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MARYKNOLL SCHOOL | INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & FAMILY SUPPORT



Aloha, and welcome to Maryknoll School!

Finding the right education fit, abroad, can seem like an endless array of questions, answers, adjustments, and expectations. The Maryknoll Advocate Program aligns you with a personalized Maryknoll advocate that can help you navigate your way to a successful future at Maryknoll School. We call this “Advocate Care.” You will be assigned a Maryknoll advocate who understands the difficulty of social and cultural adjustment, communication barriers, and academic integration. It is Maryknoll’s belief that having a personal advocate, in the search process, will assure the right academic fit, at the right time, with the right family.

When you come to Maryknoll School to study as an international student, our friendly administrators, teachers, and staff providers have a responsibility to ensure that you are always well informed, safe, properly cared for, and are studying and working at your potential. Advocate care entitles you to be treated with respect and courtesy, at all ages, and at all levels of a Maryknoll education.

To support this advocacy, a highly skilled coordinator will work with you throughout your time at Maryknoll to advocate for you as you navigate your way within your new living, working, and school culture conditions.

Thank you for your consideration of Maryknoll School, and I look forward to working with you.

President Perry Martin
Maryknoll School

Features of the Maryknoll Advocate Program

Personalized School Overview

- Accurate, thorough and up-front information about living in Hawaii and attending Maryknoll School to help you make informed decisions.
 - Photos of each campus, the teachers, classrooms, and facilities
 - Overview of the Maryknoll School website and navigation
 - Explanation of all costs associated with a Maryknoll education

Personalized Admissions Processes, Qualifications, and Immigration Matters

- Collaborative communications and admissions guidance to ensure Maryknoll School is the right fit for your child
- Introduction to Maryknoll School Admissions Officers for questions and answers
- Assistance with meeting application requirements and deadlines including:
 - Entrance testing
 - Academic transcripts
 - Application fees
 - Visa process

Personalized School Acceptance and School Policy Understanding

- Support your understanding of the Maryknoll International Student Enrollment Contract
- Personal meeting to review the Maryknoll Student Handbook & Agreement and support your understanding of:
 - School policies and academic/behavioral expectations
 - Termination policy
 - Technology requirements for students
- Personal introduction to your child's teacher(s) and year-long academic support
- Assistance with international banking transfers for one-time tuition payments

Personalized School Orientation and Well-Being

- Personal orientation about life at Maryknoll School and in Hawaii including:
 - Understanding Maryknoll School strategy and leadership
 - Expectations for the first 4-5 weeks
 - Managing information overload
 - Using the MyMaryknoll website for all school-related information
 - Purchasing the Maryknoll School uniform
 - Understanding Maryknoll Safe Environment and Technology Use Agreements
 - Student safety, health and well-being

- Understanding school policies on student safety, medication and medical emergencies
- Purchasing local medical insurance and finding medical professionals
- Understanding school and local emergency drills and communication
- Understanding guidelines on ocean water safety and water sports
- Dealing with language barriers
- Understanding local culture, laws and customs
- Support with grievance procedures
- Finding religious groups and religious support

School Services Advice and Advocacy

- Overview of and support with available resources for students, including:
 - Academic concerns and teacher evaluation and communication
 - Academic tutoring
 - Dual language immersion options
 - College search and acceptance
 - School clubs, services, athletics, activities
 - After-school classes and opportunities
 - Maryknoll anti-bullying policies including social media policies
- Support and advice about Maryknoll parent organizations and social opportunities

Family Well-Being, Integration, and Family Gatherings

- Relocation support including:
 - Securing immigration or legal advice
 - Finding local agent to help you with locating “close proximity” housing
 - Shipping, buying or leasing an automobile and obtaining a license
 - Learning about other forms of personal and public transportation
 - Supporting spousal and/or family visits to Hawaii
 - Connecting you with local “Maryknoll-friendly” agencies for travel and tours and providing recommendations for great restaurants and entertainment options
 - Applying for memberships to local business clubs

Specialized Programs

