



SAMUEL  
MARSDEN  
COLLEGIATE SCHOOL





Tangata ako ana i te kāenga,  
te tūranga ki te marae, tau ana

*A person nurtured in the community  
contributes strongly to society*

# Marsden *Inspiring Girls*

At Samuel Marsden Collegiate School each girl is supported in a learning journey that inspires life in all its fullness.

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Inspired to  
discover, explore  
and experiment

Asking questions, rising to challenges and having hands on experiences characterises learning at Marsden. It promotes the type of thinking and doing that accelerates skill development and self-discovery.

“

See what I made? It didn't work  
at first but now it does!”

Margot Pre-schooler



## Inspired to **learn** and **grow**

Holistic learning that's engaging and relevant is enriching. It fosters the academic excellence and personal development that sees our students realise ever increasing levels of potential.



Marsden's focus on the whole person means academic and personal growth are equally valued in each student. Our girls are encouraged to consider their place in the world, the values they live by and the ways in which they will embrace and benefit humanity."

**Narelle Umbers** *Principal*



Inspired to  
excel – to be  
your best self

Our students are supported to make the most progress possible from their starting point, both academically and in their co-curricular pursuits. Being and doing their best is how we define excellence and what it takes to uphold our motto, *Ad Summa – Aim for the highest.*

“ I love our collaborative culture, the choices we get and the freedom we have to explore things. I am learning how to learn, it's not about the answers but how we go about finding them. It helps me become my best self.”

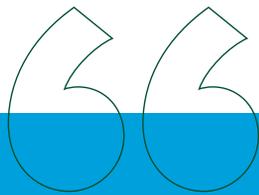
Emily Year 12





## Inspired to be **curious** and **creative**

We're about firing the imagination and encouraging the creativity that translates into answers to real life problems and masterpieces of all sorts.



We made rockets from recycled materials referring to Newton's laws of motion and the advice of engineers so there were design features to make them go as high and far as possible!"

Bay Year 6



Inspired  
to find and  
use *your*  
voice

Every girl is known and heard at Marsden. There's no risk of being lost in the crowd or having your voice drowned out here because everyone's equally valued. We encourage our girls to be themselves, to speak for themselves and when appropriate, to speak for others.

“When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful.”

Malala Yousafzai

## Inspired to develop **your skills** and showcase **your talent**

We provide the co-curricular opportunities that enable our girls to pursue their passions, try new things, make friends, and have fun. Whether your daughter's into sport, the performing or visual arts, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), languages, debating, environmental issues or giving through community involvement, we've got her covered.

“ I play lacrosse but I've got friends who do badminton, piano, barbershop or are environmental leaders. At Marsden there is something for everyone. Making new friends is one of the best things about getting involved.”

*Lily Marsden Graduate 2019*



A young girl with blonde hair, wearing a white collared shirt and a dark blue and green plaid dress, is climbing a large, mossy tree trunk in a lush forest. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The tree has many thick, exposed roots and hanging vines. The background is filled with green foliage.

# Inspired to *be*

Encouragement in a broad range of learning experiences doesn't come at the expense of a girl's wellbeing. We support each student in their pursuit of a balanced life and learning programme so there's also downtime – the space for being, resting and resetting that optimises the next learning adventure.

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It takes courage to say yes to rest and play in a culture where exhaustion is seen as a status symbol.”

Brené Brown



## Inspired to contribute, lead and serve



Marsden girls have always learned early the value of living purposefully. They don't just understand the moral imperative of contributing, leading and serving, they want to do it. It's how they express their values, advocate for others and give back.



How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

Anne Frank



## Inspired to shape **your future...**

A Marsden education prepares girls for working and living in a rapidly changing global context. It's why our girls learn to be agile, creative, critical thinkers and problem solvers, collaborators and communicators, decision makers and influencers.



The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.”

Alvin Toffler



## ... and ours

A Marsden girl can be anything she sets her mind to at any stage of her career. She's someone who, in forging her own way, is mindful of others and concerns herself with not just imagining a better future, but helping create it.

**Hāpaitia te ara tika pūmau ai te rangatiratanga  
mō ngā uri whakatipu.**

*Foster the pathway of knowledge to strength,  
independence and growth for future generations.*

# Our Inspiring Context

## The Marsden *spirit*

A long and proud tradition of valuing relationships and embedding a culture of care is at the core of Marsden's unique character. It's the spirit you experience the minute you step foot on the campus, that fosters learning and the strong sense of belonging our girls and families enjoy.



Ngā pūmanawa e ono,  
ko ngā whare hapu e.

