



WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Weeks 10 and 11, Term 2 Week 1 (Monday April – Sunday 5 May)

IMPORTANT NEWS



Easter Message

I hope you have a restful, Holy and happy Easter, a time of reflection, love and immeasurable hope.

Blessings to all, Anna Masters

Merici College Masterplan

Please click [here](#) to find the Merici College Masterplan.

The objectives of the Masterplan are to:

- Explore site opportunities for the school to meet the projected increased student population
- Exploring the feasibility of alternative and or additional learning structures such as junior campus or ELC
- Explore opportunities for the upgrade of existing and creating of new learning spaces
- Explore landscaping opportunities to enhance the interaction with the streetscape and facilitate outdoor learning areas
- Explore opportunities for additional income generating community facilities.

The principles of the Masterplan are to:

- Upgrade or provide new facilities to meet current college needs
- Improve the connection between indoor and outdoor spaces
- Incorporate sustainable design practices
- Improve existing building connections, accessibility and wayfinding
- Improve pedestrian and vehicular safety
- Improve the College's built-form identify

The Masterplan will commence with Stage 0 this year and continue with Stage 1 planning.

School Fees reminder

This is a friendly reminder that Term 1 school fees were due for payment 16th March 2024.

Thank you to those families who have paid. If you haven't yet paid your Term 1 fees we would appreciate if you could please settle these as soon as possible. This does not apply to those families who have direct debit arrangements in place.

If you did not receive your Term 1 fee statement, are experiencing any financial difficulties or would like to discuss your fee account or payment options please contact our Finance Manager Jodi Wrenford at fees.office@merici.act.edu.au or call 6243 4108 to discuss.

Merici College Enrolling Now 2025 and Beyond Campaign (April/May 2024)

Please click [here](#) to find important information on Open Day, Be a Merici Girl days and Information Nights, as well as Bridge Restaurant bookings. Online registration for these events is available and we would welcome your support in forwarding this information to your family members, friends and work colleagues.

Important Dates:

- Open Day – Wednesday 8 May 4pm-7:30pm (School tours and classroom activities: 4:00pm-6:00pm, Principal's Address and Year 7 Information Session: 6:00pm-7:30pm)
- Be a Merici Girl Days – Friday 3 May, Monday 6 May, Monday 13 May
- Additional Talk and Tour – Saturday 11 May
- Year 11 2025 Information Night – Tuesday 14 May 5:30pm-7:30pm

Please note that no registration of attendance is required for the Open Day and Information evenings.

Open Day School Tours

We would be grateful if your daughter could stay after-school on Wednesday 8 May and participate in our Open Day activities from 4:00pm-6.00pm. All students must wear full school uniform. Afternoon tea will be provided to the students who are assisting in Open Day activities at 3.30pm in the Staffroom. Please make arrangements for your daughter to be collected from school at the conclusion of her activity or at a time suitable to you prior to 6.00pm.

Please click [here](#) to find the permission note for your completion. 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. Please email the completed permission note to ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au or hand in a hard-copy to the Student Services Office by Monday 6 May.

On Thursday 4 April, a meeting will be held with students interested in conducting school tours on our Open Day. The meeting will be held in the auditorium at lunch-time.

Enrolment Process

Please note that Mrs Masters has commenced enrolment interviews for 2025. If you are interested in submitting an enrolment application, please follow the link <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/enrolment>. Please ensure that all supporting documentation is uploaded as required. Documentation includes:

- Birth certificate (not commemorative) or passport.
- Certificate of Baptism (if applicable).
- **Last report from previous school (This documentation is required for all applications at Merici College.)**
- Family Law, Personal Protection Order or Other Relevant Court Orders (if applicable)
- Visa grant notice for permanent and temporary visa-holders (if applicable) – for both student and parent(s) / legal guardian(s)
- Any medical reports and/or other assessment reports for students with additional learning needs (if applicable).

If your daughter is currently attending Year 6 at one of our Catholic Education (CE) primary schools, please ensure that the information entered on the College enrolment application is the same as the information you have previously provided when enrolling your daughter at their primary school. (For example, residential address, email, telephone number).

