

WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #fidelitas #merici60

Term 3 Weeks 8 and 9 (Monday 2 December – Friday 13 December)



WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Term Dates for 2020

Please note the school dates for 2020 below:

Term 1	First Day Years 7, 11, 12 and new students: Monday 3 February-Friday 10 April First Day Years 8, 9 and 10 students: Tuesday 4 February-Friday 10 April
Term 2	Monday 27 April – Friday 3 July
Term 3	Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September
Term 4	Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December (students), Thursday 17 December (staff)

Years 7-10 Advent Mass (Thursday 5 December 9.30am)

Parents and friends are invited to attend the Year 7-10 Advent Mass on Thursday 5 December. Mass will commence at 9.30am in the Auditorium.

Canteen Closure (Friday 13 December)

Please be aware that the canteen will be closed on the last day of Term 4, Friday 13 December.

iC Closed After School (Friday 13 December)

The iC will be closed after school on the last day of term, Friday 13 December.

Semester 2 Reports: Years 7-9, Year 11 (Friday 6 December)

Semester 2 reports will be emailed home on Friday 6 December, Week 8. Parents who wish to discuss anything with teachers can make contact during Week 10 (Mon – Wed; staff week). Please contact the College on Monday 9 December if you have not received your daughter's report.

Uniform Shop Closure (Thursday 5 December)

Please note that the uniform shop will not be open on Thursday 5 December.

Uniform Shop Extended Hours

A reminder that the uniform shop is open on Tuesdays 8am-11am and Thursdays 2pm-5pm. To assist in meeting your needs prior to the start of the 2020 school year, the shop will be open from 9.00am – 1.00pm on the following days:

MERICI COLLEGE

Wise St
Braddon
ACT 2612

GPO Box 154
Canberra
ACT 2601

Telephone (02) 6243 4100
Facsimile (02) 6243 4199

principal@merici.act.edu.au
www.merici.act.edu.au

Saturday 7 December
Monday 16 December
Wednesday 22 January
Thursday 23 January
Friday 24 January
Tuesday 28 January

For all information on uniform requirements, please visit www.merici.college.



Merici College Uniform Shop

Visit the Uniform Shop page for more information about purchasing new uniform items.

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Saturday 30 November
Saturday 7 December
Monday 16 December
Wednesday 22 January
Thursday 23 January
Friday 24 January
Tuesday 28 January

TRADING HOURS
TUESDAY 8-11AM
THURSDAY 2-5PM

www.merici.college

MERICI COLLEGE
BUILDING FUTURES

The advertisement features a background image of students in school uniforms sitting on a bench outdoors. The Merici College crest is in the top right corner, and a red circular badge highlights trading hours.

Wise Street Carpark closure

A reminder that on weekends, our main car-park adjacent to the Auditorium is regularly hired out to Ascent driver training. The next course is 30 November / 1 December. They require unrestricted access to the entire space – meaning the entire car-park must be completely clear of all vehicles for them to conduct their Learner riders motorcycle training course. The red gates are locked on Friday evenings at 6pm. Please ensure that you do not leave your vehicle in the carpark overnight. Additional signage will be erected in the carpark to notify users.

Parent 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/onlineparent> to find the November newsletter and the latest special advice regarding Phoner and voice changing apps.

YEAR 7, 8 AND 9 NEWS

Year 9 Christian Service Learning Project

As part of the Christian Service Learning Program at Merici College, we are excited to announce that Year 9 will again this year participate in the Christian Service Project at Goodwin House, Ainslie. Students will complete a visit with their relevant RE classes between now and the end of the term.

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/year-9-christian-service> to find details about the class visits. Please note that all classes are attending on different dates. If there are any changes to your daughter's medical information (i.e. updates to what is on file at the College) please communicate this directly to the College and your daughter's RE Teacher.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the project, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Amy Connellan at amy.connellan@merici.act.edu.au or your daughter's RE Teacher.

Year 10 Marist/Merici Activities Day (Tuesday 3 December)

On Tuesday 3 December, Year 10 students will be participating in a day of activities facilitated by St Vincent de Paul. The activities include:

- baking and decorating Christmas biscuits to donate to the Vinnies Night Patrol Van
- checking and packing donations for the homeless
- making Christmas cards and gift tags for gift donations
- workshop on homelessness run by St Vincent de Paul youth leader

There will be a small contingent of Marist Year 10 students coming to Merici to participate in the activities. The students will be supervised by Merici and Marist teachers throughout the day. The girls may wear their full PE uniform OR a Christmas themed outfit eg Christmas t-shirt and shorts.

