



5 June 2023

<b>Event</b>	MERICI COLLEGE VINNIES WINTER SLEEPOUT		
<b>Location</b>	MERICI COLLEGE		
<b>Date</b>	22.06.23	<b>Time</b>	6.00pm (Thursday 22 June) – 7.00am (Friday 23 June 2023)
<b>Transport</b>	Students make their way to and from the venue	<b>Uniform</b>	Casual
<b>Cost</b>	\$20 entry fee paid electronically as a donation to Vinnies Canberra	<b>Contact no.</b>	6243 4100
<b>Return of note/money</b>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023		

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Your daughter has expressed an interest in participating in the Merici College Vinnies School Sleepout which will be held in the New Quad at Merici College. This is a 13-hour event and will consist of Merici Year 10-12 students only.

Homelessness is a problem often overlooked and misunderstood by the wider community. The Vinnies School Sleepout allows students to experience homelessness for themselves through one night of 'sleeping rough'. This hands-on approach develops students' understanding of the debilitating effects of homelessness as well as creating a sense of community responsibility. The students will be accompanied by supervising teachers for the duration of the event. Each student should pay a \$20 electronic fee to take part in this event via this link:

<https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/annamasters/act>

All electronic funds will contribute towards a Merici College tally and donated to Vinnies Canberra to support those requiring assistance in our local community. Additional sponsorship is optional and should also be donated online via the above link.

Location:

Students will sleep in the New Quad at Merici College. This area can be fully secured at night and there is access to toilets, drinking water, power points, first aid and shelter, should it rain. A representative from Vinnies Canberra will be in attendance on the evening of 22 June to facilitate an educational session about homelessness. A Vinnies Night Patrol van may also stop at Merici to show students and explain the operations of the Night Patrol service.

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Clothing and bedding:

Students should wear very warm, casual clothing. A sleeping bag, pillow and blankets need to be brought along for extra warmth. Students are reminded to be prepared with plenty of layers of clothing including gloves, beanie, thermal clothing, and a sleeping bag appropriate for a cold Canberra winter's night. Students are asked to bring their own cardboard for sleeping on.

Food and drink:

All students will be provided with an evening meal of lasagna, soup, and bread. Tea, coffee, and hot chocolate will be available for the duration of the event. Breakfast will consist of a Bacon and egg rolls and will be provided at 7.30am when the event concludes.

Medication:

If your daughter has asthma or any other health condition, she must bring her own medication.

Attendance at school on Friday 23 June:

Please note all year 10 students participating in the Sleepout must be present at school the next day. Students should bring an overnight bag in preparation for school the following day. Students may go home to prepare for school but should return by morning PC. Please remind your daughter that appropriate behaviour is always expected.

Social Media:

For security reasons the use of social media (Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok, Snapchat) is not encouraged at this event. Students may have their mobile phones with them but are requested to keep them on silent and use them only in cases of emergency.

On the night of the event Merici supervising staff can be contacted on: 0409482483

Please remind your daughter that appropriate behavior is expected at all times as she is a representative of the College.

Please click [here](#) to find the permission note and medical information form that must be completed no later than Friday 23 June 2023. The consent form is an online form and will be received electronically. You will receive an email to your nominated email address (entered on the permission note) to CONFIRM your online permission.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on 6243 4100 before the excursion.

Yours sincerely,

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HEAD OF MISSION AND COMMUNITY

