




Samuel Marsden Collegiate School Whitby

Prospectus



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COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

A photograph of several students in green school uniforms. In the foreground, a young man and a young woman are seated, looking towards the right. The young man has dark hair and is wearing a green blazer over a white shirt and a green tie. The young woman has brown hair tied back and is also wearing a green blazer over a white shirt and a green tie. They are both looking intently towards the right. In the background, other students in similar uniforms are visible, slightly out of focus. The overall tone of the image is warm and focused.

**“Above all we want our children to be loved
For who they are and who they may become
we choose understands the hopes we have
children will be happy there.”**

Miranda Harcourt
Marsden Parent and Old Girl

A photograph of four students in green school uniforms. In the foreground, a young girl with blonde hair and a young woman with brown hair are leaning on a wooden plank, both smiling. Behind them, a young woman with dark hair in a ponytail and a young man are also in uniform, looking off-camera. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

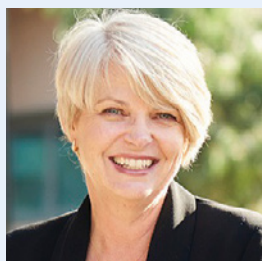
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Flourish

At Marsden schools, children and young people flourish. Marsden Whitby students do well in life because they have confidence and self-belief. They have resilience - grit, we like to call it. They are creative, independent thinkers. And they see themselves as citizens of the world, with a responsibility to make a contribution.

At Marsden Whitby, wonderful children realise their potential to become extraordinary people who go on to enjoy their life and work.



Grit
Kia tūkaha

“Welcome to Marsden. We are proudly developing our students to be globally oriented, design savvy and entrepreneurial so they can go on to succeed in life and the future workplace by contributing their talents, resilience, positivity and mindfulness. That’s why learning at Marsden is driven by curiosity and creativity, and characterised by problem solving that involves critical thinking, communication and collaboration.

Children and families choose Marsden for its academic reputation and broad ranging co-curricular offerings but above all because, at Marsden, students are known, genuinely cared for and given individual attention by dedicated, expert staff in small classes. Because the practice of Christian values, kindness and giving makes it such a special place to be; because progress in all its forms is acknowledged

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Positive and respectful relationships underpin teaching and learning. Students are purposefully engaged in their classroom programmes. Those spoken with by ERO are confident, articulate and happy to share their ideas and ask questions.”

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and celebrated; and because they’re confident they’re being well prepared for life – the world of further study and work they will enter when they graduate.

Narelle Umbers
Principal



Engagement and Delight

At Marsden, we foster our students' innate curiosity: enabling them to develop the love of learning so essential for their future success and happiness.

We can do this because, unlike today's mega-schools, our schools are small. Classes rarely have more than 25 students and frequently fewer than 20. That means our teachers are not just instructors and test administrators, they are mentors and motivators working with each child individually.

Student voice is loud and clear at Marsden Whitby and teaching programmes are tailored to fit the aspirations of individual students.

Students quickly become part of the 'Marsden family' and are nurtured, encouraged and respected. They feel safe being themselves and receive the individual attention they need.

The Marsden family
Te Mātene Whānau



Allie Foote, Marsden Whitby Head Girl 2011, was the inaugural recipient of the Beca Engineering Technology scholarship for an individual undertaking an engineering degree at WelTec. Her particular interest is renewable energy.

Photo Credit: Marty Melville

Opportunities

Students do well academically at Marsden Whitby. But we aim to do more than prepare students for tertiary study and a career. At Marsden Whitby we strive for the ultimate goal: young people equipped for lives of meaning, accomplishment and genuine happiness.

As students look to their future, the opportunities are limitless. Marsden Whitby students are being prepared for careers that don't yet exist; their self-confidence prepares them to take an exciting place in the world.

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I have always been a determined student and I'm passionate about making a difference particularly when it comes to the environment. Physics and maths, especially statistics, were my favourite subjects at school and I took them through to NCEA Level 3. Engineering is a natural choice for me and now with a Beca scholarship I'm in a great position to achieve my goals.”

