



# WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Weeks 6 and 7 (Monday 29 May – Sunday 11 June)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Early Departure/Late Arrival to School – Procedures

A reminder to our families on what to do when your child is late to school and/or when they are leaving early.

Early Departure - Parent/Guardian are required to email [student.services@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:student.services@merici.act.edu.au) advising student name, what time you will be collecting and the reason for early departure. When Student Services receive your email, they update the student's attendance accordingly and then forward the email to their teacher so that the teacher then knows that the student has approval to leave their lesson early. Students are then required to come to Student Services and wait until their parent arrives to collect them.

Late arrival – On arrival to school, students arriving late need to sign into Student Services kiosk. The kiosk will print them a late slip. The student is then required to give the late slip to their teacher. This late sign-in will mark their attendance as 'unresolved late'. After Student Services have received an email ([student.services@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:student.services@merici.act.edu.au)) from a parent/guardian explaining the late arrival, the student's attendance will be updated accordingly, stipulating the reason provided in the email.

Student Services will also be introducing a *Late to School SMS*, similar to our *Absent SMS*. The *Late to School SMS* will message parents to alert them of their child's late arrival and provide them with a reminder message to send through an explanation.

Please keep in mind that if you arrive to school to collect your child without prior notification to Student Services, the administration staff do not have the capacity to personally collect your child from class. In addition, to avoid disruptions to the students' learning, administration staff are not able to use the PA system to call your child during class time.

### School Fees Payment Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that Term 2 school fees were due for payment Friday 19 May 2023. If you have not already done so, we would appreciate if you could please settle any outstanding fees 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 2 fee statement, are experiencing any financial difficulties or would like to discuss your fee account, please contact our Finance Manager, Jodi Wrenford, at [fees.office@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:fees.office@merici.act.edu.au) or call 6243 4108 to discuss the options that are available to you.

### SEQTA Engage Portal for Parents

A reminder for parents on how to create a parent account to access SEQTA Engage. SEQTA integrates all lesson content, assessment work and results as well as timetables, absences and academic reports. Please click [here](#) to find the Parent Manual. Instructions on how to create a parent account and what SEQTA Engage offers can be found [here](#). Please create a parent account so that we can work in partnership with you in your daughters learning at the College.

## Tell Them From Me® (TTFM®) Parent Survey

We would like to invite you as parents/carers to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Merici College.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/sh2xy>

Please note that the survey will automatically close **9 June 2023 (Term 2, Week 7)**.

Thank you for your time and valued contribution to our whole school evaluation and planning process.

## SchoolTV



SPECIAL REPORT

### A Guide To Safe Partying



Teenage gatherings provide young people with important opportunities to interact and build on their social skills and experiences. Celebrations, partying and socialising are a fundamental rite of passage and one of the most important aspects of a young person's life. However, it is possible for the best young person to get carried away by their peers and the euphoria of the moment.

For parents and caregivers, keeping your young person safe can at times feel daunting and is often a compromise and a challenge. Most teenagers try to do the right thing most of the time, but your leadership as a role model is crucial. Your child may appear to be physically large and mature, but this is not necessarily matched by their emotional maturity and responsibility in behaviour.

Every party has the potential to get out-of-hand as sometimes it's hard for young partygoers to make good decisions. Communication and regular discussions are vital, particularly because young people are often faced with peer pressure to do things they prefer not to engage in. Hosting a celebration at home or at a venue can be a fun and memorable event but it is important to agree on the ground rules well before your event is announced to ensure there are no misunderstandings later on.

If hosting an event, you owe your guests a 'duty-of-care' and should ensure all reasonable steps are taken to keep partygoers safe. This Special Report provides caregivers with list of things to consider when planning a celebration.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the College for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report:

[https://merici.act.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-guide-safe-partying](https://merici.act.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-guide-safe-partying)

## WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Vinnies CEO Sleepout – Donate Now!

Right now in Australia, more than 122,000 people don't have a place to call home! Everyone deserves a safe place to call home. For over a decade, supporters of the Vinnies CEO Sleepout have provided essential support to tens of thousands of Australians. This year, you can make a difference by donating to our campaign, <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/annamasters/act>.



The Merici Vinnies Sleepout is on Thursday 22 June in the New Quad for Years 10-12 students. Our College Principal, Anna Masters is also participating in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout on the same evening with Merici College students. More information will be distributed to students regarding their participation.

All electronic funds will contribute towards a Merici College tally and donated to Vinnies Canberra to support those requiring assistance in our local community. If you would like to support this cause, donations can be made via the link above.

### School Photo Day (Friday 2 June), Catchup Day (Tuesday 6 June)

School Photo Day will be held on Friday 2 June for all students and staff. A catchup day will be held on Tuesday 6 June for any student or staff member that is absent on Friday 2 June. *Year 12 students will be having their formal group photo on Friday 2 June in Period 3.*

Please ensure that your daughter is dressed in full winter school uniform. Please visit <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/my-merici/resources/uniforms> to find all uniform requirements.

