



# WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #YearofYouth #SpreadingJoy

Term 2 Weeks 8 and 9 (18 June – 1 July)

## WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Semester 1 Reports: Years 7-12

Semester Reports for students in Years 7-9 will be handed to students to be brought home on Wednesday 4 July 2018 (Week 10). This will enable parents who wish to discuss anything to make contact with teachers before the end of term. A Parent Alert will be sent on Tuesday of Week 10 to remind you to expect your daughter to deliver their report to you. If, for any reason, a report does not make it home, please contact the College on Thursday 4 July and we will arrange an alternate delivery.

Reports for students in Years 10-12, and any junior reports not taken home by students, will be posted during the first week of the semester break.

### Seiwa House Day (Monday 25 June)

Seiwa House will celebrate their inaugural 'House Day' on Monday 25 June. This is an opportunity to acknowledge, observe and explore the Order of the Good Samaritan Nuns on which Seiwa House is founded.

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 Seiwa House followed by a cake in the Indigenous Garden. Seiwa students are encouraged to wear blue accessories on the day.

### Guidelines for Seiwa House Day dress

To ensure the Seiwa House Day is as successful as possible, students are required to follow the dress guidelines below.

- Wear blue accessories with your full winter school uniform e.g. blue 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 Seiwa 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, Seiwa House Coordinator on email [vicki.meyers@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:vicki.meyers@merici.act.edu.au).

### Bridge Benefit Dinner (Saturday 15 September) – Seeking Donations

Merici College is holding a Bridge Benefit Fundraising Dinner which will be held on Saturday 15 September in the Merici College Bridge Restaurant commencing at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. Please follow the link <https://merici.news/event-created/bridge-benefit-fundraising-dinner> to find more information. This event is a student-led initiative and is in its fourth year of running.

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This year, the students have decided that all proceeds will be donated to Karinya House Home for Mothers & Babies Inc. Karinya House is a community based organisation providing supported accommodation, transitional housing and outreach services to pregnant and parenting women and their families from Canberra and surrounding regional areas who are in crisis. The service operates on a twenty-four hour, seven days a week basis and is located in the ACT and fosters a strong ethos of supporting women to make the best possible choice for themselves. Karinya is a non-government charitable organisation. There are no affiliations to any government agencies or religious institutions and, most importantly, it is a non-judgemental organisation. This is an important point of difference for a lot of women in making the decision to seek help from Karinya. One of the most important insights for those who seek the support of Karinya is that they are all in some kind of crisis, something commonplace in reality.

We are seeking donations from our community to be sold at our Bridge Benefit Dinner as part of our 'private auction'. We would welcome gift vouchers, goods, services, any items that can be added to hampers (such as quality products, jams, kitchen items, picnic, BBQ items, wine, chocolates etc.). In appreciation of your support, your business will be thanked at the event and your logo will be displayed on our school website and social media networks. Cash donations are also welcome. All funds raised at the dinner will be donated to Karinya House.

Please email Ros Parisi, Public Relations Officer at [ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au), or telephone 6243 4178, with the details of your donations, business logo and/or any queries you may have.

We hope that you are able to support this important fundraising event.

### Parent Online Advice June 2018

The *Perimeter Guardian Parent Advice Online Safety* information newsletter focuses on technology issues that concern parents. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/june-parent-online> to find the latest special advice regarding apps children have downloaded. Perimeter Guardian has prepared this advice in response to queries from parents who weren't sure what apps their children had downloaded or purchased, and how to check that. Please also follow the link <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/choosing-safe-apps-games/> to find an article which provides advice for parents about choosing safe apps and games for their children. The article is also available on Perimeter Guardian's website: <https://www.perimeterguardian.com.au/2018/02/so-many-apps/>.

### Canberra's Light Rail Light is fast approaching with testing of the system now happening!

Prior to welcoming passengers on board, the light rail system undergoes a rigorous testing and commissioning process. This important phase of the project ensures the light rail is fully functional and safe to carry passengers.

A key step in this next phase of the project, is the powering up of the light rail's overhead wires with electricity. This is called energisation. After the overhead wires are energised, light rail vehicles (LRVs) will commence testing on the tracks.



Testing will happen in sections along the light rail alignment, starting towards the Gungahlin end of the line. Light rail vehicle testing will initially be carried out at night at slow speeds. Over time testing will also take place during the day and speeds will gradually be increased. During testing, no passengers will be on board the light rail vehicles.

Stay safe! During the testing period, never attempt to access the light rail corridor and always cross rail tracks at designated pedestrian crossings and intersections. Although the overhead wires are more than 6 metres above the rail track, the wires are LIVE. Always keep a safe distance and never come into contact with the wire.

New signage and extra traffic controls will be in place along the light rail corridor during testing. Please obey all signs and roads rules. The Light Rail Safety [video](#) has tips to help everyone stay safe in the light rail environment.

