



Marist College Eastwood Parent Community Group

Educating Young Men in the Marist Tradition

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MCE PCG Minutes Tuesday, 05 May 2026

Attendees		School Representatives: Melinda Alvarez and David Sullivan PCG Representatives: Jody Patman, Charlene Harrison and Ghia Erlano PCG Parents: Jo Hammett, Lesleigh Butler, Kerry Callaghan, Winnie Cheung, Vicki Tanner and Nicole Rieder
Apologies		PCG Parents: Maria Costello, Emma Viviano and Catherine Girke
Time		Meeting Open 6:58pm Meeting Close 8:19pm
7.00 PM School Learning Centre (Library)	Acknowledgment of the Traditional Landowners	Jody Patman
	Prayer	Ghia Erlano A continued focus remains on guiding all students in the way of our Mother Mary.
	Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting	Ghia Erlano 2026 Term 1 minutes accepted by Lesleigh Butler and Kerry Callaghan
	MCE President's Address	Jody Patman Welcome remarks from our 2026 PCG President
	Treasurer's Report	Charlene Harrison See final page
	Principal's Update	Mr David Sullivan Montagne Centre Aircon Update Funding for the air conditioning project

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		has been secured. • An unforeseen roadblock has arisen, with Endeavour Energy advising that a power upgrade is required to support the installation of the new air conditioning system. • The school has exhausted all available avenues and communications to expedite both the power upgrade and subsequent installation works. • We are currently awaiting further advice from Endeavour Energy regarding the timeline, next steps, and anticipated completion of the required upgrade. School Facilities Upgrades • Upgrades to the science laboratories are currently being discussed by Mr Sullivan and Flavio Sordoni. • Upgrades to the rooftop basketball court are also under discussion between Mr Sullivan and Flavio Sordoni. Key considerations include repainting the court and installing shade structures or other forms of protection from the elements. • Upgrades to the representative sports uniforms are currently being discussed by Mr Sullivan and Flavio Sordoni. Fundraising through the PCG would be welcomed to support this initiative. Ghia Erlano will present fundraising ideas at the Term 3 PCG meeting 2027 Planning – 90th Anniversary • A College Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral is being considered as a key commemorative event for the 90th
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		Anniversary celebrations. • A whole-school day at Luna Park is also being explored as a potential celebration for all students. • Commemorative gifts and memorabilia are within scope and are being considered as part of the anniversary celebrations. • The possibility of hosting a Gala Dinner is also being discussed as a significant event to mark the College's 90th Anniversary. Term 2 Parent Interviews • The format will continue as a hybrid model, with families having the option to participate either in person or virtually. • We acknowledge that there is no perfect system and will continue to review feedback and make improvements where possible. • Further communications and relevant information will be distributed to families in due course. Year 7 Camp Report • Mr Sullivan is pleased to report that the Year 7 students rated the camp food an outstanding 8.3 out of 10. • Despite the wet weather, the boys appeared to thoroughly enjoy the camp and participated enthusiastically in the program. • We extend our sincere thanks to all staff who attended the camp and supported the students throughout the experience. • Parents raised the possibility of introducing a camp for students in Years 9 or 10, providing an additional
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		opportunity for cohort bonding before students separate into leadership and sports camps in Years 11 and 12. This suggestion will be considered as part of future planning discussions.
	Assistant Principal's Update	Melinda Alvarez Parent Focus Group: General • All three Parent Focus Group sessions are now fully booked, reflecting strong interest and engagement from the parent community. • The sessions provide an excellent opportunity for parents to connect directly with Melinda and David, share feedback, and contribute to ongoing school discussions. • We look forward to the upcoming follow-up sessions and the valuable insights and perspectives that will emerge from these conversations. Parent Focus Group: What parents' value • Genuine care and wellbeing support for students • Strong Marist values and character formation • A safe, welcoming, community focused environment • High academic standards and holistic education • Partnership with families and strong communication Parent Focus Group: Opportunities or improvements raised at the focus group (sample examples) • Greater consistency in teaching,

		communication, and Compass use • Stronger behaviour management and classroom discipline • More support for diverse learners, especially neurodiverse boys • Improved facilities and infrastructure • Expanded cocurricular, camps, and social opportunities Parent Focus Group: General Feedback • Appreciation for Current Communication • Desire for Consistent and Timely Teacher Communication • Preference for Concise Information • Requests for Broader School Visibility • Strong Support for Parent Engagement
General Business		
	Upcoming Events - 2026	Father's Day Mass and Breakfast Teacher Appreciation Day Granny Smith Festival
	Past Events - 2026	Friday 08 May: Mothers' Day Mass and Breakfast Saturday 30 May: Annual Trivia Night Friday 06 June: Champagnat Day
	General Business / Other Questions	Granny Smith Festival planning • The PCG is currently seeking a Festival Lead to represent the school within the broader community festival planning process. • The Festival Lead would attend meetings on behalf of the school and act as the primary liaison between the school and the City of Ryde event organisers.

MCE PCG Meeting Dates – 2026

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

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PCG Balance Sheet

1 January - 30 April 2026

PCG Account	2026		
	Income	Expenses	Net
Fundraising			
Fundraiser	\$0.00		\$0.00
Uniform Shop	\$5,257.00		\$5,257.00
Total	\$5,269.13		\$5,269.13
Social			
New Parents Welcome Night		\$0.00	\$0.00
WTD & Champ Day		\$0.00	\$0.00
Staff and Student		\$0.00	\$0.00
Fundraiser		- \$800.00	\$800.00
General			
Bank Interest and Fees	\$12.13		
External Resources		- \$187.13	\$187.13
Gifts		\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous			
Transfers			
Annual Transfer to School		\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$5,269.13	- \$987.13	\$4,282.00

Opening Balance 1 Jan 2026	\$7,853.58
This Year's Profit/Loss	\$4,282.00
Balance as at April 30th 2026	\$12,135.58

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