

# WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #fidelitas #merici60

Term 1 Weeks 2 and 3 (Monday 11 February – Sunday 24 February)



## WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Academic Awards Semester 2 2018 (Monday 11 February 11.25am)

Academic Awards for Semester 2, 2018 will be presented to students on Monday 11 February. A letter of invitation for parents of students receiving awards will be emailed to parents shortly. Current Year 11 students received their awards at the Year 10 Awards Ceremony in late 2018. We look forward to seeing awardees from current Year 8, 9, 10 and 12 groups. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your daughter's achievements from 2018. Year 7 students will receive awards for Semester 1 achievements at the beginning of Semester 2.

Car parking for the event is available in the car park next to the oval and the student car park off Henty Street. Parents need to follow parking signage on Wise Street, Henty Street and Helemon Street. Parents are urged NOT to park on nature strips, school crossing zones or in a dangerous position (i.e. too close to intersections) as parking inspectors may be out and about and parking infringements will be issued for any vehicle that does not comply with the above.

Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony in the New Quad at the conclusion of award ceremonies. RSVP essential to [ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au) as soon as possible.

### Opening School Mass (Tuesday 26 February 11.10am)

On Tuesday 26 February we will be celebrating our Opening College Mass commencing at 11.10am in the auditorium. All parents, family members and friends are invited to attend this very special celebration. A light lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the Mass. Please rsvp your attendance to [ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au) by Tuesday 19 February.

### Cross-Age Tutoring

We are currently engaging senior students to tutor junior students in this program. If you would like your daughter to receive tutoring, please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/cross-age-tutoring> to the application form. Tutoring will commence later in the term once the senior students been allocated to the junior students. For enquiries please contact Sarah Cusack, email [sarah.cusack@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:sarah.cusack@merici.act.edu.au).

### Study Skills Handbook

Merici College continues to subscribe to the "Enhanced Learning Educational Services (ELES) Study Skills Handbook". This web-based program contains 43 modules of highly engaging tasks, designed to improve the study habits of your daughter/s in which the approach taps into students' affinity with technology to create a new and effective way to improve study skills.

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How to access the Study Skills Handbook:

There is a short cut on the College Moodle page – Look for the Blue circle with a tick or go to [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au)

- Username: mericicollege
- Password: 24achieve



Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/study-skills> to find more information on the Study Skills Handbook and what students can do.

### **Parent Online Advice February Newsletter**

The *Perimeter Guardian Parent Advice Online Safety* information newsletter focuses on technology issues that concern parents. Please follow the link

<http://merici.college/go/parent-online-feb> to find the latest special advice regarding TWITCH and LOOK.

## **YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 NEWS**

### **Year 7 Aspiring to Achieve Parent Workshops (Wednesday 13 February 6.00pm-8.00pm)**

Parent Workshops will be held on Wednesday 13 February to assist in supporting a successful start to high school at Merici. The evening will commence at 6.00pm with a presentation by Colin Funston, Manager of Coastlife Adventures regarding the upcoming Year 7 camp. This will be followed by a rotation of three key sessions, 25 minutes each.

**Light refreshments will be served from 5.30pm-6.00pm.** Students are welcome but are not required to attend. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/y7-parent-workshops> to find more information.

To assist with catering and the preparation of rooms, please rsvp your attendance to [ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au) by Monday 11 February.

### **Year 7 Immunisations (Thursday 14 February)**

Year 7 Round 1 HPV Dose I and dTpa immunisations will be held on Thursday 14 February. Students have been given an information card that does need to be returned. Students will be called down in class groups. For more information please visit

<http://www.health.act.gov.au>.

## **YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS**

### **Year 10 Immunisations (Thursday 14 February)**

Year 10 Meningococcal ACWY immunisations will be held on Thursday 14 February.

Students have been given an information card that does need to be returned. Students will be called down in class groups. For more information please visit

<http://www.health.act.gov.au>.

## Year 11 Conference (Thursday 14 February – Friday 15 February)

Each year we hold a Year 11 Conference to support our new senior students transition into Year 11. The Conference is designed to create enthusiasm and energy around the learning and development your daughter will experience over the next 2 years and to ensure she understands all Board of Senior Secondary Studies requirements. It is also an opportunity for her to understand and reflect upon the responsibilities she has to herself, her family and the College whilst she is with us for the next 2 years.

