Marrara Christian College

General Information

Introduction
Marrara Christian College (ELC to Year 12) is a non-denominational Christian school. Jesus Christ is central to our existence and operation. He is central because He is honoured as the Lord of all in daily practice, and therefore, Lord of the learning process. Young people are loved, valued, disciplined, encouraged and nurtured throughout every stage of their education at Marrara. This is achieved through the provision of a challenging, broad-based Christian curriculum, delivered by dedicated teachers, working in close partnership with students and their families.

Brief History
The College commenced as a Primary School in 1979 and secondary classes were introduced in 1980. After a period of rapid growth, the first candidates for the completion of Year 12 were presented in 1984. From the outset to the present day, there is a commitment to involve parents in shaping and directing the educational experience of their children.

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Hours of Operation
School Hours: 8:30am to 3:10pm
Recess: 10:15am to 10:40am
Lunch: 12:55pm to 1:35pm
ELC: 8:30am to 2:45pm
Office Hours: 8:00am to 3:45pm
After School Care
Our afterschool care facility is outsourced to a well-known and reputable company, Camp Australia. Camp Australia promises to partner with the MCC community to deliver a well-resourced and inclusive program reinforcing and expanding on the school curriculum. Please contact Camp Australia directly for further information and enrolment through their parent portal – www.campaustralia.com.au/myschool

Assignments
Years 7 to 12 have assignments set as a compulsory part of the assessment and reporting regime of the College. All assignments are posted on Compass/Canvas.

Banking
We encourage students to learn the skill of saving through the Commonwealth Bank Super Saver Accounts. Application kits are available from the front office. Students are encouraged to make regular weekly deposits on Wednesdays. It is as simple as bringing a completed deposit slip and money to the front office.

Calendar
A school calendar is distributed at the beginning of each term. Upcoming events and important dates are also published in the College newsletter. Extra copies of the calendar can be downloaded from our website.

Camp Program
A camp program is offered for all students from Years 3 - 11. The program offers students the opportunity to discover more about themselves and others, teaching them life skills as they explore an array of different environments.

Programs include: (These programs are subject to change)
- Year 3/4 classes stay overnight at the Territory Wildlife Park
- Year 5/6 classes spend two nights at Adventure Bound
- Year 7 classes spend two nights in Katherine
- Year 8 classes go to Kakadu for four nights
- Students in year 9 hike the Larapinta trail, spending 14 nights on the trek
- Year 10 students travel, by bus, around Australia for three weeks
- Extra camps are available to students participating in Outdoor Education units
Compass/Canvas
Compass is our scheduling management system. Through this web based program, students have access to their daily timetables and assessment information. Parents have personal Compass access which gives them access to student attendance data, reports and other management information. Access to the system is from https://mcc-nt.compass.education. Please contact the College for your log in details.

Counsellor
The College is able to put parents in touch with a Christian registered psychologist for students and parents. Enquiries may be made through the front office or the Education Support Unit Coordinator.

Curriculum
Every area of our curriculum has a biblical world view and is developed together with the NT Christian Schools curriculum coordinators along with other professionals in Christian Schools across Australia. This broad level of involvement ensures that we remain compliant in content and rigor with the NT Board of Studies and the National Curriculum.

As Christians, we believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord of all things, both visible and invisible. In the Bible it teaches us that Jesus is Lord, He is our Creator and Redeemer. As a result of this, Jesus our Lord is not just a ‘part’ of what we do at Marrara; He is the core of who we are. He is the basis of our entire curriculum and the reason for our culture. Students learn about God in all that they do.

Drop-off and Pick-up Areas
There is a designated pick up and drop off area for students. This area is located near the Senior Study Centre and is to allow for students to enter or wait for vehicles without getting wet. Primary students are not permitted to wait in other areas. This area is supervised until 3:30pm. ELC students may be collected from outside the ELC. Parents should note, as the ELC pickup area is an emergency vehicle access road, long-term parking is not permitted in this area.

Educational Support Unit
The Education Support Unit has been established to assist students through all walks in life. Teacher aides are placed in many classes to support, encourage and sit, side by side, with students helping them to discover their potential. We endeavour to meet the needs of every student academically, spiritually, socially and physically, as we nurture the ‘whole child’.
Fabrication and Construction Trade Training

Marrara Christian College is pleased to offer a full-time course of study at the Fabrication and Construction Trade Training Centre.

A committed team of teachers and trainers will support and guide trainees through their studies with the aim of achieving a NTCET as well as competencies toward a Certificate II Metal Fabrication, Certificate II Engineering. Numeracy (Maths) and Literacy (English) classes are based on real world usage and aimed at supporting Vocation Education and Training (VET) courses. VET courses are conducted in-house and trainees are enrolled for 3 days or full-time (5 days), and will be placed with employers to develop practical competencies.

