



# WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 3/4 Weeks 10 and 11 (Monday 22 September – Sunday 19 October)

## IMPORTANT NEWS

### Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews - Online Bookings Open - Monday 22 September 8am

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent-Student-Teacher interviews will be held in Term 4 online via Microsoft Teams on Monday 13 October (2pm-6pm) and in the College Auditorium and C1/C2 on Wednesday 15 October (4:00pm-6:00pm). Each interview has an allocated 6 minutes timeslot. If you need to speak to a teacher on a more in-depth basis, please contact the teacher directly.

This is a mutually beneficial opportunity for parents to discuss their daughter's progress with the classroom teacher. Including your daughter in the interview helps promote independent learning.

If your daughter's teacher is requesting an interview with you, in regard to either Achievement or Application, you will receive an email indicating this. Please note: a teacher may request an interview both to commend a student's performance as well as discuss any concerns about progress. If teachers do not request an interview with you, you are still encouraged to make appointments with any teacher to discuss your daughter's progress.

### Compass – Parent Student Teacher Conference Booking Instructions

You will be using the function of **Parent Student Teacher Conference** in Compass for these interviews. This will allow you to book the interview times that suit you from any internet-connected computer or from your smartphone. If you wish to book appointments from your mobile, you will need to download the free **Compass School Manager** app from either the apple app store or the google play store.

Full instructions are provided to you after log in. Please note the following points:

- When you log on and click on **Parent Student Teacher Conference**, please choose **25S2 Parent Teacher Interview**.
- Click on **My Bookings** and **Show me How to Book** for instructions. Every parent/guardian can make a booking using one as a family booking or both if you want individual bookings.
- You will only see timeslots that are available at the time you are using the system. As timeslots are booked for your allocated teachers, those timeslots are no longer displayed as available.
- Please leave 6 minutes between appointments to allow for time to move between online rooms.
- When you have made your booking, please print a record of it. You can also log in and change your booking at a later date.
- Please note that bookings cannot be made after 8:00am on Monday 13 October.
- If there are no timeslots available for an interview, please use the option requesting the teacher to contact you or contact them directly.
- If you encounter any problems using Parent Student Teacher Conference, please email [karen.chow@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:karen.chow@merici.act.edu.au).

## YEARS 7, 8 and 9 NEWS

### Year 9 Urban Challenge 2025:

In Term 4, Year 9 will have the opportunity to participate in the Urban Challenge program. The Urban Challenge consists of an innovative and adventurous program designed to engage students in the urban landscape of Sydney and its surroundings. Students will operate in small teams of approximately 15, each taking on the

responsibility of a specific role within the group. Teams are required to complete a series of challenges and activities, embarking on an unfolding adventure that takes them through Sydney. Students are given the freedom to make their own decisions. This includes being responsible for navigating their way around, buying and cooking food, solving clues and managing a team budget.

The Year 9 Urban Challenge will take place over three days in Term Four – Wednesday 29 October to Friday 31 October 2025 and is a compulsory activity. Fees for the camp will appear in Term 4 fee statements.

All meals and snacks are supplied during the trip including a variety of options and team meal challenges that cater for any dietary needs. Students will travel by coach to Sydney where on arrival they will be issued with an Opal Card enabling them access to public transport – ferry, bus, train and light rail for the duration of the trip. Accommodation will be provided in YHA youth hostels and other city group accommodation with room sizes varying from 4 to 6 occupants. Students will be required to carry all their own equipment for the duration of the camp and their accommodation will be in a different location on each of the two evenings.

Urban Challenge has created a private page for our College on their website where information can be found about the program. Registering your daughter's personal and medical details for the Urban Challenge is also a section. Please use the information below to log in and fill out the required details. To confirm your daughter's attendance, this online document must be completed by **Friday 22 August 2025 along with consent via COMPASS.**

**To access the Merici College – private page on the Urban Challenge website and complete the personal and medical details:**

Go to [www.theurbanchallenge.com.au](http://www.theurbanchallenge.com.au). Click on 'Log in' and log in with:

- Username: meriurban
- Password: meri2025

Information about the program will appear here.

Please then complete the compulsory personal and medical fields.

Once the online program form has been completed you will receive a summary of these details. Please save these summaries for your records.

An equipment list is available on the Urban Challenge website and attached for your information. It is recommended that students do not take mobile devices such as phones or iPods to the Urban Challenge. Should students take such devices, restrictions will be placed on their use during the program. The College will not be responsible for the loss or damage to such items.

If you have any queries regarding your daughter's participation in the Urban Challenge, please don't hesitate to contact your daughter's House Coordinator or Rohan Langford Head of Student Wellbeing ([rohan.langford@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:rohan.langford@merici.act.edu.au)).

## YEARS 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

### Year 12 Graduation Day - Tuesday 25 November

Please click [here](#) to find the program of events for our Year 12 Graduation Day.

