

SPORT AWARDS 2019

Merici Sport 2019

2019 was another busy year for Merici College Sport. We had many teams compete at North High School and ACT School Sport events in sports such as athletics, swimming, cross country, soccer, AFL, cricket, hockey, netball, volleyball, touch football, soccer, ultimate frisbee, softball, golf, snow and oztag.

As well as these one-day events, Merici entered teams in volleyball, netball, sailing, rowing, softball, basketball and snow sports as co-curricular weekend activities.

It is great to see so many of our students involved in sport at some level, and this can only be done with the help of the many parents and senior students who take on the organisation and coaching of these teams.

Special mention to our major award winners for 2019.

Australian Representatives

Malia Harrison – Netball	Raechel McKinnon – Softball
Lucy Aboud – Volleyball	Taylah Ellems – Golf

Junior Athlete of the Year

Gabrielle Reynolds

Senior Athlete of the Year

Jessica Kalthofen

Netball

Netball continued to be the co-curricular sport with the largest number of participants in 2019. Merici entered three teams in Cadets and nine teams in Intermediates for the Central Canberra Winter Competition.

Once again we were blessed with a dedicated and hard working committee, and a group of very talented coaches and managers, all working for our netball players to enable them to have the best netball experience possible.

Following the regular season, three teams played in the finals. Intermediates Division 5 saw the Missiles bow out in the Preliminary Final. Maples made the Cadets Division 5 Grand Final and Magic were the Intermediate Division 6 Champions.

The awards for 2019 are as follows:

Team	Coach's Award	Player's Player
Majors	Tenielle Burgess	Hannah Iles
Maples	Jessie Gibson	Kiera Stanford
Miracles	Gabrielle Reynolds	Arcadia Bayliss



Mangoes	Anna Nussio	Matilda Coffee
Matrix	Annalisa Ciesiolka	Serena Farrington
Mermaids	Ruby Higgins	Maddison Wilson
Missiles	Lara Dau	Charlotte Canavan
Magic	Kayla Everett	Lexie White
Marvels	Matilda Hanley	Sofia White
Movers	Stella Andersson-Nickson	Johanna Heisner
Meteors	Millicent Kingwill	Evie Lange
M&M's	Libby Hoffman	Fiona Magnussen

Volleyball

2019 has seen some changes with Merici Volleyball with a number of our senior players moving on from 2018.

We had teams play in both the Autumn and Spring Open Leagues, and although numbers were down from previous years, the girls had fun and played some very good volleyball. Our awards for 2019 are as follows:

Merici Blue	MVP – Gabrielle Reynolds	Most Improved – Gabrielle Newham
Merici Green	MVP – Isabel Mercado	Most Improved – Amy Redmond
Merici Purple	MVP – Kate Bartu	Most Improved – Anisiya Stening

Our Year 10 team were ACT Schools Champions once again following great undefeated play at both North and ACT finals.

As usual, we had a number of girls make representative teams in 2019.

Volleyball ACT	Under 19 – Grace Aboud and Jessica Kalthofen
	Under 17 – Lucy Aboud, Gabrielle Reynolds, Nora Lin and Jemima Hall
	Under 15 – Amy Redmond and Lana Dexter
School Sport ACT	Under 16 – Lucy Aboud

Special congratulations also to Lucy Aboud who was a member of the Australian team that played against New Zealand in a series of matches in October – even captaining her country in one of the games!

2019 also saw a change of venue for the Australian Volleyball Schools' Cup, heading to the Gold Coast where Merici will receive a long service award for our 10th year of participation at the event.

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