



MARRARA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

General Information (2011)

Introduction

Marrara Christian College (Preschool to Year 12) is a non-denominational, multi-cultural, Christian Education National school. 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 the school.

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

Commencing as a Primary school in 1979, 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 kind of education their children will experience.

School Governance

The affairs of the school are governed by 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 the day to day management of the school, the resources, educational program, staff and student matters. It sets priorities and goals for the school and monitors progress through the Principal. The campus Council also advises the Board of Directors of the *Northern Territory Christian Schools Association*.

The *Northern Territory Christian Schools Association* is responsible for the establishment and direction of schools providing high quality education based on a Christian perspective. A detailed brochure is included in this information kit.



After School Care and Vacation Care

Manunda Terrace Outside School Hours Care (MTOHSC) is a nearby facility which has an agreement with Marrara Christian College to offer places to our students. *Marrara Christian College* offers complimentary bus transfers to MTOHSC. For further information, please contact MTOHSC directly on 89450193, or obtain an information brochure from the front office.

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 our website: www.mcc.nt.edu.au.

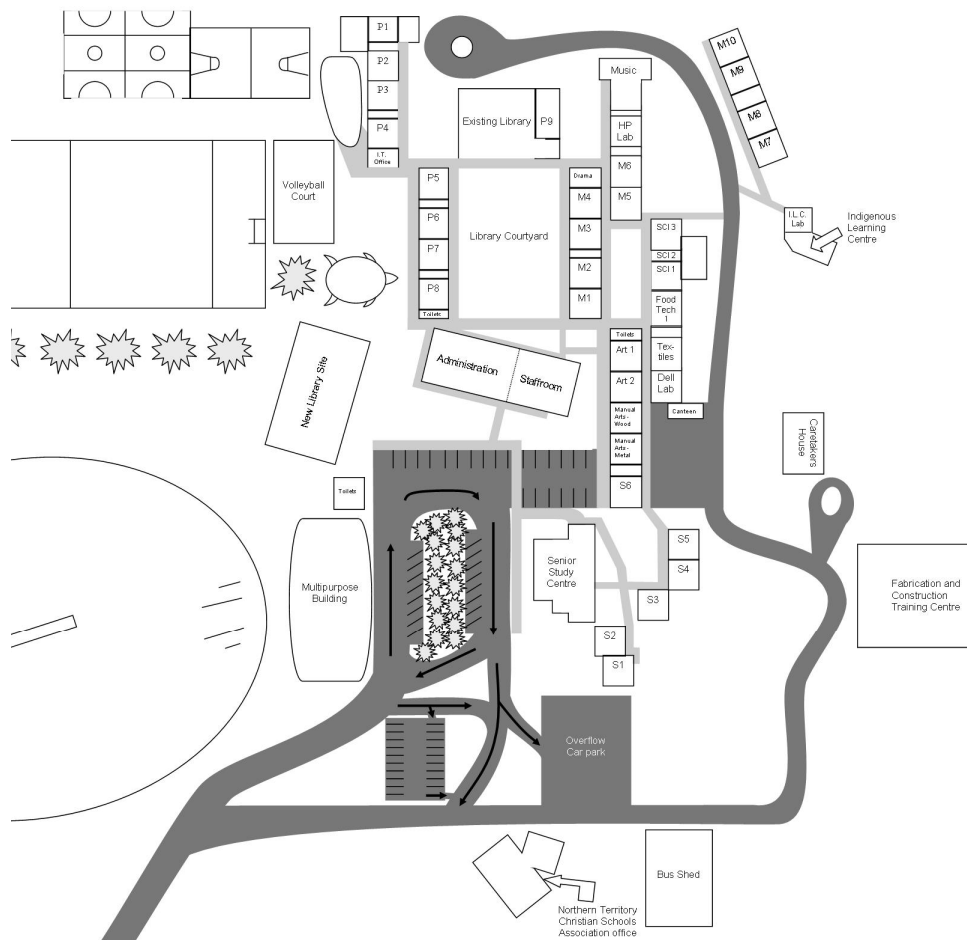
Banking

Student banking is available through the Commonwealth Bank Super Saver Accounts. Application kits are available from the front office. Students are encouraged to make regular weekly deposits on Thursdays. 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 Term 1. Upcoming events and important dates are also published in *The Swamp*. Extra copies of the calendar, which is updated weekly, can be obtained from the school office, or can be downloaded from our website: www.mcc.nt.edu.au.

