Marist College Eastwood
Parent Community Group

Educating Young Men in the Marist Tradition

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MCE PCG MINUTES
Wednesday, 05 August 2026

7.00 PM School Learning Centre (Library)	Acknowledgment of the Traditional Landowners	Jody Patman
	Prayer	Ghia Erlano
	Apologies	**PCG Parents;** Vicki Tanner, Emma Biviano, Nicole Rayment, Kelly Battiwalla, Michelle Heath and Lesleigh Butler
	Attendance	**MCE Executives;** David Sullivan, Melinda Alvarez and Flavio Sordoni **PCG Parents;** Jody Patman, Charlene Harrison, Ghia Erlano, Catherine Girke, Diala Nastas, Nicole Rieder, Winnie Cheung **Open** 7.00pm **Close** 8.02pm
	Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting	Ghia Erlano Accepted by Charlene and Jody
	MCE President's Address	Jody Patman
	Treasurer's Report	Charlene Harrison As per financials
	Principal's Update	**David Sullivan** <u>Mr Foong Health Update</u> The community stands with Mr Foong and his family during this difficult period. We continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers, hoping for strength, comfort and better days ahead. <u>School Attendance Overview</u>

		• Excellent attendance results across the school. • The 2026 attendance rate is 94.1% (as of 5 August 2026). • This represents a slight improvement from the 2025 attendance rate of 93.9%. • These figures reflect the strong commitment of students, families and staff to regular school attendance and engagement. <u>Year 11 Sport and Recreation Day</u> • In lieu of camps – Is a Go! <u>Representative Sports Uniforms</u> • Supplier tenders have been received and are currently being reviewed. • Where possible, senior representative team uniforms will be prioritised for procurement. • A staged rollout will see all representative sports uniforms updated by the end of 2027. <u>Do we need the house shirt?</u> This question is currently being considered as part of the school's uniform review and representative sports uniform update program. Points for consideration: A Sport Shirt provides a consistent uniform for PE classes, school sport and representative sporting activities. A House Shirt helps promote house spirit, participation and identification during carnivals and house-based events. Maintaining both shirts can increase

		costs for families and create duplication of purpose. Moving to a single shirt may reduce expenses and simplify the uniform but the impact on house identity and school events would need to be considered. PCG Discussion: House Shirts PCG parents discussed the advantages and disadvantages of retaining the House Shirt. Some parents questioned whether it remains necessary. Others highlighted that the House System is highly successful because it is visibly structured and promoted throughout the school, with House Shirts playing an important role in fostering house identity and spirit. Particularly for junior students, the House Shirt helps students identify and connect with fellow house members, strengthening participation, belonging and school culture. <u>Air Conditioning Installation Project</u> • Final stages • Pending final signatures <u>Science Labs Upgrades</u> The planned Science Lab upgrades will proceed over a two-year funding arrangement. MCE will fund the project costs allocated for 2026. SCS will fund the project costs allocated for 2027.
	Assistant Principal's Update	**Melinda Alvarez** <u>Co-Curricular Activities</u> We are blessed to offer a wide range of

		co-curricular activities that encourage student participation, foster a sense of belonging and support the holistic development of our students. Through academic, sporting, leadership, faith-based and service opportunities, students can pursue their interests, develop new skills, build friendships and contribute positively to the school community. The strong levels of student involvement across these programs reflect the vibrant and inclusive culture that exists within our school. • Games Rooms: The program continues to expand and now includes an additional classroom space to accommodate student participation. • Coding and Robotics Club: Regularly attracts 20-30 students. New robotics equipment was purchased in Term 2, 2026. • Maths Homework Club: Approximately 30 students attend for additional academic support. • Library Tutoring and Homework Support: Available before and after school, with the library open from 7:30am to 5:00pm. • Public Speaking and Debating: Ongoing opportunities for students to develop communication and leadership skills. • Chess Club: Continues to provide students with opportunities for strategic thinking and friendly competition. • Duke of Edinburgh Award: Interest remains strong, with more than 70

		students expressing interest in participating. • RCIA: The program currently includes 16 boys (as of 20 August 2026). • Road to Sainthood: Attracts 30-40 students each week, reflecting strong student engagement in faith formation. • Vinnies: Students are actively involved through weekly meetings, the Vinnies Van, meal preparation initiatives and fundraising activities, including the Pizza Lunch and Christmas Appeal.
	Fundraising Proposal 1. End of Term Donut Drive	Ghia Erlano • Let's have a go! Pricing will be circulated to David and Flavio for approval before we send out comms.
General Business		
		Other Matters <u>Tackling Bullying at MCE</u> Wonderful to see MCE actively tackling bullying at school. The survey was well received and parents are keen for next steps. <u>Calendar of Upcoming Events - 2026</u> • Friday 31 October: World Teachers Day Past Events - 2026 • Saturday 17 October: Granny Smith Festival • Friday 04 September: Father's Day Mass and Breakfast • Friday 08 May: Mothers' Day Mass and Breakfast • Saturday 30 May: Annual Trivia Night

		• Friday 06 June: Champagnat Day • Friday 20 February: Year 7 Welcome Night • Tuesday 03 March: MCE Open Day

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	Held
Term 4	Wednesday	28 October 2026	AGM

Marist Eastwood Parent Community Group
PCG Balance Sheet
1 January - 28 July 2026

PCG Account	2026		
	Income	**Expenses**	**Net**
Fundraising			
Fundraiser	$6,867.55	-$1,570.00	$5,297.55
Uniform Shop	$7,722.00		$7,722.00
Total	$14,589.55		$14,589.55
Social			
New Parents Welcome Night		$0.00	$0.00
WTD &Champ Day		$0.00	$0.00
Staff and Student		$0.00	$0.00
General			
Bank Interest and Fees	$30.59		
External Resources		-$323.16	$323.16
Gifts		$0.00	$0.00
Miscellaneous			
Transfers			
Annual Transfer to School		$0.00	$0.00
	$14,620.14	**-$1,893.16**	**$12,726.98**

Opening Balance 1 Jan 2026	$7,853.58
This Year's Profit/Loss	$12,726.98
Balance as at July 28th 2026	**$20,580.56**

President: Jody Patman | Treasurer: Charlene Harrison | Secretary: Ghia Erlano