The Merici College Year 11 Conference will be held for 2 days at the Warrambui Conference Centre, Murrumbateman from Thursday 14 February to Friday 15 February 2019. The overnight program will include a motivational keynote presenter, discussions about leadership, a retreat day and essential information about BSSS processes, study skills and sessions about what it means to be a senior at Merici.

## LANGUAGES

### Merici College Chinese New Year Celebration (Merici nǚ zǐ gāo zhōngchūn jié qìng zhù huó d 女子高中春节庆祝活动)

Welcome to 2019 and a very happy year of the Pig. Chinese New Year falls on 5 February 2019 and Chinese communities around the world celebrate this very important festival with their families and friends.

Merici College is going to celebrate this important festival through three activities:

#### 1. Wear Something Red (Wednesday, 13 February 2019)

Red is closely associated with Chinese culture and this colour is even more important during Chinese New Year. The use of red decorations during this festival is related to a Chinese myth where red was used to scare off a monster that terrorised villagers in ancient times. To usher in our Chinese New Year celebration, students and staff are encouraged to wear something red. It could be a red ribbon, a pair of red socks, a red hairband, a pair of red studs, etc.

#### 2. Symbolic Food in the Canteen (11 February - 14 February 2019)

Our school canteen is going to serve a couple of symbolic dishes, such as spring rolls and dumplings, which Chinese people eat during Chinese New Year. These dishes are eaten as they represent prosperity and good luck.

#### 3. Food and Information Sharing at lunch time (Friday, 15 February 2019)

We have welcomed three Chinese exchange students and one Chinese teacher from Tieyi School, our sister school in Xi'an (home of the Terra-Cotta Warriors) on Monday, 4 February 2019. We have invited these visitors to share with us how they celebrate Chinese New Year at home. Any student who is interested could join us at lunch time to learn more about how Chinese people celebrate Chinese New Year. During this session, we are going to share some delicious snacks as Chinese celebrations always involve good food.

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新年快乐 (Happy New Year)

## DEFENCE NEWS

### Air Force Technical Camp for Young Women

- Air Force
- Wagga Wagga, NSW
- 12 - 15 March 2019

Now you have the rare chance to get a taste of life as an Air Force technician/engineer with Air Force Technical Camp for Young Women. Held at RAAF Base Wagga, the Tech Camp is a four-day residential program designed to give aspiring young women aged 16-24 a comprehensive overview of life in the Air Force. During the program you will be exposed to the day-to-day activities of a technician/engineer and will have the opportunity to experience the Air Force lifestyle as a whole.

The dynamic program will include an overview of the Air Force technical/engineer roles, experiential opportunities within a workshop environment. Practical activities and presentations from serving Air Force technicians/engineers who will talk about their roles and personal experiences, including what motivated them to join the Air Force. During this opportunity you will be able to gain insight into what the training is really like if you decide to join the Air Force. As well, you may get to experience simulated weapons training, light physical training in the gym and after hours supervised social events with female mentors.

The program will be supervised by experienced Air Force and civilian staff, with secure modern accommodation provided as part of this residential program.

[Information Pack \(MS Word Version\) Opens in new window](#)

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### 334 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets recruitment

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/aaf-cadets> to find information on AAF cadet recruitment information sessions.

## CAREERS NEWS

To find the latest Careers Newsletter, please visit <https://www.mericicareers.com/>.

## SPORT

To stay updated on all sporting activities, please ensure your daughter checks our Sports Moodle page and/or Twitter @MericiSport.

### Swimming and Athletics Carnivals

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/swimming-carnival> to find more information on our Swimming and Athletics Carnivals for 2019. Our first carnival is on Tuesday 12 February so we would appreciate if all notes could be returned as soon as possible. We are happy to receive this note back electronically from a parent email address. There is no need to print, sign and scan.

Please return the permission note to [emma.kennedy@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:emma.kennedy@merici.act.edu.au). Students wishing to compete in the 100m Freestyle and 200IM will need to ensure that they have entered through the online link provided in the permission note.