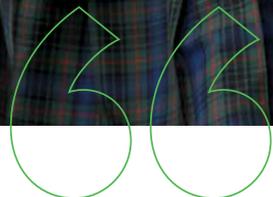
*The six beating hearts of the school  
that keep it alive spiritually are  
represented by houses.”*

Marsden Waiata





# A leafy, green oasis



Our campus is on expansive park-like grounds in Karori, Wellington. It has been home to Marsden students since 1926, providing a generous and beautiful space for learning, sport and recreational activities.

So much attracted us to Marsden – certainly its reputation for excellence, care and a well-rounded education – but the school’s setting is special too. It strikes you as a serene yet stimulating sanctuary before you even get inside the door.”

*Jo Williment Parent of an Old Girl and a Year 12 student*



## Space to breathe

At the campus centre, its heart, is Te Manawa o te Kura, the state-of-the-art facility incorporating our foyer, learning studios, Waihanga (makerspace) and iCentre. It's here and in our broad range of specialised, technology rich spaces that our teachers and girls bring learning to life.

“ We provide the range of digital platforms and mediums our students need to exploit their learning, to be adaptable and creative. But technology at Marsden is more than a tool for learning – it's deeper than that. Our girls aren't just digital users, they're becoming digital innovators.”

*Fiona Crawford* Director of Future Focused Learning and Innovation

Inspired for  
a *purpose*



At Marsden, girls are equipped to take on and positively impact the world – the one they encounter in *their* time. They graduate as ongoing learners, ready to appreciate the global community's wonder and potential, to engage with its complexity and rise to its challenge.

Our vision:

**Manu Rere Ao** > *The bird that flies the world*

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Our values:

Hiranga  
*Excellence*

Manahau  
*Resilience*

Auahatanga  
*Creativity*

Oha  
*Service*

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Marsden girls are known in the community for their leadership qualities; for being confident, independent and resourceful, but also, perhaps most importantly, for being kind. It's the product, I think, of our Christian ethos and the grace with which our girls live the school's values: **excellence, resilience, creativity and service.**”

Cheryl Middelkoop *Board Chair*



## Contributing to the common good

Achieving this vision involves laying the foundation for lives of meaning, accomplishment and genuine happiness. The resulting sense of social justice and responsibility is the same as that instilled in Marsden students since Mrs Swainson established the school in 1878.



## Keeping the legacy *alive*

In real terms, honouring this universal and timeless principle has seen Marsden graduates contribute significantly as social change agents in New Zealand and beyond for over 140 years.

Marsden graduates are ready to take their place in the world, to study at universities of their choice internationally or in New Zealand, to explore how they will make a difference in the way that will make their hearts soar.



“Marsden’s greatest achievement is its contribution to the equality of women in New Zealand, which is recognised in the cultural fabric of our society.”

Dr Kirsty Carpenter *Author 'Marsden Women and Their World. A History of Marsden School 1878–2003'.*

Marsden Graduates Gemma New • Thomasin McKenzie • Vikki Stephens • Jessie Wong



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I want to make conservation and sustainability everyone's business. Science lets me understand what is happening in the environment, so I can educate and inspire others to want to protect it.”

*Beckie Calder-Flynn Marsden Graduate 2011  
Masters of Conservation Biology with Distinction,  
Victoria University*







# Inspired Learning

Our dynamic learning community is driven by a contemporary outlook, our modern, holistic learning programmes and innovative, evidence-informed teaching approaches. It makes for an education that nurtures the human spirit, cultivates emotional intelligence and produces life-ready learners.



Education is not a linear process of preparation for the future: it is about cultivating the talents and sensibilities through which we can live our best lives in the present and create the best futures for us all.”

Sir Ken Robinson

## Passionate about **your progress**



Because no two students are alike, we personalise learning so each girl's needs and interests are accommodated. This includes using a range of teaching strategies, and providing choice in terms of subjects, topics and assessment types.

**Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia ō tātou mahi.**

*Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work.*



It's so exciting when learning takes on a life of its own, becoming a never ending project because passion, deep understanding and a desire to take action has taken hold. We never know where a girl's inspiration will take her – or us!"

Margaret Adeane *Academic Director*



## Ready to relate

As an inclusive community that reflects and values diversity, there is an emphasis on cultural and social learning. It's why Te Ao Māori and Te Reo Māori are integrated in our curriculum, traditions and practices. It's also why learning is internationalised.



Learning and sharing school life with international students of different faiths and cultures benefits everyone at Marsden. It fosters a global outlook, and allows cultural knowledge, insights and sensitivities to develop naturally. Opportunities for international travel certainly further enrich our girls' educational experience."

