WHAT'S ON AT MERICI
Term 1 Weeks 4 and 5 (Monday 22 February – Sunday 6 March)

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

**Follow up Photo Day – Thursday 25 February**
A catch-up photo day will be held on Wednesday 24 February for students who did not have their school photo taken on photo day.

**Annual Community BBQ – Wednesday 24 February (5.00pm-6.30pm)**
In Week 4 we will gather as a full school community for the new Annual College BBQ (this will replace the House Soirees of past years). The BBQ will be held on Wednesday 24 February from 5.00pm-6.30pm in the College New Quad. Please advise Ros Parisi, email ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au or telephone 6243 4178 by Monday 22 February if you are attending to assist with catering. All welcome to attend.

**Bridge Restaurant – Wednesday 24 February (12.30pm-1.40pm)**
The Bridge Restaurant will be open for lunch on Wednesday 24 February from 12.30pm – 1.40pm. Merici students are only permitted to eat between 1.00pm-1.40pm (timetabled lunch period). Families are welcome to come at 12.30pm and children can join them at 1.00pm. Please contact Reception on 6243 4100 to make a booking.

**Activities Expo – Friday 26 February**
Our Activities Expo will be held this Friday 26 February from 1.00pm to 1.40pm (lunch time). The Expo provides students with the opportunity to explore and sign up for Merici’s range of co-curricular activities. There will be three areas where information stalls will be set up; the Gym, Old Quad and New Quad and activity coordinators will be present to answer any questions that students may have. This year the following activities are offered at Merici and we very much encourage your daughters to become involved in at least one co-curricular activity.

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Music:
- Junior Band
- Senior Band
- Jazz Band
- Choir
- Orchestra
- String Ensemble
- Advance String Ensemble
- Year 7 Beginning Band
- Percussion Ensemble

**Moderation Day #1 - Tuesday 1 March**
Please note that Year 7-10 students will have a Pupil Free Day on Tuesday 1 March. Year 11 and Year 12 students are required to attend an AST Practice.

**2016 Semester 1 Assessment Calendars**
Assessment Calendars for all year groups have now been uploaded to the Merici Website.

Click Here ([http://tinyurl.com/hn59qen](http://tinyurl.com/hn59qen)) for Years 7 to 9
Click Here ([http://tinyurl.com/hvp3wre](http://tinyurl.com/hvp3wre)) for Years 10 to 12

These dates will be loaded into the Assessment Alert App shortly.

**Student Information and Medical Information forms**
Student information and medical information forms have been given to students in PC groups. Parents are reminded that this information must be kept up to date and returned to your daughter’s PC Teacher as soon possible, by Friday 19 February.

**Study Skills Handbook**
In 2016, the Pastoral Care program will have three key focus areas:

1. Love and Mercy
2. Mindfulness
3. Academic Welfare Tracking

During the Academic Welfare Tracking sessions students will have the opportunity to access an online study skills handbook at [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au).

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Password: achieve24

This handbook contains a number of units one of which is the benefits of mindfulness for student which links two of our key focus areas for Pastoral care in 2016. We encourage both students and parents to access this wonderful resource throughout the year. Please follow the link [http://tinyurl.com/j4lbbjx](http://tinyurl.com/j4lbbjx) to find the latest newsletter.

**ANU Department of Psychology Survey Years 7-12**
Merici has been asked to assist the ANU and the Department of Psychology with their research into improving outcomes for young people and their mental health. They have asked us to participate in the following survey. We would encourage your daughters to participate in this valuable research and encourage you to assist them with their responses as it may open up some meaningful dialogue between you. There is no obligation to complete the survey. However, we do thank you for your willingness to participate. Please follow the link [https://anupsych.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9YOfwEta0rVbCkt](https://anupsych.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9YOfwEta0rVbCkt).

**International Women’s Day Dinner – Wednesday 9 March (6.00pm)**
A special dinner to celebrate International Women’s Day will be held on Wednesday 9 March in the restaurant with guest keynote speaker, Amy Coombe. Please follow the link [http://tinyurl.com/jywac74](http://tinyurl.com/jywac74) to find more information and an invitation extended to all our community members.
**Finance Office - Cashier’s Box Payments and Cash Register Opening Hours**

Need to make a payment to the Finance Office? The preferred option is to use the Cashier’s Box as payments can be put in the box at any time that the school is open. Payment envelopes are located next to the Cashier’s Box in the Reception area.

