



Sacred Heart College

MARIST OBSERVATORY

Education with heart



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Pre-School | Primary | High School

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What makes us unique

Reasons to choose us

1. Small classes for individual attention

We are dedicated, enthusiastic, experienced and innovative, with learning that involves the appropriate use of technology.

4. Cultural excellence

We explore multiple mediums of expression within Visual arts, Dramatic Arts and Music. From art exhibitions to recording music, game design and animation, writing and directing original plays which have gained national recognition our students go on to shape the creative economy.

7. Leaders in digital transformation

Building on the experience of our innovative iPad project, we were able to respond quickly and pivot to digital teaching during COVID-19.



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2. Advanced, balanced curriculum

We develop leaders in the humanities, arts, financial, medical, educational, engineering and social justice areas with emphasis on values and formation of our students' spiritual well-being.

5. Sporting possibilities

We offer a variety of sporting activities including basketball, cricket, soccer, tennis, athletics and swimming.

8. Pioneers of diversity in South African schooling

Since 1976, we have been at the forefront of incorporating diversity in South African schooling. Our proud heritage is built on transformation, empowerment and change.

3. Pre-Primary through to High School

We offer a stimulating and innovative student-centred approach that integrates the arts, sciences and technology to develop creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication that meets the demands of the fourth industrial revolution, right from our Reggio-inspired approach in Foundation phase through to High School.

6. Global Marist network

We are part of a global Marist family and live by St Marcellin's values of simplicity, love of work and compassion.

9. Engaging Alumni relationships

We measure our success by what our Alumni are doing to make a change in society.



Our approach

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Developing excellence through academics, sports, culture and community

Changes in a developing global, knowledge-based world, together with a growing understanding of how people learn, have shifted the focus of education from gaining and replicating knowledge, to developing students who can transfer and apply their knowledge both in and beyond the classroom.

When a child joins Sacred Heart College, he or she begins a journey that will carry them through to 18 and beyond. Our curriculum runs seamlessly through every section and is designed to prepare your child for life in the 21st century. It teaches children and young people to think creatively and critically, to care and build flexible skills for a fast-changing world of new technologies.

A note from Heather Blanckensee

Head of College

Sacred Heart College is a vibrant and progressive school that has a long history of transformation and curriculum innovation and a strong sense of social justice.

There is a warmth of welcome and a strong sense of belonging among our students. We strive to provide every student with an enriching, innovative and creative learning experience that empowers them to be confident, curious and socially responsible young people. Our focus is on pastoral care, personal growth, and academic excellence and our experience in digital education prepares our students to make a difference in an ever changing fast paced world.





Academic excellence

Learn creatively

At Sacred Heart we combine Catholic values and a transformative view of learning and teaching. Learning experiences are designed to help students develop their knowledge, skills and understanding in all learning domains. The student is at the centre of all curriculum arrangements and is always considered first in the school. Contemporary learning in our school:

- is underpinned by the expectation that all students will succeed and ensures the best progress of all students.
- ensures a personalised response to the learning needs of each student.
- engages students in creating new knowledge and understanding by thinking and working creatively, exploring and experimenting, planning and reflecting, and communicating and collaborating.
- enables students to develop deep understandings about the world and how it works and to operate justly in that world.
- builds relationships within and beyond the classroom environments.
- involves the appropriate use of technologies and resources that enable and transform learning.

