



# Samuel Marsden School

Wellington, New Zealand  
Girls Years 1–13



SAMUEL  
MARSDEN  
SCHOOL

*Prospectus*



The **best choice**  
**in education** for girls  
Years 1–13



Principal Paula Wells  
with 2023 Head Girl  
Caroline Jones.



# Welcome to Samuel Marsden School

## An environment of excellence

Welcome to Samuel Marsden School, Wellington's best private school for girls.

At Marsden we have been providing educational excellence for girls since 1878 and have been the automatic choice for generations of families. The academic results achieved by our girls consistently top those of all schools in the Wellington region and Marsden receives faultless reports from New Zealand's Education Review Office.

At Marsden, your daughter is given opportunities to achieve the highest academic success and she is encouraged to develop personally through participation in music, sporting and other co-curricular pursuits. Alongside our local students, our international girls thrive and achieve results that allow them to go on to study at top universities in New Zealand and internationally, and to take up successful careers anywhere in the world.

Located minutes' drive from central Wellington, the Marsden campus provides a tranquil and world class learning environment. At Samuel Marsden School your daughter will do well because we develop character as well as minds. We provide leading future-focused learning programmes that develop the essential academic, social and emotional skills young people need to thrive in the modern workplace.



Our motto, Ad Summa, means 'Aim for the Highest'.

It reinforces our commitment to excellence. At Marsden we're passionate about progress in all its forms."

*Paula Wells Principal*

We will look after your daughter in both her school and her personal life, she will feel safe here, cared for and welcomed. My passion is developing young people and one of my joys is to see the development of students who have thrived in a private school setting. We take pride in our girls who have developed into strong, independent and service-minded individuals. They believe they have the power to change the world and they are out there doing that as successful international citizens.

Enjoy reading our Prospectus and getting to know us. You can also visit our website [www.marsden.school.nz](http://www.marsden.school.nz) and call or email our Enrolment Registrar if you have any questions. I invite your daughter to join us at Marsden and I personally look forward to welcoming her and you to the Marsden family.

**Paula Wells**  
*Principal*



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# At Marsden, we lay the foundation for lives of meaning, accomplishment and genuine happiness.

## Girls' education is a specialist field

We have been inspiring, nurturing and educating girls and young women for over 140 years and we take their education seriously. The confidence and self-belief girls develop through an all-girls education at Marsden prepares them to take their place in an inspiring future.

- ▶ As a girls' only school, we create a culture of strong academic achievement.
- ▶ We help our girls feel empowered, build their self-esteem and enhance their wellbeing.
- ▶ Each girl has a voice at Marsden, they don't have to compete for attention.
- ▶ Girls fill all our leadership positions.
- ▶ Girls get to try everything and they create a supportive and fun environment for each other.
- ▶ We help girls to overcome gender stereotypes.
- ▶ We provide girls with strong role models.



“ I went to Marsden and now I run a successful business in fashion, I love working with my team and every day at Yu Mei is varied and exciting.”

Jessie Wong *Marsden Graduate, 2011*  
Founder/Director at Yu Mei  
BA Fashion Design, Otago Polytechnic



“ I went to Marsden and discovered my passion for problem solving. Now I am a software engineer at Google, writing code that impacts millions of people around the world.

Gabrielle Palado *Marsden Graduate, 2015*  
Software Engineer, BE (Hons) majoring in Software Engineering, Victoria University of Wellington



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## Academic excellence

Samuel Marsden School is renowned for its academic excellence.

Marsden's senior students study for the internationally recognised National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) and have the option to take additional New Zealand Scholarship exams. Our qualifications are accepted by universities worldwide and our rigorous curriculum focuses on the subjects required to enter tertiary education.

Some of the universities our students have gone on to include Cambridge and Oxford Universities (UK), Peking University (China), Sorbonne University (France), Otago, Canterbury, Victoria, Massey and Auckland Universities (New Zealand), Monash University and the University of New South Wales (Australia), Indiana, Illinois, Virginia Commonwealth, Northeastern, Texas Christian and Yale Universities (USA).

## Future focused learning

At Marsden, we provide outstanding academic, sport and performing arts programmes and have a large range of clubs and groups.

Our education is built on the pillars of Excellence, Resilience, Creativity, Service and Respectful Relationships and we have special learning programmes to prepare all our students for their future in tomorrow's workplace.

Marsden has outstanding school leadership, ensuring we are innovative and forward-looking in all we do. We are committed to supporting our students to become successful international citizens.



Our 21st century mindset means our girls will always be women ready for their time.



“ I went to Marsden and was given the intellectual freedom to pursue my interests, contribute to discussions and know that my opinions were valued.”

*Celeste Pan Marsden Graduate, 2015*  
Student of English literature Trinity College, Cambridge University; MPhil student in Medieval Studies, Oxford University.



“ I went to Marsden and was inspired to think about the directions my life could take. I will continue exploring this ongoing life project with the confidence and courage I discovered during my time at Marsden.”

*Yuelin Yao International Student / Marsden Graduate, 2018*  
Graduate Analyst, Pharmac Wellington  
BSc Victoria University, Statistics and Data Analysis

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## A perfect environment for learning

The Marsden campus features beautiful, peaceful, green spaces, with world-class indoor and outdoor facilities and resources that provide a supportive and challenging learning environment. We are less than ten minutes drive from central Wellington, our culture rich capital.



