

Marsden Housemaster Profile

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I came to King's College in 1988. Previously I taught at Auckland Grammar, School for Boys. I gained my degree from Waikato University, a B.Soc.Sc. in English and Geography, then gained my teaching diploma from the Secondary Teachers' College in Auckland. My own secondary schooling was at Tauranga Boys' College where I enjoyed studying English and modern languages, along with participating in Rowing, Soccer and a little Fencing.

I became Housemaster of Marsden in 1999 after two years as Associate. I enjoy my role as Housemaster as it provides me the opportunity to interact very positively with students in a realm outside of academia.

My 'philosophy' for Marsden is probably best exemplified in our Vision Statement. Each year the Year 13 senior group and I formulate a statement, which attempts to summarise our aims and goals.

Marsden House Vision Statement 2009

Vision:

To provide a positive and supportive environment in order to help all people in the House to achieve their full potential, and to encourage the growth of every Marsden man's personality and ability.

Values:

Marsden believes in:

- Commitment to the House
- Recognising responsibilities
- Inclusiveness of everyone – Marsden men will have a place in Marsden, always.
- Consistency
- Support and Encouragement
- Modesty
- Being accountable for words and actions
- Respecting the House as a physical place
- Honesty and Trust, especially from fellow peers.
- Acknowledge achievement in a range of activities and also for participation
- Respect
- Seeking help when it is required

House Aims:**Academic:**

- We recognise that academic achievement is the most important of King's College's aims
- We promote full participation in classroom activities
- We expect a high level of effort, regardless of the subject or a student's ability
- We believe in setting and achieving our personal academic goals

Cultural:

- We encourage participation and enthusiasm in cultural endeavours
- We aim to maintain the high performance standards of past years in activities such as House Music

Sporting:

- We expect everyone to participate and be enthusiastic in House and College sporting activities
- We hope to be competitive in all House sports and achieve to the best of our ability
- We expect all Marsden men to carry through with their obligations to House sport teams

Spiritual/Service:

- We encourage everyone to take up Community Service in order to give back to the community.
- We aim for participation in the Chapel's outreach into the wider community
- We wish to promote the benefits of helping in House activities

Other:

- We want to continue to support charitable organisations such as World Vision through House concerts and sausage sizzles - the House Council plays a key role in this
- We want to continue to maintain our image as a friendly yet competitive House