



Marist College Eastwood

Parent Community Group

Educating Young Men in the Marist Tradition

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MCE PCG Minutes

Wednesday, 11 February 2026

Attendees		School Representatives: Melinda Alvarez, David Sullivan and Flavio Sordoni PCG Representatives: Jody Patman, Charlene Harrison and Ghia Erlano PCG Parents: Jo Hammett, Lesleigh Butler, Yin Huang, Dewi Ekasari, Catherine Girke, Jasmine Zhao, Macole Wassef, Kathryn Gee and Emma Biviano,
Apologies		PCG Parents: Maria Costello
Time		Meeting Open 6:58pm Meeting Close 8:05pm
7.00 PM School Learning Centre (Library)	Acknowledgment of the Traditional Landowners	Jody Patman
	Prayer	Ghia Erlano 2026 Opening Prayer, a focus on welcoming new school leaders, teachers and families to our college.
	Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting	Ghia Erlano October 2025 Minutes accepted by Lesleigh Butler and Macole Wassef
	MCE President's Address	Jody Patman Welcome remarks from our 2026 PCG President.
	Treasurer's Report	Charlene Harrison See page seven of the minutes Accepted by Catherine Girke and Ghia

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	Introduction to College	<p>Melinda Alvarez</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher for over 23 years within Sydney Catholic Schools • Co-educational and girls experience, Aquinas College, Good Samaritan Catholic College and Marist Sisters' Woolwich • Experience in both Teaching and Learning and Wellbeing leadership • Marist Sisters' Educated - Cerdon College and further developed this connection at Marist Sisters' Woolwich. • Constant communication with Daniel Fallico to ensure a smooth transition. <p>David Sullivan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching over 25 years (Assistant Principal and/or Principal for over 12 years) • Taught predominantly in the Inner-West for 20 years (SPC, HCC, TCC) - primarily in boys' schools. • TAS Teaching background - Also Religious Education trained • Master's Level education and studied abroad (Leuven Catholic University - Belgium) + Marist Religious Pilgrimage • My Marist connection: Attended Mt Carmel Catholic High School, Varroville and taught at Parramatta Marist and Trinity Catholic College, Auburn

	Principal's Report	<p>David Sullivan</p> <p>Smooth start to the year with several executive and staff appointments. Great to be part of a well-established Marist community.</p> <p>Visibility and getting to know the students are a priority.</p> <p>Focus for the new term: Presence and visibility, Learning - aspirational culture and Air conditioning for Montagne Centre update</p> <p>The school is very fortunate with no shortage of applications and balancing that also we are not a school for everyone.</p>
	2025 HSC Results Presentation	<p>Melinda Alvarez</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 93% of courses above state average • 92 % of Standard Courses above State Average • 100% of Extension Courses above State Average • 98 Band 6s or E4's (top performing Band) • 87 Band 6's achieved and 11 E4's • 51 students achieved 1 or more Band 6 • 92% results in top 3 Bands • Average Atar was 80.80 (almost 5 ATAR marks above SCS average). • 25% of students achieved an ATAR above 90 (State % was 17%)
General Business		
	Calendar of Upcoming Events - 2026	<p>Friday 20 February: Year 7 Welcome Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David and Melinda will look to combine the Year 7 Welcome and Information evening, into one night

	<p>General Business / Other Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging parent year coordinators • Q&A 	<p>from 2027</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes sense operationally and allows parents to connect • Jody confirms that eight parent volunteers have been coordinated <p>Tuesday 3 March: MCE Open Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCG to assist with the BBQ and the Café. • Communications have been drafted and will be sent to the office when appropriate <p>2026 MCE Trivia Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date is yet to be confirmed; however, it is usually in late May as not to collide with Mother's Day and other school events. • It can get competitive! • It is an Adults only event held on a Saturday night <p>Question raised: Understanding early entrance to university</p> <p>Melinda and David responded with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early entrance is not offered by every university, courses and could come in both conditional and unconditional forms. • For example, UNSW and USYD medical does not offer early entrance, whilst other universities send out offers after the trials. • Focus remains for a comprehensive HSC performance.
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		<p>\$5,000 School Raffle</p> <p>The idea was to sell \$50 tickets to win \$5,000 towards school fees. To raise funds for the school and assist a family with potentially winning \$5,000 towards a student's school fees.</p> <p>The concept was presented to SCS however at this stage head office would like us to further develop this fundraising idea. SCS raised that perhaps it will not hit the correct target market, by asking struggling families \$50 per ticket.</p> <p>The idea is currently under development.</p>
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MCE PCG Meeting Dates - 2026

Term	Day	PCG Meeting dates	Key Agenda
Term 1	Wednesday	11 February 2026	Held
Term 2	Wednesday	06 May 2026	
Term 3	Wednesday	05 August 2026	
Term 4	Wednesday	28 October 2026	

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PCG Balance Sheet

1 January - 31 December 2025

PCG Account	2025		
	Income	Expenses	Net
Fundraising			
Fundraiser	\$8,930.70		\$8,930.70
Uniform Shop	\$11,235.95		\$11,235.95
Total	\$20,240.05		\$20,240.05
Social			
New Parents Welcome Night		\$0.00	\$0.00
WTD & Champ Day		\$393.76	-\$393.76
Staff and Student		\$0.00	\$0.00
Fundraiser		\$5,394.99	-\$5,394.99
General			
Bank Interest and Fees	\$73.40		
External Resources		\$535.88	-\$535.88
Gifts		\$100.00	-\$100.00
Miscellaneous			
Transfers			
Annual Transfer to School		\$19,156.00	-\$19,156.00
	\$20,240.05	\$25,580.63	-\$5,340.58

Opening Balance 1 Jan 2025	\$13,194.16
This Year's Profit/Loss	-\$5,340.58
Balance as at December 31st 2025	\$7,853.58