



WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #YearofYouth #SpreadingJoy

Term 2 Weeks 2 and 3 (7 May – 21 May)

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

New Website!

Check out our new website, www.merici.act.edu.au. Please note that student resources can be found under the MyMerici tab.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Survey for Middle Years Program

Merici College is currently a candidate school* for the Diploma Program (Years 11 and 12) of the International Baccalaureate (IB). We are pursuing authorization as an IB World School. IB World Schools share a common philosophy - a commitment to high-quality, challenging, international education - that we believe is important for our students. We are also considering implementing the IB Middle Years Program for Years 7-10.

We would really appreciate your initial feedback and views on each of these programs to assist in our decision-making and planning. The following link is to a survey, which also contains links to IB documentation detailing the IB programs.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MericiIBParents>

This survey will be open until the end of Week 1, Term 2: 5:00pm Friday 5 May.

Term 2 School Fee Statements

Please keep a lookout for your Term 2 fee statement which will be emailed today.

Ningil House Day – Monday 7 May

Ningil House will celebrate their inaugural 'House Day' on Monday 7 May. This is an opportunity to acknowledge, observe and explore the Order of Presentation Nuns on which Ningil House is founded. The Nano Nagle Memorial is usually commemorated on the 26 April and is very important to the formation of the Presentation Nuns.

Students will be required to attend normal classes during the day and will gather together in the PC lesson Period 4 to reflect on the history of Ningil House followed by a cake in the Indigenous Garden. Ningil students are encouraged to wear red accessories on the day and will celebrate together with a shared Ningil lunch in the P4 PC lesson. There will be a 'red raffle' and tickets will be sold on the day and the following week.

Primary School Visits to Merici – Tuesday 8 May

We welcome over 300 primary school students to the College on Tuesday 8 May as part of our Open Day campaign. Students will be given a timetable and attend classes to give them a snapshot of life at Merici.

Please follow the link <https://merici.news/news/enrolling-now-2019-campaign> to find information on our Enrolling Now 2019 Campaign. It would be greatly appreciated if you could spread the word and forward this information to family members, friends and work colleagues.

Open Day – Wednesday 9 May

This year there will be two sessions held on Open Day: 2.00pm-4.00pm and 5.30pm-7.30pm. The Year 7 2019 Information session will be held at the start of each session at 2.00pm and 5.30pm in the CRLC. Students have been requested to participate in school tours and classroom activities. Please follow the link <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/2018-open-day-permission-note> to find a permission note that needs to be returned to ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au.

Night Bridge Restaurant – Wednesday 9 May (6.00pm)

The Bridge Restaurant will be open from 6.00pm on Wednesday 9 May for all members of our community. Please contact 62434100 to make a booking or visit www.merici.college for online bookings

Save the Date - Canberra Metro Light Rail Stage 1 Update – Community Consultation Meeting – Wednesday 9 May (5.30pm)

Canberra Metro will be at Merici College on their Open Day, Wednesday 9 May 2018 at 5.30pm to share information about exciting developments taking place along the light rail corridor, particularly around Northbourne Avenue. All community members are invited to attend.

Photo Day – Change of Date: Thursday 10 May (Day 1), Monday 21 May (Day 2)

Please note that the School Photo dates have changed due to the Year 7 Camp being rescheduled.

- Thursday 10 May - Day 1: Individual portraits, PC class photos, family and siblings, Student Leadership Team, Leadership and Executive staff teams.
- Monday 21 May - Day 2: Year 12 class photo, House photos, absentee individual photos.

School photos are scheduled to be taken by Advancedlife Photography. Whilst an envelope will be distributed through PC classes shortly, if possible it is Advancedlife Photography's preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day. Please see below for further information from AdvancedLife Photography:

MERICI COLLEGE School Photography Date: 10/05/2018
ONLINE ORDER CODE: NKP 6M5 G73

School photography day is coming up very soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link above or by using the envelope.

Important Information:

- School photos purchased online DO NOT require envelopes returned to school*
- Don't forget to order your sibling photos now
- **Late fees/additional charges will be applied for purchases after photo day**
- Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are taken

- Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups available at school's *advancedlife* & your *advancedyou* photo sites (follow the link above)

*Sibling photographs must be ordered either online or by order envelope prior to the day of photography. A photograph will not be taken without an order. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at the school.

advancedlife would like to express our appreciation to MERICI COLLEGE for placing your trust in us. Please remember we offer a 100% money back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience as fast as possible, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your advancedlife experience please contact us at-

enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed. Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

Please ensure that your daughter is dressed appropriately, that shoes are polished and skirts are no shorter than the knee. Full school winter uniform (including the jumper) must be worn and the seniors are required to wear their blazers. Students will be asked to remove their scarves and spray jackets for the photo.

