



WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Weeks 6 and 7 (Monday 2 June – Sunday 15 June)

IMPORTANT NEWS

School Fees

Thank you to those families who are up to date with their school fees.

This is a reminder that Term 2 fees and any other outstanding fees were due for payment last Friday 23 May. Fees must be paid in full by the due date, not the end of the term, unless you are paying your fees via a regular direct debit (BPoint or BPAY), have an approved payment plan in place or have contacted the finance office to request an extension on the due date.

Payment options available are:

- BPAY payments can be made by using the BPay Biller details on your statement.
- Direct Debit payment arrangements can be set up using the new BPoint system. Please contact the Finance Office if you would like information on how to set this up.
- Credit Card and Debit Card payments can be made through Compass or by phone, please call the College on 6243 4108.
- Cash and EFTPOS payments can be made by visiting the College.

If you are experiencing difficulty in making payments, it is essential that you contact the College at fees.office@merici.act.edu.au or 6243 4108 to discuss payment options and/or our concession process. We cannot stress enough how important it is for you to make contact with the College if you need assistance with your fees.

If you have not been receiving your fee or monthly statements via email, please let us know so that we can check your email address.

Do you hold a current ACT 'Light Rigid' driver's licence or higher?

Do you know your way around Canberra roads, like driving small buses and have a good driving record and able to demonstrate road-craft and competency?

Do you have a current working with vulnerable people card WWVP?

Would you like to be more involved with Merici College?

We are looking to bolster our school bus driving options.

Our Bus seats up to 27 students with seatbelts, is fully automatic and needs a LR licence to or higher to drive it. It gets used regularly for local charter and ad-hoc use for sports or class groups of girls to sporting venues or excursions. Training and familiarisation will be provided.



If you are interested in volunteering please email Adrian Heim, Business Manager on email info@merici.act.edu.au.

Carparking

With the growth of student numbers at Merici College the imperative for safe driving around the college is greater than ever.

Teaching Staff wearing hi-viz vests act as traffic wardens in and around drop-off zones for students. They help keep traffic moving but more importantly they *help keep students safe around moving cars*.

1. Please refrain from dropping students off in non-designated drop off zones, especially around buses – the presence of which when held up by cars causes delay and obstructs vision.
2. Please DO NOT drop off students at car parks on Limestone Avenue. Entering and exiting car parks on Limestone Avenue is restricted to a single-lane driveway, so to drop off students is dangerous especially during peak hour as cars must stand and wait on Limestone Avenue. There have been several near-misses reported as there are no traffic wardens there to help keep students safe.
3. Only use drop off zone at the Wise Street carpark.



WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

SAVE THE DATE: P&F Committee Trivia Night –Thursday 7 August

The Merici College P&F Committee are excited to share an evening of trivia with you to be held on Thursday 7 August. 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 and as part of our silent auction. 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.

Ticketing information will be advised in the next few weeks.



COUNSELLORS CORNER

Seasons for Growth - Learning to live with change and loss. Expressions of Interest, Term 3.

We are inviting Expressions of Interest from parents/carers of students in **Years 7–8** to participate in our *Seasons for Growth* program, running in Term 3.

Seasons for Growth is a small group program that aims to support young people who have experienced significant change or loss - such as family separation, death, or other major life transitions. The program helps participants understand and manage the impacts of change, build resilience, and strengthen their emotional wellbeing in a safe and supportive environment.



The program uses a wide range of age-appropriate activities to explore feelings, develop coping strategies, and foster connection with others who may have had similar experiences. It is important to note that this program is an educational program and not a counselling/therapeutic small group program.



If you believe your child would benefit from this opportunity, please complete the Expression of Interest form or scan the QR code below:

👉 <https://forms.office.com/r/4JpP5P73Ed>

Please note: completing this EOI does not guarantee placement, but it allows us to gauge interest and plan appropriately. Families of selected students will be contacted closer to the end of Term 2 with further details.

If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss further, please contact us at counsellors@merici.act.edu.au.

