



WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Weeks 8 and 9 (22 November – 5 December)

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Cross-age Tutoring

Cross-age tutoring has finished for the year. The program will resume at the beginning of Term 1, 2022, once tutoring applications have been processed.

Thank you to all the students in Years 10, 11 and 12 who regularly gave up their lunch times and after school times to tutor the junior students. Looking forward to seeing many of you again next year.

Sarah Cusack (Cross-age Tutoring Facilitator)

Uniform Shop Extended Trading Hours

We are pleased to advise that the Merici College Uniform Shop will be offering extended hours to meet your uniform requirements for 2022. In addition to extended hours of operation, the shop will also remain open the usual times until Thursday 9 December. Please note normal hours are Tuesdays 8:00am-1:00pm and Thursdays 3:00pm-5:00pm.

Parents are strongly encouraged to use the online ordering system as the preferred option for supply, including part orders for click and collect.

A reminder that parents are only able to visit the shop for click and collect at this time. We will update you immediately when any change is announced. Students are allowed to visit the uniform shop.

So long as they have not been worn, garments can be swapped over in case of incorrect size.

Here is the link to order online:

For current families:

[Request a Family Account - Service Desk - Jira Service Management \(atlassian.net\)](#)

For new families:

<https://shop.merici.act.edu.au/MonitorOnline/app/#/login>

The extended hours are as follows:

- Saturday 20 November 2021 9:00am – 1:00pm by appointment
- Saturday 27 November 2021 9:00am – 1:00pm by appointment
- Wednesday 19 January 2022 9:00am – 2:00pm by appointment
- Thursday 20 January 2022 9:00am – 2:00pm by appointment
- Thursday 27 January 2022 9:00am – 12:00 noon No appointment needed

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Please book through this link: <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/MericiCollege1@merici.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

P&F Committee Community Priorities Survey 2022

The P&F Committee invites parents and carers to complete the survey below to assist in identifying priorities and activities for 2022. In addition, the P&F Committee would like to invite parents and carers to become involved in the school community by assisting in various school activities on a voluntary basis. Please complete the details in the survey to register your involvement.

The survey will close on Wednesday 1 December 2021.

Survey link: <https://forms.office.com/r/JRK27KxBTb>



Please do not hesitate to contact Ros Parisi, P&F School Liaison Officer, ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au for further information if required.

Thank you so much for taking the time to complete this survey. We think this will be a great start to a 'New Year' and will be a valuable tool for us to work out what you as parents would like your P&F Committee to do for the Merici College community.

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Co-curricular Sports Awards

Our 2021 Sports Awards ceremony will be held on Monday 22 November from 2:15pm-3:15pm.

Students receiving a sports award will be notified via email. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to invite parents and guests to attend the ceremony. However, we will be live streaming this special event.

Please click here: <https://merici.college/go/livestream> to view the event.

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students with you virtually.

Twilight Christmas Family Picnic (Friday 26 November)

Our P&F Committee is very excited to extend an invitation to all our Merici family and friends to attend the Merici College Twilight Christmas Family Picnic to be held on Friday 26 November 5:00-8:00pm.

Please click here, <https://forms.gle/hCreU5hsXmxkJMLN6>, to place your Click and Collect Picnic Dinner Order.



Volunteers - Sausage Sizzle for Uniform Shop Customers

Please note that unfortunately due to bad weather forecast and COVID precautionary measures, we have cancelled the sausage sizzle for Saturday 20 November and Saturday 27 November. However, we are still planning to hold a sausage sizzle on the following days in January 2022:

- Wednesday 19 January 2022 9:00am – 2:00pm
- Thursday 20 January 2022 9:00am – 2:00pm
- Thursday 27 January 2022 9:00am – 12:00 noon

If you have an hour or two free and would like to volunteer your time, please let Ros Parisi know the date and time that you are available (ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au). A return email will be sent to you confirming your time slot.

YEAR 7, 8 AND 9 NEWS

Road Ready 2021

Year 9 and 10 students who live in the ACT will be given the opportunity to complete the Road Ready course this term. The program will be run for Year 9 students on Thursday 25 November. Year 10 students will complete their course on Friday 26 November. Students wishing to take advantage of this opportunity will have set modules to complete before the day. To be issued with a certificate student's must attend all sessions and complete the compulsory activities in their workbook.

How old do the students need to be to do the course? Students in Year 10 and Year 9 who will be 15 years or older on 25 November can do the course. Students may like to start practising the test now. [Safe plates testing](#) Road Ready is only for those residing in the ACT.

Please click on the link below to register your interest in completing the Road Ready course on the 25 November. Registrations close Friday 29th October.

[Road Ready Registration](#)

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Kennedy via email emma.kennedy@merici.act.edu.au or by telephone on 62434168.

YEAR 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

Year 10 High Tea (bookings close Thursday 18 November)

We are looking forward to our Year 10 High Tea to be held on Thursday 25 November at the Kamberra Function Centre, 595 Northbourne Ave, Lyneham ACT 2602. Please click [here](#) to find the invitation.

The cost of the event is \$50 per person. Bookings close on **Thursday 18 November** and can be made here <https://www.trybooking.com/BVHJO>. This event is for Year 10 Merici students only. No late bookings will be accepted.