After your application is submitted, please contact Narelle Patrick, Enrolments Officer, on telephone 62434150 or email narelle.patrick@merici.act.edu.au . Narelle will then schedule an interview for your family to meet with Mrs Masters at a mutually convenient time.

Year 11 2025 - Senior College at Merici

Year 10 parents and students, please note that it is **not** necessary to re-enrol your daughter Year 11 at Merici. Your daughter's enrolment will automatically continue. We will hold our Information Evening in Term 2 on Year Tuesday 14 May 5:30pm-7:30pm where we will go through different packages and pathways for your daughter in Year 11 and 12.

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Community Council Open Forum (Wednesday 3 April)

On Wednesday 3 April, Merici College will be holding a Community Council Open Forum. The forum will focus on beginning the College's Strategic Planning process for 2024. To assist with this process, we are privileged to welcome guest speaker, Geoff Brailey to speak to our community and facilitate a planning workshop. Please click [here](#) to find an introductory video and background information from Geoff.

The forum will commence at 5.30pm for a one-hour presentation from Geoff, followed by a community workshop from 6.30pm-7.30pm. Light refreshments will be served in the restaurant from 5.00pm.

We would like to extend an invitation to you to attend the forum as your contribution to the strategic planning process would be most valued.

Please rsvp your attendance to Ros Parisi, ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au as soon as possible. Please indicate the number of people attending and any special dietary requirements.

Term 1 ends (Thursday 11 April)

Term 1 ends on Thursday 11 April. Friday 12 April is a pupil-free day.

Term 2 begins for Students – Tuesday 30 April

Please note that Term 2 commences on Tuesday 30 April. Monday 29 April is a professional learning day for all staff.

Winter Uniform Requirements

Please note that winter uniform must be worn from the commencement of Term 2. We draw your attention to the following uniform requirements:

- Skirt length (at knee length)
- Nail polish (neutral shade)
- Jewellery (simple ring, bracelet, a silver or gold chain necklace and maximum of two pairs of small sleeper/studs in the lobe of the ear only). No other necklaces, items or piercings are permitted. Please be mindful that body piercings need to be removed whilst at school. Band-aids covering body piercings and transparent piercings are not alternatives to remedying the situation.
- Hair (extreme hairstyle and colour is not acceptable)
- No visible tattoos
- School shoes must be black, lace-up and polished. No mary-jane or buckle shoes are permitted
- The Merici school bag is also compulsory and needs to be in good condition

- The blazer is a compulsory uniform item in Terms 2 and 3 to and from school. The blazer is also to be worn at formal school events throughout the year. It is an optional item in Terms 1 and 4. The school jumper and/or vest are additional clothing items for extra warmth.
- The Puffer jacket is available for purchase at the Uniform Shop. This is an optional uniform item which DOES NOT replace the school blazer. Students are allowed to wear the puffer jacket during school hours.
- The co-curricular hoodie is not to be worn during school hours and is not part of the uniform. The hoodie can be worn to co-curricular sports and training. If worn at school, this item will be confiscated until the end of the school day.
- PE tracksuit jacket is only to be worn for PE lessons or on school excursions as required.

Every Merici student is an ambassador for our College, and there is an expectation that uniforms will be worn responsibly and respectfully, to the highest standard of presentation. All students are expected to wear the correct school uniform while at school and when travelling to and from school each day. Uniform is checked and monitored each morning in Pastoral Care by the PC Teacher. We understand that there may be a situation where a student attends school in incorrect uniform from time to time. In this instance, parents and guardians are asked to email their daughter's PC Teacher or House Coordinator, and the student will be issued with a uniform pass.

If students are wearing incorrect uniform items without notification from parents, they will be asked in the first instance to remove these and rectify the uniform concern. Should the student continue to wear incorrect items, consequences will be applied as per the student behaviour management guidelines.

Please familiarise yourselves with the uniform guidelines and support the College in its efforts to ensure the uniform is worn with pride and respect. <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/my-merici/resources/uniforms>

Bridge Restaurant (Wednesday 8 May 6:00pm)

The Bridge Restaurant will be open on Wednesday 8 May from 6:00pm. Please email bridge@merici.act.edu.au for all bookings. Visit www.bridge.restaurant for more information and sitting times.