Allie Foote 2014

Bachelor of Engineering Technology





Marsden Schools

Marsden has four schools over two campuses in Karori and Whitby. Marsden School Karori was established in 1878 and Marsden Whitby, with its spacious green campus, joined the Marsden family in 2005. Marsden Whitby has grown quickly, sharing much of the heritage of Marsden School in Karori, but forging a strong and vibrant identity of its own.

Marsden Whitby is rare in New Zealand education. It is the only genuine independent co-educational school in the Wellington region for boys and girls from Years 7 to 13.

Our parents are discerning about their children's education; that's why they choose Marsden Whitby. We offer the quality education for which Marsden is famous, without the need to travel to the city.

Ad Summa

Whāia te Hiranga

Our motto, Ad Summa, means Aim for the Highest. This means that we strive to be our best in all that we do. Our motto reminds us of our commitment to personal excellence... being *our* best rather than being *the* best.

The spirit of Marsden is underpinned by the values of Excellence, Resilience, Creativity and Service.



Our values

Excellence

Hiranga

Marsden Schools are high-performance environments where everyone aspires to be the best they can be in their academic and co-curricular pursuits.

Resilience

Manahau

Those who can pick themselves up and keep going have the greatest chance of personal happiness and success. Resilience is the explicit focus of a number of our programmes.

Creativity

Auahatanga

The ability to think outside the square, to respond to the challenges of today in innovative ways, to find new ways of working, thinking and living is vital to a successful future.

Service

Oha

It is important for our students to be aware of their place in the local and global community. In keeping with Anglican values, consideration for others is fostered and delivered through co-curricular programmes.



A Culture of Care

At Marsden Whitby every student is known individually. A concern for the social and emotional development of every student is part of our special character. Students who are happy at school will do well.

Marsden Whitby's school-wide system of care for the wellbeing of our students ensures individual strengths and needs are recognised and nurtured. This network includes all staff, with access to counselling services, and we encourage building a strong connection between home and school to support students in their learning. Our Mentoring programme allows Tutor Teachers to work alongside students and parents. Together, they discuss goals and explore ways in which the home/school partnership can assist in achieving them.

We believe that students who are happy at school will do well.

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Relationships sit at the heart of all we do at Marsden Whitby. They underpin the achievement of the students and the vitality of our spirit.”



Anne Winnall
Director Marsden Whitby



Academic Programmes

Co-educational, Years 7 – 13



Academic

Years 7 - 13

Our vision is to develop confident, independent learners who think creatively and who are challenged to reach their academic and personal potential in a warm, caring Christian environment. Small classes, excellent teaching staff and exciting programmes, where each student gets individual attention, mean Marsden Whitby students do well academically.

The Marsden programmes have been developed in line with the New Zealand Curriculum and cover the essential learning areas of the Arts, English, Health and Physical Education, Languages, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences and Technology. These core subjects are complemented by a range of challenging options. Individual inquiry, research and experimentation are key to learning.

Creativity and future-focused learning underpin the Academic Programmes at Marsden Whitby. Taught by specialist teachers from Year 7, students have a wealth of opportunities to develop their passions.

It could be singing songs in Spanish in Year 7 or carrying out a conservation project in Duck Creek. In Year 8 students build fully functioning robots and exploding volcanoes. In Year 9 students learn about healthy, nutritious food through the Year 9 Food Programme. They also get to design online games for a national competition. Senior students coach students from a local Primary school as part of their Level 3 PE course and in DIT students learn programming using Arduino kits and Raspberry pi. Senior Economics students develop, market and sell products as part of the Young Enterprise Scheme.

The Tutor programme includes citizenship and leadership and promotes student wellbeing, assisting them in becoming forward-thinking young adults, with a clear understanding of the servant leader model.

In line with our Anglican character, Religious Education is also a regular aspect of the timetable.

There is something for everyone and a commitment from Marsden Whitby teachers to developing engaged learners.

From Year 11, students work towards achievement in the national qualification, the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA). Some NCEA assessment occurs in Year 10 to accustom students to the rigours of assessment for national qualifications. Studying for and sitting Scholarship exams are also a goal our senior students strive for. Academic results are consistently outstanding which makes Marsden Whitby an excellent stepping stone to further tertiary study here or overseas.