If you have any questions regarding the day, please feel free to contact me laura.sheehan@merici.act.edu.au.

PROJECT ROCKIT (Tuesday 3 December)

Year 7-9 students are invited to participate in PROJECT ROCKIT. If you think your daughter could benefit from having a stronger understanding of how to challenge cyberbullying or create social change, please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/projectrockit> to find the consent form and program information. The consent form needs to be submitted as soon as possible and before Friday 8 November.

The event is organised by PROJECT ROCKIT, Australia's youth-driven movement against bullying, hate and prejudice.

In an Australian-first, landmark partnership, PROJECT ROCKIT is teaming up with Facebook and Instagram to build the next generation of Digital Ambassadors all over Australia.

At the event your students and community will be equipped with the tools to challenge cyberbullying and create social change

When: Tuesday 3 December, 2019
Start: 9:30am arrival for a 10:00am start - Morning Tea provided
Finish: 1:15pm
Where: Belconnen High School

For all enquiries, please contact Virginia McLeod, Head of Junior School, virginia.mcleod@merici.act.edu.au.

Year 9 Leadership Day (Tuesday 10 December)

On Tuesday 10 December, all Year 9 students will be participating in a 'Step Up' Leadership Program at Merici College. This program will replace your daughter's normal timetable for the day. Full PE Uniform is to be worn on the day.

The program includes 3 sessions and uses a learning, action, reflection process throughout the day, allowing students to reflect on themselves as learners and people. Through Step Up, students are empowered with skills to build a solid foundation for their success.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Kerry McDonnell or Virginia McLeod on 6243 4100 before the excursion.

Year 7-9 Christmas Celebrations and Disco – Friday 13 December

Students will be participating in end of year celebration on Friday 13 December with extended PC, movie screening, Lip Sync Battles and a disco in the afternoon. It is a casual clothes day with a Christmas theme.

Parents and students are reminded of the following guidelines for casual clothes day:

- All College rules about make-up, jewellery and facial piercings apply on this day.
- Shoulders must be covered and no shoe-string tops, bare midriffs or revealing necklines.
- Skirts and/or shorts should be mid-length or longer: no 'short-shorts' or 'mini skirts'.
- No pyjamas or onesies.
- No 'skins' or tights to be worn instead of trousers or jeans.
- No inappropriate slogans or symbols on clothing or accessories.
- Do not wear any of the following shoe types: ugg boots, thongs or high-heeled shoes.

YEARS 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

Year 10 Excursion to Big Splash (Wednesday 4 December)

To celebrate the end of the school year, Year 10 are being offered the opportunity to participate in a fun day of water activities at Big Splash in Macquarie.

Transport: The girls will be transported to and from the pool via the Merici school bus and additional buses. We will leave the College at 9:15am and leave Big Splash at 2:30pm in order to make it back in time for buses home. However, should you request that your daughter travel directly to and from the venue for any reason, it is imperative that a signed note explaining the request be produced and submitted to Mrs Laura Sheehan by Friday 29 November.

Food: BYO lunch and snacks. There is a canteen open and available on the day to purchase food and snacks.

Expectations: Students are expected to wear their school PE uniform, including shorts, t-shirt, hat and runners. Students will need to bring sunscreen and a hat and re-apply sunscreen regularly throughout the day. There are shaded areas at the pool. Students are reminded that appropriate behaviour is expected at all times as they are representatives of the College.

Swim test: There will be a swim test conducted at the beginning of the day prior to the girls going on any of the slides or in the pools. This will be conducted by qualified staff at Big Splash. The girls will be issued with a wrist band signifying their level of swimming ability – proficient, non-proficient, non-swimmer. This will then determine the areas of the pool they are permitted to access.

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/year10-big-splash> to find the permission note.

Mentor and Volunteer Farewell (Wednesday 4 December)

A farewell afternoon tea will be held for all Black Mountain School mentors and volunteers and their families on Wednesday 4 December commencing at 5.00pm in the restaurant.

Board of Senior Secondary Studies Recognition of Excellence Ceremony 2019

Achievement awards in the following categories: Academic Studies, Community Services, Vocational Studies, Excellence Award, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students, will be presented on Tuesday 17 December at Llewellyn Hall, Australian National University. Students in Year 12 from every College in the ACT will receive awards. Students receiving awards for Academic Studies will be those with the highest achievement in their College. Colleges select the recipients of the other awards. Attendance by invitation only.