Cashier’s Box payments are suitable for payments using cash, credit card or cheque. Simply fill in the envelope details, include cash and signed notes if applicable and post in the box for processing.

If you need to make a payment in person please note that the Finance Office cash register will only be open at lunchtime 1.00pm – 1.20pm to take payments.

**YEAR 7, 8 and 9 NEWS**

**Year 7 2016 Parent Evening – Monday 29 February (6.00-7.30pm)**

Year 7 parents and carers are invited to attend an information evening on Monday 29 February commencing at 6.00pm. More information will be distributed to families as arrangements are finalised.

**Year 7 IH Excursion – Friday 4 March**

A visit to the National Museum has been arranged for Year 7 Integrated Humanities students on Friday 4 March. The purpose of the excursion is to enable students to investigate and interpret historical sources of evidence.

Students will meet their Integrated Humanities teacher in the New Quad at the start of Period 1 and have their attendance recorded. At 9.30am they will catch a bus to the National Museum. Students will take part in the ‘Investigating Sources’ workshops run by museum staff and also explore the museum galleries with their teachers. We will depart from the museum at 2.30pm and arrive at Merici College by 3.00pm.

Students will be required to wear their school uniform. They will need to bring a water bottle, their lunch, a clipboard, pencil, pen (blue or black) and an eraser. They may use a small carry bag or backpack instead of their school bag and this will be left in the cloakroom at the museum. Students will not be able to buy food or drink but they may purchase a small reminder of their visit at the gift shop.

**Year 7 Camp – Wednesday 16 March – Friday 18 March**

The Year 7 camp will run for 3 days and two nights, with one night staying at Kianinny Cabins, Tathra, and the other night in tents in the Mimosa Rocks National Park. The camp will take place from Wednesday 16 March until Friday 18 March. Please follow the link [http://tinyurl.com/gnj4sxr](http://tinyurl.com/gnj4sxr) to find more information and the consent form. Please note that the consent form needs to be returned ASAP, before Monday 29 February.

Camp T-shirts: Students are also reminded to try on the sample size t-shirts in Student Services also before Friday 29 February to ensure the correct size is ordered for camp.

**YEAR 11 AND 12 NEWS**

**Sport and Recreation Camp – Monday 22 February**

Students enrolled in the Sports, Fitness and Administration course will attend a Sports, Fitness and Administration Camp on Monday 22 February at Birrigai. Students will depart the College at 7.30am and return at approximately 5.30pm.

**Senior Fashion Excursion – Wednesday 24 February – Friday 26 February**

An overnight excursion has been organised to Sydney for Year 11 and 12 Fashion students to Sydney. Students will depart on Wednesday 24 February at 5.00pm and returning on Friday 26 February at 4.00pm.

**AST Special Consideration – Tertiary Students Only**

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The application process for special consideration the ACT Scaling Test (AST) in September is managed by the Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS). This means that students need to apply for special considerations by completing an application due by Thursday 24 March to the BSSS.

There are two parts to the application (http://tinyurl.com/jk7d3cb):
- Part 1 Page 1: Completed by student and given to Mr Phil Coe, Head of Senior School;
- Part 1 Page 2: Completed Mr Coe;
- Part 2 Page 1: Completed by student and given to a medical professional;
- Part 2 Page 2: Completed by a medical professional who then sends it to the BSSS. It has often been the case in the past that medical professionals have completed their part, without a consultation, using your medical records. If the timing of the application presents a problem, please let Mr Coe know and he will advise the BSSS.

We have had cases where the BSSS have accepted that some conditions do not change over time and therefore they accept older documentation. In the case of detailed recent documentation, the BSSS have sometimes accepted this without an appointment with a medical professional. If your daughter’s condition has changed since her last appointment, she may need to see her practitioner. With parent/student permission, Mr Coe can contact the BSSS in advance of the deadline and ask if the documentation is sufficient.

You do not have to have had special consideration at school in the past in order to make an application.

Consideration that could be granted include:
- Extra Time;
- Separate Space;
- Time for breaks;
- Different chair or desk;
- Food in the case of a medical condition that requires the option of eating;
- Use of a computer;
- Different coloured paper.

Generally, all of the above will mean sitting the AST in a separate space. This is especially the case when there is an allocation of extra time, as it is difficult to allow for extra time in the larger space of the auditorium.

All students are permitted water.

This information has also been distributed to Senior students. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Coe on email phil.coe@merici.act.edu.au or telephone 6243 4137 for any assistance or further information.