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/canb-metro-june> to find more information on current road closures.

## YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

### Merici College Student and Parent Formal 2018 – Deposit due Wednesday 27 June

It is with great excitement we are writing to you to save the date for the Merici Student and Parent Formal 2018. To ensure that everyone who wishes to be a part of the evening has the opportunity to attend we would like to outline some important details about the evening.

Venue: The National Arboretum

Date: Friday 7 December

Invited: Merici Year 12 students, their partner and their parents. The College invites the parents to this event as we believe it is an important night to share with your daughter(s), celebrating her successful College graduation.

Deposit: A deposit of \$30 per ticket is required to be paid by Wednesday 27 June to assist with formal arrangements. A credit card voucher can be found at <http://merici.college/go/credit-card> or payments can be made directly to the College using BSB 062 786, Account No: 10321. Reference must be "Formal + Your Surname"

Serving of Alcohol: Alcohol will be available at the function for all patrons over 18 years of age. Alcohol will be available for purchase and consumption at the designated bar area.

Cost: Approx.: \$145 per ticket (all inclusive – venue hire, 3 course meal, live band, photographer)

Final Payment: Final payment is due Friday 26 October 2018.

Available Payment Plan: To help families afford Formal tickets the College has opened a 'lay-by' style payment system. Families are welcome to make regular payments between now and Friday 26 October to make the cost of the event more achievable. We highly encourage families wishing to purchase four tickets to take advantage of this payment plan.

Guests: We expect that partners are of an appropriate age and cannot be a current or former Merici College student. Dietary requirements and table allocation will be undertaken electronically later in the year.

Any functions held before or after the Formal are not sanctioned, organised or supervised by College staff. No venue may be booked using the name of the College. Parents should be mindful of the need for effective supervision at these types of functions if they choose to take responsibility for them.

### **End of Semester 1 Academic Dates for Senior Students**

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/key-academic-dates> to find specific academic information for Year 11 and 12 students.

### **End of Semester 1 Information for Year 10 students**

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/year-10-end-of-sem1> to find some specific information for Year 10 students relating to the end of the semester and the transition towards Year 11 in 2019, including exams, Year 11 2019 interviews and subject selections.

### **Exam Timetable Semester 1 2018**

The Semester 1, 2018 exam timetable for senior students and Year 10 students has now been finalised and can be found at <http://merici.college/go/sem1-exam-timetable>. The timetable also includes the Year 10 exams that are on Monday 19 June. It is important that if your daughter has any clashes that she contact Mr Baines to arrange for rescheduling. Formal classes for Year 11 and 12 conclude on Monday 19 June. Year 11 and 12 students are expected to be at school for only for the times of their exams (Week 18) and may wear appropriate, warm, casual clothes. Please note, blankets and Ugg boots are not appropriate for the exam room. Students need to be in the New Quad at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the exam.

If senior students are sick on the day of the exam, parents are asked to call Mr Baines on 6243 4137 or the relevant Studies Coordinator before the commencement of the exam.

### **Semester 2 starting Week 9: Years 11 and 12**

A reminder that all students in Years 11 and 12 are expected to attend their Semester 2 classes during Week 9 this term. This early start to the semester ensures that students meet the curriculum delivery time expectation of the BSSS. Senior students' last day is Friday 29 June.

### **Year 12 Retreat (Wednesday 25 July-Friday 27 July)**

As Year 12 come to the end of their journey at Merici College, they are required to attend their annual Year 12 Retreat. It is an overnight Retreat from Wednesday afternoon (after school) 25 July to Friday 27 July 2018. The Retreat will be held at the Warrambui Retreat and Conference Centre in Murrumbateman. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/year12-retreat-permission> to find the permission note which needs to be completed by Friday 22 June. The permission note can be also found in Word version for electronic completion at <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/year-12-retreat-permission-note-word-version>. If you have any further questions regarding Year 12 Retreat, please contact Mr Greg Baines, Head of Senior School via email: [gregory.baines@meric.act.edu.au](mailto:gregory.baines@meric.act.edu.au) or telephone 6243 4137.

## CAREERS NEWS

Check out the new layout of our Merici Careers website, <https://www.mericicareers.com/>. To find the latest Careers Newsletter, please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/mericicareersnewsletter>.

### **Australian School Based Apprenticeships – Work Experience Needed**

There are a number of students at Merici College who have expressed an interest in undertaking an Australian School Based Apprenticeship as part of their Senior Studies. The areas they are looking at are:

- Business Administration
- Hairdressing
- Electrical
- Child Care

If you are interested in or have the capability within your organisation to offer work experience which may lead to an Australian School Based Apprenticeship, please let Mrs Kerry McDonnell know on email [Kerry.mcdonnell@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:Kerry.mcdonnell@merici.act.edu.au).

