



WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Weeks 2 and 3 (Monday 5 May – Sunday 18 May)

IMPORTANT NEWS

Merici College Enrolling Now 2026 and Beyond Campaign (April/May 2025)

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 7 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 2 May, Monday 5 May, Monday 12 May
- Additional Talk and Tour – Saturday 10 May
- Careers Expo (4.00pm-6.00pm), Year 11 2026 Information Night (5.30pm-7.30pm) – Tuesday 13 May

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 7 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.

A permission note is required to be completed and can be found on Compass.

Enrolment Process

Please note that Mrs Masters has commenced enrolment interviews for 2026. 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 02-62434150 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 2026 - 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 Tuesday 13 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

Bridge Restaurant (Wednesday 7 May 6.00pm)

The Bridge Restaurant will be open on Wednesday 7 May from 6.00pm.

Cost: \$45.00 pp, three course meal, one complimentary drink

To make a booking, please visit www.bridge.restaurant or email bridge@merici.act.edu.au.

Mother's Day Liturgy and Lunch (Friday 9 May 11.30am)

An invitation is extended to all our mothers or special female carers to attend a very special liturgy and lunch with their daughter/s on Friday 9 May 2025. The liturgy will be held in the Chapel and will commence at 11.30am, followed by lunch in the Bridge Restaurant. Our Senior Hospitality students will be preparing and serving a two-course meal with refreshments.

Due to limited tickets, mothers or significant female carers (in the absence of a mother) are invited to attend. Please note that a very special celebration for Grandparents Day will be held in Term 3 and we look forward to welcoming our grandmothers at this event.

Tickets: \$55 per person (two-course meal and refreshments) and can be purchased here, <https://events.humanitix.com/mother-s-day-liturgy-and-lunch-qkbp6rwa>.

Your daughter (currently enrolled at Merici) is welcome to attend both the liturgy and lunch. **If your daughter is attending the lunch, a ticket will need to be purchased for them.**

PASTORAL CARE

Supporting Student Wellbeing

As we return to school for Term 2, Semester 1, we recognise that transitions, particularly after the holidays, can be challenging for some students. If your child is experiencing significant mental health challenges, we ask that you please communicate with the pastoral care team as early as possible to ensure appropriate support can be put in place to assist with their return to school. The pastoral care team consists of your daughter's pastoral care teacher and House Coordinator.

Please notify the pastoral care team if your child:

- has experienced a recent mental health crisis
- has been hospitalised due to mental health concerns.

Where appropriate, the pastoral care team can support your child by:

- coordinating return to school plans or gradual return planning
- advocating for and implementation of curriculum or wellbeing adjustments
- liaising with teaching staff and external professionals to create a consistent support network.

Important to note:

- adjustments and support strategies can only be made following a planning meeting with the relevant pastoral care team members
- explanatory documentation from external services is essential to inform planning and tailor school supports effectively
- clear communication enables the school to maintain duty of care while supporting your child's academic and emotional wellbeing.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to the pastoral care team and your child's House Coordinator if you have concerns or questions.

YEARS 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

Year 11 2026 - Senior College at Merici and Year 11 2026 Information Evening

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Merici College Careers Expo

Date: Tuesday 13 May

Time: 4.00pm-6.00pm (prior to Year 11 Information Evening)

Who: Year 10-12 Students and Parents

Location: Merici College Canteen and Restaurant

Senior Study and Driving to School

To encourage responsibility and safeguarding of all members of the Merici community, the College has several protocols that apply to senior students when leaving the College during study periods and driving to and from school. The responsibilities of students and procedures are outlined below.

All Senior Students must attend the College from 9.00am and attend Pastoral Class on the days they have a scheduled class in Period One. All scheduled classes, Long PC and Assemblies must be attended.

Signing In/Out Procedures: All Senior Students are to sign out at Student Services when they leave the College grounds during their study periods. This is critical to the College in maintaining knowledge of each student's presence. If students return to the College during the same school day, they are required to sign back in. Failure to sign in and out may lead to a withdrawal of the privilege of leaving for study periods.

*If you do not give your daughter permission to leave the College grounds during Study periods, please email attendance@merici.act.edu.au.

Driving Privileges: Senior students are granted the privilege of driving to school once they have obtained their driver's licence. Students need to apply to drive a vehicle onto the College grounds. The Student Car Parking Application and Agreement form can be found [here](#) and when completed, it should be returned to Student Services.

The conditions upon which students are permitted to drive on college property and sign out apply to all students. These privileges are conditional and should a student breach any of the conditions outlined below; the privileges may be withdrawn.

Conditions for Driving: Students must:

- Complete the Car Parking Application and Agreement found [here](#).
- Always demonstrate safe driving behaviour.
- Park in the student car park only.
- Be in the car park only when arriving at or departing school and not during study periods or at recess and lunch.

Passengers in Cars: Passengers in cars on the journey to and from the College remain the responsibility of parents and student drivers. Please ensure that you have advised your daughter with whom they may or may not travel. Under the CE guidelines, students should not transport other students on school-related activities including school organised events unless they have permission granted by the Principal.

We appreciate your support in ensuring your daughter develops personal responsibility and safe attitudes and practices.

