

WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #fidelitas #merici60

Term 2 Weeks 2 and 3 (5 May-19 May)



WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Merici College Enrolling Now 2020 and Beyond Campaign (May 2019)

Please follow the link www.merici.college to find important information on Open Day, Feeder School Visits, Be a Merici Girl days and Information Night, as well as Bridge Restaurant bookings. Online registration for these events is available and we would welcome your support in forwarding this information to your family members, friends and work colleagues.

Important Dates:

- Be a Merici Girl Day #1 – Thursday 2 May
- Talk and Tour – Saturday 4 May
- Be a Merici Girl Day #2 – Monday 6 May
- Be a Merici Girl Day #3 – Tuesday 7 May
- Open Day (inc Year 7 Info Night) – Wednesday 8 May 2-4pm and 5.30-7.30pm (Principal's Address: 2.15pm and 5.45pm)
- Be a Merici Girl Day #4 – Friday 10 May
- Year 11 Information Night – Thursday 16 May 5.00pm-6.30pm
- Careers Expo Years 9-12 – Thursday 16 May 2.30pm-4.30pm

School Tours: Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/open-day-activities> to find a permission note for students interested in participating in Open Day School tours. Please return the permission note to Student Services. Please note that Merici can accept the returning of permission notes from a registered parent/guardian email address. There is no need to print and scan. Email to attendance@merici.act.edu.au.

Students are required to wear full school uniform. Practice tours will be conducted during school time during Week 1 of Term 2.

Nominations for the Merici College Board

It is with great pleasure that we welcome all new students along with returning members of our community for Term 2 2019. The Merici College School Board performs a dual role: Governance of the College as well as the Parents & Friends Association of Merici. Due to a resignation, 1 position is now available on the Board. The appointment is for a 2-year period with an option to re-nominate for a further 2 periods, 6 years in total. Any interested parent, who has the desire to commit to becoming part of the Merici College School Board, should contact the Returning Officer Amanda Hurley 6243 4100 or amanda.hurley@merici.act.edu.au to obtain the nomination form and details of the process involved. **Nominations close 16 May 2019.**

Jackie Keighery (Board Chair) and Loretta Wholley (Principal, Merici College)

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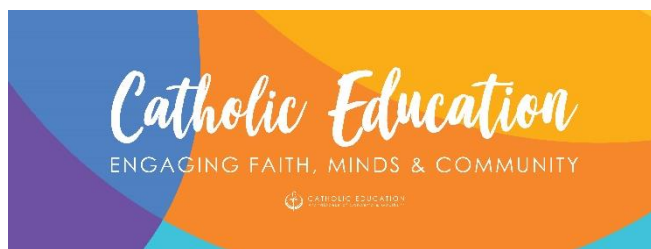
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Catholic Schools Week 'Engaging Faith, Minds and Community' (Monday 6 May – Sunday 12 May)

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) presents an opportunity to highlight our schools and their communities. This year CSW will commence on Monday, 6 May to align with enrolment month in the ACT. The Archbishop has endorsed the theme for 2019, '*Engaging Hearts, Minds and Community*' is supported by the liturgical reference, '*Send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me*' Ps 43:3. The theme highlights the faith based nature of our Catholic schools while emphasising our inclusiveness – that all are welcome. Catholic Schools are places where we strive for all to be engaged in faith, inspire the mind and build strong communities. The theme explores what makes our schools unique, in particular the richness of our Catholic school communities.



Merici/South Canberra Dedicated Bus Services

As you may be aware, Merici runs a dedicated bus service to and from the College to areas of South Canberra. This service may be helpful to families who have been affected by the changes in the Transport Canberra school bus network. Please follow the link <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/my-merici/resources/bus-timetables> to find more information on our service.

Ningil House Day (Monday 6 May)

Ningil House will celebrate their 'House Day' on Monday 6 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.

Guidelines for Ningil House Day dress: To ensure the Ningil House Day is as successful as possible, students are required to follow the dress guidelines below.

- Wear red accessories with your full winter school uniform eg. red hair ribbon or head band
- All College rules about make-up and jewellery apply on this day – no coloured hair.

We are looking forward to a very successful Ningil House Day and appreciate your support of this special celebration. If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact either your daughter's PC Teacher or Vicki Meyers, House Coordinator.

Bridge Restaurant (Wednesday 8 May 6.00pm and Wednesday 15 May 12.30pm)

The Bridge Restaurant is fully booked out for Wednesday 8 May. Please visit www.merici.college for online bookings or telephone 6243 4110 for our next restaurant sitting on Wednesday 15 May 12.30pm.

School Photos (Friday 3 May, Wednesday 15 May)

School photos will take place on Friday 3 May and Wednesday 15 May 2019.

- Friday 3 May: Individual portraits, family/siblings, PC classes, Student Leadership Team.
- Wednesday 15 May: Year 12 class photo, House photos, absentee Day 1 individual portrait photos.

Students are required to wear full Winter uniform, including blazers for Senior students.

