



# WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #YearofYouth #SpreadingJoy

Term Weeks 4 and 5 (Monday 5 November-Sunday 18 November)

## WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Merici College Strategic Plan 2019-2021

Please follow the link <https://merici.news/news/merici-college-strategic-plan-2019-2021> to find the Merici College Strategic Plan 2019-2021.

### Principal's Fortnightly Blog

In response to the annual parent survey there were a number of requests for a Principal's column in the What's On. Past columns of this nature normally focus on the past events, however, with the advent of social media we are able to hear and see about these achievements and celebrations in real time. Therefore I would prefer to use the blog to focus on the big issues concerning young people, education and the world they live in. I hope you enjoy reading this week's blog on World Teachers' Day and all future posts, <https://merici.news/blog/principals-fortnightly-blog-world-teachers-day>.

### FundRaise for Merici Artworks

As part of our Strategic Plan, Merici is committed to beautifying our school grounds and investing in artworks that celebrate the history and traditions of our Founders. Our 60th Anniversary in 2019 provides the College with the opportunity to fulfil this Strategic Plan goal and we would greatly appreciate support from our community, current, past and prospective families, to contribute towards the payment of a wooden-carved statue of St Angela Merici, as well as the installation of other artworks. You can support this initiative through our FundRaise Digital page, <https://fundraise.merici.act.edu.au/>.

### Year 12 House Farewells (Monday 5 November)

Year 12 students will be farewelled in special assemblies held with their Houses on Monday 5 November.

### NASA Space School Preparation Night (Tuesday 13 November)

Actura will be running a preparation information night for ACT students participating the December 2018 Space School. The prep night will be held in the CRLC on Tuesday 13 November: Junior Space 6.00pm-7.00pm; Senior Space 7.30pm-8.30pm.

### Year 12 Farewell Assembly (Thursday 15 November)

Year 12 students will farewell the school community at a very special assembly on Thursday 15 November commencing at 12.00pm.

### IB Middle Years and Diploma Programme - Parent Information Evening (Thursday 15 November 5.30pm-6.30pm)

Want to know a bit more about what the International Baccalaureate (IB) at Merici will look like and what it can offer your child? Join us for an information session to find out more!

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We are a candidate school for both the Middle Years (MYP) and Diploma (DP) programmes and are moving forward in our journey, trialling implementation with the MYP in 2019 in Years 7 and 8, and Diploma in 2020 subject to our successful authorisation.

We invite all parents, especially those with children in Years 7-9, new Year 7 2019 parents and any interested community members to attend our IB meeting where we will explain what the IB is, the structure of both programmes and how we are planning to implement both programmes at Merici College.

Date: 15 November 2018

Time: 5:30 – 6:30pm

Venue: Auditorium

Please rsvp to Ros Parisi at [ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au)

### **2018 Student Residential Address and other Information collection notice**

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training has requested that Merici College provide a statement of addresses of students, in accordance with the Australian Education Regulation 2013 (Cth).

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/2018-student-address-collection> to find more information on this collection notice or contact the Department by email: [seshelpdesk@education.gov.au](mailto:seshelpdesk@education.gov.au) or phone (free call): SES helpdesk on 1800 677 027 (Option 4).

### **Expression of interest in hosting Chinese students**

We are looking for families who will be interested in hosting 5–6 Chinese female students and one accompanying teacher in early February 2019. These students and teachers will be on an exchange programme in Merici College for four weeks. They are from our sister school, Tieyi School in Xi'an, China. If you are interested, please email Mrs Jen Baines ([jen.baines@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:jen.baines@merici.act.edu.au)).

### **Parent Online Advice October 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-november> to find the latest special advice regarding Beauty Plus and Reddit.

### **Study Skills Handbook**

Merici College continues to subscribe to the “Enhanced Learning Educational Services (ELES) Study Skills Handbook”. This web-based program contains 43 modules of highly engaging tasks, designed to improve the study habits of your daughter/s in which the approach taps into students’ affinity with technology to create a new and effective way to improve study skills.

How to access the Study Skills Handbook: There is a short cut on the College Moodle page – Look for the Blue circle with a tick or go to [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au)

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Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/study-skills> to find more information on the Study Skills Handbook and what students can do.

## Canberra Metro Update

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/canb-metro-november> to find more information on all traffic notifications and safety tips.

## YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

### End of Semester Information and Key Academic Dates for Year 10, 11 and 12 students

Important information on key academic dates and end of semester information will be emailed to families and students next week.

### Exam Timetable

Senior exams will commence on Friday 16 November and run through to Wednesday 21 November. An AST Practice Test will be held on Thursday 22 November for all Year 11 tertiary students. Year 10 exams will be held from Tuesday 20 November to Thursday 22 November.

### Year 12 Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony (Tuesday 4 December)

Year 12 students and their families are invited to attend the Year 12 Graduation Mass to be held at St Christopher's Cathedral in Forrest, ACT. The Mass will commence at 6.00pm with the awards ceremony to follow. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/yr12-grad-awards> to find a formal invitation.

### Year 10 Awards Ceremony and Advent Mass Invitation (Thursday 6 December)

Year 10 students and their families are invited to attend the Year 7-10 Advent Mass and Year 10 Awards Ceremony on Thursday 6 December. Mass will commence at 9.30am and the Awards ceremony at 11.00am. Refreshments will follow at the conclusion of the awards ceremony. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/adventmass-yr10awards> to find the invitation. RSVP essential for catering to [ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au) by Friday 30 November.

