

Marist Track and Field has again soared to new heights after the squad with our 12th consecutive AIC title in 2026. Incredibly the depth of the team was tested with up to 16 athlete change sheets required on day 1 and similar Day 2 as the injury toll mounted with tired athletes after the QLD State titles just the weekend before.

However, on Day 1 Marist had an early injury in the hurdles before we continued to pick up 4 of 5 Top 3 placings. The field events including long, triple and high jump were superb with a series of personal bests and podiums keeping the points ticking over. While in the shot, discus and javelin our coaching team scrambled throughout to support Marist athletes, constantly at the top of the table. We had multiple ages with wins in both 1st and second division including Dilpreet Sharma and Tate Miles in the shot and Hayden Lockhart and Theo Calder in the long jump. We saw similar on the track in the 1500m with 13 yrs 1500 Riley Freer and Dan Sadimenko, and also 14 yrs Fred Little and Finn Beaver both recording dual wins. Our 200m managed 8 out of 12 first places with dual division wins in 3 ages with 12, 16 and 17 yrs with Harry Somerville, Viaan Fernando, Hayden Lockhart, Darcy Webb, Isaac Ting and Riley Hansel. At end of Day 1 we were ahead of Iona by 116 points opening a gap on AIC schools placed 2 to 8 who were all within 50 points of one another.

Continuing into Day 2 the team found momentum early through a gutsy start in the 3k event by Harry Prole. Primary strength in the 200m winning showed consistency and built on the small Day 1 lead for a score they would not relinquish. The Div 1-5 wins in Year 6 set the win up with Alex Donahy, Cian Dillon, Kai McKenna, Matteo Bryant and Leo Mylne winning their races. The 800m was again brilliant with a 83.3% podium finish rate with Lucas Boshoff and Ethan Bird leading in the seniors. The 100m sprints was also sublime winning 50% of the 24 races in secondary and asserting Marist's sprint dominance. Highlighted by 2 sub-11s runs from Hayden Lockhart(10.84s new AIC record) and Isaac Ting(10.72s). 5 podiums in the 400m with 2 wins to Lachlan Thomas(15 yrs) and Bob Ackerie(Opens) was also incredible. We would be remiss not to mention some of our strong field eventers including Dilpreet Sharms(win in 15 yrs discus and shot), Jack Cannon(Discus/Triple 16 yrs wins), Harry Somerville(wins 12 yrs Shot/Discus) and Theo Calder (wins 16 yrs long/triple). And our relay return was solid with 4 podiums across 7 relays and 1 AIC record in the Open relay. As the school congregated to hear results we were excited to hear our Year 5 and 6 teams won their trophies sweeping to a 6th consecutive primary trophy. After missing the 12 years trophy by a mere 0.5 point, Marist went on to win the remaining five 13 years to Open trophies with perhaps our second most dominant win in recent times with a 262.5 point victory just behind the 2025 win.

DAY 1 points score

POS	SCHOOL	POINTS
1	MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE	377.50
2	IONA COLLEGE	261.50
3	ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE	251.50
4	ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE	250
5	ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE	231
6	PADUA COLLEGE	229.50
7	VILLANOVA COLLEGE	213.50
8	ST PETERS LUTHERAN COLLEGE	212.50
9	AMBROSE TREACY COLLEGE	172

POS	SCHOOL	POINTS
1	MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE	190.50
2	PADUA COLLEGE	183
3	IONA COLLEGE	151
4	ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE	140.50
5	VILLANOVA COLLEGE	128.50
6	ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE	114
7	ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE	107.50
8	AMBROSE TREACY COLLEGE	105
9	ST PETERS LUTHERAN COLLEGE	104

FINAL POINTS

POS	SCHOOL	POINTS
1	MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE	914
2	ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE	651.50
3	PADUA COLLEGE	634
4	IONA COLLEGE	624.50
5	ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE	586.50
6	ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE	543.50
7	ST PETERS LUTHERAN COLLEGE	540
8	VILLANOVA COLLEGE	487.50
9	AMBROSE TREACY COLLEGE	428.50

POS	SCHOOL	POINTS
1	MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE	557.50
2	PADUA COLLEGE	529
3	IONA COLLEGE	463
4	VILLANOVA COLLEGE	391.50
5	ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE	384.50
6	ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE	363.50
7	ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE	348
8	ST PETERS LUTHERAN COLLEGE	267
9	AMBROSE TREACY COLLEGE	264

Some notable multi eventer returns included:

Harry Somerville—3 wins from 5 events; **Nathan Wright**—3 wins from 4 events; **Viaan Fernando**—100m–200m double across 5 events; **Isaac Ting/Riley Hansel**— both with a 100m, 200m and record-breaking 4x100m relay treble; **Ben Flanagan**—800m and 1500m wins, plus 400m silver, **Bob Ackerie**-100/400/4x100m treble. **Lachlan Thomas** 100-200-400 treble in 15 yrs.