- Year 12 Final House Farewells – 9:30am (students only, to be held at the College)

- **Year 12 Graduation Mass** – 3:00pm (students and family members are invited to attend the Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral, Cnr. Canberra Avenue/Furneaux St, Forrest). No bookings are required for your attendance at the Mass.
- **Year 12 Graduation Dinner and Awards Ceremony**– 6:30pm (Year 12 student and parents only, to be held at the Canberra Rex Hotel, 150 Northbourne Avenue, Braddon)

### Graduation Dinner and Awards Ceremony - Ticketing

Please note that the cost of dinner for two parents and one Year 12 student has been covered by the school, so no payment is required. For families with twins in Year 12, two student tickets have been allocated.

Please confirm your attendance here, <https://events.humanitix.com/year-12-graduation-dinner-confirmation>. Please indicate special dietary requirements on the online booking form. **RSVP required by Monday 3 November.**

### Additional Ticket – Ticket purchase required

The maximum number of tickets per family is 4 people (immediate family members only, **no student partners, no younger siblings**). Should you like to purchase one more ticket for an immediate-family member, please purchase through our online booking portal, <https://events.humanitix.com/year-12-graduation-dinner-and-awards-ceremony-extra-ticket>.

The cost of the ticket is \$80 per person (3 course meal, includes non-alcoholic beverages only). Bookings close Monday 3 November. Cost: \$80pp (3 course meal, includes non-alcoholic beverages only). Please contact Ros Parisi on email [ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au) if your family situation requires additional tickets.

### Year 12 Formal - Friday 28 November

The Year 12 Formal will be held on **Friday 28 November** at the National Museum of Australia in the Gandel Atrium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend this event (student partners welcome to attend). Please click [here](#) to find the invitation.

The cost of the ticket is \$190 per person and includes a three-course meal, non-alcoholic beverages. Music entertainment, together with a photo booth and professional roving photography, will add to what will be a very special celebration.

Tickets can be purchased here: <https://events.humanitix.com/year-12-formal-2025-tickets>

Students will be required to present their ID for alcohol purchases.

Arrivals: 6pm-6.30pm

Professional Group Photo: 7pm-7.15pm

All students and guests will be required to be seated 7.30pm.

Bookings close: Monday 10 November

House Coordinators will be organising table seating.

We look forward to celebrating the graduation of your daughter with you.

## iC NEWS

It's been an amazing term. Term 3 is always our favourite in the library. From author visits to Book Week and all the research in-between, it's been busy and so much fun.

A reminder to return any textbooks that have been finished for the term. Encourage your daughters to come and borrow a collection of books for the holidays. Or to log in and check out a Sora read, Parents are welcome to use the collection on your device as well (you'll just need to sign in with your child's Merici login). There are magazines, junior books, audio books and adult books, something for everyone.

The iC will not be open on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September after school.

Yours in reading,  
iC Staff

## IB NEWS



### Completion of the Personal Project

Congratulations to all the students in Year 10 who have now completed and submitted their Personal Project. A wide range of student interests have been demonstrated in the Personal Projects, and we look forward to sharing them with you in Term 4.



### Key Dates

This is a list of some key dates for IB Year 11 students.

Event	Date	Information
Assessment	22- September	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept World Religions paper 2 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept Chemistry Test, Spanish and Italian Paper 1 - writing
Pamoja end of year exams	14-15 October	<b>Spanish and Chinese ab initio</b> Paper 1 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 9- 10am Paper 2 RE and Li 14 <sup>TH</sup> Oct 10.30-12.30 <b>Psychology</b> Paper 1 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct 9:00-11.00 Paper 2 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct 12.00-1.00 <b>Maths AA</b> Paper 1 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct 9:00-10.45 Paper 2 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct 12.00-1.45

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Event	Date	Information
End of classes	17 October	Final day of IB DP classes
Final Exam Period	27 October – 14 November	The final exam period for the official IB DP exams is. Exams will be held offsite at Mackillop House.

## LANGUAGES NEWS

### Singapore Trip 2026 for Chinese students

The Languages Department is very excited to announce an upcoming overseas learning opportunity for current Year 9-11 students of Chinese: a trip to Singapore in September/October 2026.

There will be an Expression of Interest meeting on:

Tuesday, 16th September @6pm in the CRLC or a Teams meeting link for parents/carers who cannot attend in person.

At the Expression of Interest meeting you will find out:

- Proposed travel dates
- Itinerary highlights and learning experiences
- Accommodation and supervision details
- Approximate costs
- Requirements for participation

Don't miss this chance to learn more about what promises to be a valuable and enriching international experience!

For further information, please contact Mrs Rodriguez

## SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

Great news! Merici College has received it's 3<sup>rd</sup> accreditation from the ACT Government's Sustainable Schools Program, the Waste Accreditation, and is officially now a 3-star school. 2 more stars to go for Water, and Energy.

Currently, there is a hard to recycle station in Student Services to accept items from the school community which are not recyclable through kerbside collections. See below for items that can be dropped here for recycling.

