a place of belonging

MARYMOUNT COLLEGE

Enrolment Prospectus 2014

A Middle School where girls enjoy innovative, challenging and exciting learning
Our Core Purpose

MARYMOUNT COLLEGE... is a place of belonging committed to developing young women of hope who will continue to nurture their hearts and minds in the Catholic tradition and will be agents of justice grounded in stewardship, hospitality, compassion and reconciliation.

Our Vision

To live out our Catholic tradition through the charism of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict. In a spirit of compassion, hospitality and stewardship, each girl is challenged to respond radically to the gospel to critique and transform the world.

Our Values

With Jesus and Mary as our foundation and the Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict as our role models we value:

- Hospitality, compassion and stewardship
- A sense of belonging in a safe, welcoming and supportive community
- The right of individuals to progress in their journey of faith
- A culture of continuous improvement
- A love of learning and a commitment to excellence
- The realisation of each individual’s potential
- Inquiry, creativity and innovation
- Active and responsible citizenship
- An appreciation of diversity
- Cooperation, collaboration and communication
- A respect for each other and our environment
- Risk-taking, resilience and reconciliation
- A culture of encouragement, empowerment and rigor
- A spirit of celebration
**A Middle School for Girls**

As a Catholic Middle School, educating girls in the Good Samaritan Tradition, Marymount caters for girls from Year 6 to 9. Our normal points of entry are at year 6 and year 8, however, we accept enrolments at other year levels when there are vacancies. Students from our South West Region Primary Schools are given priority placements but students from other schools are encouraged to apply as vacancies do exist for students from other schools.

**Enrolling**

Marymount College enrolls students two years prior to commencement and continue until year levels are full. You are encouraged to return an application form as soon as possible with the requested documents and application fee to register. Enrolment Prospectus’ can be obtained by contacting the Marymount College Registrar or through our South West Region Primary Schools.

The enrolment processes for SWR Primary Schools follow a specific timeline and will be advertised in their newsletters during Term 1.

A formal offer of a place will be made in the year prior to the requested entry date. Acceptance of the offer is confirmed by returning the signed Acceptance of Offer Form.
Learning at Marymount

Marymount caters for the needs of adolescent girls by providing a relevant, rich and engaging learning environment preparing our girls for the 21st Century and beyond.

Learning at Marymount includes nine Learning Areas:

- Religion
- Mathematics
- English
- History
- Design & Technology (Multimedia, Textiles, Food Technology)
- Health & Physical Education
- Science
- Society & Environment
- The Arts (Visual Arts, Drama, Music, Dance)
- Languages (Italian and Japanese)

Learning at Marymount is frequently integrated across three or more areas. Our concept based approach focuses on deep learning and sustainable futures.
**Wellbeing**

**Student Wellbeing**

The wellbeing of the student is always paramount. The base group teacher is recognised as the first point of contact for parents who may have concerns about their daughter. There is a Leader of Student Learning and Wellbeing for each year level and they are supported by the Deputy Principal and the Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission.

The Good Samaritan parable is our model for student wellbeing. There are many opportunities for this model to be developed within the curriculum. This can include wellbeing initiatives through ‘Marymount Matters’ such as KidsMatter, MindMatters and other activities like and other activities like the Big Sister-Little Sister program, Being Me, Peer Mentor Group, social outreach, fundraising activities and various liturgical and school community celebrations.

**Counselling**

Student counselling is offered to students and parents wishing to avail themselves of this service. Counselling may be on an individual or group basis. Areas that may concern girls of Marymount’s age group include friendships, decision-making relationships with adults, teachers and family members, and growing up and feeling good about themselves and their abilities. Parents are welcome to contact the student counsellor through the school office.

**Chaplaincy**

Parents are welcome to make an appointment with Carmel Briggs (chaplain) through the School Office. Carmel is available on a part-time basis and is enthusiastic about creating and developing relationships with parents.
Leadership

The Marymount Leadership Group, better known as the MLG and other committees enable the girls to further develop their leadership and collaborative skills. This group is made up of the College Captain & Vice-Captain, the Music Captain and Vice-Captain, the Captains & Vice-Captains of each of the 4 houses: Adamson, McEwen, McLaughlin and Polding and the Enviro Group Captain and Vice-Captain. Each class from Year 6 to 9 also has class captains. The class captains in Year 9 also belong to the MLG.