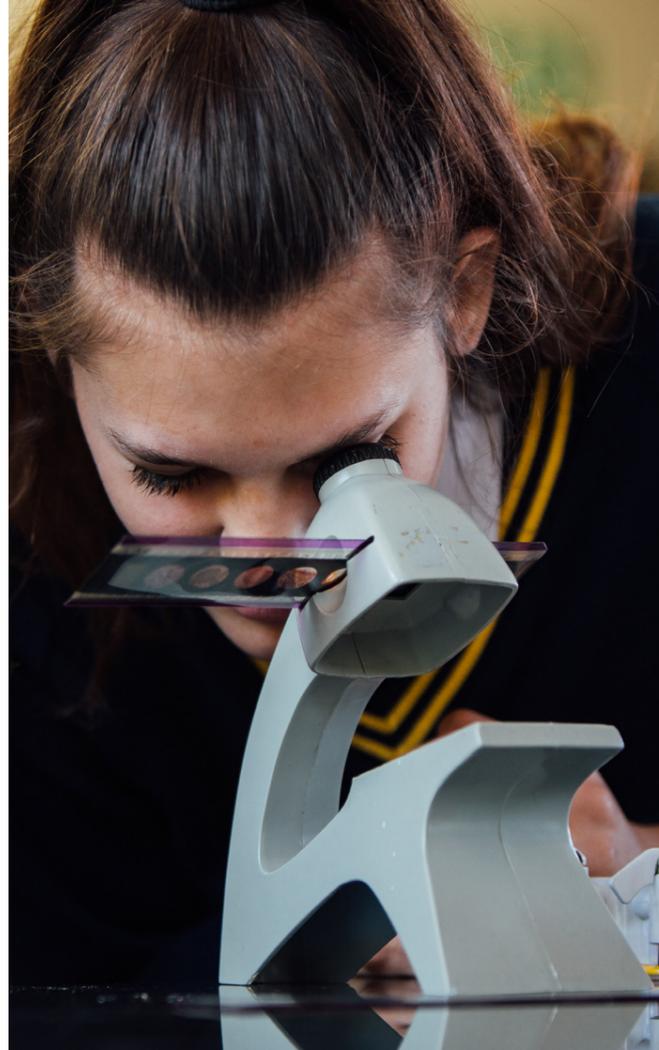


In touch with the future

Technology and a 21st Century Curriculum

Since iPads were first introduced into our pre-school in 2011, focus on the use of technology has been seamlessly integrated into our curriculum. Our emphasis on digital citizenship and digital literacy ensures responsible use of technology. With game design, coding and robotics as part of our curriculum, we prepare our students for a future economy that is focused on the fourth industrial revolution.

Examination results matter and our 100% pass rate with distinctions across all subjects is important. But these results are not the only measure of success. When our students leave they get into the courses and university of their choice both locally and internationally. The development of soft-skills which create confident, creative and empathetic students is also an important measure.



Education with heart

From a parent

Sacred Heart College remains the epitome of a South Africa we all hope someday will be a reality, The values instilled by the board, teachers and parents are beholden, are an envy of many in the education strata of our beloved country. To the matriculants, as you begin your next journey be thankful to those who sacrificed, your principal, teachers and the Sacred Heart family for believing in you. Your foundation has been laid, build on it.

From an Alumnus

No matter where you came from, you were made to feel like family.



Achieve your full potential

Subjects

English, Afrikaans (FAL/SAL), isiZulu (FAL/SAL)
 French (SAL)
 Mathematics, Mathematical Literacy
 Visual Arts, Dramatic Arts
 Natural Science (Grade 7 to 9)
 Life Sciences (Biology) Grade 10 to 11
 Physical Science (Grade 10 to 11)
 Geography, History, Business Studies, Accounting
 Information Technology, Advance Programme
 English, Advance Programme Mathematics, RELO
 (Religious Education and Life Orientation), Project-
 based learning, Integrated Studies

High School

The coming decades will be shaped in unknown ways by the forces of science, technology, the creative arts, science globalisation and geopolitics. Our curriculum is forward looking which establishes strengths in the core subjects but is also broad and flexible enough to adapt to the demands of the 21st century.

We are as focused on emerging, innovative and creative subjects as we are on classic academic disciplines. Our students find fulfilment and success in a broad range of learning pathways; and succeed equally well in the study of the Arts or Sciences.

Our students engage proactively with their learning at school and at home; and are not afraid to take a risk or learn from mistakes; they are proud of their efforts and know that education is a long, exciting journey with both challenges and rewards. Equally important is the development of interpersonal skills and emotional intelligence, teamwork and leadership, and the ability to think on their feet and work under pressure. These aspects prepare our students for anything that the future brings.





Join our Marist family

Primary school

Our aim, as a school, is to develop the potential of all our students through our academic, sport, culture, leadership and community engagement. Our Primary School seeks to provide a progressive and stimulating environment where our students are encouraged to think critically and analytically. This empowers them, helping them to develop their potential across all areas of school life.

Just as important in our learning are the interpersonal skills and emotional intelligence, the teamwork and leadership, the ability to think on their feet and work under pressure equips our students no matter what the future brings.

The creative use of technology enables our students and teachers to move beyond traditional classrooms, transforming education through innovative, unique ways of learning.

Our children learn and grow within a community where they feel safe and secure, have high clear expectations of how they should be treated by others, and have high standards for themselves in how they behave towards other people.



Learn through play

Pre-School

Our aim is to instil a deep and natural love of learning that will stay with our children forever. Our Reggio-inspired curriculum is rich and diverse. It is both demanding and fun, giving your child the chance to excel in so many areas. Girls and boys learn, work and play together and quickly develop excellent social skills and learn to adapt both socially and emotionally.

When children are encouraged to respect each other and always to see people as individuals, they carry this with them through life. Our children's willingness to try anything is one of their biggest strengths.

Children develop best when their teachers and family work together to help them learn and be happy. We will always keep you well informed about your child's progress and welcome you whenever you want to talk to their teacher. Your involvement in school events makes them special for everyone.





Believe in something

Pastoral care and spirituality

Student well-being is an integral aspect of a student's life at the College. We work collaboratively with students, parents, guardians and other community members to ensure a safe school environment, guided by our child safeguarding policy. The enhancement of spirituality and the education in faith in a multi-faith community is important. Our mandate, taken from the founder of the Marist Brothers, St Marcellin Champagnat, is to make Jesus Christ known and loved.

The Faith Formation at the College has several elements:

- Our Religious Education curriculum has a multi-faith approach allowing students to develop an understanding and respect for all faiths while deepening their knowledge of their own faith.
- Our students participate in whole-school Masses and liturgies. Through these experiences, students are all included while still allowing our Catholic students to practice their faith. Retreats are an opportunity for students to reflect on their relationships with themselves, other people, and God.
- The social justice activities provide students with an opportunity to be of service to their community and wider-world through a variety of activities.