### Co-curricular Sport Program 2019

Merici College offers many opportunities for our students to participate in sporting events and teams outside of school hours. We encourage all girls to join in with co-curricular activities. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/co-curricular-sport2019> to find the Co-curricular Sports Program on offer to all our students in 2019.

## iC NEWS

The iC is open Monday – Thursday 8:30 – 5:00pm, Friday 8:30 – 4pm. Students are welcome to stay after school, borrow books, study, or use the resources we have available.

Library Lover's Day is the 14<sup>th</sup> February where we celebrate all things library such as reading, literacy, authors, illustrators, and the most important thing... the readers and those who use this facility. We are encouraging our students to come into the Information Centre (iC) to see the display, and to use the template provided to tell us the title of the book they love.

We look forward to getting to know your daughters throughout the year, whether it be to help with researching and referencing, to find a great book, discuss an author, pull apart a character and story, participate in book club, play board games, or to compete a jigsaw puzzle.



*Happy reading!*

*iC Staff*

## CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

### Dance Troupe Upcoming Event (Saturday 17 February 12.10pm)

Our Dance Troupe are looking very forward to performing at the Multicultural Festival on Sunday 17 November 12.10pm-12.30pm on Stage 6 (Petrie Plaza). All welcome to come along and support the girls.

### Co-curricular Music Vocal Group

The Vocal Group rehearsals will resume in Week 2, Thursday lunch time in the music room. All co-curricular music bands, ensembles will begin in week 3. Please email Miss Way for more information, [beth.way@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:beth.way@merici.act.edu.au).

### Co-curricular Music Instruments

Instruments that are hired through the College must be paid for before students take them home. A copy of the receipt will need to be shown to Mrs Susan Anderson, Expressive Arts

Assistant, before these can leave the College. Susan will arrange days for collection at the Jubilee Centre. Look out in the daily notices for more information.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Woden Valley Youth Choir (WVYC)**

Woden Valley Youth Choir has provided a music education to hundreds of ACT and Queanbeyan schoolchildren for 50 years, since February 1969. WVYC offers a dynamic choral programme for young people aged 8 to 21 and we are proud to provide so many positive benefits to our members: the value of learning to sing with confidence, positive self-esteem, and performance skills, which will hold them in good stead for the rest of their lives. WVYC is a not-for-profit community choir with a strong music education programme and one of our staff has just received accreditation for the Australian Kodály Certificate. We don't just sing – we become musicians.

#### Auditions

Auditions for young people from Year 3 to university age wishing to join the choir in 2019 will be held on Saturday 23 February. We have a small number of vacancies in our two primary aged choirs and about a dozen places in our high school/university age treble voice choir and our new choir "Centauri Voices" for young men with changing/changed voices. For more information please go to <http://wvyc.org.au> and download an application form or email [info.wvyc@gmail.com](mailto:info.wvyc@gmail.com) or phone 1300 599 655

#### Rotary Club Of Hall Indigenous Scholarship

WVYC is pleased to announce that scholarship(s) to the value of \$1,000 have been generously provided by the Rotary Club of Hall to enable indigenous Canberran young people to have access to the choir. Applicants should follow the application process for an audition and also contact the administrator on [info.wvyc@gmail.com](mailto:info.wvyc@gmail.com) for scholarship guidelines.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 1 Weeks 4 and 5)**

Tullow House Day (Monday 25 February)

Opening School Mass (Tuesday 26 February)

Bridge Restaurant (Wednesday 27 February 12.30pm)

Vinnies Doorknock Appeal (Thursday 28 February)

Oceania Youth Ministry Equipping School (CSYMA) (Friday 1 March – Sunday 3 March)

Archdiocesan Youth Mass and Cultural Celebration (Sunday 3 March)

Year 7 Parents "Girl Talk" with Patricia Falcetta (Monday 4 March 5.30pm)

Moderation Day 1 (Tuesday 5 March)

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday 6 March)

Co-curricular Activities Expo (Thursday 7 March)

International Women's Day Cocktail Party (Thursday 7 March)