

WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Weeks 2 and 3 (Monday 27 July – Sunday 9 August)

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

COVID-19 Update

Due to the nature of a pandemic and the quickly evolving landscape, we ask parents to regularly check the ACT Health Information website <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/> and adhere to the advice provided.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2019)*.

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability. The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information.

NCCD Nationally Consistent Collection of Data of School Students with Disability

What is the NCCD?
The NCCD is an annual collection of information about Australian school students with disability

Information collected:
Year of schooling
Level of adjustment
Broad category of disability

Annual collection
The NCCD is held each year in every Australian School.
2019: Friday 2 August

The purpose ...
To ensure that all students with a disability have equal access to education

Who is involved?
School staff, students and parents / carers.

Where learn more?
Visit the new NCCD Portal www.nccd.edu.au

Catholic Schools NSW Walking with NSW Catholic Schools on the 2020 NCCD

To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>). Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>). Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/nccd-info-parents> to find more information. If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Academic Awards Semester 1 2020

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to hold our Academic Awards ceremonies as normal this semester. We will be conducting the ceremonies via live stream on a date to be announced.

Grandparent's Day (Monday 3 August)

Each year at the College we hold a special Grandparent's Day liturgy and breakfast, where we invite grandparents of Year 7 to join us and accompany their grandchildren. Due to COVID-19 concerns we are unable to host such an event at school. At this stage, to celebrate Grandparent's Day we are preparing a special video message and prayer from Year 7 to their grandparents, which will be available online on 3 August 2020.

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/july-parent-online> to find the latest newsletter covering LMK: Q&A and LMK Polls for Snapchat and TikTok's Step Chickens.

Wise Street Carpark

Please be reminded that no right turn into Wise Street from the carpark is allowed.

YEAR 10, 11 and 12

Year 12 Retreat (Monday 27 July – Tuesday 28 July)

We have been notified by Catholic Education that we are remaining on what is known as Stage 2.2 COVID-19 restrictions, which means that all excursions have been cancelled. This has had an impact on the plans for the Year 12 Retreat due to be held this next. Unfortunately we have had to cancel in its original form, but we have been able to transform it into a two day Reflection Day, on campus. It will take place all day on Monday 27 July and Tuesday 28 July. A program will be sent to Year 12 students. Please note that it will be finishing late in the evening on Monday and early in the evening on Tuesday. Once costs have been finalised we will reimburse families the difference.

Year 10 and 11 Design and Textiles Incursion (Wednesday 29 July)

A full day Drawing Workshop has been arranged for Year 10 and 11 Design and Textiles students on Wednesday 29 July 2020. This incursion is designed to develop skills fashion and production drawing and also covers a core competency MSTCL2011 - *Draw and Interpret a Sketch*, which is a part of the VET qualification MST20616 - Cert II in Applied Fashion Design and Technology which the Year 11 students are studying. Students will use these skills when sketching and designing their work and give them confidence in creating original works in future units. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/drawing-workshop-year1011> to find the permission notes.

Year 10 Immunisations

Year 10 immunisations will be held on Friday 14 August. Please visit www.health.act.gov.au/services/immunisation:

- Scroll down to Adolescents box & click
- Scroll down to Year 10 Students & click
- Click on the link = download consent card here
- Must print double sided and prefer colour.

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Term 3 is usually the time where we celebrate the Children's Book Council Awards (CBCA). Due to the pandemic, Book Week has been moved to Week 2, Term 4. This does not change the importance of celebrating the short list of awarded picture books during Term 3. Once a fortnight, during junior (year 7 -10) English classes, we will be exploring the shortlisted books for all categories: older readers, younger readers, picture books, early childhood, and The Crichton Award for new illustrators. Reading and sharing a picture book and novel is a beautiful way to celebrate stories, discuss a message and appreciate the illustrations and written word.

This prepares us to celebrate Book Week during Week 2, Term 4, the 19th – 23rd October. The theme of this year's Book Week is Curious Creatures, Wild Minds.

You are never too old for a picture book,

iC staff

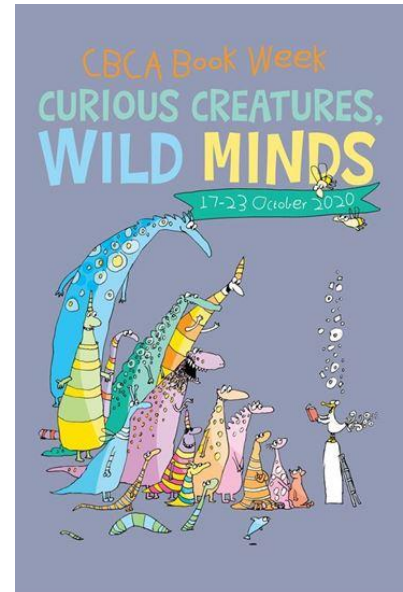
CAREERS NEWS

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/careers-newsletter-july> to find the latest Careers newsletter and information.

CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

Sewing for Community Group

The Sewing for Community group will recommence this semester on Thursday lunchtimes – all welcome and no sewing skills required.



OTHER NEWS

University of Canberra Fast Forward Program

An early-offer to university for standout Year 11 students!

For more information , click here

<https://www.canberra.edu.au/fastforward>.

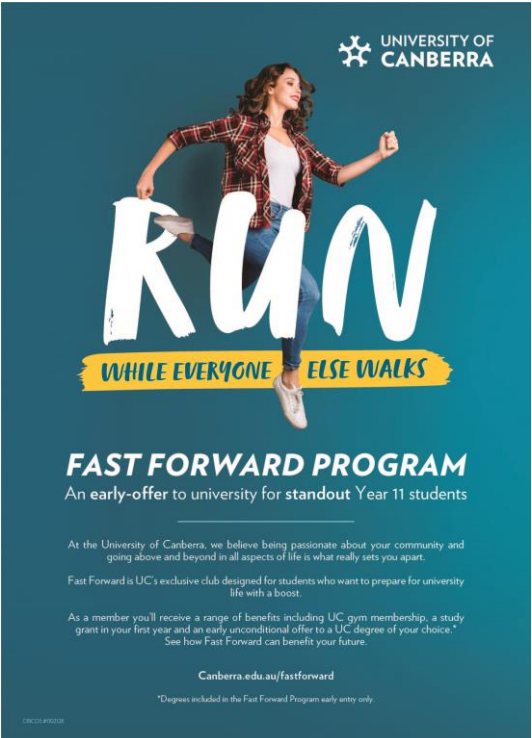
UPCOMING EVENTS (Weeks 4 and 5)

Penola House Day (Monday 10 August)

Talk and Tour (Saturday 15 August)

Bridge Restaurant (Wednesday 19 August 6.00pm)

Moderation Day #2 (Pupil Free Day Thursday 20 August)



The poster features a young woman in a plaid shirt and jeans running, with the word 'RUN' written in large white letters. Below it, a yellow banner reads 'WHILE EVERYONE ELSE WALKS'. The University of Canberra logo is in the top right corner.

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FAST FORWARD PROGRAM
An early-offer to university for **standout** Year 11 students

At the University of Canberra, we believe being passionate about your community and going above and beyond in all aspects of life is what really sets you apart.

Fast Forward is UC's exclusive club designed for students who want to prepare for university life with a boost.

As a member you'll receive a range of benefits including UC gym membership, a study grant in your first year and an early unconditional offer to a UC degree of your choice.* See how Fast Forward can benefit your future.

[Canberra.edu.au/fastforward](https://www.canberra.edu.au/fastforward)

*Degrees included in the Fast Forward Program early entry only.