



WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Weeks 8 and 9 (Monday 16 June – Sunday 29 June)

IMPORTANT NEWS

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.

Collection of School Photos

Several students have yet to collect their school photos. If your daughter hasn't picked up her photo package, please remind her to do so. Photos are available from Student Services.

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Attendance and Absences

As we have entered the colder months, we would like to remind parents of the process when their child is unwell and needing time off to recover. Can we also please remind all members of our community that if your daughter is ill, please keep her at home. COVID and flu, as well as other illnesses, are quite serious at the moment.

- If students will be absent from school, parents/carers are requested to notify the College in advance, or on the day of the absence, by emailing attendance@merici.act.edu.au.
- If a student is absent, or late to school, and contact from a parent/carer has not been received, the College will send an SMS message to the parent/carer. Parents/carers are asked to respond to the SMS acknowledging receipt of the SMS and approving the absence.
- Applications for approved leave must be made in writing to the Principal, through the Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning prior to the leave being taken.
- Early Departure - Parent/Guardian are required to with notice email attendance@merici.act.edu.au advising student name, what time they will be collecting the student and the reason for early departure.

- 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.

For more information regarding the Attendance Processes at Merici College, please refer to the <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/school-policies/attendance>.

Ningil House Week (Monday 16 June – Friday 20 June)

Ningil House week will be celebrated on Tuesday the 17th June, 2025.

Students are able to wear red accessories on Tuesday 17 June. Full school uniform is still expected but students can wear red hear ties, clips or hats to show their Ningil spirit.

The day will begin with a Ningil House Liturgy (to be held in the gym) where we will reflect on our House Patron Nano Nagle and the work of the Presentations Sisters in Australia and Papua New Guinea. This will be held in PC time, we ask students to please be on time.

At recess, Ningil students are asked to meet in the Indigenous Garden at the start of recess. We will celebrate with Ningil cupcakes and a House photo.

We thank all Ningil students for their House Spirit on the day.

Support the Vinnies CEO & Student Winter Sleepouts – Double Your Impact This Week!

This year, our very own Anna Masters will be joining our senior students for the Vinnies Winter Sleepout here at school on Thursday 26 June.

This important event raises awareness and much-needed funds to support people experiencing homelessness in the ACT — and this week presents a unique opportunity to double the impact of your support.

💰 Double Your Donation – Limited Time Only

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, all eligible donations up to \$1,000 will be matched dollar-for-dollar from:

🕒 8:00 am on Wednesday 4 June

🎯 Until the total matched amount reaches \$50,000

That means a donation of \$100 becomes \$200 — just like that. Every contribution helps Vinnies provide crisis accommodation, meals, financial support, and long-term solutions for people doing it tough.

If you've already donated and are in a position to give a little more, now is the perfect time.

If you haven't donated yet, this is your chance to make your support go twice as far.

🔗 Donate here via Anna's fundraising page:

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

Thank you for standing with us and with those experiencing homelessness. Your generosity helps create real, lasting change.

Parents in Partnerships – Raising Body Kind Teens (Wednesday 30 July 6.30pm-8.00pm)

We are pleased share that in Term 3, Merici will welcome the Butterfly Foundation to deliver important wellbeing presentations to our Year 8, 9 and 10 students. The Butterfly Foundation is the leading national organisation supporting Australians affected by eating disorders and body image concerns. Their work is grounded in evidence-based practice and aims to promote positive body image, self-esteem, and mental wellbeing in young people. These sessions will aim to support our students to develop healthy body image, self-esteem, and media literacy, with a strong focus on mental health and wellbeing.



In addition to the student sessions, we will be hosting a **Parents in Partnership Education Session on Wednesday 30 July from 6:30pm – 8pm**. This session will be held in the Auditorium and will offer practical strategies to support positive body image in children. Topics include: the power of positive role-modelling, reducing appearance talk, encouraging healthy behaviours in relation to eating and exercise, language around food and bodies, and what to do if you are concerned.

Details and event registration can be found in the flyer [here](#).