Please return the parking application and agreement form as hard copy to Student Services.

Legal Studies – ACT Magistrates Court Visit (Wednesday 14 May 2025)

Legal Studies students will visit the ACT Magistrate's Court, participating in court visits, to better understand the ACT Court system and witness the court process. Students must wear full school uniform.

Students may wish to bring a small note pad and pencil, but this is not required. No bags should be brought to the Court; they will not be allowed into the building (except in the case of those carrying essential medication). Students will be transported on a chartered bus. The bus will leave the College at 10:45am and return by 1:45pm.

It is suggested that students leave their Period 2 class by 10:30am in order for the group to leave on time. We will not have time for Recess, so it suggested that students ensure they have had a good breakfast, or a snack before we enter the court.

The permission note can be found on Compass.

HEAD OF MISSION AND COMMUNITY

Push Up Challenge

This year, Merici is once again participating in the Push Up Challenge! Our names are Jess and Aurelia, and we are your student ambassadors this year. Registrations are open and we're back again to promote mental health at Merici and have fun while doing it! We're getting involved from 4-26 June 2025 and would love for you to join us.

The Challenge is to complete 3,214 push-ups (or 1,607 if you choose the half target) in 24 days to raise awareness and funds for mental health. This represents the 3,214 people who died by suicide in Australia in 2023 (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 a great 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 grouped into all of the PC's, and by joining our community as a member of your PC, we'll be able to track our collective stats, as well as see our own personal leader board for PC's and individuals.

We know the challenge isn't for a while, but we'd love for you girls to join your PC through our Community page to get ready for June:

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

We'll be talking more about this at assembly's 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 Aurelia a message if you have any questions.

Thanks girls!

Jess and Aurelia

Christian Service, Reflections and Angel Wings – Important Update for Parents

As part of our commitment to nurturing compassionate, reflective, and socially responsible young women, we are currently working to strengthen the connection between our Christian Service programme and the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP) requirements.

In line with the MYP's emphasis on service as action, we are introducing a new reflection process this year to ensure our girls not only participate in acts of service but engage in meaningful reflection on their experiences. These reflections will encourage them to think critically about their service, understand the impact of their actions, and make deeper connections to their learning, values, and growth as individuals.

Importantly, this initiative supports our goal of ensuring all students meet the MYP expectations thoughtfully and purposefully.

We also wanted to share that these reflections will play a key role in the lead-up to St Angela Merici Day, where we recognise students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to Christian Service through the presentation of Angel Wings.

To honour the integrity of both the Christian Service programme and the MYP framework, only those students who have:

- Completed their Christian Service reflection documents, and
- Met the required service criteria

will be eligible to receive Angel Wings at the celebration.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support in encouraging your daughter to complete their reflections as soon as possible. These documents are available through SEQTA and should be submitted directly via the platform. On **Monday, May 5**, during Long PC, the girls will be awarded the opportunity to complete these reflections in class with the support of their Pastoral Care Teacher.

If you have any questions about the reflection process, Christian Service, or the MYP requirements, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to help our students grow as compassionate, active, and faith-filled young women.

LANGUAGES NEWS

Year 9-11 Proposed Study Tour of Spain – Expression of Interest Meeting (Wednesday 14 May 6:00pm)

The Languages Department is holding an expression of interest meeting for a proposed study tour of Spain in April 2026 on Wednesday, 14 May at 6.00pm in the CRLC.

The study tour is open to **current Year 9 – 11 Spanish students**.

Come along with your child to find out all about the trip including the itinerary and estimated costs etc.

If you need further information, please get in touch by email to tina.rodriquez@merici.act.edu.au.

SCIENCE NEWS

Big Science Competition (Wednesday 7 May)

The Big Science Competition is open to students in Years 7 to 10 globally. It's a 50-minute, mixed format online competition testing science knowledge, critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Questions are set in real-life, contemporary contexts, making them relatable... and interesting!

Students in years 9-10 are invited to join in the Big Science Competition! It will be held in periods 1 and 2 on Wednesday 7 May (Week 12). To register your interest, please complete this form by Thursday 17

April: <https://forms.office.com/r/iyz9uFH806>

IB NEWS



IB MYP Awards Ceremony

The MYP Year 10 2024 Award Ceremony is an opportunity for us to recognise the academic achievements of the Year 10 2024 students (current Year 11 students), particularly the Personal Project.

This ceremony will take place early in Term 2. Please keep an eye out for an email containing an invitation with further details. This event will also be live streamed and recorded for your convenience.



Key Dates

This is a list of key dates for IB DP Year 12 students. We wish our students all the best as they prepare for their final IB Diploma exams to be held during May.

Event	Date	Information
Italian B SL Final Exams	6 May	Language B SL paper 1 Language B SL paper 2 - Reading comprehension Location: Senior Art Space Students must be at the exam room at least 10 minutes before the official start time of 2.00pm.
Italian B SL Final Exam	7 May	Language B SL paper 2 - Listening comprehension Location: Senior Art Space Students must be at the exam room at least 10 minutes before the official start time of 10.00am.
World Religion Final Exam	13 May	World religions SL paper 1 Location: Mackillop House Students must be at the exam room at least 10 minutes before the official start time of 2:00pm
World Religion Final Exam	14 May	World religions SL paper 2 Location: Mackillop House Students must be at the exam room at least 10 minutes before the official start time of 10.00am.

