

# WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #fidelitas #merici60

Term 3 Weeks 6 and 7 (26 August – 8 September)



## WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### IB MYP Update – Language Acquisition – Chinese, French and Italian

As part of our candidate process as an IB school, we are trialling the MYP with Years 7 and 8 in 2019. As the current students in these grades move up a year in 2020, they will continue with their language (Chinese, Italian or French). Current students in Year 7 and 8 (and new students joining those groups in 2020) will be required to continue their study of a language in Year 8 and 9 in 2020. Students enrolling in Year 7 in 2020 will be asked to nominate their language preference as per our usual processes. The requirement for students to continue with their language in Year 9 next year is something new to the college and part of our process to becoming an IB MYP World School.

Students currently in Year 9, are not part of the MYP trial and as such will not be expected to pick up a language in Year 10 in 2020. This however, does remain as an elective for those students who wish to carry on with a language, or for those interested in studying the IB DP programme in 2021 (it is not a requirement that students need to have studied a language previously in order to participate in the DP, students can study an additional language at a beginner/ab initio level).

Language acquisition in Years 7-9 in 2020 will be taught in phases, rather than year / age groups. This will allow more specialised and target teaching and the opportunity for those who are competent in language to progress to the next phase of language learning. For more information about language progression please click here: <http://merici.college/go/ib-languages>. You will be notified via email if your child is ready to progress to the next phase.

If you have any queries regarding language acquisition delivery in the college please contact the Studies Coordinator Jen Baines at [jen.baines@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:jen.baines@merici.act.edu.au) or [Natalie.fairfax@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:Natalie.fairfax@merici.act.edu.au) if you have general IB questions.

### We're bringing Music back!

In 2020, Music will return as an academic subject. Students in Years 7 and 8 will study Music as a part of their Performing Arts rotation and students from Years 9-12 will have the option of studying Music as an elective or senior subject. The development of our school band and ensembles will also be a major focus from next year, so we hope to see many girls signing up to a band or a new instrument.

### School Telephone System

There has been an intermittent technical problem with our telephone system where incoming callers are left in an endless loop from which there is no escape.

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This problem has been rectified. Please note that wherever possible – **a person** answers the telephone at Merici College. It is only where the receptionist is on another call or unable to pick up an incoming caller that the system defaults to the auto-answer. Thanks for reporting any concerns – your feedback is always helpful and welcome.

### **Father/Daughter Mass and Dinner (Friday 30 August)**

A special Father and Daughter evening will be held on Friday 30 August at 6.00pm. The theme of the night is "Fidelitas" and will begin with a Fathers' Day Mass at 6.00pm, followed by a Father/Daughter Dinner with special guest speaker Patricia Falcetta, Social Living Solutions (<https://sociallivingsolutions.com.au/qabout-us/>) in the restaurant.

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/atherandaughter> to find an invitation extended to all fathers and their daughters. *For students who are unable to bring their Dad, we welcome them to bring a significant male relation.* The cost for the event is \$45.00 per person and includes a 3-course meal and drinks. To secure your booking, payment must be made prior to the dinner and before Friday 23 August.

Cash payments are to be made to the Finance Office. RSVP and credit card payments to [ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au) or telephone 6243 4178. A credit card authorisation slip can be found [here](#). Please indicate special dietary requirements in your RSVP.

*Please book early to avoid disappointment as the evening is limited to 100 people.*

### **Seiwa House Day (Monday 2 September)**

Seiwa House Day will be celebrated on Monday 2 September. All members of Seiwa House are invited to wear blue accessories.

### **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass (Saturday 7 September 9.30am)**

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/massinvite> to find an invitation to our school community, past and present, to attend our Celebratory Mass on Saturday 7 September at 9.30am. Mass will be held at Merici College in the auditorium. Following the Mass, there will be refreshments and school tours. Please rsvp your attendance to [ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au) or telephone 62434178 and indicate special dietary requirements.

### **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner (Saturday 7 September)**

A very special dinner has been organised at the Canberra Rex to be held on Saturday 7 September at 6.00pm. All past and current students, staff, parents and friends are invited to attend. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/60th-dinner> to find more information. Bookings now open at <https://www.trybooking.com/BDQXT>. Bookings close on 30 August. Please note that the maximum number of people on a table is 10. Please contact Ros on 02-6243 4178, email [ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au) for any enquiries.

### **Bridge Benefit Dinner (Saturday 14 September)**

Merici College is holding a Bridge Benefit Fundraising Dinner on Saturday 14 September in the Merici College Bridge Restaurant commencing at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. This event is a student-led initiative and is in its fifth year of running.

This year, the students have decided all proceeds will be donated to Barnardos Canberra. Barnardos offers family support, out-of-home care and supported accommodation services for disadvantaged children, adolescents and their families in the ACT. Programs and services offered in the Centre reflect the problems of Canberra, with a population of young families and increasing population group of adolescents. As the Canberra population has a broad cross section of people, Barnardos' programs aim to target the most financially and socially disadvantaged.

Tickets \$90 pp. Refreshments on arrival. 8 course degustation menu. Bookings close Friday 6 September, payment required at time of booking to secure reservations. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/bridge-benefit> to find ticketing information.

