

WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #fidelitas #merici60

Term 3 Weeks 2 and 3 (Monday 21 October – Sunday 3 November)



WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Uniform Shop

Our new uniform shop is now open for business and is located at the front office. To order uniform items, families can either visit the uniform shop, email their [order form](#) or place orders online at <https://pay.merici.act.edu.au/mymonitor>.

Please note that the shop is cashless. Payments can be made by EFTPOS or on student ID cards.

The uniform shop will be open Tuesdays 8-11am, Thursdays 2-5pm.

To find the College Uniform Policy and Requirements, please visit <https://merici.college/go/uniform>. Please note that tights/leggings can be worn for Year 7-10 PE classes, dance classes and Year 11 and 12 Sport and Recreation activities, such as rockclimbing. They **cannot** be worn to and from school, on excursions, retreat days or any other activities outside of these already mentioned.

All enquiries to uniform@merici.act.edu.au or Susan Anderson, telephone [6243 4118](tel:62434118).

Merici Tomato Plant Sale (Saturday 19 October from 8.00am)

Tomato seedlings propagated by Merici College Sustainability students and teachers will be on sale to the public on Saturday 19 October. The sale will be held next to the Kitchen Garden at Merici College, corner Limestone Avenue and Henty Street Braddon from 8.00am until sold out, \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00. Please follow the <http://merici.college/go/merici-tomato-sale> to find more information. Get in early, plants sell fast!

Talk and Tour (Saturday 26 October)

A talk and tour will be held on Saturday 26 October for prospective families. All information at www.merici.college.

Europe Study Tour for Year 9–11 students studying Italian, French, Religion Education, Ancient History, Modern History, Hospitality, Textiles and Fashion in 2020 – Expression of Interest Meeting – Thursday 31 October 5.30pm

We are pleased to announce the Europe Study Tour for 2020 has now been approved. The tour is for 21 days. Currently the proposed date of departure is 19 September 2020 and date of return 9 October 2020. The tour will visit both France and Italy. The itinerary is varied and aims to provide learning experience for students studying the different subjects.

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We will go on guided tours of museums, attend language lessons, cooking classes, weaving and lace-making seminar, etc. Students will also visit places of great historical significance such as the Colosseum, Bastille and Somme Battlefields

The tour is open to students who will be studying French, Italian (Years 10 - 12), Ancient History, Modern History, Hospitality (Years 11 – 12), Religious Education (Years 10 – 12), and Textiles and Fashion (Years 11 – 12) in 2020. An Expression of Interest meeting will be held on 31 October 2020 at 5:30pm ,in the Catherine Rey Learning Centre with access via the Front Office.

The meeting is an opportunity for students and their families to view the proposed itinerary, discuss pricing and payment schedules, as well as being a forum to ask questions regarding the tour. A letter will be distributed by relevant subject teachers early next week. Alternatively, you can indicate your interest by emailing one of the teachers below:

Mrs Jen Baines: jen.baines@merici.act.edu.au

Mrs Corinne Preston: Corinne.Preston@merici.act.edu.au

Mr Andrew Blakey: Andrew.Blakey@merici.act.edu.au

We look forward to exploring this trip further with you at the information evening. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on 6243 4100 before the information session.

Year 7 2020 Orientation Day (Friday 1 November)

An orientation day for Year 7 students commencing in 2020 will be held on Friday 1 November. The uniform shop will be open for Year 7 2020 students only to purchase uniform items.

NSW Student Travel Applications 2020 now open

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019. Students progressing to Year 7 no longer need to re-apply if they:

- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email. Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply. Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>. Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Parent Online Advice 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/online-parent> to find the October newsletter and the latest special advice regarding Yolo and Triller.

YEARS 7, 8 and 9 NEWS

Year 9 Geography Excursion (Friday 25 October)

Year 9 Geography students will attend an excursion to the Australian National Botanic Gardens and Jerrabomberra Wetlands on Friday 25 October. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/year-9-geography> to find the permission note.

