

Aotearoa, New Zealand



Overview

The first Marist Brother arrived in New Zealand in 1838 as part of the mission led by Bishop Pompallier. While the Brothers continue to support the mission in Oceania, in 1876 they established their first school in New Zealand. After that, the Brothers took Catholic education to broad areas across both the north and the south islands. Currently, there are 11 communities of Brothers in New Zealand. Most Brothers have spent some years offshore in Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Kiribati, and elsewhere - wherever they have been called to.

Marist Life and Mission Groups (Lay/Brother)

There are two partnership groups who meet regularly in Kaikohe and Lower Hutt while a mixed community exists in Christchurch.

Marist Ministries and Schools

Marist Brothers' commitment to education, which began in 1876, grew after WWII with the opening of secondary schools throughout the country. All Catholic Schools integrated with the state between 1979-1984. The Marist Brothers own four schools in Auckland including the Marist Alternative Education Centre, established in 1999 to cater for up to 20 teenagers struggling with mainstream education. See the list at the end of this report.

Formation

Annual formation programmes are offered to staff and senior student leaders. Future programmes are being developed to support the growth within our school's network along with support for those 'beyond the school gates'.

National Identity	Aotearoa, New Zealand Treaty of Waitangi (founding document of our nation) signed 6 February 1840
Capital	Wellington
Languages	English, Maori, Sign Language
Population	5.1 million
Time Zone	UTC +12; Summer (DST) UTC +13
Main Religions	No religion 48.5%, Christianity 37% (approx. 12% Roman Catholic)
Arrival of Marists	1838
Number of Marist Brothers	53
Number of Marist Brothers Communities and location	11 communities: North Island - Kaikohe (1), Manly (1), Auckland (6), Lower Hutt (1), Palmerston North (1), South Island - Christchurch (1)
Number of Marist Schools	4 Order-owned Secondary Schools, 8 charism-based diocesan Secondary Schools and 8 charism-based Parish Primary Schools



New Zealand Champagnat Marist Secondary Schools

South Island - Diocesan

Verdon College, Invercargill, <http://www.verdoncollege.school.nz/>

John Paul II High School, Greymouth, <https://johnpaul.ac.nz/>

Catholic Cathedral College, Christchurch, <https://cathcollege.school.nz>

North Island - Diocesan

St Peter's College, Palmerston North, <https://stpeterspn.school.nz/>

St John's College, Hamilton, <https://stjohns-hamilton.school.nz/>

Campion College, Gisborne <https://campioncollege.school.nz/>

St Bernard's College, Lower Hutt, <https://www.sbc.school.nz/>

Chanel College, Masterton, <https://chanelcollege.school.nz/>

Owned Schools – North Island

Marcellin College, Auckland, <https://marcellin.school.nz/>

St Paul's College, Auckland, <https://stpaulscollege.co.nz/>

Sacred Heart College, Auckland <https://sacredheart.school.nz/>

Marist Alternative Education Learning Centre, Auckland, <https://maristedu.org.nz>