Campus Map



Canteen

Our school canteen is open, with a wide variety of healthy food choices, for recess and lunch 5 days a week. Direct sales are available to Middle and Senior students only. Primary children **must** pre-order their lunches, by placing their order in their class canteen box at the start of the day, in a brown paper lunch bag. A current canteen list is included in this information kit. It can also be downloaded from our website: www.mcc.nt.edu.au.

Counsellor

The college offers the services of a Christian registered psychologist to students, staff and parents. This service is offered on Thursdays during school hours. Appointments can be made through the front office.

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. Any students not collected by then are brought to the front office to call their parents. Preschool students can be collected from outside the preschool. Parents are to note that as this is an access road for emergency vehicles, parking is not permitted in this area.

Educational Support

An Education Support Unit has been established to assist students with special needs. An Indigenous Support Unit also operates to support indigenous students in mainstream and specialist classes.

Hours of Operation

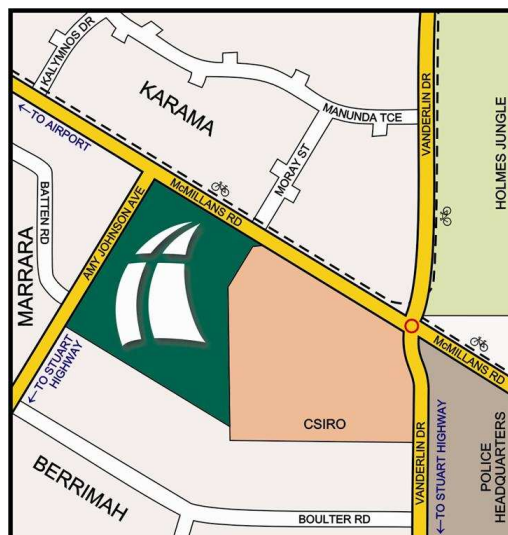
Class Hours	8:30am – 3:10pm
Recess	10:10am – 10:30am
Lunch	12:55pm – 1:30pm
Preschool operates school hours, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays	
Office Hours	8:00am – 4:00pm Mon, Wed, Thur 8:00am – 3:30pm Tues, Fri
(These will be reduced during school breaks)	

Library

Our library houses a large, well-resourced collection for teachers, students and parents. We also subscribe to large databases, such as ebscohost, which can be accessed from both home and school for assignments and homework. The library is open for research and recreation from 8am to 4pm (closed during recess) on school days. Parent volunteers are welcome, and hours can be used against the working bee levy.

Location

Marrara Christian College is centrally located on the corner of Amy Johnson Avenue and McMillans Road, Marrara, on 40 acres of land. Access is from Amy Johnson Avenue. We have beautifully maintained grounds, 2 large ovals and acres of natural bushland.



Medication

Any medication is to be left at the front office, and administered by the Front Office Staff. Please provide medication in a sealed plastic bag, with instructions for administration.

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 contract to the school, during school hours. If you are interested in your child taking part in this program, please enquire at the front desk.

Newsletter

Our school newsletter *The Swamp* is emailed to parents every Thursday. The newsletter is our primary source of correspondence with parents. It includes calendar dates, upcoming important events and current and relevant news about the College. *The Swamp* is also available online on our website: www.mcc.nt.edu.au. Parents can request a hard copy, which would be sent home with the youngest child of the family.