**Caroline Robertson** *Director of International Students*





## Learning *your* way

To encourage all the benefits derived from a deep dive into areas of interest, our girls are given blocks of time to respond to learning prompts however they choose. With teachers as mentors and guides, and wide ranging technologies at their disposal, outcomes are limited only by the imagination.

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Remarkable Time projects teach us to become good problem solvers. We get to direct our own learning and do what we enjoy at our own pace. It can lead to an amazing ongoing interest. I discovered I like illustrating children's books.”

Freya Year 9

## It's about thriving

Wellbeing education is integrated in a proactive and intentional way across all year levels and disciplines at Marsden because everyone's wellbeing matters to us, but also because we know that high levels of wellbeing enhance learning and academic outcomes.

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Wellbeing is the experience of feeling good on the inside, functioning well on the outside and doing good for others.”

Professor Lea Waters *Designer and Founder*  
– Visible Wellbeing™





The results  
are **visible**

Practising the thinking, habits and skills introduced through strength-based science and positive psychology enables us to enhance our girls' and staff wellbeing beyond being 'OK' or 'good', to be their best – to thrive to the point that it's obvious to everyone.



## Connections that count

Forging partnerships with universities, industry and business gives our students access to invaluable learning experiences in real contexts with the backing of external experts and specialised resources. It's another way in which a Marsden education gives girls a cutting edge.

“Spending time at Datacom gave us a taste of operating in the real world. Working with passionate graduates, sharing ideas and using commercial equipment was fantastic. It gave us insights and a project outcome we couldn't get any other way.”

Rachel Year 12

“Kapo mai i ngā matauranga mō tou kete hauora. Kia tū kaha ki te ao huri e, huri nei.”

“...take hold of these treasures that are taught to you and store them within yourself for your wellbeing and health, so you can stand strong and independent in this evolving world.” Marsden Waiata



Our inspiration



## 'Inspirare' – to breathe into

Our Anglican affiliation and Christian ethos has always breathed life and meaning into who we are and how we operate. Our service ethic, community mindedness and care for the environment is a reflection of it. In the spirit of inclusion and diversity that characterises the Marsden family, students of all faiths and cultural backgrounds are embraced.

“Spiritual learning at Marsden enables our girls to shape and express their values, explore faith, ask questions and appreciate the faith of others.

As champions of social justice, acting out of love for others, they imitate the love of God.”

Sarah King *Chaplain*



## Exceptional educators



Our teachers are brilliant! They make things fun and help when we need it, but we're expected to persevere and solve our own problems. They know me really well."

Olivia Year 6



Marsden's dedicated, caring and specialist teachers model a love of learning as lifelong learners themselves. They build the positive relationships that promote learning, use effective teaching strategies and know how to provide the support and extension each girl needs to be and do her best.



A photograph of two young women in green school uniforms embracing each other. The woman on the right is smiling and looking towards the camera, while the woman on the left has her back to it. They are surrounded by other people in similar uniforms, though they are out of focus.

## Connected *for life*

A Marsden girl's affiliation with the school is lifelong. You belong. Always. It's as simple as that.

We're also grateful that the meaningful, accomplished, happy lives our graduates go on to lead, so powerfully inspire each new generation of girls.

“ Marsden has been about acceptance, and forming fun, supportive friendships that will truly last forever. It is about community and striving for your best.”

Maia Marsden Graduate 2019



*Inspired...*



A rowing boat is shown on a body of water at dusk. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is dark. In the background, there is a building with a prominent orange roof and a balcony. The boat's oars are visible, with the brand name 'CROKER' printed on them. The oars are dipping into the water, creating a splash. The overall scene is serene and suggests a peaceful evening of rowing.

... *to inspire!*

# Be *inspired*

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An Anglican School, established in 1878

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A school of excellence for girls Year 1 to Year 13  
with a Co-ed preschool

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A culture of care and lifelong connection

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Broad ranging, future focused and internationalised learning  
that's culturally and socially relevant

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Spacious, green learning environment with specialised,  
technology rich facilities

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Expert, dedicated teachers

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Internationally recognised NCEA and Scholarship curriculum

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New Zealand's first Visible Wellbeing™ school

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Service programmes, high performance coaching, extended  
and supported learning, real life work experience

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*Inspired to live meaningful,  
accomplished, genuinely happy lives  
that are truly inspiring!*

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Experience Marsden. Come for a tour, meet our staff and students, spend a day in class.

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*We look forward to welcoming you and your daughter to the Marsden family.*