Mother's Day Prayer and Breakfast – Monday 14 May (8.00am)

An invitation is extended to all our mothers, grandmothers and carers to attend a very special Prayer and Breakfast on Monday 14 May at 8.00am in the Chapel followed by a morning tea in the Restaurant. Please follow the link <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/mothers-day-prayer-and-breakfast-invitation> to find an invitation to this special celebration.

Please confirm your attendance before Wednesday 9 May by contacting Ros Parisi, ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au or telephone 6243 4178.

Parent Online Advice April 2018

The *Parent Advice Online Safety* information newsletter focuses on technology issues that concern parents. Please follow the link <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/parent-online-newsletter-may-2018> to find the latest newsletter on Anti Chat – Chat with Strangers and Fortnite: Battle Royale (also attached to this newsletter). We encourage the College community to contact us with specific apps or topics that you would like more information on so that we can help you support your child.

SchoolTV – Physical Activity and Exercise

Physical activity and exercise is not only vital to a child's overall development but it has so many other benefits.

With children spending more time on computers being sedentary, it is even more important to get kids moving more. As well as maintaining a healthy weight, it also improves concentration by helping to establish connections between different parts of the brain. It helps kids develop fundamental movement skills impacting positively on their confidence, self-esteem and ability to develop social skills. On an emotional level, it reduces stress and anxiety while improving posture and sleep. Physical activity and exercise is good for your child's health, now and in the future. Parents should encourage their kids to move or play sport at every opportunity – in and out of school. To find out more, please follow the link <http://merici.act.schooltv.me/category-latest-newsletter> to launch our SchoolTV site.

Canberra Metro Light Rail Construction Road Update

Please follow the link <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/canberra-metro-light-rail-update-may> to find the latest news on road closures and diversions.

YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

AST Practice Sessions

The school will be offering, on top of our existing program, some short and dynamic AST practice sessions after school every Monday (from 3.07 to 3.40) for students in Year 11 and 12, starting Term 2. Students do have extended some afternoons, but every student should have at least one afternoon a fortnight they can attend these. They will run between now and September.

Each session will revolve around explaining, with sample questions and model answers, how to best prepare for AST questions. Each fortnight we will alternate the focus so that students get to practice answering quantitative, short form and written questions.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get better at this very important test. Please strongly encourage your daughters to attend.

Careers Expo and Year 11 2019 Information Night – Thursday 17 May (3.00pm-6.30pm)

The annual Merici College Careers Expo is on Thursday May 17 from 3.00pm-4.30pm in the Canteen/Restaurant. All students and parents from Year 9 through to Year 12 are invited to attend. The senior students in particular are actively encouraged to ask specific questions about tertiary courses they are thinking about when they leave school. For the Year 10 students and parents, it is an excellent opportunity to find out about course prerequisites, recommended study and the level of assumed knowledge required for entry into certain tertiary courses. This knowledge helps students to decide on their senior subjects for Year 11.

The range of external providers present at the Merici Expo cater for all the student needs - degrees, vocational courses, traineeships, volunteering and workplace training.

From 4:30pm-5:15pm, Year 10 parents and students are invited to move into the newly refurbished Auditorium to receive their senior information packs, including handbook, and to talk to teachers and senior students about the courses offered in Year 11 and 12 at Merici College. All subjects on offer will display relevant material related to their course. This is an ideal opportunity to gain clarification and ask questions about the courses on offer.

At 5:30pm a formal presentation, Senior Studies at Merici, will begin and key information relating to senior studies in the ACT, specific Merici information and course overviews will be presented. The evening will conclude by 6:30pm.

CAREERS NEWS

Year 10 Transitions Forum - Monday 2 July-Friday 6 July

The Year 10 Transitions Forum will be held from Monday 2 July to Friday 6 July (Term 2 Week 10). It is a requirement that Year 10 students attend during this week because it provides essential information about the requirements for Senior College.

The Year 10 Business Administration students will be contacting parents to take part in some of the activities occurring during the week, and this will be used as evidence towards the completion of their competencies. The students will access parent occupation details and emails so they can organise the Experts on Tap sessions that will occur during the week.