A reminder that:

- Students may wear a maximum of two pairs of small sleeper/studs in the lobe of the ear only. No other items or piercings are permitted and students will be asked to remove these.
- **The school blazer is required to be worn for photos.**

Please order your photos **prior** to Photo Day here, <https://store.theschoolphotographer.com.au/>. Please enter the First Code **X1910SEC48M** where required on the portal to proceed to the ordering page. Alternatively, you can access the online ordering portal by scanning the QR code.

Ordering of Sibling Photos will be temporarily disabled one working day prior to Photo Day. This enables us to supply the school with an up to date list of Siblings to be photographed so nobody misses out. It is best to pay for your Sibling Photos now to avoid a late payment processing fee.

Head to our website to view the available packages and to place your order

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[www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au)

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## P&F Committee Trivia Night – Save the Date: Thursday 7 September

The P&F Committee is very excited to invite our community to a Trivia Night to be held on Thursday 7 September. Save the date! More information to follow.



## YEARS 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

### St Edmund's College Movie Night and Disco (Friday 2 June)



Year 11 and 12 students from St Edmund's College, Merici College and St Clare's College are invited to a showing of '10 Things I Hate About You' and social disco after the movie.

Date: Friday 2 June

Tickets: \$5

Venue: St Edmund's Hall

Tickets can be purchased at <https://events.humanitix.com/social-movie-night> or link in QR code



Doors open at 4:30pm, screening from 5:00pm – 6:40pm, disco 6:40pm-7:30pm

For more information, please contact Aidyn or Head of Creative and Performing Arts at St Edmund's College – Mrs Rasmussen at emails [amckay@student.stedmunds.act.edu.au](mailto:amckay@student.stedmunds.act.edu.au) or [rrasmussen@stedmunds.act.edu.au](mailto:rrasmussen@stedmunds.act.edu.au).

### Year 10 Exams (Wednesday 7 June and Thursday 8 June)

Year 10 will sit their Semester 1 exams on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 June. The exams will be held in the College Auditorium. The timings of the days will be as follows:

#### Wednesday 7 June:

Periods 1 and 2	English Exam
Recess	
Periods 3 and 4	Classes as per normal timetable
Lunch	
Periods 5 and 6	Maths Exam

**Thursday 8 June:**

Periods 1 and 2	Science Exam
Recess	
Periods 3 and 4	Classes as per normal timetable
Lunch	
Periods 5 and 6	RE Exam

**Year 11 and 12 BSSS Exams (Tuesday 13 June – Friday 16 June)**

Year 11 and 12 BSSS students will sit their end of Semester 1 Exams on Friday 9 June and between Tuesday 13 June to Friday 16 June in the College Auditorium. Students will be emailed their individual timetable shortly. Students are expected to attend all exams. They are not required to be at school outside of their exams.

No BSSS classes will run during this week. If students are unable to attend exams, medical certificates are required to cover any absences to avoid academic penalties.

The last day for school attendance for Year 11 and 12 BSSS students is **Monday 19 June**.

**Year 11 2024 Subject Selections due by Monday 19 June**

Year 10 students have received an email on Monday 22 May with their link to their subject selections for Year 11 2023. Students will need to enter their study package (BSSS or IB) as well as their individual subjects. Students are encouraged to speak with their teachers about subjects of interest to them and read through their Senior Subject Handbooks given out in their information pack at the Information Evening.

Students are asked to enter their subject choices by Monday 19 June. Their selections will then be discussed at their individual transitions meetings that will be held in Term 2, Weeks 9 and 10.

**IB NEWS****Personal Project Update**

In Week 12, students submitted their draft of Part A (Planning) for their personal project. Part A of the project includes the students' learning and product goals and the selection criteria and action plan for their product. Part A of the personal project report. In week 13 students met with their supervisor and received constructive feedback on their report.

Students have had 2 personal project sessions recently:

- Learning about how to select and discuss the ATL skills developed during the project and how to select evidence for inclusion in the report, and
- An independent work session to implement feedback received from their supervisor or continue writing part B of their report.

Due dates and upcoming sessions:

- The product due date is Wednesday of Week 16 (31 May). Students should show their product to their supervisor and submit evidence (photos, screenshots, excerpts etc.) to SEQTA.
- The next personal project session is in Week 17. Students will work through how to write Section B of the report (reflecting on the impact of the project and the success of the product).
- Interim reports for the personal project will be available to parents via SEQTA on Wednesday 31 May



## Key Dates

This is a list of some key dates for IB Year 12 students.

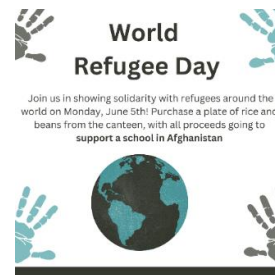
During the exam days, students are permitted to wear non-uniform and attend school only for their scheduled exams.