Xian & Chelsea, Merici School Counsellors

YEAR 7, 8 AND 9 NEWS

Marist Disco Years 7 /8 students (Wednesday 18 June), Years 9/10 (Thursday 19 June)

Merici students are invited to the Marist College Canberra Disco.

Year 7/8 Disco to be held on **Wednesday 18 June** commencing at 5:00pm-7:30pm. Buy your ticket here: <https://events.maristc.act.edu.au/7-8-disco-girls> and **then** confirm your attendance in Merici Compass.

Year 9/10 Disco to be held on **Thursday 19 June** commencing at 5:00pm-7.30pm. Buy your ticket here: [Marist College Canberra Online Community](#) and **then** confirm your attendance in Merici Compass.

This is a fundraising event. Please purchase a ticket and consider making an extra donation if you can. Please join us for a night of dancing, music, and fun and an opportunity to meet new friends from Marist College, Merici College, CGGS and St Clare's College.

All students attending the event are required to check-in and present their mobile phone at check in.
- The dress code is 'warm, smart casual' and we ask for your assistance in ensuring that your son's/daughter's attire is appropriate for a school event.

Funds raised from this event will be supporting projects through Australian Marist Solidarity.

Tickets for the disco are \$15, but please consider making a donation that will have a major impact in the Solomon Islands.

- \$15 for ticket to disco, drink and a Sausage sizzle.
- \$25 for ticket to disco, drink and a Sausage sizzle and donations of 10 books to the St Joseph's Tenaru School library.
- \$50 for ticket to disco, drink and a Sausage sizzle and contribution to the construction of a water tank in a community in the Solomon Islands.
- \$100 for ticket to disco, drink and a Sausage sizzle and contribution to the construction of a security fence around St Joseph's Tenaru Boarding House.

Please find more information in Compass.

YEARS 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

Marist Disco Years 9/10 (Thursday 19 June)

Please see above information for tickets to attend the Marist Disco Years 9 and 10.

Year 10 Exams (Thursday 12 June – Friday 13 June)

Year 10 will sit their Semester 1 exams on Thursday 12 and Friday 13 June. The exams will be held in the College Auditorium. The timings of the days will be as follows:

Thursday 12 June:

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

Friday 13 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 (Monday 16 June – Friday 20 June)

Year 11 and 12 BSSS students will sit their end of Semester 1 Exams between Monday 16 June and Friday 20 June in the College Auditorium. Students will be emailed their individual timetables. 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 23 June**.

Tour of France 2026 Expression of Interest

Expressions of Interest are now being sought for students to attend the Merici College Tour of France, departing end of Term 1 2026. Interested students are asked to submit the EOI by **Monday 2 June** at the latest. Students who are eligible to apply are those studying French and/or History in Years 10-12 next year, as well as senior students no longer studying French but did so in the junior years. Please contact Mr Battaglia (email: Giuseppe.battaglia@merici.act.edu.au) or Mrs Rodriguez (Tina.Rodriguez@merici.act.edu.au) should you have any questions.

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*

IB NEWS



How does assessment work in the MYP?

As we approach the end of Semester 1 and the release of semester reports, we wanted to take this opportunity to outline some important information about assessment and reporting in the MYP here at Merici College.

 MYP assessment is...	 MYP assessment is NOT...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best-fit and evidence-based (i.e., based on the most accurate demonstration of student performance) • Based on professional teacher judgement • Holistic, rigorous and varied (opportunity to achieve at highest level, across a variety of assessment strategies) • Criterion-related (based on common standards for evaluating student achievement holistically) • Focused on positive achievement (i.e., no "negative marking") 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculated using averages or split into decimals, e.g., 4.5 • Summative only (formative assessment is important too) • Norm-referenced (i.e., it does not compare students to each other – there is no ranking or expected distributions) • Criterion-referenced (i.e., it does not require students to master all strands of specific criteria at lower achievement levels before they can be considered to have achieved the next level)

Each MYP subject group has 4 criteria that students are assessed on (A, B, C, D), while the Personal Project (Year 10) and Interdisciplinary Units have 3 criteria. The criteria for each subject group (along with the Personal Project and Interdisciplinary Units) are presented in the table below.