### Year 12 Student and Parent Formal 2018 (Friday 7 December)

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/yr12formal-arrivals-parking> to find a formal invitation extended to all Year 12 students and their parents to attend the Year 12 Parent/Student Formal. Information regarding arrival times and parking are also included in the link.

## EXPRESSIVE ARTS NEWS

### European Arts Tour 2019 - *Do you want to be part of Merici history?*

If your daughter is in Year 10/11/12 in 2019 and will be studying an Arts subject (Media, Art, Dance, Drama or Photography), or attends a co-curricular Arts group on a regular basis (Music/dance Troupe/ Art Club etc) and is interested in being part of the inaugural tour Arts tour to Europe(London, Paris, Florence and Rome) please ensure that the deposit is paid to our finance office by Monday 5 November.



We are finalising our numbers and have to make a firm booking by COB on this date. If for any reason you are unable to make the payment on this date, or require further information please contact: Mrs Laura Pearce ([laura.pearce@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:laura.pearce@merici.act.edu.au)) or Ms Liz Igoe-Taylor ([liz.igoe-taylor@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:liz.igoe-taylor@merici.act.edu.au)) as soon as possible.

## CAREERS NEWS

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

## SPORT

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

## iC NEWS

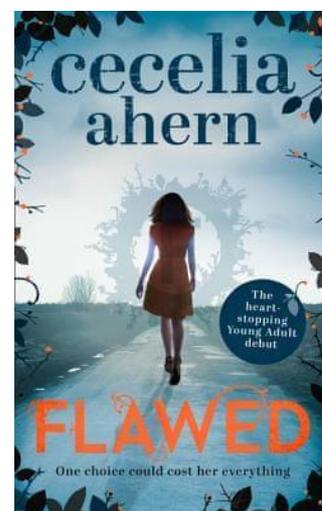
As we head into Term 4 it is often a good time to take stock of what has been achieved throughout the year. The main way to do this is to analyse the usage statistics of our resources.

Throughout 2018 we have loaned out 4,179 physical resources: 2,058 Fiction books; 1,870 Nonfiction resources; 244 Picture books; 54 Audio books; and 300 magazines through the Oliver catalogue system. Our most popular fiction book is *Flawed* by Cecelia Ahern, and non-fiction being *Anne Frank: the Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank. Textbooks are also included in the count this year with 4,396 resources loaned to staff and students.

Regarding our digital collection, we can see that InfoBase e-books have had great usage over the year with both fiction and non-fiction resources being looked at. The most popular Nonfiction title being *The Encyclopedia of the Medieval World*, with *Italy* coming in as the second most used resource this year.

It is brilliant to see that the resources we purchase and promote are being well used by the students and teachers of our community.

Happy reading,  
iC Staff



## CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

### Jazz Band Busking (Tuesday 6 November)

The Jazz Band will be busking outside the Jubilee Centre at lunch time on Tuesday 6 November. Please come along and support the girls.

### **Strings Ensemble Performance at Goodwin Homes (rescheduled from Friday 19 October to Friday 9 November)**

Musicians in the String Ensemble have been invited to perform at Goodwin Care. Instruments will be transported to and from the venue. Students, with teacher supervision will walk to and from the venue. It is very fitting that Merici College students are involved in such an outreach activity. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/goodwin-music> to find the permission note.

We hope that you are able to come along to these events and support the girls and our community.

### **Music End of Year Presentation Night (Friday 23 November 6.00pm-7.30pm)**

The Music Presentation and award evening will be held on Friday 23 November in the Auditorium. This will be the final performance opportunity for all music co-curricular groups to showcase their efforts throughout 2018. This will also be combined with the private instrumental tutor's performance night and finish with massed band items. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/music-presentation-night> to find the permission note.

<http://merici.college/go/music-presentation-night>. A dress rehearsal will occur during Period 5 and 6 for all students involved. Afternoon tea will be provided in the new quad at 4.00pm so students will not have to go home after school. Senior students will need to ensure they come back to school by the start of Period 5 to participate in rehearsals. Please let Miss Way know if you have any dietary requirements by sending an email to [beth.way@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:beth.way@merici.act.edu.au).

*A REMINDER- ALL INSTRUMENTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE JUBILEE AFTER THE CONCERT for stocktake to occur. No instruments are to be taken home for the remainder of the year. If you wish to discuss this, please do not hesitate to contact [beth.way@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:beth.way@merici.act.edu.au). Senior Band will finish rehearsals in Week 6 (Wednesday 21 November) and also be required to perform at the Expressive Arts Showcase on Tuesday 27 November. Junior Band, Choir, Strings and Jazz will continue during Week 7, then no music co-curricular will run during Weeks 8 or 9, with the exception of choir.*

### **Dance Troupe Upcoming Events**

Our Dance Troupe are looking very forward to performing at the following events:

- Marymead – Saturday 10 November 10.30am and 11.30am
- St Joseph's Fete O'Connor – Saturday 10 November 4.30pm-5.00pm
- Gold Creek Christmas Celebration – Sunday 2 December 12.30pm

## **UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 4 Weeks 6 and 7)**

Music Presentation Night (Friday 23 November)

Merici College Showcase 2018 (Tuesday 27 November)

Year 10 Service Week (Monday 26 November-Friday 30 November)

Year 7 Immunisations (Friday 30 November)