## YEARS 7, 8 and 9 NEWS

### Year 9 Spirituality Day – Wednesday 28 August

The theme for Spirituality Day is "*Strength of Faith*". The day addresses issues of limiting values and motivates students to tear away the mask – looking to strengthen their faith. The day includes a session regarding mental health led by Batyr ([www.batyr.com.au](http://www.batyr.com.au)) and a powerful affirmation exercise. Students are required to wear sports uniform. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Connellan, Head of Mission and Community.

## YEARS 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

### Year 12 AST (Tuesday 3 September and Wednesday 4 September)

Year 12 Tertiary students will be undertaking the AST on Tuesday 3 September and Wednesday 4 September (Week 7). This is an exciting and important series of tests for them which they have been preparing for over the past 18 months of senior school.

Schedule of exams is below:

#### Day 1: Tuesday 3 September

- 8:00am: Breakfast provided to the students in the Canteen
- 9:00am: Students enter Auditorium
- 9:30am: Multiple Choice Test begins
- 11:45am: Test Concludes
- 1:05pm: Student enter Auditorium
- 1:30pm: Short Response Test begins
- 3:15pm: Test concludes

#### Day 2: Wednesday 4 September

- 8:00am: Breakfast provided to the students in the Canteen
- 9:15am: Students enter Auditorium
- 9:30am: Writing Test begins
- 12:00pm: Test Concludes

Students do not need to wear uniform and are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing. Further specific details about the test can be found on the BSSS website. (Students have been provided with a physical copy of the Student Information Booklet).

Please remember that it is very important to attend- illness or misadventure that prevents you sitting the exam on either, or both, days must be explained with a medical certificate 24 hours after the sitting date, and you will be rescheduled for the second sitting of the test on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October, which will be held at Daramalan College.

Students who are not able to attend the AST on either day must contact Mr Gerard Ryan (AST Coordinator) on [Gerard.ryan@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:Gerard.ryan@merici.act.edu.au) as soon as possible on the day. Please contact Mr Ryan if you have any other queries.

### **Year 12 Accredited Package Students - The Edge Conference (Tuesday 3 September)**

Year 11 and 12 Accredited students will attend the Edge Conference on Tuesday 3 September. This conference is organised by the senior Business Administration class. It is compulsory for all Accredited students at Merici College to attend.

This day is aimed at allowing your daughter to explore future pathways and career options after school. The presentations include financial literacy, addressing selection criteria, car maintenance and partying safely.

The Conference venue is the Ainslie Football Club 9.30am until 3.25pm. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/edge-2019> to find information flyers.

### **Year 10 P.A.R.T.Y. Program (Tuesday 3 September)**

Merici College is fortunate to have the opportunity to host the P.A.R.T.Y program – a government-funded initiative which aims to prevent alcohol and risk-related trauma in youth. Year 10 is the ideal age to participate in a program of this type. The P.A.R.T.Y. program will be held at Merici College on Tuesday 3 September. Students are reminded to return their completed and signed PARTY Program survey permission forms to the box outside the Student Services Office.

### **Year 10 Geography Excursion (Friday 13 September)**

As part of our Year 10 Geography unit on Environmental Change and Management we are visiting the Jervis Bay area to collect primary data for the Task 2 Fieldwork Report on Friday 13 September. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/y10geography-jervis> to find the permission note.

### **Year 10 Social (Friday 20 September)**

Merici College's Year 10 Social is a highly enjoyable event and will be held on Friday 20 September at Merici College from 6.30pm to 10.30pm. The dress code is 'smart casual'. The occasion is not a Formal and there is no requirement for formal dress. Dancing is set up in the Auditorium, whilst the canteen will be set up as the venue for mingling, relaxing and eating. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/yr10-social> for more information and the permission note.

## **Year 12 Formal (Friday 6 December)**

It is with great excitement we ask you to save the date for the Merici Student and Parent Formal 2019. 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.

The formal will be held at the National Arboretum on Friday 6 December. Merici Year 12 students, their partner and their parents are invited. The College invites parents to this event as we believe it is an important night to share with your daughter(s), celebrating her successful College graduation.

A deposit of \$30 per ticket is required to be paid AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to assist with formal arrangements. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/year12-formal> to find important information about payment and other arrangements.

## **CAREERS NEWS**

To find the latest Careers newsletter and information, please visit <https://www.mericicareers.com/>

## **DEFENCE**

### **2019 Battle for Australia Wreathlaying Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial**

We are privileged to receive an invitation to participate in the 2019 Battle for Australia Wreathlaying Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial on Wednesday 4 September at 10:00am. If you would like to attend please return the permission note at <http://merici.college/go/awm-excursion> as soon as possible.

### **Canberra's fun filled family Father's Day**

All our Canberra region ADF dads, parents and partners and their families are invited to join us for a fun filled Father's Day at Cuppacumbalong Homestead. This event has activities on offer for the whole family to enjoy! Tharwa Valley Forge will be conducting woodwork, metalwork and leatherwork activities for all ages. Plus representatives from soccer, AFL and Little Athletics will run activities for the kids, while Scouts and Parks and Wildlife host activities and walks to the old Homestead Cemetery. The Royal Military College band will provide light entertainment. Bring along a picnic basket with your favourite picnic food and a blanket and relax in the beautiful gardens. Your picnic lunch will be supplemented with wood fired pizza and pork spit roast, plus a coffee van will be on site to buy tea and coffee.