Merici College 65th Anniversary Ball (Saturday 1 June)

All members of our community, past and present students, staff and friends, are invited to celebrate our College's 65th Anniversary at a special Anniversary Ball.

The Ball will be held at the Canberra Southern Cross Club, Woden in Corinna Room 1 with arrivals at 6pm and dinner served from 6.30pm. Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/merici-college-65th-anniversary-ball>

Cost: \$100 per head (Excludes Drinks)

Complimentary drink on arrival

3 Course Meal (Alternate Servings)

Cash/No-Host Bar Available

Entertainment: The Baker Boys

Dress: Formal

We look forward to seeing you at our celebration.

Claim the Date: Bridge Benefit Dinner (Saturday 24 August)

Our Hospitality student will be holding a Bridge Benefit Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, 24 August 2024 in the Bridge Restaurant commencing at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. This event is an annual student-led initiative that has been held for many years.

This year, the students have decided that all proceeds will be donated to the Ricky Stuart Foundation which was created in 2011 with a clear mission to provide a voice for families and individuals with autism nationally. Ricky believes passionately in keeping families together, by ensuring that every individual with autism and their family has access to state-of-the-art respite facilities and best practice housing models.

We are seeking donations from our community to be sold at our Bridge Benefit Dinner as part of our 'silent auction'. We would welcome gift vouchers, goods, services, any items that can be added to hampers (such as quality products, jams, kitchen items, picnic, BBQ items, wine, chocolates etc.). In appreciation of your support, your business will be thanked at the event and your logo will be displayed on our school website and social media networks. Cash donations are also welcome. All funds raised at the dinner will be donated to the Ricky Stuart Foundation.

Please email Ros Parisi at ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au, or telephone 6243 4178 with the details of your donations, business logo and/or any queries you may have.

YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 NEWS

Year 9 History War Memorial Excursion (Tuesday 2 April)

The College has organised an excursion to the Australian War Memorial, on Tuesday 2 April, for all Year 9 students who are studying History in Semester One. The purpose of the excursion is an educational tour of the First World War galleries, led by War Memorial guides.

This tour is directly related to their current focus in class, which is Australia's role in the First World War. Students will catch a bus to the War Memorial along with their History teacher. Permission notes will be provided to students by their History teacher. For any questions, please contact our Humanities Coordinator, Kyla Firman, kyla.firman@merici.act.edu.au.

YEARS 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

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HEAD OF MISSION AND COMMUNITY NEWS

2024 Young Voices Award

We're excited to announce the [2024 Young Voices Awards](#), presented in partnership with Australian Catholic University.

Theme: 'Do good, be good, spread good news'

Who can participate: Secondary and senior primary school students (Years 5-12)

Categories: Articles, Photographs, Digital (Video or Podcast)

Prizes:

- Seven Steps workshop (for teachers)
- Sharpie/Paper Mate/Elmers prize pack
- Cash prizes for winners in each category

How to enter: Watch the video below for instructions and inspiration.

[YOUNG VOICES AWARDS INFORMATION VIDEO](#)

Submission deadline: 5pm (AEST), Friday 24 May 2024.

For more details, including entry forms and guidelines, check the links below:

- [Intermediate Section \(Years 7-9\)](#)
- [Senior Section \(Years 10-12\)](#)

The following terms and conditions apply. Please read carefully before submitting your entry.

- Entries must be the work of individual students – team entries are not accepted. Only one entry per student will be accepted.
- Entries can only be submitted electronically using the above submission forms. Please ensure all details, including teacher contact details, are supplied. Please follow the instructions and requirements on the entry forms.
- **Print entries:** Entries must not exceed 400 words for Junior section (Year 5 and 6) and 600 words for Intermediate section (Year 7, 8 and 9) and Senior Section (Year 10, 11 and 12).
- **Photo entries:** Entries should include between two and four photos, and one 30- to 50-word caption covering all the photos.
- **Digital entries:** Entries should be no more than three minutes long (Junior) or five minutes long (Intermediate and Senior), and should be accompanied by a transcript.
- All entries must have a unique, relevant title.

If you would like Mrs Harrold-Carter to submit the entries on your behalf, please ensure that you send these to her well before the closing date.

IB NEWS



Middle Years Programme

Revision Skills Workshop

Thank you to the families who attended our MYP Revision Skills Workshop on Monday 25 March. Please click [here](#) to find the presentation and other resources.

IB MYP Awards Ceremony Year 10 2023 Results

Thank you for your understanding re the postponement of the IB MYP Awards Ceremony which was scheduled to occur on Friday 15 March. The new date for the ceremony is Monday 8 April at 2.00pm-3.15pm and it will be held in the auditorium.

Certificates provided by IB Schools Australasia include:

- Certificate of Merit – Certificates of Merit are awarded to students who have achieved a score of 7 in one or more subjects in Year 10.
- Certificate of Participation – for participation in the IB Middle Years Programme and involvement in the Personal Project.
- Certificate of Distinction – Certificates of Distinction are awarded to students who have achieved an overall average score greater than 6 across all subjects in Year 10.
- The Merici College Award for High Achievement in the Personal Project – this is awarded to any student achieving a Grade 7 in their Personal Project.

Please rsvp to Ros Parisi at ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au stating the number of people who will attend (no need to include the student). This event will also be live streamed and recorded for convenience. Please click here to access the live streamed event, <https://merici.college/go/livestream>.

iC NEWS

It has been a busy term, we have loaned out 4,834 resources, 3,866 being textbooks. We have catalogued 606 new resources, added 329 copies to the textbook collection whilst removing 5,489 copies and resources from the catalogue, both physical and digital records.

The ACT Girls Interschool Chess Championship is being hosted by Merici on Tuesday 2 April. Last year, we made it to the playoffs for Nationals. We have 8 players competing in the event. We wish all players well.

The Canberra heat of the Kids Lit Quiz is also being held at Merici on Thursday 4 April. Merici has 4 teams participating, made up of students in Years 7 and 8. There will be 37 schools from around Canberra attending. We wish our teams well.

A reminder to all students to return their library and textbooks for the end of term. We are still chasing many overdues from last year.

Encourage your daughters to come into the iC to collect some holiday reading. This could be a book, a Kobo or to checkout an Overdrive/Sora title.

The library will be closed at 3:30 after school on the last day of Term 1, Thursday 11th April.

Happy reading

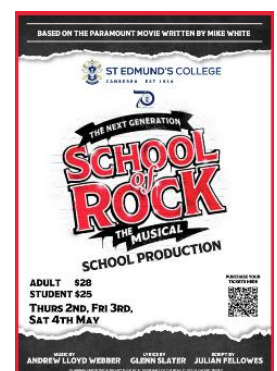
iC staff

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

St Edmund's College School Musical, School of Rock

We are very excited to announce that tickets for the St Edmund's College School Musical, School of Rock, are now on sale. Please go along and support our performing Merici students and all the cast and crew for what will be an exceptional performance.

Tickets here, [School of Rock - St Edmund's College School Musical | Humanitix](#)



DEFENCE NEWS

The City of Queanbeyan RSL Sub-Branch have invited 25 Merici College students to march on ANZAC Day, 25th April. We will meet at 10.00am outside the City Council Chambers and complete the march at the World War One Memorial in Farrer Place Queanbeyan.

This is an opportunity for ALL Merici College students to commemorate our ANZAC Veterans while showing support for our current serving members. Full winter school uniform must be worn to march with Merici College.

Please RSVP to Ms Friend if you are interested in representing Merici College at the Queanbeyan ANZAC Day March.

Merici College ANZAC Assembly will be held Wednesday 1st May from 11.30am. Invitations have been sent to Defence families. If you have not received your invitation or need to RSVP please email kate.friend@merici.act.edu.au.

Week 10

- Tuesday 2nd April Defence Drop In lunchtime in Room 222. BYO lunch, snacks provided.
- Friday 5th April, ANZAC Assembly participants to attend rehearsal at lunchtime in the Auditorium.

Week 11

- Tuesday 9th April ANZAC Assembly participants to attend rehearsal at lunchtime in the Auditorium.

Week 12

- Tuesday 30th April ANZAC Assembly participants to attend rehearsal at lunchtime in the Auditorium.
- Wednesday 1st May ANZAC Assembly 11.45am, Rehearsal for participants P1 & P2 in the Auditorium.