Policies

The following College policies are available for viewing or downloading from our website: www.mcc.nt.edu.au.

- Bullying Prevention Policy
- Care and Conduct Policy
- Cyclone Policy
- Drug Use Policy
- Fee Assistance Policy
- Homework Policy
- ICT Code of Use
- Mobile Phone Policy
- Sunsafe Policy
- Uniform Policy

Or, alternatively, copies of these policies can be obtained from the front office.



Reports and Parent/Teacher Conferences

Comprehensive, written reports are issued at the end of Terms 2 and 4. Parent/teacher interviews will be scheduled during Terms 1 and 3. The dates and times of the interviews will be notified by newsletter, and parents can telephone to schedule their appointment. Parents may contact the school at any time for an interview with their child's teacher, if they feel it is necessary.

Transport

The whole Darwin metropolitan area and parts of the rural area are serviced by a network of buses facilitating our College. 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, 63, 64 and 66.



Any student in a school uniform is eligible to travel to and from school on a public school bus.

The College also has a fleet of vehicles (3 air-conditioned coaches, a 22 seat coaster and a 15 seat Urvan), which are used for excursion transportation.

Marrara Christian College School Fees

School fees are determined by the *Marrara Campus Council*, taking into account the coming year's needs in respect of staff, equipment and buildings.

Family Discount

If more than one child attends any NTCSA School, a family discount applies for tuition fees:

2 Children 15% **3 Children** 30% **4+ Children** 45%

NON-MEMBER	ONE CHILD	2 CHILDREN (15% DISC.)	3 CHILDREN (30% DISC)	4+ CHILDREN (45% DISC)
PRE-PRIMARY 3 DAYS	\$2,700	\$2,295	\$1,890	\$1,485
PRIMARY T-6	\$2,700	\$2,295	\$1,890	\$1,485
YEAR 7	\$3,740	\$3,178	\$2,618	\$2,057
YEAR 8,9	\$4,242	\$3,607	\$2,969	\$2,334
SENIOR COLLEGE	\$4,242	\$3,607	\$2,969	\$2,334

NTCSA Members*	NTCSA members will receive a \$100 voucher per family, which can be credited against school fees. Vouchers will be issued in May upon renewal of membership fees.
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**Application forms for NTCSA membership are available from the front office.*

The school fees cover tuition, note books, some excursions and text book hire fees. Camps are not included, but parents will be given as much notice as possible of the cost of these camps to assist in budgeting.

Deposits

Additional to annual fees, the following deposits/fees are required:

- **Administration Fee:** A fee of \$10 **per family** is to cover administration costs and is **non-refundable**. This fee is only applicable to new families entering the school, and is to be paid on lodgement of the Student Enrolment form/s.
- **Student Deposit:** A deposit of \$150 **per Primary or Middle School student** or \$300 **per Senior Student** is to be paid upon offer of a place in order to finalise the child's enrolment. This deposit is recognition of your acceptance of our offer of enrolment and is non-refundable if the student does not attend. This deposit **will be refunded**, however, at the end of the child's enrolment if all text books and library resources are returned, there are no outstanding accounts and a notice of eight weeks during term time has been given of the child's departure from the school. You will be charged 8 weeks fees in lieu of notice unless exceptional circumstances are approved by the Principal.
- **Parent Involvement Program (PIP):** Marrara Christian College values and encourages parent involvement. Parents are required to contribute 4 hours outside (eg working bees, gardening, maintenance) or 8 hours inside (eg classroom help, fundraising) **per year**. A levy of \$400 **per family** will be invoiced at the beginning of Term 4 each year if the required hours have not been completed. Hours worked are to be recorded at the front office. Unfortunately, extra hours can not be rolled over to the following year.

Music Tuition

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.



