

*As with any elective process, subjects run which are chosen by the majority of students. Our timetable and subject lines are driven by student choice. It is very important to us to meet the learning needs of our students.*

*Each week, Marian Catholic College publishes a newsletter. All Information Evenings will be advertised in this publication. It is also a great way to come to know about activities at our College.*

*We welcome you to  
Marian Catholic College*

*For further information, please contact*

*Mr Alan Le Brocque, Principal*

*Phone: 02 69692400*

*for an appointment to discuss the future of  
your child's education at*

*Marian Catholic College*



## INDEPENDENT LEARNING AS SENIORS

We will be asking Year 10 to make some clear and well informed decisions about their future education. Will they continue to Year 12? Attend TAFE? Or seek an Apprenticeship? To support these students, Marian Catholic College will provide:

- Early in Term 3, an Interview Day is designed to assist students to make good judgments, and provide key information about studying for the Higher School Certificate;
- This is in conjunction with an Information Evening which will be held to provide essential information to parents and students about subject choices;
- Students and parents will receive a comprehensive booklet with NSW Board of Studies requirements, subject outlines and key information about making good choices;
- Students will receive an orientation into the senior school, and the subjects offered prior to making their subject choices during Term 3. This will be led by staff and students currently teaching and learning these subjects.



*Marian Catholic College*



*Our Transition Pathway  
from  
Orientation to Graduation*

## OUR CARING COLLEGE COMMUNITY

Every new student who enrolls at Marian Catholic College can expect to be:-

- welcomed and receive support from the School Executive and Support Staff.
- met by a Year 11 Leader to support the student's early days at the school.
- welcomed into a Homeroom with other Year 7 students.
- encouraged to be an active participant in one of the four Houses at sporting carnivals and a range of activities to promote team spirit.
- assisted in all aspects of the College through the caring relationship with their Homeroom teacher and Pastoral Coordinator .

## THE NEW SECONDARY EXPERIENCE

A smooth transition into High School is a high priority at Marian Catholic College. By getting to know the Year 6 students, we aim to ensure their learning experiences are positive ones. The process we have put in place includes the following steps:

1. The enrolment process begins with the Information Evening, followed by a formal application by parents.
2. The Principal, or his delegate, interview each Year 6 student and their parents during Term 2



and 3, to develop a partnership to enhance learning;

**3.** A Coordinator and the Assistant Principal visit the Primary Schools to speak with Year 6 teachers to build an understanding about the students coming to Marian Catholic College;

**4.** A letter is sent to each family indicating the acceptance of their enrolment. In addition, information is provided about the Orientation Process to be followed in Term 4;

**5.** Year 6 students are invited to 'Oh! Day' to experience a day at High School. They are greeted by Year 11 Leaders who assist them on the day;

**6.** The Year 11 Leaders make contact by letter with the Year 6 students during the Christmas vacation and greet them on their first day at Marian Catholic College;

**7.** The Year 11 Leaders continue the relationship when they become the Peer Support Leaders for Term 1 of Year 7.

To assist with their transition, Year 7 students remain with the same group for most of their subjects during Semester One. This helps build a learning community where the students feel confident and comfortable.

At the end of Year 7, students choose a Language other than English. At MCC this will be Italian which is studied for one year in Year 8.

## BUILDING BLOCKS TO LEARNING

### YEAR 8 INTO YEAR 9

During Term 3 of Year 8, students are offered the opportunity to explore areas of interest, expertise, and curiosity, by selecting two electives to be completed over Years 9 and 10 for the School Certificate.

The following Mandatory subjects continue: Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Science, Australian History and Geography, and PDHPE.

The students have a wide range of choices for their electives. Marian Catholic College will provide:

- A booklet with an outline of all the elective subjects available;
- An opportunity for Year 8 students to meet the teachers and students currently studying these subjects, to assist with their elective choices;
- An information session for parents and students, to outline key issues and provide opportunities for parents to gain an insight into different subjects and to discuss with Subject Coordinators possible choices.

