

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR NEW PLAYERS

DATES, TRAINING, UNIFORM



WELCOME TO MARIST RUGBY 2026

The Marist Rugby Club, run by parents and staff, was established in 1992 to assist Marist in the administration aspects of the rugby program at the College. The aim is to improve the overall standing of rugby both within and outside the College.

Marist Rugby Club aims to:

- keep you informed
- make your family's rugby experience as rewarding as we can, and, most importantly;
- support the boys to give them every opportunity to enjoy their particular rugby experience and to take it as far as they wish

Along the way, we will try to create some great memories for the boys. To you, we say, welcome and please don't be overwhelmed by the amount of information that is coming your way – get involved, ask questions and have fun with your involvement in our club, which is run by the parents for the parents and the boys.

Please see below for helpful information to assist you and your son to prepare for the upcoming season.

SEASON STARTS: 2026 date will be confirmed by Brumbies Rugby but is normally beginning of Term 2.

REGISTRATION

Registration is available via Rugby Xplorer [\[LINK\]](#)

Registration fees for 2026 Season

U9 – U12		U13 – U16		U17 – U18	
Club fee	\$103.25	Club fee	\$103.25	Club fee	\$133.25
Association fee	\$68.80	Association fee	\$68.80	Association fee	\$68.80
State fee	\$82.25	State fee	\$82.25	State fee	\$82.25
Insurance	\$28.00	Insurance	\$39.00	Insurance	\$39.00
2% Transaction Fee	\$5.65	2% Transaction Fee	\$5.87	2% Transaction Fee	\$6.47
TOTAL	\$287.95	TOTAL	\$299.17	TOTAL	\$329.77

Supporters merchandise will be available to purchase when registering. These items will be delivered to the boys at training following registration.

You will need a Rugby Xplorer account to register - learn how to do this here - [\[LINK\]](#)

Download the Rugby Xplorer App to keep up to date with draws and results - [\[LINK\]](#)

PRE-SEASON TRAINING

Summer sport commitments take priority over pre-season rugby training.

The following dates are when pre-season training starts.

- Week beginning 2 March - Training commences for U15 and U16 cohort
- Week beginning 2 March - Training commences for U10 to U14 cohort

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
U13 3:30pm - 5:00pm	U15 3:30pm - 5:00pm	U10 3:30pm - 5:00pm	U15 3:30pm - 5:00pm
U14 3:30pm - 5:00pm	U16 3:30pm - 5:00pm	U11 3:30pm - 5:00pm	U16 3:30pm - 5:00pm
	Seniors 3:30pm - 5:00pm	U12 3:30pm - 5:00pm	Seniors 3:30pm - 5:00pm
		U13 3:30pm - 5:00pm	
		U14 3:30pm - 5:00pm	
Training Location:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U10 – Marist* • U11 – Marist* • U12 – Marist* • U13 – Pearce Oval • U14 – Pearce Oval • U15 – Pearce Oval • U16 – Marist • Seniors – Marist <p>* U10, U11 and U12 to meet at Grandstand on Oval No. 1</p>		

TRIAL MATCHES & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Please note the following pre-season games, tours and gala days games. Mark these dates in your diary.

Further information for each date will become available closer to the time.

- Week beginning 2 March – Training commences for U10 to U16 cohort
- 14 March – St Gregorys and Barker College – U13 to Seniors. Location: Canberra
- 21 March – St Augustine’s – U11 to Seniors. Location: Canberra
- 23 March – Internal Trail – U13 and U14. Location: Marist
- 24 March – Internal Trail – U15. Location: Marist
- 25 March – Internal Trial – U10, U11 and U12. Location: Marist
- 28 March – St Stanislaus – U16 and Seniors. Location: Canberra
- 10-19 April (TBC) – U15 QLD Tour
- 17-19 April – U12 Armidale Carnival
- 18 April – U10, U11 and U12 – Vikings Gala Day, Tuggeranong. (Under 12 cohort to be confirmed).