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.

Year 8 Geography Excursion (Friday 20 June and Wednesday 25 June)

As part of our Year 8 Geography unit, students will be attending an excursion to the **National Arboretum**. Classes will be grouped into two with visits on Friday 20 June and Wednesday 25 June. This visit will provide students with the opportunity to develop their **field sketching skills**, observe a range of natural landscapes, and apply their understanding of geographical features in a real-world context. The Arboretum offers a unique and inspiring environment for students to engage in hands-on learning outside the classroom.

The excursion occurs during students' regular timetabled Geography double period. Students are required to come dressed in the Merici College PE Uniform.

For further information and to complete the permission note, please access Compass.

YEARS 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

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**.

Marist Disco Years 9/10 (Thursday 19 June)

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

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

St Vinnies Sleepout (Thursday 26 June)

The St Vinnies Winter Sleepout embodies the values of St. Angela Merici through its promotion of compassion and empathy towards the homeless, its advocacy for social justice and equality, and its dedication to serving others in the community. By bringing together individuals and communities to address homelessness collectively, the Sleepout fosters solidarity and community engagement in working towards a shared goal of supporting the marginalized and vulnerable.

Students in Years 10-12 are invited to join the Merici College Vinnies School Sleepout, taking place in the New Quad at Merici College. The Sleepout offers a unique opportunity for students to experience homelessness by 'sleeping rough' for one night, fostering understanding and community responsibility. Supervising teachers will be present throughout the event. Each student should pay a \$20 electronic fee via this link: <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/annamasters/act>. Funds raised will support Vinnies Canberra in aiding our local community. Additional online sponsorship is optional.

Location: The New Quad offers secure facilities, including toilets, drinking water, power points, first aid, and shelter. Vinnies Canberra will provide an educational session on homelessness, with possible Night Patrol van visitation.

- Clothing and bedding: Students must wear warm, casual clothing and bring sleeping bags, pillows, blankets, and cardboard for sleeping.
- Food and drink: An evening meal of lasagna, soup, bread, and beverages will be provided, along with breakfast.
- Medication: Students with health conditions must bring their own medication.
- Attendance: Year 10 students must attend school the next day, so they should prepare an overnight bag. They may go home briefly but should return by morning PC.
- Social Media: Minimal social media use is encouraged. Mobile phones should be on silent and used only for emergencies. Contact Merici supervising staff at 0409482483 during the event.

Please find the permission note for completion on Compass.

IB NEWS

Key Dates

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



Event	Date	Information
EE Draft Essay	16 June	Extended Essay drafts due
EE Draft Feedback	30 June	Extended Essay draft feedback from supervisor
Extended Essay	22 July	Extended Essay final submission



What does your child's semester report mean?

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.

At the end of each semester, academic reports are issued for each subject studied during the semester. academic reports at Merici College typically look like this:



Semester Two - Academic Report, 2021

Student: _____ I.D. Number: _____
 Class: _____ Teacher: _____
 Course: **English Fast Pace 9** Report Date: _____
 Unit: **Compelling voices**

Academic Achievement **A**

MYP Grade **7**

Australian Curriculum Grade (A-E)

MYP Grade (1-7)

Total MYP Criteria Result **29/32**

Total MYP criteria result (out of 32) is calculated from the criterion totals (each out of 8).

MYP Assessment Criterion	Result /8
Criterion A Analysing	7
Criterion B Organizing	7
Criterion C Producing Texts	8
Criterion D Using Language	7

Criterion totals (out of 8) based on overall teacher judgement for each criteria, based on evidence.

ATL skills

Approaches to Learning in this Unit

In this unit the student	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Needs Improvement	N/A
Self-Management Organisation		✓		
Self-Management Organisation		✓		
Self-Management Organisation		✓		
Self-Management Organisation		✓		
Self-Management Organisation		✓		
Self-Management Organisation	✓			
Communication Interactive Skills		✓		
Social Collaborative Skills		✓		

Each semester, subject teachers use their professional judgement to determine the **criterion totals** (out of 8) for each MYP criterion (A, B, C and D), based on evidence of student achievement across multiple summative assessment tasks. These four **criterion totals** are added together to calculate the **Total MYP Criteria Result** (out of 32).