Marsden Whitby students participate in a range of service projects which help build resilience, confidence and a sense of achievement. These range from local projects such as The Paremata Regeneration project and the service component of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We adapt the timetable for special short term programmes where students work collaboratively with their counterparts in Karori and outside experts on exciting cross curricular real-world projects.



Marsden Whitby is fully BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) and alongside regular teaching and learning, all students work through a Digital Citizenship programme designed to foster safe and respectful online behaviour and practices.

Working together

Our staff follow the progress of each individual student carefully making sure that their particular needs are met. Gifted and talented students are extended within the classroom and beyond, through initiatives such as the Tournament of Minds. Learning support is also available for students with special learning needs.

Ad Summa 'to the highest'

Our motto, Ad Summa, is evident in the exceptional academic performance of Marsden students in their NCEA qualifications. It is the personal achievement of each individual that is the hallmark of a Marsden education. We want each of our students to be the best they can be, to fulfil their dreams.

“It is quite hard to explain the richness and depth of the social climate at Marsden Whitby; suffice to say that staff truly and authentically emphasise the importance of students' development of character as well as the other facets of learning.”

Anita Mortlock
*Marsden School Whitby parent
and Lecturer at Victoria University
Wellington*

A young man with dark, curly hair and blue-rimmed glasses is playing a black electric guitar. He is wearing a green school blazer over a white shirt and a green tie. He is looking down at the guitar. In the background, there is a blue wall with a bulletin board featuring various posters, including one titled "ENGLAND VOICES".

Co-Curricular Programmes

Co-educational, Years 7 – 13



Co-Curricular

Years 7 - 13

Sport, music, drama... Marsden Whitby students participate in a rich co-curricular programme.

We believe in providing students with a broad variety of experiences. Marsden Whitby provides the opportunity for talented students to extend themselves and gives each student the opportunity to develop their musical, performing and sports' skills.

Music

Music is an integral part of life at Marsden Whitby and there are musical opportunities for all students in the school.

Viridi Vocem, the Marsden Whitby choir, performs at special school events and represents Marsden Whitby in the annual Big Sing choral competition. Marsden Whitby students have the opportunity to join a variety of rock and jazz bands and the annual House Music competition is highly anticipated and evokes spirited inter-house rivalry.

Our Taiko Drummers are truly amazing to watch with their power and sound. Marsden School Whitby is one of only two schools offering Taiko drumming in the Wellington region.

Specialist teachers are available during the school day for students to have individual music tuition.

Sport

At Marsden, we believe that sport teaches students about sportsmanship, teamwork, resilience, courage, commitment and healthy physical activity. We teach our students to be gracious winners and good losers. We encourage all students to take up a sport.



Sporting opportunities at Marsden Whitby are increasing every year. We have our own netball, hockey, basketball, futsal and football teams. We also offer badminton and running clubs after school and there is a developing equestrian team.

Three annual school-wide sporting events involve our whole school community - athletics, cross country and swimming. These contests are fierce but fun as students compete individually and for the glory of their House.

Our Year 7 and 8 students compete in the Parumoana inter-school sporting competitions with other local schools and students participate in Winter Tournament week. Champions in each sporting code may go on to represent the school in inter-school or zonal, regional and national events.

Cultural

Inter-house debating, drama and music competitions are held among Marsden Whitby's four Houses to encourage talent, creativity and competitive spirit within the school.

Marsden Whitby has a number of clubs such as IT, Chess, Environmental and Mah Jong.

Facilities

The Marsden School Whitby campus is a spacious green environment, with a modern gymnasium, welcoming classrooms and specialist teaching spaces for music, art, IT and science. Marsden Whitby has generous open spaces, something we make regular use of.





Experience the Marsden spirit

We invite you to visit us and experience the Marsden Whitby spirit for yourself.

We'd be happy to arrange a personal tour and answer any questions at a time that suits. Simply contact our Enrolment Manager on (04) 234 1070 for a booking.

Further information about Samuel Marsden Collegiate School Whitby's curricular and co-curricular offerings, scholarships, open days, fees and enrolment is available at marsden.school.nz or contact us for more information.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the Marsden Whitby family.





**Preparing students for lives
of meaning, accomplishment
and genuine happiness.**