth of development over the last ten years. We have modern facilities that enable us to present a wide-ranging curriculum. In 2013 the \$1.6M state-of-the-art Multi-Purpose Hall/Gymnasium was opened. This facility provides our students with cutting edge sporting facilities. In 2014 the new Trade Training Centre was opened, providing the opportunity for students to study Cert III Lab Skills. In 2018 the new Brigidine Centre has been opened adding four new classrooms and a multipurpose area to enhance educational outcomes. This area is dedicated to Year 7 students.

The student numbers at Marian College have been steadily increasing and in 2018 we have an enrolment of over 500 students. We have a well-developed pastoral care program that helps ensure the welfare of all students.

We have put in place programs to meet the individual needs of students with special learning requirements.

Marian College aims at developing the whole child – academically, physically, socially and spiritually. We emphasise belonging to a community in which all the members feel welcome, safe and respected.

Marian College offers a wide curriculum designed to meet the needs of all students. We have a comprehensive co-curricula program that meets the needs in the sporting, musical, drama and community involvement areas. We provide a good range of VCE subjects and VET courses and have recently introduced the VCAL.

I believe that Marian College will provide a quality education for your child. If you would like to enrol your child please complete the enrolment form and return it to the College. You will then be invited to attend an interview.

Thank you for considering Marian College.

Mrs Carmel Barker
Principal



Faith Development

Enrolment at Marian College is an invitation to “come and see” in the spirit of the Gospel invitation of Jesus, within the framework of our Catholic faith and our Brigidine values.

At Marian, this invitation is offered for students of all religious backgrounds and with an appreciation of other faiths and cultures.

The Religious Education experience at Marian College is not just a strong part of our curriculum, but entrenched in our whole school culture and community, which aims to develop religiously literate young people who;

- understand and appreciate religious values
- are positive about life
- have a sense of their own worth and of their contribution to the world
- are able to apply the Gospel values they have acquired, in the context in which they live and work

At a curriculum level, our Religious Education Program follows the Awakenings Guidelines mandated for use in Catholic schools in the Ballarat Diocese. Our strands of study cover Christian Prayer, Sacraments, Religion and Society, God, Christian Life, Jesus Christ, Scripture and Church.

Awakenings describes the role of religious education as follows:

‘... religious education sets out to inform, form and transform learners and teachers by engaging them with the intellectual, ethical and spiritual richness of the Catholic tradition.’

Religious education invites and enables a life-long journey of awakening to the deep meaning of human life and community, of the world we inhabit and sustain, and of our cultural and religious heritage, against the horizon of the Reign of God enfleshed in the mission and person of Jesus Christ, and communicated in the Church. (The Core Document, “Awakenings”)



Junior School

Year 7

A Year of Transition

The transition from primary to secondary education is an important step for all students.

The new Brigidine Centre is dedicated to Year 7 students and their transition into secondary education.

The curriculum at Year 7 helps in this transition process by providing a wide range of subjects for the students to experience.

Students who have specific learning needs (especially in literacy and numeracy) receive special assistance.

The camp at Year 7 is designed to help students to get to know their new classmates and is held early in Term 1.

Core Subjects Years 7 & 8

Religious Education

English

Mathematics

Science

History

Physical Education

Computer Studies

Art

Textiles

Chinese

Home Economics

Performing Arts (Dance, Drama, Music)

Materials Technology (Wood, Metal,
Plastics, Electronics)

Year 8

A Year of Consolidation

We concentrate on strengthening and developing skills and understandings in the subjects begun in Year 7.

A literacy program is offered to these students who have been identified as having needs in this area. The rest of the subjects are the same as for Year 7.

The camp at Year 8 is designed to provide students with an opportunity to move out of their comfort zones.

iPads

Marian College embraces the advancements of technology and every student at the College is issued with an iPad along with a credit voucher to purchase the necessary applications.

The iPads, which remain the property of Marian College, will be individually managed by the student and governed by a Code of Conduct in the use of the iPad.

Prior to receiving their iPads, contracts must be co-signed by parents with the understanding of supporting Marian College in the correct use of technology.