	A	B	C	D
Language and literature	Analysing	Organizing	Producing text	Using language
Language acquisition	Listening	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Individuals and societies	Knowing and understanding	Investigating	Communicating	Thinking critically
Sciences	Knowing and understanding	Inquiring and designing	Processing and evaluating	Reflecting on the impacts of science
Mathematics	Knowing and understanding	Investigating patterns	Communicating	Applying mathematics in real-world contexts
Arts	Investigating	Developing	Creating/performing	Evaluating
Physical and health education	Knowing and understanding	Planning for performance	Applying and performing	Reflecting and improving performance
Design	Inquiring and analysing	Developing ideas	Creating the solution	Evaluating
Community project	Investigating	Planning	Taking action	Reflecting
Personal project	Planning	Applying skills	Reflecting	
Interdisciplinary	Evaluating	Synthesizing	Reflecting	

Each criterion has multiple strands (i, ii, iii, iv) and descriptions associated with them (Year 7 & 8 = MYP Year 3, Year 9 & 10 = MYP Year 5). These form the basis of assessment task rubrics. Each criterion is marked out of 8, and all criteria are of equal value in assessing and reporting student achievement.

The next edition of What's On will include information about understanding your child's semester report.

IB MYP Awards Ceremony

Thank you to those who attended the IB MYP Year 10 2024 Award Ceremony on Friday 23 May 2025.

Any students who were unable to attend the ceremony should contact the Head of IB, Elizabeth Chase (elizabeth.chase@merici.act.edu.au), or MYP Coordinator, Jodie Muldoon (jodie.muldoon@merici.act.edu.au), to collect their certificate(s).

Reminder: Personal Project registration details

During the Personal Project session on Wednesday 21 May, Year 10 students checked that their personal details on their official registration are correct – particularly their name, date of birth, nationality and language (including second nationalities and/or languages).

Students who did not attend this session will have another opportunity to check and confirm their personal details in an upcoming Personal Project session. Students and parents/carers are also encouraged to email jodie.muldoon@merici.act.edu.au if any of the following apply:

- The student's first nationality is **not** Australian (please identify their first nationality)
- The student's first language is **not** English (please identify their first language)
- The student has a **second** nationality and/or **second** language (please identify)

Personal Project Update

Students have recently submitted their draft of Part A of their Personal Project report and evidence of their product, and have met with their supervisor to receive constructive feedback on their Part A draft.

Interim feedback on Part A will be made available to students, parents and carers via SEQTA by the end of Week 6 (6 June).

Students have had 2 Personal Project sessions recently:

- Working on their product goal
- Learning how to select and discuss the ATL skills developed during the project and how to select evidence for inclusion in the report (Part B)

The next two sessions will focus on Part C of the report, followed by a report writing day scheduled during Transitions Week (Week 10 of Term 2).

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, Science, English and Religion, Journal Articles through Informit 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 encourage her to visit the iC to talk to Mrs Blakey or the iC staff.

Happy Researching!

iC Staff

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

MERICI COLLEGE PRESENTS

LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical

JR.

Original Production by Hal Luftig, FoxTheatricals, Dori Bernstein, 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 Nozzolino and Warren Trepp; Produced in association with MGM Onstage, Darcie Denkert & Dean Stolber



Merici College presents Legally Blonde 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>

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

World Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly (Sunday 1 June)

On Sunday 1 June, 11am-1pm, the Archdiocese is celebrating the World Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly at St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka

It will be followed by light refreshments and an event in the Haydon Hall.

The Archbishop has offered to pray over families as part of the celebration and give a short input. Children's activities will be available. Register for the FREE event here: <http://www.bit.ly/MFR2025>

Come celebrate all things Marriage & Family - with YOUR family

Sunday 1st June, 11am - 1pm

JUBILEE OF Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly

11am Mass, St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka
Followed by light refreshments at Haydon Hall (next door)

Archbishop available after mass to bless your family

Children's activities will be provided

Please Register for the FREE event for catering purposes

Enquiries: mfr.adminsupport@cg.org.au

REGISTER HERE

www.bit.ly/MFR2025

Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn