

8 February 2023

Event	Year 11 Conference		
Location	Greenhills Centre, Stromlo		
Date	Wednesday 22 February 2023 to Friday 24 February 2023	Time	Departing 1:00pm and returning 3.15pm
Transport	Coach	Uniform	Casual clothes
Cost	Cost will be included in Term 1 school fees.	Contact no.	0408 482 480
Return of note/money	Please complete the online permission form, including dietary requirements by Monday 13 February.		

Dear Parent/Guardians

Each year we hold a Year 11 Conference to support our new senior students transition into Year 11.

The Conference is designed to create enthusiasm and energy around the learning and development your daughter will experience over the next 2 years and to ensure she understands all Board of Senior Secondary Studies requirements. It is also an opportunity for her to understand and reflect upon the responsibilities she has to herself, her family and the College whilst she is with us for the next 2 years.

The Merici College Year 11 Conference will be held for 3 days at the Greenhills Centre, Stromlo from **Wednesday 22 Feb 2023 to Friday 24 Feb 2023**. No payment for the conference is required at this time; the fee will be included in the Term 1 fees.

The program will include a motivational keynote presenter, discussions about leadership, retreat activities, essential information about the BSSS and IB – DP processes, study skills and sessions about what it means to be a senior at Merici.

We trust that the Year 11 Conference will provide a valuable induction to Senior College as well as an enjoyable group experience for your daughter. Please complete all forms attached and return them together with your daughter's updated medical form to her House Coordinator no later than Friday 5th February.

To confirm your daughter's attendance at Conference, please complete the following online form no later than **Monday 13 February 2023**. Please also complete the compulsory personal and medical fields.

<https://forms.office.com/r/RzkNnEePuM>

Once the online form has been completed, you will receive a summary of the information provided along with the pdf copy of the consent form.

By consenting for your daughter to attend the Conference, we ask that you acknowledge that this event/activity is required to be held in accordance with any current NSW/ACT Health COVID-19 Public Health Orders and the Merici College policies and procedures. We ask that you acknowledge and accept that there is a risk that your child may be exposed to COVID-19 whilst attending and participating in this event. We ask that your child does not attend if displaying any symptoms of illness and/or if directed to isolate under public health orders. You will be asked to collect your child or make suitable arrangements for collection should it be identified your child has COVID symptoms or tests positive for COVID whilst attending the excursion.

Medication

Please also carefully read the attached letter regarding the administration of medication. If your daughter requires medication to be dispensed whilst on Camp, please complete and return the relevant forms (also attached) by **14 February 2023**.

Should your child require medication to be administered during the conference (including Panadol and Nurofen), please package this in a sealed plastic bag and give to your daughter's House Coordinator before departure.

Please remind your daughter that appropriate behaviour 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.

If you have any queries regarding your daughter's participation in the Camp, please do not hesitate to contact your daughter's House Coordinator or myself on 62434100 or email bianca.porcheddu@merici.act.edu.au.

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What To Bring To Camp

This is a recommendation of what to bring to make your camp more enjoyable:

- Wet weather gear / rain coat
- Personal Medication
- Hat
- Jumper or Jacket (Canberra can get cool at night all year around)
- Enclosed shoes (we are in the bush, please be aware of snakes and spiders)
- Insect Repellent

For overnight stays:

- Linen: 1 base sheet + top sheet or sleeping bag, a pillow case and towel
- Toiletries including soap or body wash, shampoo, tooth brush and toothpaste
- Extra pillow if you like (each bed has one pillow provided)
- Linen Packs are available to hire – must be pre-ordered

Additional items for Guided Activities:

- Extra pair of enclosed shoes. Enclosed shoes must be worn for all activities.
- Sun Screen, water bottle and hat
- Sun smart T- shirts, long shorts or pants for activities, especially if using harnesses
- Hair band to tie back long hair
- Swimmers with a cover shirt, or light clothes you don't mind getting wet for Water Sports
- Torch (head torch preferred) for night activities

Note: Outdoor activities may result in damage / soiling of clothing. Please ensure clothing is suitable for outdoor recreational use.

Extra stuff you might need:

- Backpack (for bush walking)
- Plastic bag to take wet or dirty clothes home in
- Torch
- Swimmers & Beach Towel (for Casuarina Sands swimming)
- Camera

Yours sincerely

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