



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.







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.

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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."

Paula Wells 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



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







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





... 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







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."

Sarah Wirth Head of Technology



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

Our values:

HirangaManahauAuahatangaOhaExcellenceResilienceCreativityService

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**,



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'.





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."







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 Head of Senior School













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







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.













Be inspired

An Anglican School, established in 1878

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

A culture of care and lifelong connection

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

Spacious, green learning environment with specialised, technology rich facilities

Expert, dedicated teachers

Internationally recognised NCEA and Scholarship curriculum

New Zealand's first Visible Wellbeing™ school

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

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.

