



Co-Curricular
at Marist

Cultural



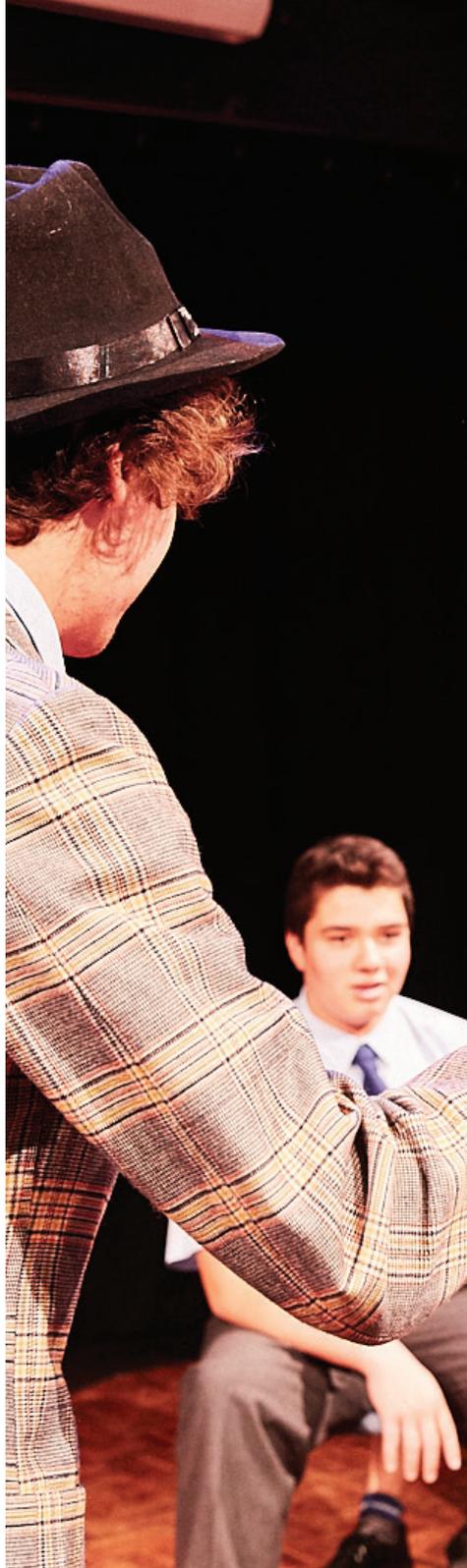
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Cultural Domain

The College is proud of the vibrant and dynamic range of co-curricular cultural programs available at the College, many of which centre on the performing arts. Musical and cultural activities are a significant part of the co-curricular program at Marist College. Each year, the College produces a major musical or dramatic production.

Our boys are given numerous opportunities to develop their musical talents outside the classroom. Private tuition is available for a wide variety of musical instruments and students can extend this learning by participating in the College's numerous orchestras, ensembles and bands.

Throughout the year there are a number of concerts, performance nights and events which showcase the talents of the College's musical groups. These include the Junior and Senior School Choirs, Orchestra, Jazz and Concert bands and the Guitar, Brass, Saxophone and Woodwind Ensembles. In addition, students perform at many community concerts and festivals such as Floriade.







Dramatic & Musical Productions

Marist students are given many opportunities to perform on stage. The College has an established tradition of producing exceptional dramatic and musical productions. Each year a major drama or musical production is presented by the College. These productions are exciting events in the College calendar and provide boys the opportunities to perform and express themselves whilst also working together with students from girls schools in Canberra.

College Musical

All boys from Years 4 to 12 have the opportunity to audition for a part in our major College musical production which is presented biannually. Marist College strives to produce a high standard of musicals which appeal to a wide audience. Students demonstrating a variety of talents are invited to audition for a main or ensemble part. In addition to acting roles, boys of all abilities participate as singers, musicians or dancers. Students assist with the management and technical aspects of the musical production by learning stage craft, back stage organisation and sound and lighting techniques. Costume and set design is facilitated by students with creative flair. Participation in the College Musical reinforces student learning from both the creative and performing arts curriculum. Involvement in the College musical encourages boys to build and extend their relationships with students from other year levels, staff and parents.



