



**STRONG
FUTURES.
GENTLE
HEARTS.**



WELCOME

Marian College is a Catholic secondary school that has been providing education for girls in Year 7 to Year 12 since 1957. Our school is a congregational College under the stewardship of Kildare Education Ministries and a place where faith is proclaimed and celebrated. Our school motto, 'Strength and Kindness,' promotes a challenge for our students to show qualities of perseverance and energy, whilst at the same time, acting with gentleness.

The learning and teaching program is designed to develop young women who are independent, open to challenges and have the ability to think critically. The educational program is always current and innovative and ensures that students will flourish and adapt to the changing nature of their world.

Our students enjoy modern facilities and the College is committed to be at the forefront of advances in technology. Programmes that promote academic, cultural, sporting and spiritual growth are incorporated within a spirit of the Kildare Ministries Core Values.

"We are a welcoming community who accepts all faiths, cultures and abilities."

We also provide a safe and secure environment that operates under a philosophy of restorative justice.

Thank you for taking the time to consider Marian College as a place for your daughter's secondary education and we invite you to come and tour the school and meet the students and staff.



MARIAN COLLEGE

VISION & MISSION

At Marian College, giving witness to our Vision and Mission statement is integral to our planning for the school's future over the next few years. These statements serve as a continual reminder of our ultimate goal and future directions as an educational community.

VISION STATEMENT

A Community growing in Faith and Love

Serving Others

Striving to Achieve

Thinking for the Future



MISSION STATEMENT

As our Community faithfully continues the journey of the Brigidine Sisters immersed in the teachings of the Gospels and living the Core Values with strength and kindness, Marian College will:

- Establish an environment that capitalises on our natural tendency for learning and use exemplary teaching practice so that all students can learn effectively and with a sense of purpose,
- Respect and promote the uniqueness of each individual and provide opportunities for all to navigate their own path in life, realise their potential, and contribute to the growth of the community,
- Celebrate effort and excellence, both personal and communal, in order to enhance the capacity for growth and learning.
- Assert that justice requires a radical discomfort about the suffering of others and work to be an agent for change.
- As a custodian of our Earth, confirm our faith in the future through careful stewardship that models and promotes a responsible and restrained use of resources.
- Acknowledge our strengths and our common humanity by celebrating diversity.



FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Our Faith Development program is a core component of life at Marian.

There are numerous opportunities for our community to gather and celebrate our faith including occasions such as the Opening School Mass, Brigidine Celebration Day and the Year 12 Celebration Eucharist. All students participate in the College Religious Education program which is supplemented with a Reflection Day for each year level.

“The students’ education in faith is witnessed through the development in their relationship with God and with each other.”

We want students to expand their knowledge and understanding of the Gospel message of Jesus and also of the developing story of Kildare Ministries.

The religious dimension of the College challenges all students to participate significantly in the life of their community and be agents of positive change in society.

Our mission is to be a life-giving community where faith and spirituality become the well-springs of service to those who are in need, and to those who campaign for social justice.

Our lived faith becomes an expression of joy as we journey on a path that is meaningful, fulfilling and enriching for all.



LEARNING & TEACHING

At Marian we are clear about the unique learning needs of girls as this is evident in the way we structure our learning and teaching program, and how we build relationships within our community.

Marian College's practices and policies aim to develop the skills women need for the 21st Century. These include:

- an ability to identify and practise personal skills for healthy living
- an ability to work as a member of a team and community
- an ability to apply technology in a range of communication contexts
- an ability to advocate for oneself and for others
- an ability to exercise leadership and conciliation skills
- an ability to apply strategies for the resolution of conflict
- an ability to apply strategies for managing conflicting demands

Therefore, the learning and teaching program at Marian is well-balanced to provide for the needs of all our students. It is a broad and comprehensive program that caters for the possible dreams and pathways of each individual.

“Our students are encouraged to excel, be active participants in their own learning and develop intellectually, spiritually, physically, psychologically and emotionally.”

Marian College ensures that the curriculum is reviewed, evaluated and written to promote an exemplary pedagogical framework relevant to the individual level of the students. In Years 7 to 10, students participate in the study of the key learning areas of Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Science, Technology, Humanities, Physical Education, the Arts and Languages Other Than English.

Our Year 7 and 8 programs are designed to engage all students in their learning, to excite them about the possibilities that secondary school presents and to support them as they develop positive relationships in a new environment.

With our philosophy centred on personalised learning, we aim to provide learning opportunities that are diverse and flexible to respond to the differences among students. We aim to support each student to extend their knowledge, skills and understandings to higher levels.

The Alternative Learning Track (ALT) Program was introduced at Years 7 and 8 to offer our gifted, talented and high achieving students the opportunity to be challenged to not only achieve their potential but to exceed it.