Facilities

In addition to our large individual classrooms we also have the following rooms and facilities available for use for all year levels:

- Art rooms
- Canteen
- Dedicated computer facilities
- iPads for primary & middle
- Laptops for middle
- PC labs
- Drama theatrette
- Excellent music facilities
- Individual music tuition rooms
- Sound recording room
- Food technology facility
- Fully equipped science labs
- Horticulture garden
- Meeting rooms for counselling
- PE and sports
- Undercover play/sports area
- Volleyball/basketball court
- Tennis & netball court
- AFL and soccer ovals
- Primary playgrounds
- Senior study centre
- Textiles room
- Video conferencing room
- Woodwork & metalwork rooms

Fees

The Marrara Campus Council, taking into account the coming year’s needs in respect of staff, equipment and buildings, determines school fees each year. The school fees cover tuition, note books, mandatory excursions and text book hire. Excursions and camps are an integral part of school curriculum and attendance is compulsory. Camp fees are invoiced into the Term Fee Statements. Payment is compulsory and is nonrefundable.

Governance

Marrara Christian College is part of NT Christian Schools and under the authority of the organisation’s board. The board delegates much of its responsibility to the Marrara Campus Council. The council members are Christians, mainly parents, who come from all walks of life.
and belong to a wide range of Christian denominations. The Council is responsible for setting direction through policies, providing adequate resources for the provision of educational programs and ensuring that the day to day management of the college by the Principal and staff is in keeping with the mission and vision.

**Indigenous Learning/Boarding Program**

Marrara Christian College has a boarding program for approximately 100 remote Indigenous students. This is part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that all Territorians have access to quality secondary education. Students are assessed on arrival, for literacy and numeracy, and placed into appropriate classes. Highly focused classes work on literacy and numeracy skills to prepare students for mainstream classes.

Our Family Group Homes aim to be very much like an ordinary dominant culture family home. A mature married couple live in each home as house parents for up to 10 students. As well as normal in-house activities, house parents take the students to church and youth group and arrange sport and health care.

**Medication**

In accordance with our drug use policy, any medication is to be left at the front office to be stored and administered by trained staff. Parents/carers will need to complete a Medication Consent Form. Please provide medication in the original chemist packaging, which displays the child’s name, dosage requirements and safety information.

**Music Tuition**

A classroom music program operates for all year levels, from Transition to Middle School. Private, individual instrumental lessons and group tuition are also available for many instruments. This tuition is provided by external tutors who may be available during school hours. If you are interested in your child taking part in this program, please enquire at the front desk. If your child has private music lessons organised through the school, the fees will be included on the school account at the end of each term.

**Newsletter**

The College newsletter is emailed to parents every Friday. The newsletter is our primary source of communication. It includes calendar dates, upcoming important events and current and relevant news about the College. The College newsletter is also available online on our website.
Partnering with Parents
At Marrara Christian College, it is one of our greatest desires to ‘Partner with Parents’. We believe that it is crucial that we work together with parents, supporting our students in a united front as they grow and develop into the people God intends for them to be.
Our teachers desire to maintain a healthy flow of communication with parents and always endeavour to make themselves available, in person after school, through phone calls, via email, and through letters. This level of communication from parents is also expected in return. It is important that we are able to share all joys and tribulations together as a Marrara family.

Policies
There are a number of College policies available for viewing or downloading from our website, including:
- Bullying and Harassment Prevent Plan
- Collected Information Record Keeping Policy
- Education Support Policy
- Fee Assistance Policy
- Head Lice Prevention and Eradication Procedure
- Procedure for Compilation of Class Lists
- Uniform Policy
Or, alternatively, copies of these policies may be requested from the front office.

Reports and Parent/Teacher Conferences
Parent/teacher conferences are held during Terms 1 and 3. The dates and times of the interviews will be notified by newsletter, and parents can use the helpful link on Compass to book appointment times online. Parents may contact the school at any time for a conference with their child’s teacher.
Comprehensive, formal written reports are provided through Compass Parent Portal at the end of Terms 2 and 4. It is the parent’s responsibility to ensure they take every opportunity to engage in their child’s education.

Sport and Physical Activity
The College is actively involved in inter-school and intra-college sport activities, competitions and fitness challenges.
College-wide athletics, swimming and cross-country carnivals are held each year and are an excellent community involvement for students and parents.
Every class from Transition – Year 10, has at least 2 hours of Physical Education each week.
Transport
The whole greater Darwin metropolitan area and parts of the rural area are serviced by a network of buses facilitated by the NT Department of Transport. Details of routes may be obtained from the following website: www.nt.gov.au/transport. The following routes depart from or terminate at Marrara Christian College: 60, 61, 62, 64, 66 and 101. Any student in a school uniform is eligible to travel to and from school on a public school bus for free. The College also has a fleet of vehicles (3 air-conditioned coaches, a 22 seater coaster and 15 seater vans), which are used for excursion transportation.

Uniform
The College uniform policy can be found on our website. Alternatively, please speak to College reception for a hard copy or more information. College hats are available for purchase at College reception for $11 each (cash only). Uniforms can be purchased at The Cricket and Football Shop:

**Address:** Unit 1/422 Stuart Highway (Service Road) Winnellie NT 0820

**Website:** www.cricketfootball.com.au

**Email:** sales@cricketfootball.com.au

**Hours:** Closed Public Holidays

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**Hours:** Mon-Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm

**Saturday:** 9:00am - 1:00pm