Year 10 Final Week

The end of the year is fast approaching and there are a number of exciting end of year activities planned for the Year 10 cohort. The timetable for Week 8 is planned as follows:

Year 10 Week 8 2019						
Period	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monday	Yr 10 Reflection Morning	Year 10 Reflection Morning	Advent Mass Rehearsal	Long PC	VET and Grade Check	VET and Grade Check
Tuesday	Service Day with Marist (at Merici) More details to follow					
Wednesday	Big Splash Excursion					
Thursday	Yr 7-10 Advent Mass		Year 10 Awards Ceremony		Year 10s finished, go home	

Year 10 Awards Ceremony and Advent Mass Invitation (Thursday 5 December)

Year 10 students and their families are invited to attend the Year 7-10 Advent Mass and Year 10 Awards Ceremony on Thursday 5 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/yr10-awards> to find the invitation. RSVP essential for catering to ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au by Friday 29 November.

End of Semester Information for Year 12 students

The next few weeks are very important for our Year 12 students academically and with regard to the end of year celebrations. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/year12-end-of-year-info> to find information about upcoming events and arrangements.

Key Academic Dates for Years 11 and 12 students

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/key-dates-yrs11-12> to find key dates for senior students.

MISSION AND COMMUNITY

Vinnies Christmas Appeal



VINNIES BUSHFIRE APPEAL
GO TO BUSHFIREAPPEAL.COM.AU
CALL 13 18 12 OR DONATE IN-STORE

VINNIES NSW DROUGHT APPEAL
Call 13 18 12 or go to www.vinnies.org.au

Vinnies Christmas Appeal
St Vincent de Paul Society

GOLD COIN DONATIONS TO SUPPORT THE QLD BUSHFIRE AND NSW DROUGHT APPEALS

ALL DONATIONS AND GIFTS FINAL COLLECTIONS WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER

PC COLLECTIONS
WEEK 7: FRIDAY
WEEK 8 MON, TUE, WED

PC'S WILL DONATE A UNWRAPPED GIFT FOR EITHER BOYS OR GIRLS

BOYS	GIRLS
BALGO	BRESCIA
NINGIL	PENOLA
SEIWA	TULLOW

GIFT IDEAS
BOYS:
LEGO, HOT WHEELS, POKÉMON CARDS, LITTLE SETS OF CARS, MECCANO SET
GIRLS:
CRAFT TYPE GIFTS, POKÉMON CARDS
NAIL POLISH OR NAIL KIT, LITTLE LIVE PETS

Merici College is once again supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal to support children in our local community this Christmas. Each Pastoral Care class has been invited to contribute one gift for a child 6yrs-12yrs., Houses have been allocated specific genders. Your daughter(s) relevant Pastoral Care Teacher(s) will discuss this in PC classes.

BOYS – Ba, Ni, Se PCs

e.g. LEGO
Hot Wheels
Little sets of cars
Pokémon Cards
Meccano set

GIRLS – Br, Pe, Tu PCs

e.g. Craft type gifts
Pokémon Cards
Nail polish, nail kit
Little Live Pets

Vinnies QLD Bushfires Appeal and Vinnies NSW Drought Appeal

Merici College is also supporting the Vinnies NSW Drought Appeal and Vinnies QLD Bushfires Appeal. Students from the Social Justice Group will be collecting money donations during Morning PC Fri Week 7 and Mon-Wed Week 8. Students are invited to donate a gold coin to support those affected by drought and bushfires in the broader Australian community.

All donations need to be received by Wednesday 4 December in preparation for the Year 7-10 Advent Mass on Thursday 5 December.

Cambodia Immersion 2020

A position has become available for the Cambodia Immersion in April 2020. If your daughter (Years 10-12 2020) is interested in this opportunity, please contact Amy Connellan, Head of Mission and Community, email amy.connellan@merici.act.edu.au.

Christian Service Program Volunteer Opportunities

Vinnies Stores – Summer Volunteering

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/summer-volunteers> to find correspondence from Therese Canty, St Vincent de Paul Society Youth Liaison Officer –Summer volunteers needed at Vinnies retail stores. Post-Christmas is a particularly busy time with people bringing in donations to the Centres.

Vinnies Dickson – Volunteering Opportunity

Please see below a message from Isla Smith, Vinnies Dickson Centre Manager requesting volunteers. Please note this is not a Merici College organised or supervised activity.

Would you consider giving your time to Vinnies this Xmas as a way to help families in need. Dickson Vinnies needs volunteers – especially for Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays as well as evenings. A variety of roles are available. You'll meet wonderful people and learn some important life and work applicable skills. Please contact Isla on 0407 959 359.