College Drama Productions

Marist College presents a major dramatic production biannually. Plays are selected from a variety of popular genres including comedy and drama. Creative performances, often produced with students from Canberra girls schools, allow students to learn and further develop skills of directing, stage-managing and build learning on the technical aspects of theatre.

The dramatic production usually involves a smaller cast with opportunities for lead roles and a smaller group of ensemble roles. Students work as stage managers, assist with directing and work with costumes, make-up, props, sound and lighting.

The dramatic production enables boys to extend their learning from drama classes and encourages students to continue performances at all major functions, drama festivals and assemblies held throughout the year.

Junior & Senior Choirs

All boys in Years 4 to 12 have the opportunity to sing in either the Junior or Senior School choir. Singing together and performing as a group within our College community is an incredibly rewarding and powerful musical experience for our boys. Whilst the Junior and Senior schools each have separate choirs, these ensembles often present together at major College events such as masses, graduations, assemblies and performance evenings. Each choir performs an extensive assortment of classical to popular music and includes students with a wide range of ability, from the College's finest vocalists, to boys interested in singing and performing as a group.









Concert bands

Marist boys enjoy performing music in groups. The College concert bands facilitate the learning of skills required to contribute to a large symphonic group in a safe and enjoyable environment. Concert Bands cater for students in year groups from Year 7 through to Year 10.

Junior School Bands (Years 4 to 6)

Our Junior School has two Junior Concert Bands. The Premiers Band is for beginners whilst the All Stars Band is for students who have completed tuition previously. Each band rehearses as a group once a week and is regularly invited to perform at College assemblies, night concerts and other College events.

Senior School Bands (Years 7 to 12)

The Senior School also has two major bands – the Senior School Concert Band and the Jazz Band. Students are invited to audition and each band rehearses once a week.

Senior Concert Band

The Senior Concert Band play a broad range of musical genres including classical, programmatic, film, folk and popular. Throughout the year the Senior Band frequently performs at all major College events including College masses, graduation and assemblies, as well as numerous community cultural festivals and events such as Floriade.

Jazz Band

The College Jazz Band performs a wide variety of jazz genres, from Dixieland through to more contemporary styles. A popular and sophisticated band, the Jazz Band performs at many major College events including the annual College Dinner Dance, the Blue and Blue, as well as numerous events outside the College. The Jazz Band rehearses once a week and allows students to perform in a smaller group.

Ensembles

Marist College offers boys the opportunity to perform in a Brass, Guitar, Saxophone, Woodwind and String ensemble. These ensembles are directed by private instrumental tutors who specialise in the relevant instruments. Students are invited to audition for ensembles; however, expressions of interests are taken. Ensembles rehearse once a week and perform at College concerts as well as private instrumental recitals. All groups are given many performance opportunities throughout the year.



Dance Festivals

Marist boys in Years 7 to 12 compete in local dance festivals including the Mind Matters and the Canberra Dance Festival. Students explore dance through a range of styles from classical to contemporary including funk, hip-hop and tutting. Boys are given the freedom to express themselves and the opportunity to participate in a discipline that is not offered as a subject. This is a totally inclusive, dynamic, high energy program that attracts boys with diverse skills and capabilities. No previous dance experience is required. Boys thoroughly enjoy the experience of performing at the Canberra Theatre and the group represents the College at several internal and external events, including assemblies, liturgies as well as festivals.

Open Art Studio

The Marist College Art Club provides students with the opportunity to extend their creative skills and art based activities beyond their regular art classes. Students are assisted by our experienced Visual Art Faculty Staff and work on a variety of projects including photography, painting, printing, drawing, ceramics, sculpture and more. The work of our accomplished students are displayed throughout the College.



Student Expectations

It is expected that each student in Years 4 to 12 will be involved in at least one co-curricular activity throughout the school year. Student involvement in co-curricular programs is highly valued at Marist and students are encouraged to try a range of diverse activities during their time at the College.

Please note: The Co-Curricular program at Marist is dynamic and the list of activities on offer at the College can alter due to the interests and commitment of the student body.

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