In primary George O'Brien(Gr5-4 wins), Arlow Swenson(5 events) and Leo Mylne/Kai McKenna/Matteo Bryant(Gr6-3 wins each) stood out and we look forward to the year 6 team joining the secondary chase in 2027.

Meet-leading multi-event results included:

Max King—4 wins and 2 second places; **Darcy Webb**—6 wins from 7 events; **Hayden Lockhart**—5 wins and 1 second from 6 events, including one school and one AIC record.

AIC records: Leo Mylne—100m (12.64s) and 200m (25.86s); **Hayden Lockhart**—100m (10.84s); **Open 4x100m relay**—Isaac Ting, Ben Hawley, Bob Ackerie and Riley Hansel (42.81s). Outstanding performances at one of Australia's leading school meets.

However days like this have stories beyond the win and loss column and the record numbers of change forms showed the team stood together to achieve a miraculous victory. This meant we were having to change the team and divisions constantly to counter minor injuries at a level never seen before. Mr Graham ran out of ink several times during the day preparing these many forms. Some incredible stories included –

- Viaan Fernando, Harry Somerville and Ross Murie stepping into additional events to support 2 team members who had been injured or were absent on the day in our 12 years division.
- Toby Patricks moving from 13 years to 15 years in the 1500m. An incredible ask and a fantastic result
- Henry Moore moving into the open team for discus and throwing well winning Div 2 discus. Judson Gay also asked to move up a division.
- Harvey Pye and Cooper Donahy being added to many events on Day 1 and Day 2 to fill gaps with an injured 15 years division where we had lost 2 athletes in part or fully after the recent state titles meet
- George Padilla, Joey Sullivan, Seb Scuderi and Eric Kim moving constantly through the day to help the 14 years group where several niggles had the team being moved around
- Ethan McKeever asked to move up a division and helping us in the 15 years high jump where we had no one available to jump this year.

Perhaps the most incredible story was Magnus Willwater and Eric Kim. After an unfortunate injury at marshall time for a hurdler, under direction from his coaches, Eric Kim sprinted from the team tent to the 12 years high jump, requested his junior teammate Magnus Millwater to run from the high jump to the startline for the hurdles, where Magnus ran that event and went back to podium in the high jump. It was very brave on a busy day for Magnus who showed the spirit of what Marist athletes can achieve and this collaboration exhibits why Marist Track and Field is one of the best programs in school sport.

The other key reason is our coaching team cannot be given enough praise for their tireless work and a special thanks for their significant contribution, expertise and dedication have prepared the athletes so well: Co Head Coaches - Mr Rob Martin and Mr Thomas Prole along with coaching staff - Mr Bill Prole(Head of Middle Distance), Mr Laurie Boustead, Mr Matt Green (who supported the primary win), Ms Molly Keir, Mr Eric Brown(Head of Jumps), Mr Des Davis(Head of Throws), Mr Tim Castley, Mr Connor Duggan, Mr Brendan Saunders, Mr Peter Loli, Mr Lee Martin, Mr.Asher Parkin, Mr Tom Dempsey, Mr Tom Grinham, Mr Zac Milligigan, Mr James Prole, Mr Tyler Galligan and Mr Owen Hair. Mr Richard Graham the Track and Field Coordinator ensured this team was always on time, had access to facilities, managed all logistics and his tireless efforts filling in every gap or managing any challenge, cannot be under estimated in a team of 220 athletes.

The team was ably led by captains Connor Campbell, Isaac Ting, Harry Prole ably supported by vice captains Lucas Boshoff and Lyndon Maynard who brought the boys along for this incredible ride. With State Titles and National All Schools still to come in 2026 we are hopeful of plenty more successes in track and Field in 2026-2027.

Mr Rob Martin, Mr Thomas Prole, Mr Richard Graham

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