Please see below regarding information from AdvancedLife Photography:

Please follow the link <https://merici.news/event-created/school-photos> to find information on payment and the online ordering system.

Mother's Day Prayer and Breakfast – Monday 13 May (8.00am)

An invitation is extended to our students and all our mothers, grandmothers and carers to attend a very special Prayer and Breakfast on Monday 13 May at 8.00am in the Chapel followed by breakfast in the restaurant. Please follow the link

<http://merici.college/go/mothers-day-invitation> to find an invitation to this special celebration. Please confirm your attendance before Wednesday 8 May by contacting Ros Parisi, ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au or telephone 6243 4178. Please advise special dietary requirements.

Parent Online Advice May 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-may> to find the latest special advice regarding YouTube. Perimeter has focused solely on Youtube this month, as they have seen a noticeable increase in not only the dangers of watching some of the videos and exposure to the associated comments, but also the amount of young people and even small children starting their own channels and uploading their own videos, emulating their favourite 'Youtubers'.

MERICI COLLEGE 60TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

60th Anniversary Photography Competition (entries close Friday 17 May)

We would like to invite our past and current students and staff to enter our Photography Competition. The theme is '*Celebrating 60 years – What does Merici mean to you?*' which can be expressed in any way you like but must come with a short statement to explain the image. Images can be colour or black & white, and taken anytime in the past 60 years, right up to the present day, must feature something 'MERICI'.

Great Prizes:

- 1st - \$300
- 2nd – Ted's Camera Store \$250 gift voucher
- 3rd - \$100
- 4th – Cadbury Gift Pack

Limit 2 images per person. Closes Friday 17 May. Winners announced at the St Angela Merici Festival Saturday 1 June (<http://merici.college/go/st-angela-merici-festival>).

Please click [here](#) to find Terms and Conditions.

St Angela Merici Day Festival (Saturday 1 June 1.00pm-3.30pm)

Bringing together our past, present and future!

Celebrating 60 Years of Excellence in The Education of Young Women!

A unique opportunity for our current and past students and staff to come together and celebrate the achievements of Canberra Catholic Girls' High School, through to Braddon Catholic High School, to Braddon Catholic Girls' High School, and to Merici College. Past, present and prospective students, staff and families are invited.

School Tours, Dance and Music Performances, Community Art, Photography Competition Winners Announced, 60th Anniversary Merchandise on sale, Complimentary Afternoon Tea and lots more. RSVP essential for catering purposes to <https://merici.college/#anniversary> or email: alumni@merici.act.edu.au. Please click [here](#) to find the invitation.

YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 NEWS

Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN (14-24 May)

ACT schools will participate in NAPLAN Online between from 14-24 May 2019. All students participating in NAPLAN Online 2019 are expected to have done a practice/familiarisation test prior to the May NAPLAN tests. ACT schools undertaking NAPLAN Online this year will participate in a practice/familiarisation test between 25 March and 12 April 2019. The practice test does not assess student performance and has been developed to replace one of the familiarisation activities that schools have traditionally undertaken.

As a parent, you can become familiar with NAPLAN Online tests by visiting the public demonstration site, <http://bit.ly/naplanonline>. The purpose of the site is to familiarise students with the type of items they will see on NAPLAN Online and related functionalities. This level of familiarisation is worthwhile to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the test.

For additional information please contact the Head of Junior School Virginia McLeod virginia.mcleod@merici.act.edu.au. Further information on NAPLAN Online, including the public demonstration site, is available at www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online.

Year 9 Engineering: CIT Bridge Competition

As part of the Year 9 Engineering Technology, students are collaborating to build a bridge for the 2019 CIT Bridge Competition. For the competition (kindly funded by CIT) students are given a kit of materials and build a bridge to a set of specifications provided by CIT. The bridges are then tested to destruction in the semi-final rounds, with the best-performing teams going on to build a second bridge for the finals. Our semi-final will be held on Monday 6 May, at the Caroline Chisholm Centre for Innovation and Learning at Caroline Chisholm school in Tuggeranong. Testing will run from 8:30am-12:30pm. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/cit-bridge-comp> to find the permission note.

Year 7/8 Da Vinci Decathlon (Thursday 9 May)

The Da Vinci Decathlon is a one-day competition for teams of eight students, held Australia-wide. The ACT event for Year 7 and 8 students is hosted by Canberra Grammar School. The competition comprises ten challenges involving English, Science, Mathematics, Engineering, General Knowledge, Ideation, Cartography, Art and Poetry, Codebreaking and Creative Producers (drama).

The Year 7 and 8 competition will be held on Thursday 9 May at Canberra Grammar School, and the students will be accompanied by Renee Taylor. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/year78-decathlon> to find the permission note.

Year 9 Da Vinci Decathon (Thursday 9 May)

Our Year 9/10 teams will be competing in the regional competition hosted by Riverina Anglican College in Wagga Wagga. The competition will be held on Thursday 9 May and commences at 9:15am. The Merici teams will travel from Canberra using the school bus, departing Merici at 5:40am and returning by 7pm that evening. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/year9-da-vinci> to find the permission note.