CAREERS NEWS
Please follow the link http://tinyurl.com/ocmazvk to find the latest Careers Newsletter and information on CIT Information and Enrolment sessions and Charles Sturt University My Day.

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

ACT Secondary Schools Singles Tennis Event - Tuesday 1 March
The 2016 Secondary School Singles Tennis Event will be played on Tuesday 1 March at the National Tennis Centre in Lyneham.

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Play will start at 9.00am and girls will need to register on arrival at 8.45am. It is anticipated that most players will finish by 3.00pm, however, some players may finish before noon and some players may be required to play until 5.00pm. This event will be used to assist with selection of the 2016 Secondary School Representative Tennis Team for the Pizzey Cup. Any player who wishes to be considered for Pizzey Cup selection should enter the Open Division. Students need to make their own way to and from the venue. **NOTE:** As this is Moderation Day there will be no supervision from Merici College.

Please follow the link [http://tinyurl.com/h5vypp33](http://tinyurl.com/h5vypp33) to find the permission note and more information. Permission notes must be returned by Monday 22 February. Entries can only be made by the school so students interested in participating are required to contact Mrs Chris Fraser, email chris.fraser@merici.act.edu.au before 22 February.

**Merici College Swimming Carnival – Thursday 3 March**

The 2016 Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 3 March at the Dickson Pool and is an opportunity for all members of the school community to gather together and celebrate the talents of Merici students. It is also an opportunity to promote the health and fitness of the girls, as well as develop pride and passion for their House. All parents are very welcome and encouraged to attend. The venue has a canteen that sells a variety of food and drink. However, it is recommended that your daughter bring a packed lunch. Students will also need to bring sun screen and a hat. Some shade will be provided.

Students are expected to wear appropriate clothing such as shorts, T-shirt, hat and runners. House colours should be worn and students are encouraged to dress in the theme for their assigned House. The use of body paint or coloured hair spray is not permitted.

Chartered buses will be provided to transport students to and from the venue. The buses will depart Merici at 9.10am and return at approximately 2.20pm. It is expected that all students will travel to and from the swimming pool by bus from Merici College. However, should you request that your daughter travel directly to and from the venue for any reason, it is imperative that a signed note explaining the request be produced and submitted to her PC teacher by Friday 26 February. Please follow the link [http://tinyurl.com/zbge6pr](http://tinyurl.com/zbge6pr) to find the permission note.

Officials: If you are able to assist with official duties at the carnival, please indicate this on the form at [http://tinyurl.com/zbge6pr](http://tinyurl.com/zbge6pr) and return to your daughter’s PC teacher by Friday 26 February.

**Co-curricular Sporting Teams and Events**

Merici College offers many opportunities for our girls to participate in co-curricular sporting teams and events outside of school hours. These include:

- **Marist/Merici Sailing Club** – this club sails every Monday afternoon from 4-7pm at the YMCA sailing club in Yarralumla during Terms 1 and 4. Contact andrew.donald@mcc.act.edu.au for more information. The College school bus will be available to transport students to sailing every Monday after school. Please contact Mr Terry Brady on email terry.brady@merici.act.edu.au to register your interest in taking up this offer.

- **Merici College Snowsports** – this club competes in the Southern NSW / ACT schools events. For more information please contact diana.davis@merici.act.edu.au

- **Merici College Waterpolo** – this club plays on Friday nights at the AIS in the winter competition during Terms 2 and 3. Contact gerard.ryan@merici.act.edu.au for more information.

- **Merici College Rowing** – Merici girls have the chance to row with Capital Lakes Rowing club. New girls join once they have completed a learn-to-row course which is usually held in Term 3. Contact catherine.bowyer@gmail.com for further information.
Merici College Futsal – Merici girls have formed teams that play in the North Canberra Futsal competition on Friday nights in Terms 4 and 1. More information will come from peita-claire.fothergill@merici.act.edu.au in Term 3.

Merici College Fitness Club – runs sessions at the College on Wednesday mornings from 7.30am starting March 2. More information will be sent to the girls as this approaches.

Merici College Basketball Club – currently the club is inactive but we would love to have teams play in the Basketball ACT competitions played on Sundays at Belconnen and Tuggeranong stadiums. The next competition begins Term 2, but we need to have expressions of interest well in advance to see if this is going to be viable. If your daughter would like to play send me an email at andrew.blakey@merici.act.edu.au

Merici College Volleyball Club – this club participates in the Volleyball ACT Open League played Tuesday nights at Lyneham Indoor Hockey centre. More information is on the sport page of Moodle https://moodle.merici.act.edu.au/course/view.php?id=1235 as are the registration forms for the upcoming season. Contact andrew.blakey@merici.act.edu.au for more information.