### **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.

Please also contact Kerry if you would like to participate in the 'Experts on Tap' on email [kerry.mcdonnell@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:kerry.mcdonnell@merici.act.edu.au) or telephone 6243 4135.

## CHINA STUDY TOUR

### **Registering your interest in China Study Tour 2019 for Year 9-11 students**

If you would like to participate in the 2019 China Study Tour, please ensure that you submit the following by 22 June 2018 to the Finance Office.

- Application Form (all questions MUST be answered)
- Expression of Interest Deposit of \$250 (cash, cheque or credit card – please use the payment envelope available from the Finance Office)
- A colour copy of current passport OR birth certificate OR expired passport

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/china-application-itinerary> to find the application form and itinerary.

Please contact the following teachers if you need more information on the tour:

Mrs Jen Baines [jen.baines@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:jen.baines@merici.act.edu.au)

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## SPORT

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

### Volleyball Semester 2 Registration

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/volleyball-sem2> to find registration and competition information for students interested in participating in Merici College Volleyball in Semester 2.

Please note that completion of the Merici College Volleyball Online Registration Form, registration fees and uniform payment are required by Friday 22 June.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

### Merici College CanLine (Monday 18 June)

The Merici College CanLine is on Monday 18 June in Period 3 (Flex lesson). Your daughter(s) is/are invited to support the Vinnies Winter Appeal and OzHarvest in the work they do for the vulnerable in our local community by contributing canned food. All Pastoral Care classes are supporting this initiative. If you have any further questions, please contact Amy Connellan, Head of Mission and Community at [amy.connellan@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:amy.connellan@merici.act.edu.au) or telephone 6243 4157.

### Merici College Vinnies Sleepout (Thursday 28 June – Friday 29 June)

Did you know that on any given night, 1 in 200 Australians are homeless and we have a number of Canberrans in this situation (<http://merici.college/go/homelessnessaustralia>). If your daughter is passionate about Social Justice issues or enjoys camping, she may be interested in participating in the Merici College Vinnies Sleepout is on Thursday 28 June - Friday 29 June in the New Quad for Years 10-12 students.

It would be great to see as many Years 10-12 students present to raise awareness and much needed funds for the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Please refer to the permission note at <http://merici.college/go/vinnies-sleepout>. If you have any further questions, please contact Amy Connellan, Head of Mission and Community at [amy.connellan@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:amy.connellan@merici.act.edu.au) or telephone 6243 4157.

## IT NEWS

### Cyber Safety News June 2018

Reduce your child's risk of online abuse by 50% with this one simple rule -

In his work as an undercover detective, Brett Lee posed as a child online to catch predators. He was always asked the same questions.

[Read more ...](#)



## iC NEWS

As part of our regular collection maintenance we ensure resources are Current, Reliable, Authoritative and meet the Purpose of curriculum and our users, the staff and students of the College. We remove resources from the collection that no longer meet these criteria, for non-fiction this is easy: the information is dated, it doesn't meet the Curriculum, and is no longer topical or relevant. For Fiction resources this is slightly more difficult; at times we can remove a book because it is old, no longer appealing, or damaged. The other criteria we have is that it hasn't been borrowed in some time.

Our display in the iC for this month is to raise the profile of these fiction books to promote their appeal and stop them from becoming the next weeded item. As the holidays loom, perhaps it is time to encourage your daughter to browse the display to find a book that hasn't been borrowed for a while. If it is a great read, have them recommend it to friends, if not tell the iC staff why and that will be the resource that is removed from the collection.

iC staff

## OTHER NEWS

### Greenlight 4 girls day @canberra 2018 (18 August 18 8:30am to 4:30pm)

This one day event demonstrates the link between *Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics* (STEM) to everything around us in a fun and interactive way! 100-150 girls aged 10-16 are invited to come and join the fun and be inspired by hands-on workshops led by role-model professionals in STEM at the ACE Science Education Centre (SEC), Melrose High School, Marr Street, Pearce.

The day consists of 45-minute workshops with 10-12 girls in one workshop and each girl has a chance to experience 4 workshops throughout the day. There will also be some lead up workshops to this event which will allow girls the opportunity to focus in more detail on specific areas of science.

*This project received grant funding from the Australian Government as part of the Inspiring Australia – Science Engagement Programme.*

For more information please visit <http://merici.college/go/greenlightforgirlsday>.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 2 Week 10 and Term 3 Week 1)**

Year 10 Transitions Week (Monday 2 July-Friday 6 July)

Year 10 Reflection Day (Friday 6 July)

End of Term 2 (Friday 6 July)

Term 3 starts (Monday 23 July)

Snow Sports Inter-School Competition (Tuesday 24 July-Friday 27 July)

Year 12 Retreat (Wednesday 25 July – Friday 27 July)