



2 June 2021

Event	Merici College Vinnies School Sleepout 2021		
Location	Merici College		
Date	17 June 2021 – 18 June 2021	Time	6.00pm (Thursday 17 June) – 7.00am (Friday 18 June 2021)
Transport	Students to make their own way to and from the venue	Uniform	Winter casual clothes
Cost	\$20 entry fee paid electronically as donation to Vinnies Canberra	Contact no.	0408 022 526
Return of note/money	15 June 2021		

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Your daughter has expressed an interest in participating in the Merici College Vinnies School Sleepout which will be held in the New Quad at Merici College. This is a 13 hour event and will consist of Merici Year 10-12 students only.

Homelessness is a problem often overlooked and misunderstood by the wider community. The Vinnies School Sleepout allows students to experience homelessness for themselves through one night of 'sleeping rough'. This hands-on approach develops students' understanding of the debilitating effects of homelessness as well as creating a sense of community responsibility. The students will be accompanied by supervising teachers for the duration of the event. Each student should pay a \$20 electronic fee to take part in this event via this link:

<https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/s/12266/51451/e>

All electronic funds will contribute towards a Merici College tally and donated to Vinnies Canberra to support those requiring assistance in our local community. Additional sponsorship is optional and should also be donated online via the above link.

Location:

Students will sleep in the New Quad at Merici College. This area can be fully secured at night and there is access to toilets, drinking water, power points, first aid and shelter, should it rain. Matthew Wilson of Vinnies Canberra will be in attendance on the evening of 17 June to facilitate an educational session about homelessness. A Vinnies Night Patrol van may also stop at Merici to show students and explain the operations of the Night Patrol service.

Clothing and bedding:

Students should wear very warm, casual clothing. A sleeping bag, pillow and blankets need to be brought along for extra warmth. Students are reminded to be prepared with plenty of layers of clothing including gloves, beanie, thermal clothing and a sleeping bag appropriate for a cold Canberra winter's night. Students are asked to bring their own cardboard for sleeping on, even though some will be supplied by Vinnies.

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Food and drink:

All students will be provided with an evening meal of soup and bread. Tea, coffee and hot chocolate will be available for the duration of the event. Please note that breakfast is not provided as the Sleepout concludes at 7am.

Medication:

If your daughter has asthma or any other health condition she must bring her own medication.

Attendance at school on Friday 18 June:

Please note all students participating in the Sleepout must be present at school the next day. Students should bring an overnight bag in preparation for school the following day. Students may go home to prepare for school but should return by morning PC. Please remind your daughter that appropriate behaviour is expected at all times.

Social Media:

For security reasons the use of social media (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat) is not encouraged at this event. Students may have their mobile phones with them but are requested to keep them on silent and use them only in cases of emergency.

On the night of the event Merici supervising staff can be contacted on: 0408 482 480

Please remind your daughter that appropriate behavior is expected at all times as she is a representative of the College.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on 6243 4100 before the excursion.

Yours sincerely,



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Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Consent Form

Category C & D Excursions

Excursion To	Merici College Vinnies School Sleepout 2021
Date(s)	17/6/21 – 18/6/21
Location	Merici College
Organising Teacher	Amy Connellan

Student Details			
Surname			
Given Name			
Date of Birth			
Year		PC	

School	Merici College, Braddon, ACT
Emergency Contact	
Name	
Phone	
Relationship	

Student Medical Details			
Please detail any medical conditions and treatment plans for your child, relevant to this excursion that we have not already been notified about.		OR	No changes or new medical information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Student Dietary Requirements Please outline your daughter's special dietary requirements.		OR	No changes or dietary information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Parental Consent
<p>I give my consent for her to participate in this excursion and agree to delegate my authority to the staff and instructors involved. Such teachers and instructors may take appropriate disciplinary action they deem necessary to ensure the safety, well-being and successful conduct of the students as a group, or individually in the above-mentioned activity.</p> <p>I submit the attached medical information about the abovementioned student and include details of limitations, which he/she has for the activities concerned.</p> <p>If I cannot be contacted to give approval for medical assistance, I authorise the teachers and instructors to obtain medical assistance, which they deem necessary should an accident occur. If I am unable to be contacted to give approval, I further authorise qualified medical practitioners to administer anaesthetic if such an eventuality arises. I agree to pay all medical expenses incurred on behalf of the abovementioned student.</p> <p>I accept that my child is to behave in an appropriate manner and have explained this obligation to her. I agree that if my child seriously contravenes behavioural expectations she may be immediately excluded.</p> <p>I give permission for images taken on this excursion of my child to be used by the school in school and system publications, both print and electronic. Please note that Merici can accept the returning of permission notes from a registered parent/guardian email address. There is no need to print and scan</p>

Parent/Guardian Signature	
Date	