Merici College Hockey Club – this club participates in the Hockey ACT winter competition on Friday nights for Under 15s and Saturday morning for Under 18s during Terms 2 and 3 at Lyneham and Tuggeranong hockey centres. More information is available from Mr Mark Chifley at mark.chifley@merici.act.edu.au

Merici College Netball Club – this club participates in the North Canberra Netball competition on Saturdays at Lyneham and Charnwood netball courts. More information is on the sport page of Moodle https://moodle.merici.act.edu.au/course/view.php?id=1235 as are the registration forms for the upcoming season. Contact the Netball Committee at mericinetball@gmail.com for further information.


Merici Netball Club

It is time again to think about being involved in Merici Netball. For all students interested in playing/umpiring or coaching for the Merici Netball Club this year there is a new registration process. Netball Australia has launched a NEW online system – mynetball for all netball registrations. Merici Netball players/umpires/coaches registrations need to be completed through this ONLINE system. Registrations for Merici will be open Monday 8 February.


Merici Netball Grading dates are:

Saturday 20 February 12noon till 5pm in the College Gym (Year 7-9)
Tuesday 23 February 3.30pm-5.30pm in the College Gym (Years 7-9)
Thursday 25 February 3.30pm-5.30pm in the Gym (TBC) (Year 10-12 only)

It is highly recommended that prospective players attend all the relevant grading days.

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2016 Winter Netball season
The North Canberra Netball Association (NCNA) season commences on 19 March, 2016 with three weeks of compulsory grading matches. The grading dates are:

- 19 March 2016
- 2 April 2016
- 9 April 2016

Courts at both Lyneham and Charnwood will be used for grading. Cadets (Years 10-12) will be graded at Charnwood; Intermediate (Years 7-9) teams will be graded at Lyneham. Round 1 commences the first week back for Term 2 on Saturday 30th April. The competition involves 14 rounds to be played over 12 weeks. Matches will be played across both the Lyneham and Charnwood venues and nominated divisions will play rounds consecutively at the same venue for half a season and swap venues for the second half of the season. If you have any questions please contact the Merici Netball Committee on mericinetball@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN SERVICE NEWS

Upcoming Student Christian Service Opportunity – St Joseph’s Primary School 60th Anniversary Fete
Organisers of the St Joseph’s Primary School 60th Anniversary Fete have requested help from students at Merici College to organise and run a photo booth stall at their upcoming fete. The fete will be held on Saturday 19 March from 3.00pm to 7.00pm. Participation at this event will contribute to the accumulation of the girls’ Christian Service hours. Interested students are asked to contact Mrs Maria Tolfree as soon as possible, before Wednesday 24 February so that final arrangements can be made with the school. Students are reminded to complete the pink slips which need to be signed by the event supervisor on the day of participation. For more information, please contact Mrs Maria Tolfree, Head of Mission and Community, email maria.tolfree@merici.act.edu.au or telephone 6243 4157.

MUSIC NEWS

Music Co-curricular activities
Co-curricular music has started:

- Jazz Band: Tuesday 7:45-8:45am in the Jubilee Centre
- Choir: Tuesday lunch time in the Music Room
- Orchestra: Tuesday 3:30-4:45pm
- Year 7 Beginner Band: Wednesday Lunch in the Jubilee Centre
- Senior Band: Wednesday 3:30-4:45pm
- String Ensemble: Thursday 8.00-8:45am
- Advanced String Ensemble: Thursday lunch
- Junior Band: Thursday 3:30-4:45pm

Please remember that payment of $150 for instrument hire is needed before you can take a borrowed instrument home. Any queries please contact Miss Way beth.way@merici.act.edu.au.

C4 Combined Catholic Colleges Concert - Thursday 10 March
Tickets on sale at the Canberra Theatre Centre and can be purchased by contacting the ticketing office on telephone 6275 2700 or online at https://canberratheatrecentre.com.au/bookings/purchasing-tickets/. Rehearsals for the concert will be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday 16 February - All Day Rehearsal at Merici College
- Wednesday 9 March - All day Rehearsal at Merici College
- Thursday 10 March - Tech Run & Dress Rehearsal - Canberra Theatre
- Thursday 10 March - Performance - 7:00pm

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Tickets on sale at the Canberra Theatre Centre and can be purchased by contacting the ticketing office on telephone 6275 2700 or online at [https://canberratheatrecentre.com.au/bookings/purchasing-tickets/](https://canberratheatrecentre.com.au/bookings/purchasing-tickets/).

