

1. How does Marist Extend work?

Boys involved in Marist Extend go straight to La Valla Residence when school finishes at 3.10pm to be signed in by the staff member on duty (boys may wish to grab afternoon tea from the Dining Hall on the way). They will get changed and head out for their afternoon activity. When finished, they return to La Valla Residence to have a shower and get changed. There is free time, then the all the Year 7 boys move to the Dining Hall for dinner together. After dinner, the boys have some time to play and then they head to the Library with the staff to complete homework and study. Supper is available at the completion of study time. Boys are collected by parents at 8.00pm.

2. What academic support is offered?

There will be 2-3 paid staff whose role is to help the Year 7 students during their homework/study session each night. These staff will move around and be available to help the boys.

3. Who will be supervising my son?

La Valla Residence has qualified and experienced staff members who supervise the Year 7 boarders and the students involved in Marist Extend because they will become part of the dorm from 3.10pm. These staff members manage the afternoon/evening routine. The Boarding Leader coordinates the La Valla staff and the pastoral care of the boys.

4. What meals are included?

Boys staying in for Marist Extend can access afternoon tea straight after school, dinner with the La Valla boarders and supper just before they go home at 8.00pm.

5. What types of foods will be available?

Afternoon Tea – fruit is always available; plus other grab and go options which vary each day (eg: muffins, cakes, sausage rolls, sushi, Zooper Doopers)

Dinner – a variety of great options suited to teenage boys

Supper – pre-made sandwiches which the boys can make into a toastie

6. What is the cost of Marist Extend?

\$70 per day.

7. Which afternoons/evenings of the week is Marist Extend available?

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

8. How many nights per week can my son participate in the Marist Extend program?

Parents can elect to book their son in for one night a week, two nights per week, three nights per week, or all four nights.

9. Am I required to commit for any length of time?

Parents will be required to commit to their son's involvement for a whole term up front. As an example, committing that your son will come in every Wednesday and Thursday night in Term 1. It will not be possible to book in on an ad-hoc basis.

10. Is there a weekly price or discount for extra nights?

No, it is a flat charge of \$70 per day

11. How do I book my son in for Marist Extend?

- In the first instance, please submit your expression of interest via the MCA website
- In Week 7 of term, any current Marist Extend bookings will automatically roll over to the next term. If you wish to make any changes, this needs to be done in Week 7.
- Bookings will open in Week 8 for new enrolments to the Marist Extend program.

12. Is Marist Extend available to students in year groups above Year 7?

Not in 2023. Marist Extend is a pilot program in 2023 and is only for Year 7 boys. It is possible that Marist Extend may be made available to older boys in future years.

13. What if we are late to collect our son after the 8pm pick-up time?

Parents need to call Boarding Reception (3858 4619) so that key staff can be made aware.

14. Can my son stay overnight in boarding?

No, Marist Extend is only available from 3.10pm – 8.00pm from Monday – Thursday.

15. Where does my son keep his belongings?

He will be allocated a locker in La Valla Residence where he can store his bag and other belongings.

16. Can my son bring his mobile phone with him when participating in Marist Extend?

All participating students are required to hand their phone in to the staff member when they arrive at La Valla Residence straight after school. Phones will be secured and boys can collect them when they are being picked up at 8.00pm. If a parent needs to contact their son they can do so by calling Boarding Reception (3858 4619).

17. Where do I pick up my son at 8pm?

Boys are to be picked up from Boarding Reception which is on the ground floor of the Brother Geoffrey Building, right next to the Health Centre.

18. What happens if my son becomes unwell during the afternoon/evening?

A boarding staff member will contact parents to come and collect their son.

19. How do I pay?

Tax invoices will be emailed at the end of each term for the cost of each boy's participation in Marist Extend in that term.

20. If my son is not able to attend Marist Extend on a particular night will I still be charged?

You will not be charged if your son has to attend a school event which prevents him from attending Marist Extend on a given day.

21. How many students will be involved in the Marist Extend program?

We have a cap of 27 boarders in La Valla Residence. The number of La Valla boarders we have in 2023 will inform the number of Marist Extend students we can invite.

22. What does my son wear when he is at school as part of Marist Extend?

Straight after school he will need to change into clothes suitable for his afternoon activity (eg: rugby jersey/boots etc if he has rugby training). Boys will have time for a shower and then will get changed into casual clothes for the evening.

23. Can we drop extra bags at the residence before school?

What time does this need to happen by? Boys in the Marist Extend program may elect to drop off their bag to La Valla Residence no later than 7.30am on the day/s they are coming in.