TRAINING – RUGBY SEASON DAYS AND TIMES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
U13 3:30pm - 5:00pm	U15 3:30pm - 5:00pm	U10 3:30pm - 5:00pm	U15 3:30pm - 5:00pm
U14 3:30pm - 5:00pm	U16 3:30pm - 5:00pm	U11 3:30pm - 5:00pm	U16 3:30pm - 5:00pm
	Seniors 3:30pm - 5:00pm	U12 3:30pm - 5:00pm	Seniors 3:30pm - 5:00pm
		U13 3:30pm - 5:00pm	
		U14 3:30pm - 5:00pm	

Note:

- All U10, U11 & U12 players are to get changed after school and assemble at the Marcellin Hall grandstand in their age groups.
- All boys must have a mouthguard, boots and appropriate clothing at training sessions.
- PE uniform is **NOT** to be worn to rugby training.
- Each age group will train together as a squad until team selections are made.
- An integral part of playing sport is the preparation and training involved. All students representing Marist College are expected to honour the training commitments of their team.

UNIFORM

- Jerseys, shorts and socks are available for purchase from the school uniform shop.
- All boys must wear football boots and a mouthguard.
- Year 4 boys playing U10's will receive a complimentary jersey. They will be advised by their team manager as to when this will be available for collection.

VOLUNTEERS

Marist Rugby Club relies on the support of volunteers. All teams must have a coach, manager and first aid attendant. Without this support, teams are unable to play.

If you are interested in becoming involved, please complete the form here - [\[LINK\]](#). The rugby club will pay for all costs associated with coaching and first aid training.

TEAM SELECTIONS

Team selections are made following trials with selections carried out by age group coaches, independent selectors and the Head of Rugby. Final selection decisions are made by the Head of Rugby.

Please remember:

- Marist Rugby cannot take requests to play in teams with friends.
- You have registered your son to play Rugby, not to play in a certain position, team or age group.
- The Rugby Club and the Head of Rugby will allocate teams to ensure maximum participation.
- Boys have registered in the age group they are turning that year.
- If required, boys may be moved up an age to maximise participation and ensure numbers

within age groups are sustainable. i.e. U14 boy in Year 9 (school peer group U15s) may be required to play in U15s. These decisions are managed by the club and school and communicated with families of the boys involved.

- U16 players, regardless of school year group will only be considered for 1st XV selection in the below circumstances:
 - If there is a shortage of a position in Senior Rugby in a given position
 - If the movement of players to Senior Rugby does not negatively affect team numbers for the U16 age group
 - The player is granted dispensation to play U18 rugby
 - No requests will be taken, U16 boys can train with Seniors by invitation only
 - If the player does not make selection for 1st XV, they will play U16's
- Once boys are allocated to a team, they will remain in that team for the season (this does not apply to Seniors).
- Players may be asked to play in other teams to help with numbers if there are injuries or sickness.
- Once teams are selected they will be announced on the Marist Rugby Website - [NOTICEBOARD](#)

SEASON DATES

Please refer to Marist Rugby Club Calendar on the club's [website](#).

COLLECTION OF SECOND-HAND RUGBY GOODS

This season at all home games there will be a collection bin at the canteen for families that wish to donate good quality second-hand rugby gear. Marist jerseys and shorts, boots and head gears would be welcomed.

If you or you know of any families that are experiencing financial hardship and could benefit from access to these second-hand items, please send an email to secretary@maristrugby.com

Please reach out if these items would be needed prior to the season starting and we will do our best to source them.

MARIST RUGBY REFEREES

The Marist community has been well represented in the refereeing ranks in recent seasons, by both student referees and parents who have taken up the whistle. It would be great for this to continue and we encourage any member of our community who would like to be a referee to do so. It is a great way to stay involved in rugby, to develop your fitness and to make a few extra \$'s.

Please see more information regarding refereeing at this [\[LINK\]](#).

For our student referees, there is also an opportunity to join the ACT Rugby Referees Academy for 2026. This program was a huge success last year, for further information, please contact williamcottle@mcc.act.edu.au

WEBSITE

As part of our ongoing efforts to streamline communication within our rugby community, we would like to emphasise the central role of the Marist Rugby website as the primary source for all pertinent information.

Managers are kindly requested to utilise the website as a singular point of communication and are

encouraged to provide weekly updates, particularly regarding game details. This ensures that our community stays informed and engaged throughout the season.

Additionally, we are pleased to highlight the existence of a dedicated marketplace on the website, offering a convenient platform for players and parents to buy, swap, and sell rugby gear. We believe this feature enhances the overall experience for our community members.

REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE

We kindly ask all parents and carers to register on the Marist Rugby website. However, it is imperative that during the registration process, individuals specify the player to whom they are connected. Failure to provide this information may result in the deletion of the registration request. If you cannot select your player, this is because your boy is a new player and hasn't been on the system at the time.

Send an email to web@maristrugby.com and give your son's details so we can enter your son on the system and get linked up.

Details we require are: Player Name, Rugby ID, Date of Birth, Parent/Carer name at a minimum. If we get a request, without a linked name we will email you asking for a player name and if we have no response within 7 days, we will delete your request.

REQUESTS TO PLAY OUTSIDE AGE GROUP

Marist Sporting teams are involved in age-based competitions. Therefore, the initial starting point of any registration process is by age group. Boys are to play within their age group.

Throughout the U10 to U16 age groups, boys are not promoted up an age group based on ability, if Marist is represented in the highest division of their age. Changes to an age group allocation will only occur if there is an administrative requirement (such as an imbalance in player numbers) that has been identified and approved by the Marist Rugby Committee.

Playing sport promotes opportunities for boys to develop new friendships. A request to play out of their age group due to friendships is not deemed a valid reason.

During some years, the registration process may generate issues within age groups which cause difficulty in forming viable teams due to the number of boys registered. If this scenario presents itself, Club Presidents and College Sports Coordinators will facilitate the process of moving boys to ensure the college can provide viable teams and promote the opportunity for maximum participation of all boys. The College Head of Sport is to be consulted if there are any concerns raised during this process.

RESOLUTION PROCESS

To ensure better management and official handling of all communications, complaints, concerns, and issues from parents, such as those regarding selections, bad behaviour, bullying, anything you would like to raise with the committee and more, please direct them to the designated channel for raising such matters. By consolidating these communications through a single channel, we can improve their management, minimise hearsay, and ensure a more official and effective resolution process. If you have anything that needs to be resolved please do via the website [\[LINK\]](#)

NOTICEBOARD

We have an amazing social media presence and all information can be found there for anything going on.

Instagram: [maristrugbycanberra](#)

Facebook: [Marist Rugby Club – Canberra](#)

Also the Marist website Noticeboard has listed all upcoming events. [\[LINK\]](#)

MARIST MARKETPLACE

Our website provides a space to pop lost and found items as well as items that you would like to buy or sell. All you need to do is login to your account and list your item. A great place to sell second hand uniform etc [\[LINK\]](#)

SPONSORSHIP

The Marist Rugby Club proudly partners with some of Canberra's most esteemed and generous sponsors, playing a crucial role in supporting Australian schoolboys' sport. Your generosity enables us to maintain a leading rugby program that continues to thrive and make a significant impact. Through your support, we are able to offer a sustainable and high-quality rugby experience that fosters talent, sportsmanship, and teamwork among our young athletes. Thank you from the parents, teachers, volunteers and most especially our passionate rugby players! For more information [\[LINK\]](#)

MARIST WARCRY

A great tradition is the boys singing the Marist war cry after winning a game. If you are new to the school you can learn the war cry here - [\[MARIST WARCRY\]](#)

CLUB INFORMATION

Please follow Marist Rugby Club on Facebook and Instagram for updates.

Please note all email communication will be via the email you have listed in RugbyXplorer. It may be worthwhile checking in Rugby Xplorer to see if the most up to date email is listed.

A lot of information is provided prior to the season starting and teams being formed. For this purpose we have Age Group coordinators in place until the team including coach/s, manager and First Aid Officer are in place.

For any other questions please contact your age group coordinator:

U10 - Ged Galvin - gedgalvin@mcc.act.edu.au

U11- Vacant

U12 - Vic Kane - victoria.j.kane@gmail.com

U13 -Amy Griffiths - amymgriffiths@outlook.com

U14 - Tania Weir - registrar@maristrugby.com

U15 - Sonia Dutkiewicz - sonia.dutkiewicz@emersonhr.com.au

U16 – Rodger Phillips - rodger68@bigpond.com

Seniors - Craig McMahon - craigmcmahon@mcc.act.edu.au

For all other information please contact the Secretary at secretary@maristrugby.com

Welcome to the 2026 Marist Rugby season.