**MERICI IT NEWS Q AND A**

Question: How does my daughter print from her laptop or from home?
Response:
- Login to Moodle -> Services -> Click Submit online print job.
- Login into PaperCut -> Highlight Web Print -> Select mc-printingMericiB&W (black and white) or mc-printMericiColour.
- Upload the file to be printed and submit. The print job will remain in the system for 24 hours.
- Students go to a printer and scan their student card or enter their student number to actually print the document.

**iC NEWS**

Wide Reading classes have started again in the iC for students in Years 7 - 10. These classes are fortnightly and are part of the girls’ English and IH lessons. In these lessons students read a book of their choosing in a silent and sustained manner. The girls are encouraged to borrow the book so that they can continue to read on a daily basis. As well as a fun, recreational activity there are many educational benefits to reading a book such as: Improving vocabulary, creativity, concentration and focus. There are also social skills to be gained from this simple but effective activity eg. developing empathy by giving glimpses into other cultures and places, building self-esteem and giving you something to talk about.

Why not start a conversation with your daughter about the book she is reading?

Happy Reading!

*iC Staff*

**SRC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS**

**Social Justice: DonateLife Walk: Wednesday 24 February**

On Wednesday 24 February students and their families are invited to take part in the DonateLife Walk which is being held for the tenth year here in Canberra. The purpose of the walk is to promote increased organ and tissue donation. One donor can transform the lives of up to 10 people and significantly improve the lives of many more.

This event is organised by Gift of Life and sponsored by the Australian Government’s Organ and Tissue Authority which promotes the national reform program in this sector.

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Participants are asked to meet at 6.30am under the flagpole on Regatta Point Hill. The bridge-to-bridge walk begins at 7.00am sharp and will be followed by a free breakfast organised by the Lions Club of Belconnen. Students will then be expected to make their own way back to school by 8.30am.

If you are interested in attending this event, please come to a meeting on Wednesday 10 February (Week 2) in the Penola Flexi at 1.05 pm to sign up and get a permission note. For more information please contact SRC and Social Justice Facilitator, Sonia Conte (Sonja.Conte@merici.act.edu.au).

SRC Blood Donation 2015 - Thank you!

SRC Blood Donation: Merici College wins Marist vs Merici Challenge and the ACT Schools Challenge Cup 2015!

Merici College is excited to announce that in the year of 2015, through 109 brave blood donations, we not only saved over 327 lives but we also won the Marist vs Merici Blood Challenge and came top in the ACT Schools Challenge!

We would like to thank not only every single student, teacher, friend or family member who donated, but also the entire Merici community for the constant support and rallying throughout 2015.

We would also like to thank Marist College who reached a very commendable tally of 87 donations and we look forward to continuing the Merici – Marist Blood Challenge in 2016!

Finally we’d like to thank our incredible Blood Ambassadors for 2015 – Dani Bewick, Mercedes Bowers, Lil Cossetto, Neala Jocumsen and Evie Rhodes for their enthusiasm, vision and hard work throughout the last year.

Donating blood is such an incredible thing to do and we’d love to maintain the enthusiasm and keep the ball rolling into 2016 where we hope to defend our title against not only Marist, but every other school in Canberra!

Keep an eye on the daily notices, newsletter and your emails in the coming weeks about booking a place on a blood bus for 2016!

CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Hike #2 – Friday 4 March – Sunday 6 March

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Hike #2 will be held on 4-6 March. This hike in Kosciuszko National Park is for students in Years 10-12 who are completing their Bronze or Silver awards. We leave from school on Friday afternoon and return to Merici at 5:00pm on Sunday afternoon. If you are interested in attending please complete the permission note at http://tinyurl.com/zl8vxhm and return to Mr Rodda.

If you have any questions please contact David Rodda, email david.rodda@merici.act.edu.au.

Merici Dance Troupe – Sunday 28 February

Our Dance Troupe will be performing at the Canberra Show on Sunday 28 February at 9.30am and 12.30pm at Central Park which is near Gate 2, opposite the Leisure and Lifestyle Pavillion. All welcome to come along and support our dancers.
CONGRATULATIONS

**Australian Scout Medallion - Student Award**

We congratulate Charlotte Schroeder-Juratowitch (Year 9) on being awarded the Australian Scout Medallion. The Australian Scout Medallion (ASM) is the highest achievement for a Scout and can be compared with the Queen’s Scout Award for a Venturer Scout or the Gold level Duke of Edinburgh Award for senior girls. Charlotte was one of only 21 scouts in the ACT (out of approximately 1000) to be awarded the ASM and is only the second person (and the first girl) to be awarded her ASM in her scout Troop (Amaroo Scout Group). The Award brings together a number of key skills, or elements, that closely match the Merici Vision which include duty to one’s God; duty to others; and duty to self.