Payment of Fees

All fees will be invoiced on an annual basis. Statements will be sent home each term. From 2006 all families will pay fees in one of the two following ways:

Annual Payment

The fees are payable on an annual basis within 2 weeks of the beginning of the school year. Parents paying annually will receive a 5% discount.

Fortnightly Payment through PaySmart

Direct Debit from your credit or savings account is a payment option enabling fee payments to be spread out over a year.

Textbook Hire

Primary, Middle and Senior School students are supplied with textbooks to use while in attendance of the school. The hire fees are included in the annual fees. Books need to be returned in good condition. Families that return books in a damaged condition will be charged for excessive wear. Text books are expected to last at least five years.

NT Government Back to School Payment Voucher

Currently, the NT Government offers a \$75 back to school voucher per child per year from Preschool to Year 12. This voucher can only be used for the purchase of:

- school uniforms,
- Year 12 Jerseys;
- Senior School Scientific Calculators, which are purchased through the school; or
- Camps/excursions.

The vouchers need to be redeemed in Term 1. The vouchers can not be used towards school fees. They are issued at the start of Term 1, and are only applicable to students who are enrolled at the school in Term 1. (The exception being Transition students, who commence school for the first time in Terms 2, 3 or 4.)

College Contact Details

Postal Address: PO Box 84
KARAMA NT 0813

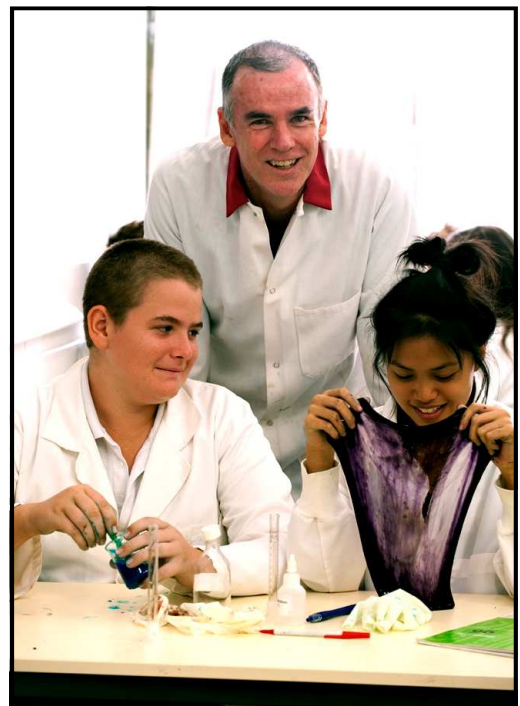
Location: Corner McMillans Road
and Amy Johnson Avenue
MARRARA NT

Telephone: 08 8920 2000

Fax: 08 8920 2001

Email: admin.mcc@ntschoools.net

Principal: Mr John Metcalfe



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2011 UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Primary School (Transition – Year 6)

Polo Shirt	All Sizes		\$25
Brown Shorts	Child	4C – 16C	\$25
	Adult	16A – 22A	\$25
Bucket Hats	All Sizes	Compulsory	\$10
Tartan Skort	All Sizes		\$30
Tartan Dress	All Sizes		\$35

Middle School (Years 7-9)

Polo Shirt	All Sizes		\$25
Boys Green Shorts	Child	12 - 16	\$25
	Adult	82 - 112	\$25
Girls Green Shorts	Child	8C - 16C	\$30
	Adult	8A - 24A	\$35
All in One Skirt	All Sizes		\$45
PE Polo Shirt	All Sizes		\$30
Black Sports Shorts	All Sizes		\$15

Senior School (Years 10 – 12)

Polo Shirt	All Sizes		\$35
Boys Green Shorts	Child	12 - 16	\$25
	Adult	82 – 112	\$25
Girls Green Shorts	Child	8C – 16C	\$30
	Adult	8A – 24A	\$35
All in One Skirt	All Sizes		\$45
PE Polo Shirt	All Sizes		\$30
Black Sports Shorts	All Sizes		\$15

Uniforms can be purchased at Totally WorkWear.