In Year 9 the girls have many opportunities to show their leadership skills. Year 9 students are partnered with a Year 6 girl in the Big Sister/Little Sister program that continues throughout the year. To appreciate that service to others is one of the basic characteristics of the Church and The Good Samaritan, the girls within their class groups are encouraged to support and care for others in a practical way.

The MLG coordinate a great variety of fund raising activities throughout the year to support the marginalised and the needy. One of the highlights for Year 9 girls is a full day retreat for each class. This time away from the school enables the girls to develop friendships and strengthen their faith and sense of community. All students at Marymount have leadership opportunities through sporting, cultural and environmental programs at the school.

Transition to Sacred Heart College

In Terms 3 and 4, the Year 9s attend information and induction sessions provided by Sacred Heart Senior School, and from there make their decisions about the electives they will take at the Senior School in Year 10. They also attend an orientation session before turning their thoughts back to preparing for their final weeks at Marymount. Marymount’s Learning Links Teacher contacts the Tier 3 school and extra interviews are arranged between parents, school counsellor & Catholic Education Office personnel where necessary.

The Social with the Sacred Heart Middle School students is an important aspect of term three and the Graduation Mass is the high point of this final year. It is during this Mass that each girl receives her certificate, which is a sign of the completion of her schooling at Marymount, and her readiness to move on to a new learning environment.
Beyond the Classroom

At Marymount all students are given the opportunity and encouraged to participate in a wide range of extra curricular activities offered by the college. These include After School Sports, School Carnivals, Knockout Sports, Debating, Tournament of Minds and Pedal Prix. Throughout the year Marymount enters in Primary and Secondary competitions in the South West Region. The emphasis of our Marymount teams is on being active, participation, learning new skills, relationship building, positive competitiveness and enjoyment.

After School Sport

After school sport opportunities are available to all students in Years 6-9. The range of sports offered differs for Yr6/7 and Yr8/9 because of the competitions available.

Season sports currently offered for Yr6/7 include:
- All Terms: Mini-Ball Basketball and Spikezone Volleyball
- Term 1 and 4: Softball (Year 7 only)
- Terms 2/3 only: Soccer, Netball and Badminton (Year 7 only)

Season sports currently offered for Year 8/9s include:
- Terms 1 and 4: Beach Volleyball, Volleyball, Softball, Tennis, Basketball, Badminton, Indoor Soccer, Water Polo and Touch Football
- Terms 2/3: Soccer, Netball, Hockey, Volleyball and Badminton

Knockout Team Sports & Carnivals

Throughout the year Marymount enters in the Knockout Competitions for various sports where students play during school hours until their team is defeated. Trials are held at lunchtimes or after school for all of these knockout teams some of which lead to SAPSASA (primary) and SSSSA (secondary) team selection.

Pedal Prix

Marymount enters teams in the Yr6/7 and Yr8/9 Pedal Prix Competitions. Pedal Prix is a team event requiring students to pedal a HPV (human powered vehicle), on a set course over a given period of time. This event allows students to develop confidence, innovation, a great sense of community and collaborative learning.
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Debating
Each year the College enters teams in Debating SA’s interschool competition. This is seen as an opportunity to extend the girls’ oral skills and to develop greater self-confidence. Debates are prepared at lunchtime and at home, with each team working with an allocated teacher supervisor. Debates are held during the school term on designated nights. All students are invited to participate.

Tournament of Minds
Tournament of Minds is a creative thinking activity in which girls compete. It presents students with interesting tasks and challenges and provides opportunities for extended learning in a wide range of curriculum areas. Students are given the opportunity to present their task challenge at a competition day in Term 3.

Music
Music is a wonderful skill for any child. New research shows how learning Music can help your daughter achieve a higher level of academic prowess if they are actively involved in music studies. Children can achieve remarkable benefits through proper application.

The Instrumental Program
This program provides the opportunity for students to learn and master a musical instrument on an individual basis or as part of a group with an experienced and highly qualified tutor.