The Year 9 program has been specially designed to cater for the needs of students within this age group. It is a time of increasing independence for young adolescents as they strive to develop an identity for themselves that is separate to that of the key adults in their lives. One unique aspect of Year 9 at Marian is the Tasters program where students have the opportunity to ‘taste and see’ subjects that they may not have studied previously. In addition, we value our Unplugged Days where we move learning beyond the walls of the classroom, into new settings, and connect current learning at school with life outside the classroom.



At Marian College we categorise the phase of education from Years 10 to 12 as ‘Pathways’.

“Girls are encouraged to further explore options and abilities throughout Year 10 and they may choose from a number of elective units, allowing them to pursue a programme of study most suited to their needs.”

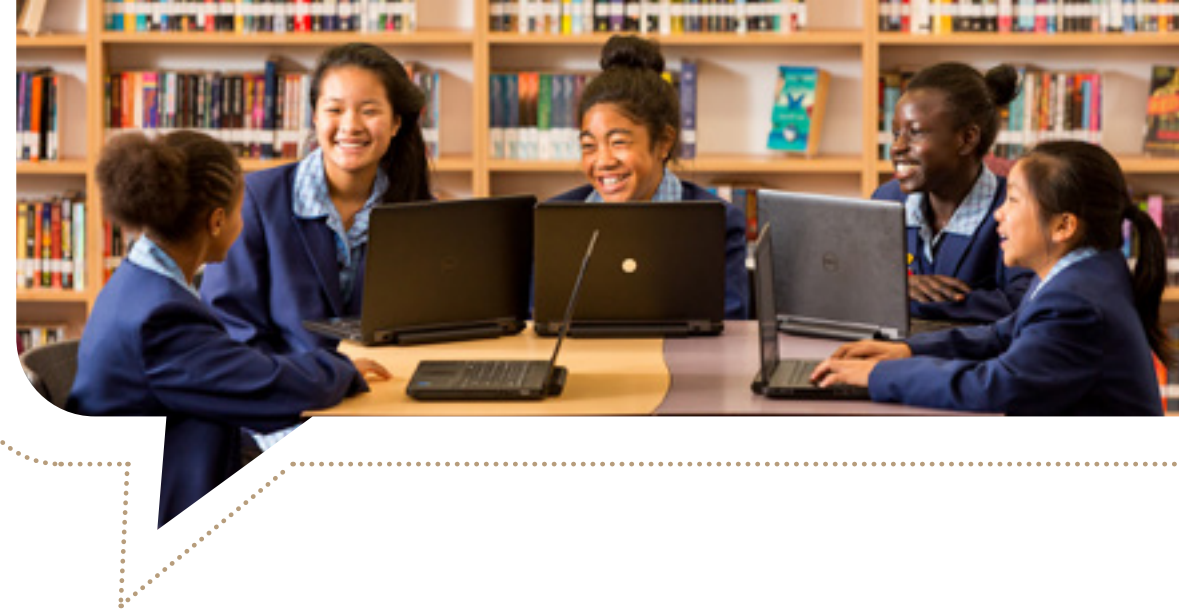
Our senior curriculum is designed to prepare students for their next stage in life, whether it be further study or entry into the workplace. Students are offered a challenging and diverse curriculum for the vital senior years, with a wide range of VCE subjects available for selection. In addition, some students in Years 10 to 12 will decide to undertake a VET unit that will contribute to their ATAR and give some credit towards TAFE courses. Some will enrol in a VCAL certificate.

Others will be encouraged to accelerate by undertaking VCE units to optimise their capacity in areas that they are especially talented in. These students may go on to an Enhancement course at University during Year 12 and complete a first year subject of a Bachelor course.

Our Learning and Teaching program is complemented by a commitment to state of the art facilities and an emphasis on the development of the Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). Students are given the opportunity to become astute users of ICT through the provision of quality network and high-speed internet access.

All students in Years 7–12 have access to a laptop computer for their individual use at school and at home. The College believes that personal computer technology provides students and teachers with the opportunity to personalise learning programs suitable to the individual needs of each student. The school has a fully wireless enabled site and ensures that all teaching and learning spaces are fully digitally-enabled.

The continual development of the College website, Learning Management System and Parent Portal assists students, parents and staff to have an excellent communication link between home and school.



STUDENT WELLBEING

Marian College students have many opportunities to live, grow and learn together. We are dedicated to providing a safe, friendly and welcoming environment for all members of our community. This is maintained through our strong emphasis on effective pastoral care where the development of positive personal relationships is paramount.

