

18 November 2019

<b>Event</b>	Year 9 Christian Service Learning Program Project		
<b>Location</b>	Goodwin House and Village, 35 Bonney Street, Ainslie ACT		
<b>Date</b>	Varies for each RE class: Ms Davis (Monday class) 2 December Ms Davis (Tuesday class) 21 November Mr Blakey 26 November Miss Muldoon 6 December Mrs Verrier 11 December	<b>Time</b>	9.30am – 12.45pm
<b>Transport</b>	Walking	<b>Uniform</b>	Full and correct school uniform
<b>Cost</b>	Nil	<b>Contact no.</b>	0427 119 796
<b>Return of note/money</b>	N/A		

Dear Parent/Guardians,

The Year 9 Christian Service Learning Program Project is an integral part of the Christian Service Learning Program at Merici College. Year 9 students are invited to participate in this excellent service opportunity volunteering at Goodwin House, Ainslie. Students will be required to visit the Goodwin House & Village in Ainslie during a morning with their RE class group and will prepare and run activities for the residents. Please find above the schedule of the class visits. Students will walk to and from Merici College. The departure and arrival times are as follows:

Session timings:

- 9.30am depart Merici College (by foot)
- 10.00am induction
- 10.15am set up activities
- 10.30am-12.00pm facilitating activities
- 12.00pm pack up, assist residents to move to lunch, goodbyes
- 12.15pm depart Goodwin
- 12.45pm arrive Merici College

At Merici College, our community seeks to live according to the Christian ideals of St. Angela Merici. By making ourselves available to serve others, particularly those most in need, we can participate in creating a more just and compassionate society. During their Service Project, the girls will have a unique opportunity to live out these ideals.

The Merici College Christian Service Learning Program in Year 9 encourages the students to reach out to and come to respect and appreciate the experience and gifts that elderly people in the community have to offer. Each student is required to complete 4 hours of service during school time (which includes preparation class time prior to the visit) but are encouraged to accumulate their service hours assisting with an elderly person in their neighbourhood, or an aged care facility. They will complete a journal during this

time, which assists them to develop their understanding and empathy for the experience and dignity of elderly citizens. This is also an opportunity for the girls to develop their confidence and skills as a servant leader; displaying empathy and a broader understanding of our elderly community.

Please be aware that the topic of death and dying might be raised by residents at the aged care facility, please communicate with your daughter's RE Teacher if your daughter may find this topic difficult to talk about. Your daughter's RE teacher and the Head of Mission and Community are coordinating the visits.

Please do not hesitate to contact Amy Connellan if you have any queries or concerns about the Service Project on 62434157 or by email: amy.connellan@merici.act.edu.au.

Please advise the organising teacher if there is any reason your daughter cannot participate in this excursion, such as an appointment, and arrangements will be made for her to remain at school.

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

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

Yours sincerely,



Amy Connellan  
Head of Mission and Community