Event	Date	Information
Extended Essay Draft	5 June	Students full draft of the Extended Essay is due to their supervisors and submitted via SEQTA.

## MISSION AND COMMUNITY

### World Refugee Day (Monday 5 June)

On Monday June 5, our Merici community will be acknowledging World Refugee Day. On that day, our students are encouraged to think about the types of food that Refugees receive in Refugee Camps. To show solidarity, students are requested to please purchase a rice and beans dish from the canteen. The proceeds of which, will go towards supporting girls in Afghanistan to enter the world Science Olympiad. Head on up to the CRLC during lunch to hear from Zaki Hakiri, a refugee, activist and member of Amnesty International present his perspectives on the refugee experience.



### Vinnies Can Line (Wednesday 7 June)

All students are asked to bring in a can of tinned food to donate to St Vincent de Paul and Oz Harvest. The House that can make the longest line of canned food this year will receive points for the House Cup.

VINNIES & OZ HARVEST CAN LINE



Get ready for the Can Line on **Wednesday 7th of June!**  
Start donating canned foods to your house now to help you WIN!!  
**CAN LINE**

## iC NEWS

With the continuation of the assessment period, it is timely to remind the community of the digital resources we have available through the iC. The iC has many quality resources that are current, relevant, authoritative and reliable.

Not only will you find hard copy books on the shelf within the iC, Merici College subscribe to a range of digital platforms for information and research; World Book Encyclopedia, Facts on File databases for; History, Geography, Science, Health, English and Religion, Journal Articles through EBSCO databases such as the ANZ Reference Centre and reliable websites located through Oliver (library catalogue). All resources can be accessed through the Merici SEQTA home page.

Should your daughter be having difficulty finding information or writing a Reference list using the Merici Referencing Guide, please encourage her to visit the iC to talk to Mrs Blakey or iC staff.

Happy Researching!

iC Staff

## CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

### Showcase Semester 1 (Tuesday 20 June)

Dance | Photography | Visual Arts | Media | Design & Graphics | Music | Vocal | Drama | Textiles

Date: Tuesday 20 June 2023

Exhibition Opening - Refreshments 5.00pm-5.45pm,  
Auditorium Foyer

Exhibition and Performances 6pm-8pm, Auditorium

RSVP essential for Exhibition Opening: <https://events.humanitix.com/showcase-2023-semester-1>



### Alice in Wonderland Musical Performance

We are excited to announce that tickets to see our musical Alice in Wonderland will be released on Monday 19 June (Week 9)

Book, Music and Lyrics by Janet Yates Vogt and Mark Friedman. Based on the classic story by Lewis Carroll. By Arrangement With Origin™ Theatrical on Behalf of Theatrical Rights Worldwide, New York.

This brand new musical version of the timeless classic takes you down the rabbit hole with zany characters, mad tea parties, flamingo croquet on the lawn, and tap dancing playing cards, all in a land where nothing is as it seems. The ever-curious Alice, the White Rabbit, Tweedle-Dee and Tweedle-Dum, the Mad Hatter, the Caterpillar, the Mock Turtle, the mysterious Cheshire Cat, the Queen of Hearts, and all your favourites from Lewis Carroll's beloved books, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass* make this a magical, tuneful, and over-the-top entertaining musical for the whole family!

#### Shows:

Friday 28 July – 7:00pm

Saturday 29 July – 2:00pm and 7:00pm

Sunday 30 July – 2:00pm

#### Tickets:

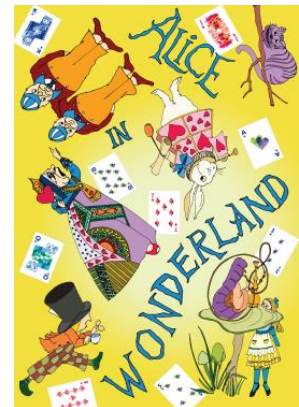
Adults - \$18

Students - \$12

Children under 12 & Seniors - \$10

Family of 4 (2 adults, 2 children) - \$50

Ticketing information will be sent to families in Week 8.



## DEFENCE NEWS

Families are always welcome to contact Kate Friend to update family deployment or posting information.

[Kate.friend@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:Kate.friend@merici.act.edu.au) or phone 02 6243 4190. Kate works part time at Merici College on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

### Week Five – Friday 26 May

ADF Cadet information session with our Merici Cadets. If you have any questions or would like to know more about ADF Cadets you are welcome to join us in the CLRC at lunchtime on Friday 26 May.

**Week Six- Defence Catch Up**

Tuesday 30 May lunchtime drop into Room 222 to say hello and for a snack and chat with your defence friends.

**Week Seven – Defence Just Dance**

Tuesday 6 June lunchtime in the OYC.

Bring a friend and your lunch to the OYC to warm up with Just Dance.

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