



WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Weeks 8 and 9 (Monday 17 June – Sunday 30 June)

IMPORTANT NEWS

Staff News

We wish Anna Masters safe travels and a fulfilling journey as she embarks on her sabbatical in Italy from June 20th to July 14th.

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

P&F Committee Trivia Night –Thursday 5 September

The Merici College P&F Committee are excited to share an evening of trivia with you to be held on Thursday 5 September. A fun night of trivia! Great prizes, silent auction and raffles!

We would love to receive any donations that you may be able to provide as part of Trivia prizes. We would welcome gift vouchers, goods, services, any other items that can be used. In appreciation of your support, you and/or your business will be acknowledged, and your logo displayed on our school website and social media networks. Please contact Ros Parisi (ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au) for information. Thank you to many of our families that have donated items! Your support is greatly appreciated.



YEARS 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

Year 11 2025 Subject Selections due by Friday 28 June

Year 10 students have received an email with their link to their subject selections for Year 11 2025. 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 Friday 28 June. Their selections will then be discussed at their individual transitions meetings that are being held until the end of Term 2.

Year 10 Transitions Week (Monday 1 July – Friday 5 July)

The Transitions Forum is an important week for Year 10 students. During the forum your daughters will consider how to make decisions, reflect on what is important in life, hear about a few different careers, learn about the job market, prepare for senior study and much, much more. Students are not expected to wear uniform during this week.

Lunch will be provided on Monday and Friday. Students will be required to bring or buy their own recess for the week as well as lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

The days have been specifically organised into different areas.

- **Monday:** The first day of the Year 10 Transitions forum is dedicated to the Year 10 Retreat
- **Tuesday:** students will be given presentations on:
 - IB Diploma Programme/BSSS Program
 - University degree pre-requisites and recommendations
 - Extra- curricular academic activities available in Senior College
- **Wednesday:** students choose 2 institutions that they would like to visit. The options are: Australian National University, Australian Catholic University, University of Canberra, Defence Force Recruiting, Police and Magistrates Court. Students will be sent an online form to submit their preferences,
- **Thursday:** All students will be doing independent work on Personal Project
- **Friday:** a full day presentation, 'Day of Hope' with Glenn Gerreyn from the Hopeful Institute, Sydney. He concentrates on goals and motivation and in the past, he has had our students on the edge of their seats with his inspirational words.

Senior Scholarship Applications close Monday 1 July

Merici College has a range of scholarships available to support the talents and educational achievements of our girls. We currently have scholarships available for Year 7 students, Year 12 Vocational Education and Training Scholarship for current Year 11 students, and Scholarships for current Year 10 Students and future Year 11/12 Students.

Formal Letter of Application: Students are to submit their application of 500 words or less which outlines their achievements in the scholarship categories, nominating a category/ies as appropriate.

Applications due: 1 July

Addressed to: The Principal, Merici College, Wise Street, Braddon, ACT, 2612

Announcement: Term 3

To find out more, please visit <https://merici.college/scholarships>.

HEAD OF MISSION AND COMMUNITY

Push-Up Challenge 2024

Our names are Holly and Jess, and we are your student ambassadors for the Push Up Challenge in 2024! Registrations are open and we're back again to promote mental health at Merici and have fun while doing it!

We're getting involved in The Push-Up Challenge from 5-28 June 2024 and would love you to join us.



The Challenge is to complete 3,249 push-ups (or 1,625 if you choose the half target) in 24 days to raise awareness and funds for mental health. This represents the 3,249 people who died by suicide in Australia in 2022 (the most recent stats), which is why we want to push for better, and hope you will too.

Sound like too many push-ups? No worries, you can do the half target and substitute push-ups for alternative exercises, like squats and sit-ups.

It's free to take part and there's an app where you get daily targets and mental health facts, track your progress, and can check out our collective stats.

We have created a community, which is a group of Teams all participating in The Push-Up Challenge and pushing together. By joining our community as part of a team which are done by your PC's, we'll be able to track our collective stats, as well as see our own personal leader board for Teams and individuals.

To join us, join your PC through our Community page:

<https://www.thepushupchallenge.com.au/fundraisers/MericiCollege>.

We hope you and your crew can join us in the push for better mental health!

We'll be talking more about this at assemblies and even some competitions with prizes up for grabs! We would love to see all of you registered this year! Head to The Push-Up Challenge website or flick me or Jess a message if you have any questions.

Holly & Jess

Vinnies Sleepout (Thursday 20 June)



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 and fosters a sense of community responsibility.

The Merici Vinnies Sleepout is on **Thursday 20 June** in the New Quad for Years 10-12 students. Students will be accompanied by supervising teachers for the duration of the event.

Participation Fee: \$20 donation to Mrs Masters' fundraising page (paid electronically)

Payment Link: <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/annamasters/act>



All funds will contribute towards a Merici College tally and will be donated to Vinnies Canberra to support those in need in our local community. Additional sponsorship is optional and can be donated online via the same link.

Event Details for Year 10-12 students:

- Sleeping Location: New Quad at Merici College
- Facilities: Secured area with access to toilets, drinking water, power points, first aid, and shelter (in case of rain).