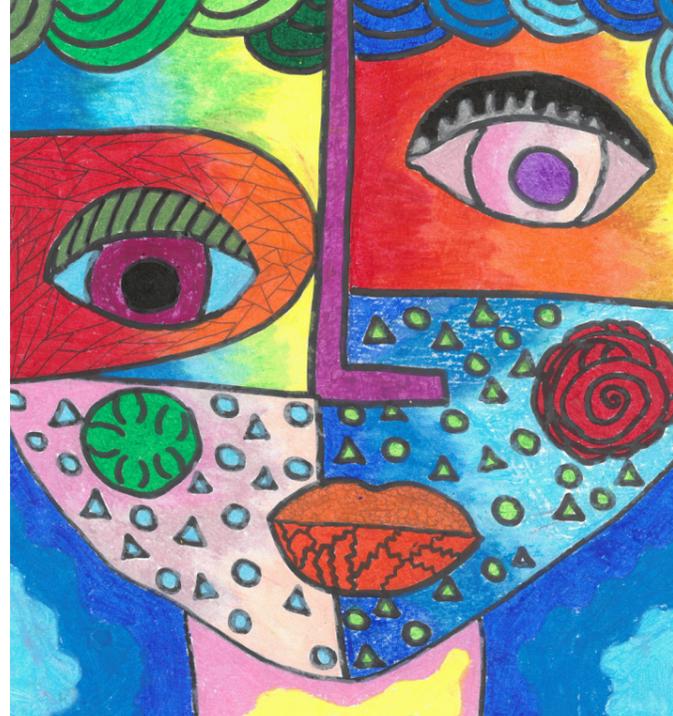
Be a team player

Sport

The main purpose of sport at the College is to provide everyone with the knowledge and experience to be active for life. Throughout the school the focus is on providing opportunities for participation, enjoyment and excellence. Our programmes foster:

- The emphasis is not on choosing either to be a sportsperson or someone with a more cultural inclination, but for children to be able to access both and explore their talents and their potential through the range we offer. Our programmes foster active participation throughout the school which correlates positively with improved academic performance.
- Participation increases the likelihood of the student becoming an active adult. We believe in balance, which is why the cultural disciplines on offer are as extensive as the range of sports accommodated here





Explore all your talents

Creative Arts

The creative arts give our students a voice. In all our co-curricular activities we provide our students an opportunity to develop ethics and values that will be carried through into their later lives.

We look at different types of theatre forms in line with social activism and printmaking, learning to understand the various styles and conventions.

We explore multiple mediums of expression within Visual arts, Dramatic Arts and Music. From learning to record music, writing and directing plays and exhibiting year end projects.

Our cultural programme provides a wide range of activities where each student can explore their talents.

The jazz band, marimbas and choir provide an exploration of music with the opportunity to perform beyond the school environment.

Game design, coding, gaming and chess teach strategy, perseverance and determination.



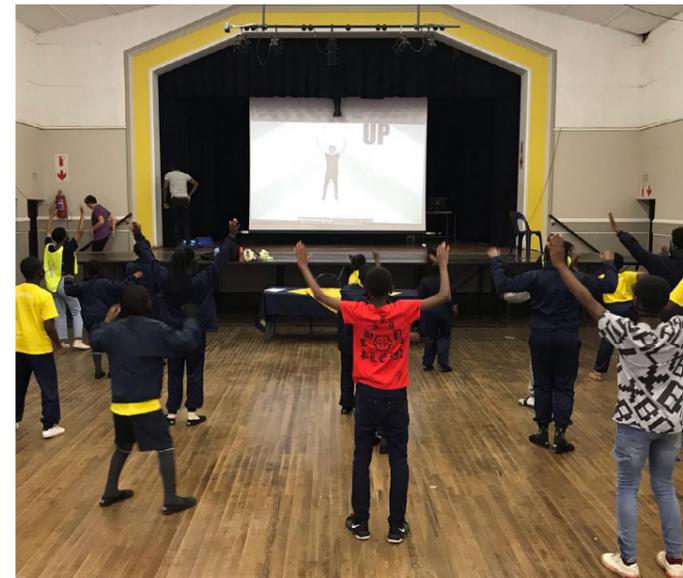
Make a change in the world

Community involvement

Sacred Heart College has a proud history of community engagement. In the 1980s the school was integrally involved in projects with street children in Hillbrow. In the 1990s Brother Neil McGurk helped set up the Batlagae Trust which brought the children of exiles back in schools in South Africa.

In 2008 The Three2Six Refugee Children's Education Project was established to provide an afternoon bridging education programme for hundreds of refugee children. Sacred Heart leads three host school communities in caring for educating these children.

Our students also work with environmental organisations, care homes and children's homes. This involvement emboldens the heart, and we know that each student's compassionate efforts produce a sense of empowerment. By participating in service, our students realise that they can change the world for the better.



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