At all times, student email contact with parents will be strictly monitored by their teachers. However, if you do not wish to have the Business Administration students access your occupation details, please email Mrs Kerry McDonnell as soon as possible on kerry.mcdonnell@merici.act.edu.au or telephone 6243 4135. Please also contact Mrs McDonnell if you would like to participate in the 'Experts on Tap' Day.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM

Year 10 Christian Service Learning Week

As part of the Christian Service Learning Program, Year 10 Students are participating in their Christian Service Week in Week 7, TERM 4 (26-30 November, 2018). Students will volunteer at an agency e.g. Vinnies store or primary school in the Canberra region. Students have been provided with a list of sample agencies attended by students in previous years. This is a compulsory week of Christian Service for Year 10 students.

Earlier in the year, students attended an information session regarding the program and were asked to nominate their preferences via the link below. If your daughter has not yet submitted this form (which was due 22 April), can you please encourage her to do so by Friday 11 May.

<https://goo.gl/forms/mRHdQim75XUEkiXP2>

If you have any questions regarding Christian Service Week, please contact Ms Amy Connellan, Head of Mission and Community on 6243 4157 or email: amy.connellan@merici.act.edu.au

YM@Merici (Youth Ministry)

CONNECT Masses (Mass @ 6.00pm, YM 7.00pm - 8.30pm)

Want to engage with Mass and connect with students from Canberra Catholic College's and beyond? Then the Connect Mass is for you! Connect Masses are held at Mary Help of Christians Parish, Cnr. Beasley Street & Hogson Crescent Pearce, ACT. Mass starts at 6:00pm with youthful music and a Homily catered to a youth audience. Fellowship and connect is from 7:00pm until 8:30pm. Fellowship involves icebreaker games, food and faithful discussions with other students.

Remaining dates for this year are Saturday 19 May, Saturday 25 August, Saturday 3 November.

For more information contact: Marist College Canberra Youth Ministry Officer – Rossen at: rossenderamos@gmail.com.

Please note: Merici College staff presence will be at the CONNECT Masses, however, these are not Merici organised events and parent attendance at the Masses is encouraged.

CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

Music

Please see upcoming events below:

- 2018 Australian National Eisteddfod - end of Week 3
- Jazz Band will perform on Thursday 17 May, at Lyneham High Performing Arts Centre
- Junior and Senior Combined Concert Band will perform on Saturday 19 May, at Llewellyn Hall, ANU School of Music
- String ensemble will perform on Saturday 19 May, at Llewellyn Hall, ANU School of Music

Please follow the link <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/national-eisteddfod-2018-program> to find the performance schedule.

SPORT

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

iC NEWS

It has been a busy start to 2018, since the beginning of the year students and staff have searched the Library Catalogue *Oliver* 2,585 times. This is not a bad hit rate yet shows that many more students could be beginning their research journey at the *Oliver* Catalogue. *Oliver* provides access to websites, e-books, PDFs, ClickView, *Worldbook* Encyclopedia, InfoBase Databases and the ANZ Reference Centre. These resources can also be accessed through the Moodle home page, iC Services.

Library staff have loaned out 1,875 library resources and 2,487 textbooks since the beginning of the year. It is easy to see why we have difficulty chasing overdue items and are unable to remember who has borrowed which resource. Borrowing and printing is made easier by using the student ID card. It also saves issues when students respond with "I never borrowed that item".

Yours in reading and research,
iC Team

IT NEWS

Family Zone Cyber Safety News

What on earth is a Snapstreak?

There's a lot to learn about this fascinating and sometimes-infuriating app, the top social media platform for teens today.

[Read more...](#)



Fortnite: Battle Royale

It's been called Hunger Games meets Call of Duty. So it's little wonder that, upon its release as a free download in 2018, Fortnite: Battle Royale has blown away its competitors to become one of the most popular games on earth - praised and criticised in equal measure for its addictive qualities by both kids and adults.



[Is your child hooked on Fortnite: Battle Royale?](#)

Oversharenting – What is it?

With online privacy on everybody's minds these days - thank you, Mr. Zuckerberg - what better time for parents to consider the consequences of what experts are calling "oversharenting"?



[Why Am I Sharing This?](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 2 Weeks 4 and 5)

School Photos (Year 12 classes, House photos, catchup for absent students) – Monday 21 May
Duke of Edinburgh Introductory Weekend #1 – Friday 25 May (3.30pm) – Sunday 28 May
Senior Drama Comedy Night – Tuesday 29 May (6.00pm-8.30pm)
North Region 13 & O Cross Country – Wednesday 31 May