The following grade boundaries are then used to determine the **MYP grade** (1-7) and **Australian Curriculum Grade** (A-E) awarded at the end of the semester, based on the **Total MYP Criteria Result** (out of 32):

Boundary	MYP Grade
28-32	7
23-27	6
19-23	5
15-18	4
10-14	3
6-9	2
1-5	1

Boundary	Australian Curriculum Grade
28-32	A
20-27	B
12-19	C
5-11	D
1-4	E

Subject teachers also report on students' demonstration of a set of **Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills** (self-management, communication, and social skills). These are rated as *exceeding expectations*, *meeting expectations*, or *needing improvement*, providing an opportunity for students to reflect on their strengths and areas for improvement as a learner within and across their academic subjects.

In addition to their academic reports, students also receive a Pastoral Care report, which contains an **overall comment** from their Pastoral Care teacher(s) and reports on their demonstration of a different set of **ATL skills** (self-management and social skills).

Personal Project Update

Students should now have received and accessed their interim feedback on Part A via SEQTA. Students should apply this feedback to their Part A draft to improve this component of their final Personal Project report.

Please note the upcoming key dates and deadlines:

4	Report Writing Day	Term 2 Week 10 Year 10 Transitions Week (Date TBD)
5	Draft Report Deadline	Wednesday Term 3 Week 1 23/7/25

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)

DEFENCE NEWS

We're excited to announce the return of our regular catch-up sessions for Defence students, led by some of our seniors. This is a great chance to connect, have a chat, grab some snacks, or just say hi.

Details:

- Each week on Tuesday at lunchtime in Room 222.
- Bring your lunch — snacks are on us!

See you there!

iC NEWS



Oliver

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.

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



Yours in reading

iC staff

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

MERICI COLLEGE PRESENTS

LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical

JR.

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



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>

Production Team

Merici College Creative & Performing Arts Faculty

Venue

Merici College Auditorium | Wise Street, Braddon ACT

Shows

Thursday 24th July ~ 7pm

Friday 25th July ~ 7pm

Saturday 26th July ~ 2pm & 7pm

Sunday 27th July ~ 2pm



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Students ~ \$16

Child (under 12) ~ \$14

Seniors ~ \$12

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

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

Australian Sports Camps

Program Includes:

- 9.00am–3.00pm each day
- Basketball, AFL, Rugby, Netball and Soccer on offer
- Suitable for all ages and skill levels
- Guest appearances at selected programs

More Information: [Australians Sports Camps: Kids Sports Camps Australia](http://australiansportscamps.com.au)

ASC AUSTRALIAN SPORTS CAMPS

234.50 for 3 days! Offer ends June 10!

THREE DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS!

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- 01 9-3pm each day
- 02 Basketball, AFL, Rugby, Netball and Soccer on offer
- 03 Suitable for all ages and skill levels
- 04 Guest appearances at selected programs

LOCATION
ANU, 19 North Road, Acton ACT 2601 - 9, 10, 11 & 16, 17, 18 July 2025

It was overall very positive and the kids made great connections with coaching staff and other participants

Contact Us:
1300 914 368
admin@australiansportscamps.com.au

More Information:
australiansportscamps.com.au

Holiday Happenings

Please see the flyer below for more information on activities for students over the school holidays. Visit www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet for details.

A flyer for 'HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS' featuring a row of seven colorful icons: a blue square with a white treble clef, a green square with a white magnifying glass, an orange square with a white mask, a pink square with a white smiley face, a purple square with a white camera, a green square with a white calendar, and a dark blue square with a white 'To Do' list. Below the icons, the text reads: 'The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online. To see the Programs, Activities & Events happening these holidays go to: www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet'. The flyer is set against a background of a group of smiling children.

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