36 Georgina Crescent
Palmerston

Ph: (08) 8931 0501

Fax: (08) 8931 0997

Email: info@twwpalmerston.com.au

Website: www.twwpalmerston.com.au

Hours: Mon - Fri (8am – 4:30pm)

Saturday (8am – 11:30am)

Closed Public Holidays

Marrara Christian College Uniform Code 2010

Full college uniform must be worn every day unless a note is sent home indicating otherwise. Full college uniform is required on all excursions unless the excursion note specifically states other apparel.

If a student is not able to be in full college uniform for some reason they should carry a note from their parent or guardian explaining:

- the reason why they are not in full uniform; and
- when we can expect student to be back in full uniform.

Primary School	Middle School	Senior School
<p>Boys College green polo shirt with brown college shorts.</p> <p>Girls College green polo shirt with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • brown college shorts or • skirt (Marrara Tartan) a college dress (Marrara Tartan). <p>OR</p> <p>Boys and Girls Socks - All white. Shoes - All black. (Shoes, sneakers or sandals with a heel strap.)</p> <p>Cool Weather Plain jacket.</p> <p>Accessories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrist watch, no rings, no bracelets, no necklaces; • One plain visible gold or silver stud or sleeper in each ear; • Hair accessories should be gold, green, brown or white. • No make-up. <p>Hair Clean, neat and tidy, tied back if long. Natural colour/s for a human. (Fluro colours to be kept for sports days and/or other special occasions.)</p> <p>Hat Bottle green broad brimmed hat.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>For preschool students, uniform is optional. However, if the uniform is worn, students are to wear the full uniform.</p> </div>	<p>Boys Green/grey college polo shirt with green college shorts.</p> <p>Girls Green/grey college polo shirt with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • green college shorts or • all-in-one skirt (no other skirts). <p>Boys and Girls Socks - All white. Shoes - All black. (Shoes, sneakers or sandals with a heel strap.)</p> <p>NOTE: Closed in shoes must be worn for the following areas of study: Science, Technical Studies (Food, Wood, Metal), PE and Sport.</p> <p>Cool Weather Plain jacket.</p> <p>Cadets Full Cadets uniform on the appropriate day.</p> <p>Sport PE polo shirt with logo; Plain black shorts (purchased from Totally WorkWear); White socks; Joggers (not skate shoes).</p>	<p>Boys College white polo shirt with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • green college shorts or • bottle green or plain black tailored trousers. <p>Girls College white polo shirt with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • green college shorts or • all-in-one skirt (no other skirts) or • bottle green or plain black tailored trousers. <p>Boys and Girls Socks - All white. Shoes - All black. (Shoes, sneakers or sandals with a heel strap.) NOTE: Closed in shoes must be worn for the following areas of study: Science, Technical Studies (Food, Wood, Metal), PE and Sport</p> <p>Cool Weather Plain jacket, Year 10 jacket, or Year 12 jersey.</p> <p>Cadets Full Cadets uniform on the appropriate day.</p> <p>Sport PE polo shirt with logo; Plain black shorts (purchased from Totally WorkWear); White socks; Joggers (not skate shoes).</p>
<p>Sport uniform must be worn for all PE lessons and when representing the school at a sporting competition.</p> <p>Students may wear their PE uniform to school and must change into the standard uniform after PE. (Students who have their PE lesson after lunch may wear their PE uniform home.)</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Secondary Accessories</p> <p>One wrist watch, one small ring, one thin non-offensive bracelet, one thin non-offensive necklace. Hair accessories should be gold, green, brown or white.</p> <p>Earrings One plain visible stud or sleeper in each ear (other visible piercings may have a clear unobtrusive plastic stud). Hair Clean, neat and tidy, tied back if long. Natural colour/s for a human. (Fluro hair colours to be kept for sports days and/or other special occasions.)</p>		