CO-CURRICULAR

Snowsports 2020

Are you interested in joining the Snow Sports team in 2020? Travelling to and from the snow on the College bus and staying 3 nights at the Station Resort in Jindabyne, Snowsports at Merici involves attending the ACT and Southern NSW Division of Interschools Snowsports Competition at Perisher Valley 21st – 24th July (Week 1 of Term 3).



Maximum team size is usually around 24 students.

We are required to confirm numbers earlier this time to secure good quality low cost accommodation. Whether skiing, snowboarding or cross country; whether your daughter wants to be her best competing against herself and others, or maybe even qualify for Nationals, or whether she just wants to be part of a team that has fun, please email Snowsports@merici.act.edu.au to find out more or contact the Snowsports Coordinators, Adrian Heim (62434106) or Diana Davis (6243 4100).

CAREERS NEWS

To find the latest Careers newsletter and information, 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

Thank you to everyone for the support of the Information Centre, encouraging your children to use the digital resources, to pick up a book off the shelves for research, and to browse the shelves to find a book to read just for fun.

Just in time for the holidays we have two great displays; "New Books" resources that have recently been purchased and a "Holiday Reading" display. For those students returning in 2020, we encourage you to come in to collect your holiday reading, students can borrow up to ten items. Over the holidays there is also Overdrive/Sora (our e-book library) that can be accessed on your own device.

Drawing to the end of the year, we ask that all overdue resources be returned. Now is the time to return all textbooks. Please have your daughter check under beds, desks and bags. We have begun to send emails home, chasing textbooks still outstanding and your support is appreciated.

The iC will not be open after school on the last day of term, Friday 13th December. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!

iC Staff

OTHER NEWS

SPORTCONNECT Girls Multi-sport Camp

Exposes future athletes to their dreams, through developing sports skills with the support of stars from today's teams. The multisport camp is 3 days of fun, learning, growth and sports challenges delivered by some of Canberra's most elite women's sporting teams and high performance specialists.

3 Day Workshop at University of Canberra Sports Centre & Lyneham Hockey Centre

CAMP 1: Monday 16 - Wednesday 18 December 2019

CAMP 2: Monday 20 - Wednesday 22 January 2020

Girls aged from 8 - 13 years

\$120 per day (includes all sports activities and camp t-shirt, detailed camp information provided on booking), capped at 50 participants per day, staff to athlete ratio 1:6.

9am - 5pm supervised camp activities

Register now at www.sportconnect.com.au



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SPORTCONNECT For further info contact Megan 0409 558 201 sportconnect.com.au info@sportconnect.com.au

CHILL **UC7S** **CAPITALS**

Art IRL Teen Takeover (Saturday 7 December)

Real-life encounters with art after-hours just for teens, thanks to the support of Tim Fairfax. Free and exclusive for young audiences aged 13 to 18 years, Art IRL includes 3 hours of real-life encounters with art in a festival-style environment. Expect out-of-this-world experiences, artist-led workshops, performance, live music, snacks, and social activities responding to real life trends, technology and issues. Art IRL is parent and teacher free, supported by Gallery staff, hosts and artist-educators.

Saturday 7 December 2019, 6.00pm – 9.00pm at the National Gallery of Australia, Free (registration essential). Click [here](#) for all information.



Gungahlin Impressions Art Exhibition

Showcasing an eclectic and intriguing body of work exploring a variety of media and creative techniques.

Opening - Friday 29 November 6-8pm

Exhibition Hours - Saturday 30 November –

Sunday 1 December 10am-4pm

Common Ground - 130 Valley Ave Gungahlin

Free Entry and parking opposite Common Ground



Conservation Council's Inaugural Christmas Auction

The [Conservation Council ACT Region's Inaugural Christmas Auction](#) is live and open for bids until 8 December 2019.

This [charity auction](#) has a wonderful array of unique and environmentally-friendly items that will make excellent Christmas presents for friends and family, including books, bikes, scooters, clothes, and things for your home and garden. Those who are getting serious about sustainability should be interested in the [Zero Mass Water Hydropanels](#) (which make water from air) and the [fully installed 5kW solar system with inverter from LECA](#).



Bookmark the [Christmas Auction's Allbids page](#) to browse the items or you can download the entire list [here](#). Remember that many items can be delivered around Australia, to New Zealand or even further afield internationally - so send it on to friends and family further afield. Some of the deliveries will be carbon free, so that's really cool. If useful to you, a Facebook 'event' about the auction can be found [here](#).

All money raised goes to the Conservation Council.

**Wishing all our students,
parents and community
members a very happy and safe
Christmas and New Year Season.**