Marian College charge additional fees for the following:

- \$100.00 iPad (unless you have your own)
- \$120.00 eBooks (no longer on booklist)
- \$71.50 Maths Pathways (in lieu of Maths book)

School fees include most excursion costs, tuition costs and (in 2018) the supply of a College owned student iPad.



Middle School

Year 9

A Year of Personal Development

At Year 9 we concentrate on assisting students to deal with the challenging task of dealing with adolescence. Year 9 is the year where students need to face the move from childhood to adulthood.

A special Year 9 Program has been developed to enable the students to work in smaller groups and follow programs not constrained by bell times.

The Year 9 curriculum is a mixture of Core subjects and Electives. The students choose from a variety of electives that cover all key learning areas.

The Year 9 camp is an adventure camp that assists them to face change and obstacles and to see the importance of teamwork.

Core Subjects

Religious Education
English
Mathematics
 General Maths
 Maths Methods
Physical Education & Health
Humanities
Science

The Arts

Drama
Lights Set Action
Art
Drawing
Ceramics
Digital Photography
Popular Music Studies
Music Technology
Visual Communication

LOTE

Chinese

Maths

Maths in Sport

English

Literature
Creative Writing
Cinema Studies

Technology

Computer Aided Design
Digital Technologies
Materials - Wood & Plastics
Materials - Metal & Engineering
Systems mechatronics
Textiles
Jewellery
Cooking for celebration
Multicultural Cooking

Health & PE

Games of the World
Netball Studies

Middle School

Year 10

Year of Considering the Future

Year 10 is the year where students need to consider their future options. At the end of Year 10 students will be choosing either VCE, VCAL or employment.

All students undertake two units of VCE Industry and Enterprise to help in their career choices. They all do two weeks of Work Experience.

As part of their Religious Education Program, all students do a Community Service for one afternoon a week in Semester 2.

The students choose from a variety of electives that cover all key learning areas. They also have a choice of studying VCE General Maths.

The Year 10 camp involves a wide range of activities in Melbourne.

Students wishing to undertake a VCE subject can make an application to do so through the VCE Coordinator.

Core

Religious Education
English
Humanities
Physical Education & Health
Science
Mathematics (2 choices) CAS Maths
Year 10 Maths

Arts

Foundation Art
Ceramics
Drawing
Drama
Drama & Production(Wakakirri)
Photographic Imaging
Music Performance and
Composition
VET Cert II & Cert III Music

Electives

English

Literature
Creative Writing
Cinema Studies

Language

Chinese

Maths

Maths through Investigation

Science

Intro into Psychology
Healthy Farming

Technology

Asian Foods
Survival Foods
Food for Fitness
My Kitchen Hamper
Textiles – Fashion
Textiles – Wearable
Materials – Furniture Making
Materials – Advanced Woodwork
Systems–Mechatronics Advanced
Digital Technologies

Health & PE

Outdoor Activities
Introduction to VCE PE & Fitness



VCE Units 1 & 2

Science

Biology

Psychology

VCE VET Cert II Lab Skills Year 1

Physical Education and Health

Health & Human Development

Physical Education

VCE VET CERT II Sport & Recreation Year 1

Humanities

Business Management

History 20th century

Legal Studies

The Arts

Drama/Theatre Studies

Music

Studio Art

Visual Communications & Design

Cert II Music

Maths

General Mathematics

Maths Methods

Specialist Maths

Technology

Food Studies

Product Design & Technology

(Wood Plastics Metal and Textiles)

Systems Engineering



VET Courses

Cert II	Automotive Studies
Cert II	Building and Construction
Cert II	Community Services
Cert II	Engineering Studies
Cert II	Food Processing (Wine)

Senior School

Years 11 & 12

Bringing it all Together

There are many possible subjects and pathways available at this level.

VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education)

The VCE is a two year certificate that enables students to be prepared for further study (University or TAFE) further training (Apprenticeships, traineeships) or employment.

Religious Education is a compulsory subject at Marian College. The following VCE subjects are offered and students can also undertake VET programs:

English

English and/or Literature

The Literature option instead of English applies to Year 12 students only.