Instruments offered for tuition and hire include:

- Flute
- Violin
- Trombone
- Piano
- Voice
- Guitar
- Clarinet
- Euphonium
- Cello
- Bassoon
- Saxophone (Alto & Tenor)
- Percussion (Tuned & Drumkit)
- Double Bass & Electric Bass
- Trumpet

The Ensemble Program
At Marymount College all girls have the opportunity to participate in ensembles offered at the College. We provide a variety of ensembles which include choirs (Vocal Ensemble and Festival Choir), a Concert Band, a Percussion Ensemble, a String Ensemble and other small ensembles that support Masses, liturgies and school events.
Parent Involvement

Marymount seeks to establish close links with parents and carers. This helps teachers to see the child in the family setting in order to respond appropriately to each girl’s needs. Parents are the primary educators and combined with your local parish, Marymount aims to complement, support and facilitate the learning needs of your daughter. Parents are integral members of our Catholic school communities. The Principal and Staff appreciate the invaluable work done by parents, and acknowledge that it is only with mutual help that we continue to operate with efficiency, economy and with a degree of confidence in order to nurture the young women of the future.

Volunteers involve themselves with

- Being a Board member
- Parent Representative
- coaching and transporting sporting teams;
- accompanying students & staff on excursions and overnight camps;
- classroom support activities;
- working with individual students (where appropriate);
- school maintenance;
- Canteen;
- the Tri-Schools Uniform Shop.
- Reading Program - This learning support program is set up to assist students with specific learning needs requiring some 1:1 reading support from a caring adult.

Travelling to Marymount

Marymount is located in the beautiful suburb of Hove with clean beaches and parks nearby. Getting to Marymount from any suburb is relatively easy with the college being located near the Hove Railway Station (off Brighton Road) and Bus Stop 33 on Wattle Avenue, the northern side of the Oval. The Marion Bus Interchange is located on Sturt Road with regular buses services to many neighbouring suburbs.
Fees

Marymount College is a Catholic Middle School serving the educational needs of girls from Year 6 to Year 9 in the South West Region of Adelaide. In order to meet its requirements the school charges fees and the following policy provides the guidelines for the setting, collection and remission of these fees. As with all Catholic Schools, Marymount College receives some Australian and State Government funding. However, the school is dependent upon income from school fees for the provision of educational facilities and resources, payment of day to day operational works and capital works, in order to provide a contemporary education for our students.

2014 Financial Information

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Extra-Curricular Costs (Music, Pedal Prix & Activities Week)

During the year you will receive notification of extracurricular costs being invoiced to your account eg Instrument Hire, Festival Choir, Music - Concert Band, Vocal Ensemble, Activities Week (Yrs 6, 8 &9) & Pedal Prix.

Year 7 Canberra Trip during Activities Week has been included in the resource fee.

SACCS Family Discounts

Tuition fee reduction is available to families with two or more children attending Catholic Schools on the following basis:

- 2 children – tuition less 5%
- 3 children – tuition less 10%
- 4 children – tuition less 15%
- 5 children – tuition less 20%
- 6 children – tuition less 25%

Early Payment Discount:

A further discount of 5% will be applied to the net tuition fee payable (tuition fee less family discount) after payment of all fees if paid upfront in full by the 31st March each year.

Accounts and Payments

Accounts can be paid by cash, EFTPOS, cheque, direct debit, credit card, BPay or Centrelink deductions

School Card

The State Government offers assistance for families via the School Card Assistance Scheme. Families on low incomes are encouraged to apply for government assistance under the School Card Scheme. It is important that parents/carers work with the school to complete the necessary documentation as there are administrative cut-off dates (determined by the Department of Education and Children Services) that apply each term, and need to be complied with in order to receive funds for each eligible child. Families eligible and approved for School Card will automatically receive a 40% reduction in their tuition fees including Family Discounts. Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon the combined family gross incomes for the 2012/2013 financial year being within the School Card income limits.

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Any parents/carers who have queries or require further explanation regarding School Card can contact either the Finance Office or DETE School Card section on Freecall 1800 672 758.