Students are not required to wear uniform during the exams. Italian students will have a study day on 5 May and all IB students will have 12 May as a study day.

iC NEWS

There have been some very positive achievements for the Information Centre (iC) during the last week of term and during the holidays.

Merici College hosted the Canberra Heat of the Kids' Lit Quiz on Tuesday 8 April. It was a very successful gathering of book lovers of primary and secondary school students. One of the Merici Teams came second and will be representing the ACT in Sydney at the National Final on Monday 2 June. We congratulate Jasmine d'Ambrosio, Pia Lawrence, Freya Seagrott and Grace Speirs and wish them well at the finals.

During the holidays our long-awaited new furniture arrived for the iC Flexi space. The feedback from both staff and students has been overwhelmingly positive. It is exciting to have a new look, that provides a space for students to work flexibly whilst also providing comfort.

There are many books that seem to have "gone for a holiday" outside of the library. These books still say they are available on the shelf through Oliver but cannot be located. Could you please ask your daughter to be on the lookout around the house and in lockers, for books that have the Merici College barcode on them? They can be returned no questions asked. We have students waiting to borrow these missing books.

Yours in all things library,

iC Staff



CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Merici College presents Legally Blonde the Musical Jr.

Shows:

Thursday 24th July ~ 7pm

Friday 25th July ~ 7pm

Saturday 26th July ~ 2pm & 7pm

Sunday 27th July ~ 2pm

Venue:

Merici College Auditorium | Wise Street,
Braddon ACT

Tickets:

Adults ~ \$18

Students ~ \$16

Child (under 12) ~ \$14

Seniors ~ \$12

Family (2 adults & 2 students/children) ~ \$55

<https://events.humanitix.com/merici-college-presents-legally-blonde-jr>



MERICI COLLEGE PRESENTS

LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical JR.

Original Production by Hal Luftig, Fox Theatricals, Dori Berinstein, James L. Nederlander, Independent Presenters Network, Roy Furman, Amanda Lipitz, Broadway Asia, Barbara Whitman, FWPM Group, Ruth Hendel, Cheryl Wiesenfeld, Hal Goldberg, David Binder, James D. Stern, Douglas L. Meyer, Stewart F. Lane, Bonnie Comley, Robert G. Bartner, Michael A. Jenkins, Albert Nocciolino and Warren Trepp; Produced in association with MGM Onstage, Darcie Denkert & Dean Stolber

Production Team

Merici College Creative & Performing Arts Faculty

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Legally Blonde JR. is presented through special arrangement with all authorised materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY

(212) 541-4684 mtishows.com

www.merici.act.edu.au



OTHER NEWS

Dr Rose McGready Foundation – A Canberra evening with Rose (Thursday 8 May 5.30pm)

We are delighted to host an evening with Professor Rose McGready, founder of the DRMF (Dr Rose McGready Foundation). DRMF was founded in 2022 as a registered charity to assist the lifesaving efforts of Professor Rose McGready, an Australian doctor who has dedicated over 30 years to serving marginalised communities along the Thai-Myanmar border. The Foundation operates solely with the support of volunteers.

Date: Thursday 8 May 2025

Time 5.30pm-7.30pm

Venue: Merici College Auditorium

Drinks and canapés from 5.30pm

Admission: \$50 adults / \$30 students

Dr Rose McGready Foundation
presents

A Canberra evening with Rose

From Canberra to the Crossing Point - join us for an evening discussion. Journalist Virginia Haussegger will interview Rose on her world-leading research on malaria, maternal health, and training programs for local healthcare workers on the Thai-Myanmar border.

Thursday 8 May 2025
5.30 pm-7.30 pm
Merici College Auditorium

Listen to the Canberra Mandolin Orchestra upon arrival and during a Silent Auction

Drinks and canapés from 5.30pm
Admission: \$50 adults / \$30 students

Tickets

Further details at our website:
or contact drrosemcgreadyfoundation.org.au
<https://drrosemcgreadyfoundation.org.au>

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Capital Football Celebrating Women and Girls in Football 2-11 May 2025



Celebrate Female Football Week in Canberra from 2 to 11 May! This exciting event highlights the growth of women's football and the vital role females play at all levels of the game. A variety of sessions, including a Dads & Daughters training, Mums & Bubs session, Fast 3s competition, and an Off-the-Pitch Player Education webinar, will be hosted by Capital Football. Whether you're a player, coach, volunteer, or parent, there's something for everyone to get involved in. Join us as we celebrate female involvement in football and encourage more Women and Girls to play and engage in the sport! For more details on events, visit Capital Football's [website](#) and keep up to date on our social channels @CapitalFootball.

MUMFEST 2025

Where: Haig Park, Braddon

When: 11 May 2025

Bookings: Entry to the event is free and no bookings are required.

For more information, visit

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3043819262432864>

Instagram: @haigparkvillagemarkets

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