The family day will be held at Cuppacumbalong Homestead, 21 Naas Rd, Tharwa ACT, Sunday 1 September, 10.00am-3:00pm. Booking through Eventbrite at [dco-canberra.eventbrite.com.au](http://dco-canberra.eventbrite.com.au) by Wednesday 28 August 2019. More info at [dco.canberra@defence.gov.au](mailto:dco.canberra@defence.gov.au) or [www.defence.gov.au/dco](http://www.defence.gov.au/dco).

## **SPORT**

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

## iC NEWS

### Book Week

Thank you to all the students and staff who supported Book Week, celebrating books, literature and reading. All week the library has been a hive of activity with amazingly decorated cakes; raising \$70 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, Kahoot players testing their knowledge of secret powers in Books, Treasure hunts, celebrity heads and of course our very positive and entertaining Book Week Parade on



Wednesday. It was a huge success with great characterisation and costumes, and lots of fun had by all. Congratulations to all winners, this is a photo of the most creative large group.

Working with classes on research skills, over the last few weeks, we've been looking at what a quality resource looks like and where to find it. Does the website have a date? Who is the author? Does it meet our purpose? And, how can we tell it's reliable? A quality resource is one that is: current, reliable; authoritative; and purposeful. Is your daughter heading straight to *Google* for her research or is she utilising the iC resources available through Moodle?

Yours in all things library,  
iC Staff

## CO-CURRICULAR

### National Eisteddfod – Vocal Group (Friday 30 August)

As a part of the Music Co-curricular program, all students perform at the Australian National Eisteddfod, which is the major annual performance event. As a member of the Merici College Vocal Group, your daughter will be performing in the High school/College Choir Section held at Canberra Girls Grammar on Friday 30 August. We have been working very hard preparing two fun pieces for the Eisteddfod and are looking forward to finally performing them. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/eisteddfod-vocal> to find the permission note.

### Dance Troupe Performance (Saturday 31 August)

The Dance Troupe will be performing at St. Andrews Village in Hughes on Saturday 31 August at 2.00pm. This will be the troupe's first performance at this venue and are hoping to form a strong partnership to make it a regular booking. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/dance-troupe-standrews> to find the permission note. All welcome to come along and support the girls.

## OTHER NEWS

### Hurricanes Softball Club Registration

Hurricanes Softball Club is one of Northside's premium softball clubs in ACT and caters for primary and high school boys and girls (5-17 years) and is committed to providing players and their families with a Club that will not only support players' current needs, but their future growth and development in softball and the broader community. Key to their efforts is the continued identification and development of talent, among the players (teenaged) and their families. Through this, the Club further provides an increased, supportive and responsible network of coaches, mentors, scorers and managers will contribute towards the continued development of its players' esteem and confidence, while also promoting positive values of gender, individually and as part of social interaction.



Families are additionally provided opportunities and are supported to further their own development as either participants (adult social teams), support staff (coaches, scorers, managers, etc) or active spectators. Club players are enabled to better engage with their family-based environment. The culture actively engages direct and associated components that provide an opportunity for increased positive social interaction. The club has multiple teams being entered in the next season on a Saturday morning and mid-week competitions so why not come and play for the Hurricanes!

The training season commences in mid-September 2019 so complete your registration form completed now via our website to secure your place on a team.

For further information:

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Facebook: [facebook.com/hurricanescanberra/](https://www.facebook.com/hurricanescanberra/)

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/hurricanessoftballcanberra/>

### Canberra Short Film Festival (Thursday 19 September and Friday 20 September)

Would you like to see some fantastic short films being showcased in the Gungahlin region as part of the Canberra Short Film Festival?

Come along and support your local young up and coming filmmakers and get inspired!

For more details, go to the [Eventbrite page](#), Facebook [All ages](#) or [16+session](#) pages or the [www.csff.com.au](http://www.csff.com.au)

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[Ticket purchase](#) - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/northside-presents-special-screening-events-canberra-short-film-festival-tickets-65887516335>

Facebook All Ages session <https://www.facebook.com/events/668803853593929/>

Facebook Friday 16+ session <https://www.facebook.com/events/935968270083285/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 3 Weeks 8 and 9)

Author Talk Year 7 (Monday 9 September)  
ACT 12&U Track and Field Championships (Tuesday 10 September)  
Year 7 Orientation Evening (Tuesday 10 September)  
Merici/Marist Day Year 9 (Wednesday 11 September)  
Bridge Benefit Dinner (Saturday 14 September)  
College Assembly (Monday 16 September)  
ACT 13&O Track and Field Championships (Tuesday 17 September)  
Year 10 Dusted Off Performance (Tuesday 17 September)  
Bridge Restaurant (Wednesday 18 September 6.00pm)  
Year 10 Social (Friday 20 September)