CAREERS NEWS

To find the latest Careers newsletter and information, please visit <http://merici.college/go/careers-may> and to find interesting facts on the study of Medicine, please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/facts-medicine>.

iC NEWS

It has been a busy start to 2019, since the beginning of the year students and staff have searched the Library Catalogue *Oliver* 2,394 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 1,981 library resources and 2,319 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

MISSION AND COMMUNITY

Share the Dignity

Can you assist to **Share the dignity?** Many women in Australia have little access to sanitary items due to homelessness or poverty. Members of our Merici College community are invited to donate sanitary items between 29 April - 10 May (Weeks 1-2, Term 2). Please place any donations in the collection box near Student Services. Interested in finding out more? Visit <https://www.sharethedignity.com.au/>

IT NEWS

Family Zone – Cyber Safety News

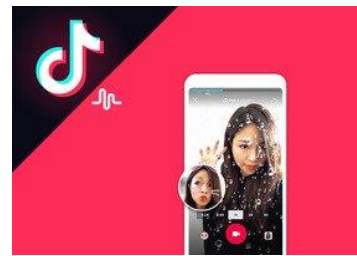
Family Zone's Community update on current Cyber Safety trends and themes and latest Feature Guide on managing routines and calendars. Please note that parents have access to all the Family Zone resources and help at <https://www.familyzone.com/mericiact>



[Mental health crisis in primary years linked to screen-time, social media](#)



[Krunker has landed - and it's got our kids in the crosshairs](#)



[Alarm bells ringing for TikTok](#)

LANGUAGES

Hosting French Students

Nacel has French students coming to Canberra for 10 Weeks from 16 June – 24 August 2019. They are here to improve their English and immerse themselves into the Australian culture and lifestyle of their Australian Host Family. Families that are interested in hosting will receive:

- A Coles voucher \$100 per week of hosting (i.e. 10 weeks = \$1000, 5 weeks = \$500)
- 2019/2020 digital copy of the Entertainment Book , <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/>
- \$750 discount off any of our 2019 Outbound Programs to Europe or Canada

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/nacel-exchange> to find an information flyer.

To register your interest in hosting please apply via the Nacel website:

<https://nacel.com.au/hosting-an-international-student/application-to-host-an-international-student/> once we receive their online application our local coordinator will call you directly to arrange a home interview.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The Big Science competition will be held on Monday 22nd May, and we are encouraging students in Years 7-10 to enter. It is a 50 minute, multiple choice competition testing critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Certificates can be won, and the questions are always interesting.



The entry cost is covered by the college. To register, talk to your science teacher or send an email to Dr White (kathryn.white@merici.act.edu.au). Registrations are due by the end of Term 1, so don't wait about!

SPORT

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

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Snow Sports

ACT Interschools Snow Sports competition is held 23rd-26th July at Perisher Valley. Just a reminder that snow-sports excursion permission notes as well as payment are due back to the College by 16 May. If you require any information regarding Snow Sports at Merici College please contact either Adrian Heim or Diana Davis.

OTHER NEWS

Young Journalist Award

Students are invited to participate in the 2019 Young Journalist Award competition. Entries close 24 May 2019. Your teacher needs to submit your entry on the approved entry form.

Length of article – 500 words

Link for details of the competition:

Information at

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article.aspx?aeid=38218>



It may be helpful to our students who are entering the competition to look at last year's entries and winners – the 2018 theme was 'Voices of Hope'

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/young-journalist-award-winners-2018>

Excellent Canberra Tutor

Having tutored students for over 5 years, Clare McBride-Kelly is a highly experienced tutor in English, essay writing, English as a second language, history and philosophy. Alongside her academic tutoring Clare has extensive experience in developing students time management and organisational skills, which leads to the development of a strong work ethic. She tailors tutoring sessions to the specific level, pace and interests of each student and is an approachable, passionate and focussed tutor.

Qualifications

- ATAR: 99.30
- Tuckwell Scholarship recipient
- New Colombo Plan Scholarship recipient
- Student at ANU: Bachelor of Laws (honours) and Bachelor of Asian Studies
 - GPA: 6.5

Meeting place: Clare meets students in a library room at ANU– professional and productive environment

Rate: \$50/ hour - Rate reduced fee for primary school students

Contact: U6386294@anu.edu.au

UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 2 Weeks 4 and 5)

Reconciliation Day Public Holiday – Monday 25 May

AFL Canberra 7/8 High School Cup – Tuesday 28 May

Bridge Restaurant – Wednesday 29 May

Australian National Eisteddfod – Thursday 30 May – Friday 31 May

AFL Canberra 9/10 High School Cup

Secondary North Region Cross Country – Thursday 30 May

St Angela Merici Day – Friday 31 May

St Angela Merici Festival – Saturday 1 June