The Defence Office is a welcome space for any Defence students to visit at any recess or lunch.

OTHER NEWS

ACT Sports Bulletin #5 2024

Please click [here](#) to find the latest School Sport ACT bulletin to keep our community up-to-date on school sport events in the ACT.

Coerver Coaching ACT Holiday Camps – April 2024

Coerver Coaching Holiday Camps offer a fun filled soccer experience for boys and girls aged 3 - 16+ years. Each day will include Ball Mastery, 1v1 attack and defence, receiving and passing, small sided Coerver games and mini Coerver Cup tournaments.

Players who attend a Coerver® Coaching ACT Holiday Camp receive:

- 12 hours of programmed Coerver® Coaching sessions delivered by Coerver® Diploma accredited coaches
- Coerver® Coaching training Shirt
- Adidas training football
- Coerver® Coaching Home Study Program
- Coerver® Coaching Home Study Program Online Support
- Coerver® Coaching certificate of attendance



Dates: Monday 15 April – Thursday 18 April

Times: 9:00am - 12:00pm each day

Venue: Southside – Northside – University of Canberra, Bruce. Trinity Christian School, Wanniasa.

Registration Link: <https://coerveract.com.au/holiday-camps>

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ACT Easter Holiday Cricket Camps

The team at AAS Cricket Coaching are excited to announce our upcoming **ACT Easter Holiday Cricket Camps!**

Have fun, grow your confidence and develop your cricketing skills this school holidays under the guidance of our qualified and experienced coaches.

Catering to ages 5-16+, our holiday camps includes access to:

- A structured & enjoyable program delivered in a fun, team-based learning environment
- Coaching covering all aspects of the game including batting, fast & spin bowling, fielding, running between wickets and wicketkeeping
- Technical, tactical & game sense tuition
- Qualified & experienced coaches
- T10 Challenge Cup
- Daily & weekly prizes up for grabs!

ACT EASTER HOLIDAY CRICKET CAMPS

CAMP 1: APRIL 16-18 **CAMP 2: APRIL 22-24**

What's included?

- 9:00am - 3:00pm (Camping up to 8:30pm) (Pick up no later than 8:30pm)
- Reid Oval (ACT) (Camping available offsite for \$100)
- Junior (5-8yrs) Youth (9-12yrs) Senior (13-16+yrs)
- A structured & enjoyable program with a wide variety of cricket drills, activities and games
- Coaching that covers all aspects of the game incl. batting, pace & spin bowling, fielding, running between wickets, wicket-keeping, and more!
- A fun, team-based learning environment with players grouped by age & skill level
- Technical, tactical & game sense tuition
- Qualified & experienced coaches
- T10 Challenge Cup
- Daily & weekly prizes up for grabs!

Contact Holly on 0400125342 or activeedsports@outlook.com

CapitalClinic Physiotherapy

SCAN ME

3-DAY CRICKET CAMPS (FULL DAY)

DATES: Tuesday 16th to Thursday 18th April and Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th April

TIMES: 9:00am - 3:00pm each day

WHERE: Reid Oval, ACT

WHO: Junior (5-8yrs), Youth (9-12yrs), Senior (13-16+yrs)*

WHAT: See details above or visit website for more info

COST: \$110/day or \$295 for 3-days (when booked in the same week)

With registrations capped to ensure an efficient player to coach ratio, now is the time to secure your spot. Visit <https://aascricketcoaching.as.me/act-easter-holiday-cricket-camps-2024> and follow the prompts! Plus, book before 11.59pm on 29th March 2024 using the code **AASCEASTER10** to SAVE 10% OFF! (T&Cs apply).

For all enquiries, please contact AAS Cricket Coaching's Head Coach (Holly Halford-Smith) on 0400 125 342 / activeallsports@outlook.com

**All players are grouped by age & skill level (beginner, intermediate & advanced)*

Omnia School Holiday Activities

Omnia inclusive Employment Solutions are not just about Employment! They understand the importance of fun and connection. Our social and community events are a great way of making new friends and getting out and about in the community in a safe and supportive environment.

Please click [here](#) to find information on lots of activities during the school holidays.