Year 7 PE Uniform Trial

The Health and Physical Education Department will be implementing a trial from Week 2 until Week 9 in relation to our Physical Education (PE) uniform requirements. We are proposing that students will wear the full Physical Education uniform for the entire day only when they have a double practical lesson of Physical Education. Students must continue to bring their Physical Education uniform when they have a single lesson.

The following classes have a double lesson on a Tuesday:

- Mrs Kennedy
- Mrs Males
- Mrs Fothergill - Class 1

The following classes have a double lesson on a Wednesday:

- Mrs McRae
- Mrs Fothergill - Class 2

The HPE staff would appreciate your support in ensuring your daughter is meeting the full Physical Education (PE) uniform requirements before she leaves home on her allocated day. If your daughter is in the incorrect uniform you will be called to come and collect her from Student Services or bring in the appropriate attire.

As per the school uniform policy your daughter should be wearing:

- School PE shirt
- School PE shorts
- School PE tracksuit (weather permitting)

Please be aware that tights are not to be worn to and from school.

If your daughter's Physical Education uniform has been mislaid or is in the wash, we ask that she wear her College uniform to school instead.

Thank you for your support and understanding with this matter.

YEARS 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

Commissioning Ceremony of the 2020 Student Leadership Team (Monday 21 October)

A commissioning ceremony will be held on Monday 21 October to commission our 2020 Student Leaders into their new roles. Parents and family members of new leaders are invited to attend the Commissioning Liturgy on Monday 21 October 2019. Please be seated by 12.00pm for an approximate 12.10pm start in the College Auditorium. Light refreshments will be served in the Restaurant after the ceremony. Please rsvp your attendance to Ros at ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au before 18 October.

Key Academic Dates for Years 11 and 12 students

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/key-dates-yrs11-12> to find key dates for senior students. We ask parents to go through this information with your daughters quite closely so you are all aware of the requirements and any important cut off dates. Please contact Renee Taylor, Deputy Principal Learning (renee.taylor@merici.act.edu.au) for further information.

CAREERS NEWS

To find the latest Careers newsletter and information, 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.

Sport, Leadership and Recreation Camp (Tuesday 22 October-Wednesday 23 October)

As part of the Sport, Leadership and Recreation course, students will be participating in an overnight trip to the South Coast and evaluating different elements of the Sport and Recreation industry.

LANGUAGES

Change of Name – Cross-age Tutoring (Languages) to Language Buddy

The Cross-age Tutoring program has a change of name. It is now called **Language Buddy**. This name change will prevent students from getting confused with the other Cross-age Tutoring programs. The aim of this program is to provide extra assistance for students who are finding learning French, Italian or Chinese difficult and hoping to strengthen students' foundation in the language that they are learning.

Students who either want to become tutors or would like to be tutored are required to contact their language teachers or Mrs Jen Baines (jen.baines@merici.act.edu.au). The programme will begin again in Week 2 at lunch time on the following days in Penola Flex:

Tuesdays: Italian

Wednesdays: Chinese

Thursdays: French

Year 7–12 Dendy Chinese Film Excursion – The Farewell (31 October 2019)

An excursion for students studying Chinese/Mandarin in Year 7–12 has been organised to watch 'The Farewell' at Dendy Cinema in Canberra Centre on 31 October 2019. Students are required to return the permission note by Tuesday 24 October 2019. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/chinese-excursion-dendy> to find more information and the permission note.

MISSION AND COMMUNITY

SOCKTOBER

Merici College is participating in Socktober Friday 18 October – Thursday 24 October

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/socktober> to raise funds for Catholic Mission's international project, The Nazareth Home for Children, in Ghana
<https://youtu.be/nxYaGqGimVI> (Catholic Mission, 2019).

