What is the Marist Cricket Carnival?

Eighteen Marist First XI Cricket School teams from Australia and New Zealand travel to three separate carnivals each year to play in a round robin cricket carnival over seven days. Approximately every six years Marist College Ashgrove hosts this carnival. Last December the Ashgrove boys travelled to Adelaide and were met with extremely generous hospitality. It was with great discipline, dedication and teamwork that Ashgrove went on to win the Cricket Carnival in 2013.

As the 2014 AIC cricket season wraps up, cricket now looks forward to the 42nd annual Marist College Cricket Carnival, which is to be hosted by the College in December. We will play host to five Marist Colleges: Marcellin College Bulleen, Marist College Canberra, Bunbury Catholic College, Newman College Perth and Assumption College Kilmore.

As part of the Marist Community, how can I help support the College in hosting the Marist Cricket Carnival in December?

1. **Be a host family and billet** some boys from other Marist Schools. Further host information below.
   
   Contact Liz Collier  
   collier@bigpond.net.au

2. **Donations** would be greatly appreciated. Business' that could provide:
   
   - **Food Items for the carnival:**
     - Meat for BBQ’s during the week.
     - Light meals to feed the teams after each game at Happy Hour
     - Alcohol sponsorship for functions
     - Sports drinks

   - **Cash Donations:** that can be used to offset the cost of the Carnival

   - **Sponsorship:**
     - Any items that we can use for the raffles and prizes throughout the Carnival.
     - Carnival Clothing
     - Business logos can be printed on various materials during the Carnival.

   Further queries please contact:
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3. **Support the Marist boys** during the week and enjoy watching many great games of cricket at Ashgrove.

Being a Host Family and Billeting

Part of being a host requires us to find host families for the attending students from these colleges. The whole billeting experience can be very rewarding, as many past host families can attest to. Students are billeted in pairs and this helps them become part of the wider Marist community. Since the carnival began in 1974 with boarding accommodation, the more popular billeting option was adopted in 1977 and has been the chosen way to host students from participating colleges. It is the aim of billeting to expose the boys to the wider Marist community and to promulgate and
strengthen the Marist message. A system that is not only of benefit to the young men, but to the host families as well.

Further Billeting Information

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<td>Tuesday 9 December</td>
<td>Collect billets from MCA and return home.</td>
<td>Billets will arrive to the College for a welcome BBQ and opening Mass. As a host, you are invited to come join us and meet your billets.</td>
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<td>Wednesday 10 December</td>
<td>Drop off and pick up from MCA</td>
<td>Provide Breakfast and drop billets at the MCA by 7:45am. Collect at approximately 6:30pm and provide dinner and washing.</td>
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<td>Thursday 11 December</td>
<td>Drop off and pick up from MCA</td>
<td>Provide Breakfast and drop billets at the MCA by 7:45am. Collect at approximately 6:30pm and provide dinner and washing.</td>
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<td>Friday 12 December</td>
<td>Drop off at MCA Evening Function in the Cyprian Pavilion</td>
<td>Provide breakfast drop billets at 7:45am at MCA. Invitation to attend an evening function at the Cyprian Pavilion for parents, hosts and supporters.</td>
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<td>Saturday 13 December</td>
<td>Drop off at MCA and pick up in the evening</td>
<td>Provide breakfast and drop billets at MCA by 8:00am.</td>
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<td>Sunday 14 December</td>
<td>Drop billets in time for Mass before days play.</td>
<td>Provide breakfast and drop billets by 7:30am. Collection after presentation at approximately 6:30pm and provide dinner and washing.</td>
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<td>Monday 15 December</td>
<td>Drop off and presentation dinner.</td>
<td>Provide breakfast and drop billets by 7:45am and collect at the close of play. A presentation dinner will be held at the Cyprian Pavilion for teams and supporters. Billets require transport to and from the dinner.</td>
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<td>Tuesday 16 December</td>
<td>Airport drop off.</td>
<td>Provide breakfast and transport to MCA for buses to the airport.</td>
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Below is a letter from a billeting family who hosted a few of our 1st XI boys in Adelaide.

*We had billets for the Marist Carnival in Adelaide - and it was a lot of fun!*

*The Ashgrove boys who stayed with us were lovely, and I heard nothing but the same about all the boys from all the teams. My children are aged 5, 8 and 11 and currently attend a feeder school for Sacred Heart, so although we are not directly involved in the school, it provided a valuable glimpse into the future for us - with teenage boys heading off to the senior school every day. My nephew is in the Sacred Heart College 1st XI, so the highlight for us was being able to participate with him in this fun, very well-organised event.*

*Friends thought the boys might "eat us out of house and home;" but that was not at all the case. We provided breakfast (cereal & toast) every day. Three of the seven nights they had dinner elsewhere with the team, and since they were fed lunch and a big afternoon tea at cricket, feeding them a regular meal those few nights was not at all onerous. Our responsibility was to get them to the same location at the same time every day, and pick them up from the same place also, so it was easy to plan around, and they were out and busy all day, every day.*

*Our billets behaved impeccably. They were here to play cricket, and were usually very tired at the end of the day, and so did not need any "entertaining" beyond a round of backyard cricket with my kids, who absolutely loved having them around. The billets had a positive influence on my children just by being here. They learned about living in another state, about being a boarder, travelling with a sporting team, as well as a few improved cricket skills; and the talk and play kept the little ones away from the TV/screens for an extra hour or two, which was particularly gratifying for us.*

*We had the opportunity to chat with my sons’ future principal and other teachers, as well as so many lovely boys and their parents from all over Australia. We caught up with old friends and had the opportunity to really feel part of the Marist community. It was just a lovely feeling surrounding the whole event.*
We would gladly be involved in any similar event and encourage anyone to take on billets for the Marist Carnival.