Special Guests: A representative from Vinnies Canberra will facilitate an educational session about homelessness on the evening of June 20.

Please donate and help make a difference in our community!

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Showcase Semester 1 (Wednesday 19 June)

Please join us at our Creative and Performing Arts Showcase for Semester 1. The Showcase will commence at 5pm on Wednesday 19 June for refreshments and to view the outstanding work of our Photography, Visual Arts, Media, Design & Graphics and Textiles students, as well as exceptional performances of Dance, Music, Vocal and Drama students. The formal opening will commence at 6pm and conclude at 8pm. Please advise your attendance before Friday 14 June to assist with catering and seating here,

<https://events.humanitix.com/creative-and-performing-arts-showcase-semester-1>

MERICI COLLEGE SHOWCASE 2024

Wednesday 19 June 2024

Exhibition Opening

Refreshments 5.00pm-5.45pm, Auditorium Foyer

Showcase

Exhibition and Performances 6pm-8pm, Auditorium

RSVP for Exhibition Opening

<https://events.humanitix.com/creative-and-performing-arts-showcase-semester-1>



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

iC NEWS

As we near the end of the semester it is an ideal time to remind students to return any textbooks or library books that they have finished reading and using. Every week we send overdue notices to students via email, but these are often ignored. We ask your help to ensure resources are returned speedily, as these resources are often needed by other students for the coming semester. Students are able to check their account through Oliver on SEQTA, by logging in. Their loan details can be found on the drop down under their name.



Oliver

A reminder that ClickView is a resource available to all students 24/7 through the SEQTA homepage or <http://online.clickview.com.au/>. It can also be accessed on devices via the ClickView app which can be downloaded via iTunes or the Google ClickView has an amazing range of video content suitable for educational and purposes. A great resource to utilise over the upcoming holidays.



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DEFENCE NEWS

The Defence Office is a welcome space for any Defence students. You are welcome to drop in at recess or lunch, except Wednesdays. If the door is open, please come in and say hello.

Defence families are always welcome to contact your Defence School Mentor (DSM) with any information regarding a new posting or absences impacting your family. kate.friend@merici.act.edu.au or telephone 02-62434190.

Upcoming Defence Events

Week 8 Tuesday 18 June Defence Drop In, lunchtime in Room 222. Bring your lunch and say hello to your Defence friends. Snacks provided.

Week 9 Tuesday 25th June Defence Drop in, lunchtime in Room 222. Bring your lunch and say hello to your Defence friends. Snacks provided.

OTHER NEWS

Tim Fischer Oration of Ethics in Public and Political Life (7 August)

Building on the success of the Inaugural Oration 2022, which saw nearly 600 people in attendance, we are pleased to share that Helen Alvaré, Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University, USA, will deliver the 2024 Oration. Helen's profound insights on moral and social challenges resonate widely across various platforms.

Australia's former Deputy Prime Minister, John Anderson, who delivered the Inaugural Oration in 2022, will be the Master of Ceremonies with the popular Q&A session, moderated by Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter.

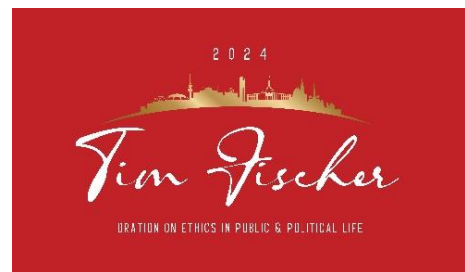
The Tim Fischer Oration aims to inspire and encourage us all to build a society grounded in principles of freedom and equity. We hope to ignite a passion for public service among young Australians, and this event provides a perfect platform.

7 August, Great Hall, Parliament House

Drinks and Canapes at 6.00 pm

Main Speaker and Q&A from 7.00 pm

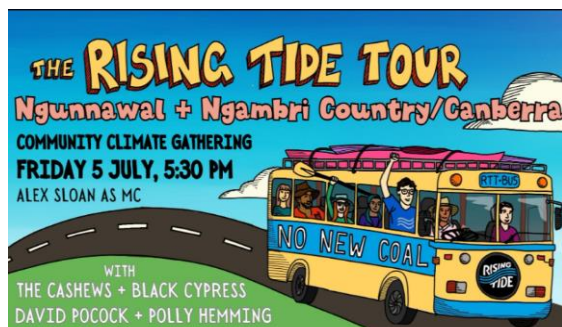
Tickets and Information: \$40 www.tfo.org.au



ACT Sports Bulletin #9 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.

The Rising Tide Tour (Friday 5 July)



Please join us for a night of live music, food and inspiring speakers: Rising Tide guests Senator David Pocock and Polly Hemming of the Australia Institute, with MC Alex Sloan. Rising Tide is a diverse movement working to ensure Australia honours its commitment to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement via a focus on the world's largest coal port in Newcastle.

When: from 5:30 pm for 6:15 pm, Friday 5 July

Where: Lyneham High School Hall, 61 Goodwin St Lyneham

RSVP: <https://www.risingtide.org.au/tour-canberra-july-5>

Attendance is FREE. Food and drinks by optional donation.