Activities:

Friday 18 October: Donations collected in morning PC

Tuesday 22 October: Donations collected in morning PC

Wednesday 23 October: Donations collected in morning PC

Thursday 24 October:

- All day: Wear crazy socks today! Donations collected in morning PC
- Recess – Bake sale in New Quad
- Lunch – Multisports in the Gym, 2019 Student Leadership Team vs 2020 Student Leadership Team (gold coin donation for entry)
- *Merici Night Out* (Years 10-12 only) 5.30pm-9.00pm <https://www.trybooking.com/BGFFA>. Students to come dressed in an outfit from a second-hand clothing store and support our THRIFT SHOP theme



CHRSTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM

Archdiocesan Catholic Schools Netball Carnival - Seeking Years 7-12 volunteers

Rosary Primary School is seeking volunteers to assist at the Catholic Schools Netball Carnival on Saturday 19 October. The girls will be volunteering to work on stalls (much like a fete) at the Archdiocesan Catholic Schools Netball Carnival at Calwell Playing Fields on Saturday 19 October. Food stalls seem to be in the most need of volunteers at the moment. The girls may also be required to do small jobs such as running messages or supplies to teams. The link to the volunteer register is: [Volunteer Here](#). The parent contacts (if required) for the event are Vicky van der Sanden 0421729372 and Julie Godfrey 0414586042. Please note this is not a Merici College organised or supervised event and therefore parent supervision at the event is advised.

Quizzic Alley Halloween Party Seeking Year 7-12 Volunteers

Quizzic Alley is hosting a Halloween party 26 October 5-9pm

(<https://www.quizzicalley.com/events/>) and seeking volunteers. This event is in aid of the Smith Family's Literacy Program. The contact for the event is Bernadette Mikita: email: magic@quizzicalley.com and on the day Ph: 0439 649 174. Please note this is not a Merici College organised or supervised event and therefore parent supervision at the event is advised.

Further information from the organisers:

"I write in the hope that some of your wonderful students may be interested in volunteering on the night! The students who came along to The Great Wizard's Ball were all such enthusiastic and delightful people and we would be honoured to have them help us out again, or indeed if there are others interested! The event is free to attend, however we will have vouchers available for purchase for the activities. These activities include:

- *Witches Hat ring toss game*
- *Spider's web craft*
- *Pumpkin Lantern craft*
- *Quidditch pong*

All activities will need to be supervised by volunteers and QA staff. We will also have a sausage sizzle and volunteers selling the vouchers, however we have some adult volunteers who may take these duties, leaving the fun activities for the students! There will also be face painting, a raffle, a Dress up competitions and a Jack-o-lantern competition (people bring in their pre carved pumpkin for competition). All in all, a really fun event. Volunteers would be welcome to come dressed up in a costume if they wish. I have created a sign up page and I would very much appreciate if you would be willing to forward this information on to interested students to sign up! <https://volunteersignup.org/EMYEB.>"

iC NEWS

We hope there has been plenty of holiday reading during the October break. We ask that all overdue books get returned promptly or if not finished to be renewed. Bring the books into the iC and it can be renewed for a further two weeks. Occasionally items do go missing, rather than ignoring overdue emails, please ask your daughter to come and talk to us about the missing item.

The iC subscribes to three video online streaming services; ClickView, Artfilms Digital and Classroom Video on Demand (CVOD) which is an InfoBase database all accessed via Moodle/Site Home. Students will find current programs and resources relevant for both research or study needs and programs of interest to watch during down time. Please take some time to explore these resources with your daughters.

Happy researching,
iC Staff

CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

Marist-Merici Sailing

The Training Program for the Marist-Merici Sailing Team runs every Monday after school at the YMCA Sailing Club. New participants are very welcome to join in. The ACT School Team Racing hosted by the YMCA Sailing Club will be run on Saturday 22 February and Sunday 23 February 2020. The programs offers students the opportunity to develop their on-water skills, collaborative skills and gain an insight into strategic thinking. Anyone interested should please make contact via email with: Jennifer.Medd@merici.act.edu.au.

Dance Troupe at the Party at the Hackett Shops (Saturday 26 October)

Our Dance Troupe will be performing at the Party at the Hackett Shops again this year. The girls will perform from 11.00am-11.30am. All welcome to come along and support our dancers.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 4 Weeks 4 and 5)

House Farewells (Monday 4 November)

Sports Awards (Tuesday 12 November)

Year 10 Exams (Thursday 14 November – Friday 15 November)

Year 12 Farewell Assembly (Thursday 15 November)