Also, the Sw(op) shop will be held again in Term 4 to extend the life of items that may otherwise end up in landfill. So, start putting aside any clean, reusable clothing items. Early in Term 4, donations will be called for. Stay tuned!





## OTHER NEWS

### Attention: 1975 Daramalan College and Catholic Girls High School Alumni

50th Reunion - Class of 1975. Tickets are now available for the reunion of students from Catholic Girls High School Braddon and Daramalan College, who finished Year 12 in 1975 (including those from that group who finished before Year 12): <https://events.humanitix.com/daramalan-college-class-of-1975-reunion>

The main ticketed event is on Saturday evening, 18th October, with several activities planned over the weekend. For further information, please use one of the event channels:

Facebook: Daramalan College Alumni group; Merici College Alumni group; or Dara - Braddon 1975 group  
email: [CGHS.Dara1975@gmail.com](mailto:CGHS.Dara1975@gmail.com)

Ticket sales close on 6 October.

### Royal Aero Club of New South Wales

Curious about a career in aviation? The Royal Aero Club's Try and Fly Weekend offers you a chance to experience flying firsthand. Picture yourself in the cockpit, learn from experienced instructors, and take the first step to becoming a student pilot while exploring the exciting world of aviation. ✈️☀️

To learn more and sign up visit <https://royalaero.com.au/try-and-fly-weekend/>

### Girls on Track – Empower Program

Are you ready to go behind the scenes of a Supercars event?

Coates Supercars Volunteers and Motorsport Australia's FIA Girls on Track - Empower program are teaming up to deliver an exclusive opportunity for women to experience the action from inside of the 2025 Boost Mobile Gold Coast 500.

The FIA Girls on Track - Empower program is an initiative aimed at providing real-world experiences to young women aged 18-22 years old who are curious about a career in motorsport and want to explore the dynamic world of race and event officiating.

This immersive behind-the-scenes experience is available to those who are completely new to motorsport or already have a budding interest, with participants rotating through a variety of roles across the three-day event.

### Program Details

Dates: Friday 24 October - Sunday 26 October 2025

Location: Gold Coast 500, Surfers Paradise Street Circuit

Cost: Free

To be eligible for the Empower program, applicants must:

- Be a woman aged 18-22 years old (please note that you will be officiating with both men and women)
- Have not officiated at a Supercars event in the past
- Comfortable working in a fast-paced event environment



ROYAL AERO CLUB OF NEW SOUTH WALES

**TRY & FLY WEEKEND**

**When:** Sat 4th - Mon 6th October  
(Labour Day Long Weekend)

**Where:** Camden Airport  
(located off Macquarie Grove Road)

Trial Introductory Flights | Static Displays | Airside Tour  
Career Talks | Sausage Sizzle | Tea/Coffee

[royalaero.com.au/try-and-fly-weekend](https://royalaero.com.au/try-and-fly-weekend)

- Obtain a Motorsport Australia Officials Licence (support provided)
- Able to commit to all three days of the program and a pre-event online meeting the Friday before the event

### Application Process

- Complete the [Girls on Track - Empower Program application form](#) including your resume and cover letter.
- Obtain a [Motorsport Australia Officials Licence](#) and complete the General Officials Training Module.
- Applications close at 11:59pm AEST on Sunday, 21 September 2025

For more information, visit our FAQ page or email [girlsontrack@motorsport.org.au](mailto:girlsontrack@motorsport.org.au).

### Soma Women's Wellbeing

Soma Women's Wellbeing is a new interdisciplinary wellbeing clinic in Dickson with a focus on embodied health. In Term 4, we will be running a short series of teen and tween yoga classes on Wednesdays at 5pm for teens (4pm for girls/girl identifying 10-12 year olds).

Research has shown that yoga improves both mental and physical wellbeing; building resilience, reducing stress, developing strength, balance and flexibility, improving academic performance, enhancing sleep quality, and supporting emotional regulation.

Most teens aren't comfortable in going to adult classes, with good reason, but in classes that are fun and tailored especially for this age group, the benefits are well-documented.

For more info, please visit [Soma Womens Wellbeing |](#)

## You're Invited!

Join our Inner North Catholic community for a day of connection, faith, and discernment.

**Through Conversation in the Spirit, we'll come together in prayerful dialogue to explore how we can:**

- Build a deeper sense of belonging
- Strengthen our faith
- Share the Good News with others

**The Assembly will also include:**

- Inspiring speakers sharing their evangelisation journeys
- Live music
- Morning tea & lunch


**Mass at 9am at Holy Rosary Church**


Please scan the QR code/ URL for registration by 23 September 2025:


QR Code:



Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/gbAJprXNB1>

 **Date:** 27 September 2025

 **Time:** 10am - 3:30pm

 **Location:** Veritas Building,  
Australian Catholic University, Watson

*Come and be part of this special gathering — we look forward to meeting you and growing together in faith and fellowship!*