Our wellbeing structures and practices provide support and care for all our students and assist them in physical, social, intellectual and emotional growth. We believe that all students should be able to achieve to their full potential and our learning environment is structured around catering for the individual differences of all students. We take our inspiration from the tradition and deep story of the Brigidine Congregation and our support for one another is witness of our Vision and Mission Statements and an expression of the Gospel message of love and justice for all. From this arises our work with restorative practices and the importance we place on developing life-giving relationships with all members of the community.

At Marian College we place great value on developing effective communication structures with our students and families. All members of our community benefit from the quality relationships that are formed in order to address the welfare needs of our students and the exhibiting of real care for one another.

Essentially, the well-being of students is closely connected to exemplary learning and teaching. We realise that all students have individual learning needs and the curriculum and teaching styles may need to be adapted or enriched to cater for all.

Marian College offers a comprehensive program of student services to cater for the welfare needs of students and families. Specialised services are provided to ensure that integration students have full access to College facilities and resources and have every opportunity for success. Students with a language background other than English are also given support to increase their English language skills. Moreover, School Counsellors employ a holistic approach to deal with the emotional and social issues of students. They use a combination of preventative and supportive methods to enhance a student's overall wellbeing.

We also support parents and invite them to develop a strong connection to the school in order for them to assist their daughters in these important adolescent years. In addition, the school provides a Career Education service where students are given appropriate guidance in relation to career and course information.

“Student involvement and participation is an important feature in the life of our school. We value student ideas, opinions and commitment to the mission of the College.”

The opportunities for students to impact on the growth of the school are wide and varied. Student leadership roles include College Lamp Bearers, the Student Participation Group, the Student Representative Council, Liturgy Captains, Sports Captains, House Captains, JDF Captains and Leos Club Leaders. Students, with support from staff, exercise leadership both formally and informally, and rise up to the challenge of making a contribution in the service of others.



THE OPPORTUNITIES

Successful Learners, Confident & Creative Individuals,
Active & Informed Citizens

Marian College offers many opportunities for students to participate in the life of the school and to play an active part in the community.

Many students join various clubs and groups that demonstrate their commitment to living the core values. Students who join the Justice and Democracy Forum strive to raise awareness about issues that confront today's society.

Their involvement in organising Brigidine Celebration Day highlights their initiative in challenging current views on a range of issues. Similarly the Leo's Club, a junior affiliate of Lions International, organise a variety of activities over the year that raise awareness and much needed funds for causes that require assistance and support.

The St. Vincent de Paul Group give witness to the Gospel message of caring for the homeless and feeding those who are hungry. Members of the Sustainability Club endeavour to educate the school community about sustainability, climate change and the need to care for our Earth.

Students willingly give their time, effort and talents to further the mission of each of these groups, and at the same time, serve to make the Core Values a prominent feature of the life of the school

CO-CURRICULAR

"At Marian College, we focus on developing the whole person – heart, soul, mind and body."

Our Co-Curricular program is designed to provide opportunities for students in sporting, cultural and academic areas. The Sports Program is wide-ranging and aims to enhance physical skills, promote enthusiastic participation, and encourage a healthy lifestyle. In addition to the internal sporting carnivals and House program, students can participate in interschool competitions in many of the popular sports.

Many exciting and wonderful experiences are offered through our Arts programme. Our aim is to foster a sense of creativity whilst developing a love of the cultural dimension of life.

All students at Year 7 are given the opportunity to learn a musical instrument while individual instrumental tuition is available to all students.

The College boasts a number of bands and ensembles who perform regularly at College and community functions. Our biennial musical production is always a highlight of the College calendar and creates much enthusiasm and excitement.

The Co-Curricular program offers many opportunities through groups such as Public Speaking and Debating; Reading Club; Science Club and Art Club – just to name a few.

The program allows students the opportunity to seek out areas of interest and skill and to express their own individuality whilst developing valuable life-long attributes of self-confidence, teamwork and reasoning.



VISIT US

School Tours are held once a month and dates are available on our website.

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KILDARE MINISTRIES

CORE VALUES

Marian College is one of 10 secondary schools operated by Kildare Ministries. The Kildare Ministries Values underpin our life at the College, as we seek to give expression to the Gospel values in our work and learning.



**Kildare
MINISTRIES**

Our Vision

A community where all people are valued, where all creation is recognised as sacred and where hope, justice and courage are our hallmarks.

Kildare Ministries is inspired by the transformative vision of the Christian story and our rich traditions.

Our Mission

Responding to the changing needs of our world, we strive to build inclusive communities through the provision of education and community works.

Wonder

Celebrating all that is good with joy and gratitude

Justice

Making the needs of the vulnerable paramount

Courage

Speaking and acting with integrity

Our Values

Compassion

Walking with and having empathy for all

Hospitality

Welcoming all

Hope

Bringing a sense of purpose



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*A Kildare Education Ministries Catholic
school for girls in the Brigidine tradition*

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