Our students enjoy the culture and history of our capital city and the outdoor opportunities that Wellington and New Zealand offers.



Samuel Marsden School is the best choice for International Students coming to study in Wellington, New Zealand.



## > Why choose Marsden School

### Personal attention and student welfare

Marsden School is well-known for its commitment to the wellbeing of students. By international standards Marsden is a small school, with small class sizes. We keep it this way because this enables us to know and care for each student personally and to provide individual support.

Our Director of International Students and Dean of International Students personally care for your daughter and ensure she thrives at Marsden School. For our International Students, this care extends to arranging appropriate Homestay accommodation with an approved local family.

We have high quality, dedicated, caring staff who create programmes and nurture and support our students. The staff looking after your daughter will include the Director of International Students, the Dean of International Students, the Deputy Principal, your daughter's Dean and form class teacher, and the school nurse and counsellors. Our staff are always available when students need their help and they support them to achieve their personal best.

Within the Christian faith, we are an Anglican school and provide a holistic spiritual environment believing that diversity enriches the school environment. We warmly welcome children of all faiths and cultures and promote responsible citizenship, kindness and giving to the wider community.



## Homestay – a home away from home

At Marsden, we provide Homestay accommodation for International Students who are aged 14 years and over.

We believe that International Students' academic and personal lives are best supported in a Homestay environment, where they can enjoy a warm, comfortable, caring environment and are able to practise their English and share their own culture.

Your daughter will quickly feel at home with us and enrich our school as a member of the Marsden family.

Students between the ages of 11 and 14 years may live with any family member in Wellington and students under the age of 11 must live with their parent(s) in Wellington to be able to study at Marsden School.

## Studying in Wellington, New Zealand's knowledge capital

Samuel Marsden School is in Wellington, New Zealand's capital city, the seat of Government and the centre of New Zealand's knowledge economy. Wellington is a beautiful, green, safe and stimulating place to live and study.

It is very easy to discover on foot and is the only capital city in the world to be accredited 'Safe Community' status. Wellington has clean air, offers many outdoor opportunities and is a multi-cultural hub of innovation, a centre for the arts and a vibrant community.

Find out more about Wellington at  
[www.wellingtonnz.com](http://www.wellingtonnz.com)





### **Yuge Bromley, Marsden graduate 2000**

After graduating from Marsden, Yuge completed a degree in Marketing & Commercial Law, LLB, LLM with Merit, at Victoria University of Wellington. She has worked as a lawyer in commercial litigation and criminal defence and is currently designer/owner of a fashion label. She and her husband are planning expansion into mainland China. Yuge speaks fluent English and Mandarin.



Life at Marsden taught me how important it is to have discipline and a work ethic, to pursue your goals with passion, but to not forget to be kind and polite in the process.”

Yuge Bromley

# > Enrolling at Marsden School

Marsden welcomes International Students who have good basic English language skills. Information about Samuel Marsden School's academic and co-curricular offerings, fees and enrolment is available at [www.marsden.school.nz/international](http://www.marsden.school.nz/international)

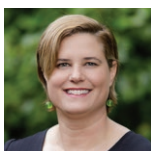
*We look forward to your daughter's enrolment at Marsden School.*



**Paula Wells**  
*Principal*



**Jenny Caldwell**  
*Deputy Principal*



**Jo Burns**  
*Director of International Students*



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**English** – Marsden welcomes students who have good basic English language skills. Depending on age, applicants are assessed by a range of methods. This could include a phone or Skype interview and English language test scores to determine the level of learning assistance required. Courses and year levels may be determined by competency in English. We may recommend intensive language study at an approved language school before admitting a senior student.

**Visa** – Full details of visa and permit requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available through the New Zealand Immigration Service and can be viewed on their website at [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)

**Health and Travel Insurance** – Most International Students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand unless they are a resident or citizen of Australia; or a national of the United Kingdom; or the holder of a temporary permit that is valid for two years or more. Students who do not belong to one of these special categories and who receive medical treatment during their visit will need to pay the full costs of treatment. They are therefore required by law to have medical and travel insurance. This must include cover for outdoor educational experiences. Neither Marsden nor the school's insurers

can accept responsibility for the personal effects of students at school. All parents must arrange suitable insurance cover for health, travel and personal effects. We recommend the following health and travel insurance companies: Southern Cross International Student policies: <https://www.scti.co.nz/our-policies/international-student/insurance/>, Allianz, Studentsafe medical and travel insurance: [www.studentassist.co.nz](http://www.studentassist.co.nz)

**Pastoral Care and complaints** – Samuel Marsden School is a signatory to the New Zealand Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016. Further information and copies of the Code are available from [www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/education-code-of-practice](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/education-code-of-practice)

In the event of a concern or complaint, students or a representative can contact NZQA on 0800 697296 or email [qadrisk@nzqa.govt.nz](mailto:qadrisk@nzqa.govt.nz) for further assistance. If it is a financial or contractual dispute, the student can contact iStudent Complaints by phone on 0800 00 66 75. More information is available on the iStudent Complaints website [www.istudent.org.nz/about-istudent-complaints](http://www.istudent.org.nz/about-istudent-complaints) Complaints and advice can be obtained via phone, email, post and is also available on [www.facebook.com/istudent.complaints/](http://www.facebook.com/istudent.complaints/) and We Chat (search for "NZ iStudent Complaints").



# Marsden *Inspiring Girls*

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