Elective Units

Humanities

Subject	Units
English	1-4
Literature	1-4
Business Management	1-4
Legal Studies	1-4
History (1900 - 1945)	1-2
Ancient History	3-4
Australian History	3-4
Language - Chinese	1-4

Mathematics

Subject	Units
General Mathematics	1-4
Further Mathematics	3-4
Maths Methods	1-4
Special Maths	1-4

Science

Subject	Units
Biology	1-4
Chemistry	1-4
VCE VET Lab Skills	Cert III
Physics	1-4
Psychology	1-4

Health & Physical Education

Subject	Units
Health & Human Development	1-4
Physical Education	1-4
VCE VET Sport & Recreation	Cert III

Technology

Subject	Units
Product, Design & Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none">TextilesWood, Plastics and Materials	1-4
Food Studies	1-4
Systems Engineering	1-4

The Arts

Subject	Units
Music Performance	1-4
Drama/Theatre Studies	1-4
Studio Art	1-4
VET VCE Music	1-4





VET Programs

(Vocational Education Training)

The following VET Programs are offered:

- Automotive Studies (Prevocational)
- Building and Construction
- Small Business (VCAL only)
- Community Services (Aged Care)
- Engineering Studies VET VCE
- Food Processing (Wine)
- Music (Performance)

VCAL

(Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning)

The VCAL is a program that prepares students for the world of employment or further training. All students do a VET program and a day per week (or its equivalent) of Structured Workplace Learning.

The VCAL students do core studies in Literacy, Numeracy, Work-Related Skills and Personal Development.

SBA (School Based New Apprenticeships)

Year 11 & 12 students are able to undertake School Based New Apprenticeships which blend together both VCE, VCAL and one or two days apprentice training.

Sports

Cycling

Running

Cross Country

Netball

Football

Soccer

Tennis

Volleyball

Swimming

Cricket

Athletics

Squash

Badminton

Croquet

Clay Target Shooting

Equestrian

Basketball

Fitness testing

Gymnastics

Sun/water safety

Pateka

Petanque

Baseball

Softball



the Visual and Dramatic Arts

Art and Drama are integral and dynamic components of the Marian College curriculum. Artistic expression is enthusiastically fostered in students on all year levels and in many different subject choices.

The Art curriculum combines modern techniques such as computer art, animation, graphic design and photography, both digital and wet area with more traditional elements such as painting, ceramics, sculpture, print making and drawing.

Students are challenged to see new perspectives and respond with self expression and creative flair. From Year 9 onwards, Art become an elective subject.

Drama encompasses performing, music and dance in the junior curriculum and the college introduces specialist elective such as Song Performance from Year 9 onwards. All students have the opportunity to explore self awareness and self confidence through drama; an experience which is both challenging and enriching.

Marian College invites all students to become involved in the annual Drama Performance staged at the Ararat Performing Arts Centre as well as Rock Ed which is performed in Melbourne with many other schools.



Extra Interests

Extra-curricular activities conducted at Marian College aim to extend and enrich the experiences of students. They include:

Instrumental Music

Students have an experience of music as part of the Performing Arts program. If students wish to take this further and learn a particular instrument, the College has engaged sessional music teachers to teach a wide variety of instruments. Instruments are available for hire or loan. The cost of this program is not covered by the tuition fee.

Sport

In addition to the Physical Education program offered, all students have opportunities to participate in sporting activities that include inter-house and inter-school swimming, athletics and cross-country and inter-school football, netball, etc.

Marian College is a member of the Catholic All Schools – the state level competition.

Ti Tree

Marian College has enjoyed a strong connection with the Ti Tree community in the Northern Territory. Members of the Justice and Democracy Group travel to Ti Tree every two years and work with the remote, indigenous community.

Student Leadership

Leadership qualities among students are nurtured at all year levels. Class Captains are elected and appointed to help with the sense of belonging at the year level. They organise a variety of activities during the year. Students are provided with opportunities to develop leadership and organisational skills as they work cooperatively with others.

Extension & Challenge Activities

Students are encouraged to be involved in a variety of extension and challenge activities. These include Tournaments of the Mind, Young Achievers, Australian Mathematics, Ballarat Diocese Chess Tournament, Science and English competitions.