**Student Selection - Hockey**

Congratulations to Brianna Farrell (Year 8) who was selected in the U13 Indoor Nationals which were recently held in Wollongong on the Australia Day weekend. Brianna’s team was awarded 5th place in the competition and she has been selected in the ACT U15 Hockey team, together with Rhianne Dingley (Year 10) which competes in April this year. Brianna also received the award for Most Promising Junior for North Canberra Hockey Club. We congratulate Brianna on these wonderful achievements.

**Queanbeyan Sports Expo - Saturday 20 February**

The Queanbeyan sporting clubs present the inaugural Queanbeyan Sports Expo next weekend on Saturday 20 February from 10.00am to 2.00pm at Town Park; food and drinks available. The event brings will bring together Queanbeyan sporting clubs and associations in one venue to allow you to learn more about what's on offer in our community. You can even register to join your favourite club on the day. Being healthy, meeting new people, learning new skills and having fun are just some of the benefits of joining a sporting club. Come along and be part of something great in 2016.

**Ainslie Football Club Open Day - Sunday 21 February**

The Ainslie Football Club Open Day will be held on Sunday 21 February from 11.00am to 2.00pm. Details are available at [www.ainsliefootball.com.au](http://www.ainsliefootball.com.au), follow the ‘News’ link or ‘Juniors’ tab. This event is open to all in the Ainslie and surrounding communities with plenty of fun activities. Have a kick on one of Canberra’s premier Ovals.

**Resourceful Adolescent Program for Parents (RAP-P)**

This program is suitable for parents and carers of children attending primary school Years 5 and 6 and secondary school students attending Year 7-12. RAP-P will help parents and carers to help your teenager to develop a healthy self-esteem, gain independence while still feeling safe and part of the family, manage your stress so you can do your best job as a parent, prevent and manage conflict with you and your teenager, and promote harmony in your family.

The course is offered three hours per week over a 3-week period on 23 March, 30 March and 6 April from 6.00pm-9.00pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill. The fee (includes light support and course materials) is $80.00 (concessions available). Bookings essential. Please contact CatholicCare Canberra and Goulburn on telephone 6162 6100.

**Private Tutoring in Humanities Subjects (including English, History and Legal Studies)**

Private tutoring to help your daughter achieve excellent results in Humanities subjects (including English, History and Legal Studies). Sarah is passionate about helping students to gain confidence in their writing abilities. Having graduated from College in 2008 with an entrance score of 99.2, Sarah has completed a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and Bachelor of Media double degree in 2013 and has worked in Legislation Policy at a Government department since 2014, is passionate about literature and has pursued additional undergraduate study in 2015.

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Weeknight and weekend tutoring is available for students in Years 8 to 12 for $30.00 an hour. For further information please contact Sarah on telephone 0437 214 048.

**Art Build Craft Create Kids Party Packages**
The Makers Hub are offering kids party packages with a focus on creativity and are currently taking bookings for 2016. For more information please visit [www.TheMakersHub.com](http://www.TheMakersHub.com).

**High School Exchange Scholarships and Early Bird Discounts**
Scholarships valued from $2,500 up to $3,500 are open to students between 15-18 years of age and offer the unique opportunity to live and study overseas for a semester or year. Students can also make a saving of up to $1,000 off their exchange program fee with an Early Bird Discount. The deadline for scholarship and early bird discount submissions for all programs departing between October - March 2017 is Thursday, 31st March 2016. Visit [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au) or call 1300 135 331 for more information.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 1 Week 6)**

- Catholic Schools Week – Sunday 6 March – Saturday 12 March
- Bell Shakespeare – Monday 7 March
- Catholic Combined College Rehearsal – Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 March
- International Women’s Day – Tuesday 8 March
- ACT 13 Y&O Waterpolo – Wednesday 9 March
- ASC Rowing Regatta – Wednesday 9 March
- International Women’s Day Dinner – Wednesday 9 March
- Catholic Combined Concert, Canberra Theatre – Thursday 10 March
- ACT Schools Triathlon Championships – Saturday 12 March