Any students with dietary requirements must complete the following form by Thursday 18 November, <https://bit.ly/3i5K7Y6>.

The dress code is 'smart casual' and most girls like to dress up. The occasion is not a Formal and there is no requirement for formal dress. We encourage students to avoid expensive trappings and to forgo expensive beauty and hair treatments.

Students who are attending the High Tea are not required to attend school in the morning and are to arrive at the function centre at 12.00 noon. Please note that students who do not attend the High Tea, are expected to attend classes from 8.45am and are to remain at school until 3.07pm.

The event will conclude at 3.00pm and parents are required to collect their daughters from the venue.

Year 10 Personal Project Exhibition (Wednesday 24 November)

On Wednesday 24 November, the Year 10s will present the Virtual Personal Project Exhibition during Period 3. All classes from Year 7 to 10 will watch the exhibition which is a showcase of student work on the MYP Personal Project, a project students completed over an extended period of time during their final year of the MYP. Students submitted their final report in July this year and they have been looking forward to showing off their projects with the school community and the time has finally come. An invite to guardians to join the presentation and how to comment and interact with student work will be provided prior to the date.

Year 10 Awards Ceremony (Thursday 2 December)

It is with great pleasure that we invite our Year 10 parents and carers to attend the 2021 Year 10 Awards Ceremony at on Thursday 2 December 2021 commencing at 11.15am. The ceremony will be held in the Merici College Auditorium, Wise Street, Braddon, ACT. Please note that due to COVID-19 regulations, **only two family guests per student applies**.

Year 10 students are required to come dressed in full school uniform. Please also note that students are also required to leave school with their parents at the conclusion of the awards ceremony.

This event will be live streamed for family members unable to attend. The live stream link is: <https://merici.college/go/livestream>.

Year 11 and 12 BSSS and IB DP Key Academic Dates

Please find below links to the BSSS and IB DP Key Academic dates:

- [BSSS Key Academic Dates](#)
- [IB DP Key Academic Dates](#)

Please read this carefully, as it outlines when you finish school and firm deadlines for finalising the academic results. If you have any questions, please email renee.taylor@merici.act.edu.au.

Year 12 Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony (Tuesday 30 November)

The Merici College Executive is delighted to invite Year 12 parents to attend the 2021 Year 12 Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony to be held on Tuesday 30 November at St. Christopher's Cathedral in Forrest. The ceremony will commence at 6:00pm with the Graduation Mass, followed by the Awards Ceremony.

Please note that due to COVID restrictions, only two guests per student are able to attend. This event will be live-streamed and can be viewed at <https://merici.college/go/livestream> will be sent to you closer to the date.

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our graduating Class of 2021 with you.

Year 12 Formal (Friday 3 December)

Please click [here](#) to find the Year 12 Formal invitation to parents and students.

The Formal will be held at the National Museum of Australia on Friday 3 December at 6.00pm onwards. Due to COVID restrictions and advice received from the National Museum, please note arrivals are not permitted.

The cost is \$155 per person for a 3-course meal and soft drinks.

Bookings are due by **Friday 26 November** and can be made at <https://www.trybooking.com/BTLGR>.

Please click [here](#) to organise seating at tables.

Enquiries to Damien Nemeth, Head of Senior School at Damien.nemeth@merici.act.edu.au.

Please note the following requirements:

- Students and partners must bring photo ID to the venue on the night
- Dancing is permitted
- Group photography is permitted
- Students who arrive intoxicated or under the influence will be sent home
- A cash bar will be available to purchase alcohol for persons over the age of 18
- At the conclusion of the formal, parents not in attendance, are required to wait in their cars to pick up their daughter, rather than assemble near the doorway

Please contact Mr Nemeth (Damien.nemeth@merici.act.edu.au) for any further information.

DEFENCE NEWS

End of Year Celebration (Monday 22 November)

All Defence students are invited to "Farewells, Food and Fun" Lunch on Monday 22 November in the OYC.

Please RSVP to Ms Friend with any dietary requirements by Thursday 18 November. Kate.friend@merici.act.edu.au

BYO drink bottle, food is provided.

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 2022, 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 10th December. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!

iC Staff

OTHER NEWS

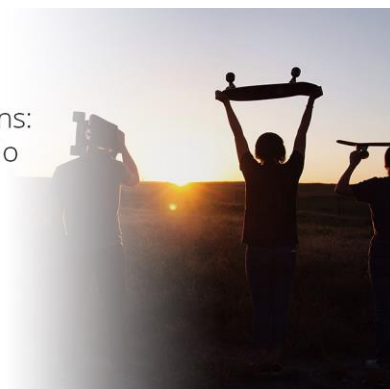
Webinar: 'Risk taking' - Why do teens do the things they do? What can parents do to keep them as safe as possible?

This webinar is for parents and carers who are looking for information on teens and risk taking as well as practical strategies and tips for when it comes to sleepovers, parties, and gatherings. The webinar will also include time for a Q&A where you can ask any question you may have on this topic.

FREE WEBINAR

Risk taking and teens: what can parents do to keep them safe?

CATCH UP NOW!



[**WATCH IT NOW**](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 4 Weeks 10 and Term 1 2022 Week 1)

Upcoming events will be advised.