



# MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE

A Catholic boys' day and boarding College in the Marist Tradition

## Policy on Entry Requirements

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<b>Policy description</b>	This policy outlines the requirements for an international student to be considered for a place at Marist College Ashgrove.
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## 1. POLICY STATEMENT

**A copy of this policy is provided to the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) if the student is under age 18 years at a reasonable time prior to a Written Agreement being signed.**

Marist College Ashgrove will consider expressions of interest from students wishing to apply for a Student Visa, subject to compliance minimum requirements and conditions set by the College. We will also consider the legislative requirements of the State of Queensland and the Commonwealth of Australia, including any requirements to undertake extra tuition to learn English to meet English language proficiency standards needed to enter mainstream classes.

Overseas students applying for enrolment at Marist College Ashgrove are required to be of appropriate high school age (birth certificate or passport identification page must be provided). Students must provide evidence of satisfactory academic performance appropriate to entry to the year level requested on the Expression of Interest form or offered as an alternative point of entry by the College in a Letter of Offer.

All places offered to prospective international students are at the discretion of the Headmaster, and only after a successful interview (either in person, or by telephone or Skype).

## 2. RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING, COURSE CREDIT AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

- a) Marist College Ashgrove acknowledges and values the diversity and wealth of cultural and other prior learning experiences that overseas students bring to the College. In most cases, however, in order to support the participation of students of non-English speaking backgrounds in the full life of the College, prior learning gained over a two year period in a college where English is the usual medium of instruction is required.
- b) For most students of non-English speaking backgrounds, evidence that the student has been studying successfully for two years in a college (e.g. International College) where English is the usual medium of instruction, will be taken as satisfying the entry requirement.
- c) Special consideration on a case-by-case basis regarding prior learning may be given to students from disadvantaged countries e.g. refugees, Pacific Islands, because of the Marist ethos.
- d) Marist College Ashgrove does not offer course credit and entry into any course is subject to the College's assessment. This also applies to on-shore College transfers, either within the state or from interstate.

## 3. MINIMUM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Students must be able to demonstrate basic interpersonal, communicative skills in English. That is, they must be able to understand and communicate basic requests, questions and responses in English and perform simple reading and writing tasks as required by the class teacher.

- a) **Years 7-9** - Students wishing to enter the College below Year 10 level are assessed individually, based on the contents of their reports and personal references, and may



be required to undertake a language proficiency test. *A pass level or "C" grade or better for the majority of core students.*

- b) **Year 10** - Overseas students must have a Level 5 IELTS or equivalent, with no less than four (4) or equivalent in speaking and listening (*refer to E.S.L. Management Tool Comparison Table*).
- c) **Years 11 and 12** - Students wishing to enter Year 11 must have an understanding of and competence in, the use of English is essential for students to achieve success in the Queensland educational system.

For admission to Authority Subjects (*subjects which lead to the calculation of an OP for University entrance*) at Year 11, students whose first language is not English must achieve a **minimum of Level 5 IELTS** or equivalent (*refer to E.S.L. Management Tool Comparison Table*). Specific subject entry requirements must be met.

## 4. ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

- a) Marist College Ashgrove requires evidence of sufficient proficiency in English to successfully meet the curriculum demands of the enrolled course. This is a requirement under the 2018 National Code of Practice, Standard 2.
- b) Evidence of English Language Assessment must meet the requirements of the Migration Regulations where required.
- c) This evidence may be presented as evidence of previous study in English as the medium of instruction, or as results of an acceptable English language proficiency test. Where Migration Regulations do not apply, Marist College Ashgrove accepts results as per the E.S.L. Measurement Tools Comparisons Table.
- d) Students should note that if their language proficiency is below that outlined, they may be required to undertake an intensive English language course elsewhere prior to beginning mainstream studies
- e) Students wishing to enter the College below Year 10 level are assessed individually based on the contents of their report cards and personal references, and may be required to undertake a language proficiency test set by the College.
- f) Student must provide evidence of satisfactory academic performance appropriate to the entry year level required on the Expression of Interest Form or offered as an alternative point of entry by the College in a Letter of Offer.
- g) Students entering any class are to have age-appropriate levels of literacy and numeracy according to Australian education standards, having a satisfactory behaviour record and be capable of application to study at the appropriate age level.

***In addition to a satisfactory result in IELTS, applicants will be asked to provide a piece of extended writing in English, completed under supervised conditions.***

## 5. AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL STUDY

To be granted a visa for school studies, you must meet the following age requirements:

- At least 6 years old at time of application
- Less than 17 when commencing Year 9
- Less than 18 when commencing Year 10



- Less than 19 when commencing Year 11
- Less than 20 when commencing Year 12

## 6. ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (E.S.L.) MEASUREMENT TOOLS COMPARISON

Old Commonwealth Proficiency Scales	NLLIA band scales	ISLPR	IELTS	CALL (GU) Conversion ISLPR : IELTS	TOEFL (approx.)
		5	9	4 -> 5	
	8	4	8	3+ -> 4	600
	7	3+	7	3 -> 3+	580
4	6	2+ -> 3	6	2+ -> 3	550
3	5	2 -> 2+	5	2 -> 2+	500
	4				
2	3	1 -> 1+	4	1+	
	2				
1	1	1 <sup>-</sup> -> 1	3	1 <sup>-</sup> -> 1	
		0+	2	0+	
		0	1	0	

### E.S.L. Proficiency Scales Conversions

Key		There appears to be consensus on these scores

NB: This table has been compiled from four different sources for the purpose of assisting teachers or overseas students to be aware of differing proficiency scales and ratings used in the industry. No research has been undertaken to confirm the accuracy of this table.

Sourced from "The Queensland Non-Government Colleges International Education Co-operative". A joint initiative of The Association of Independent Colleges of Queensland and the Queensland Catholic Education Commission



## 7. RELATED LEGISLATION AND DOCUMENTS

- [The National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 \(National Code 2018\)](#)
- [Education Services for Overseas Students \(ESOS\) Act 2000](#)
- [Education Services for Overseas Students Regulation 2001](#)
- [Education Services for Overseas Students \(Calculation of Refund\) Specification 2014](#)

