



WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Weeks 8 and 9 (Monday 8 September – Sunday 21 September)

IMPORTANT NEWS

School Fees

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

This is a reminder that Term 3 fees and any other outstanding fees were due for payment last Friday 15th August. 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.

Price Increase – Uniform Shop

Please note that there will be a general price increase for garments sold in the College uniform shop. On average, prices will increase by approximately 6% and will take effect beginning of Term 4 later this year. This increase is necessary to cover increases in operational costs and is being kept to an absolute minimum. Prices have only risen once before since we commenced trading with our own uniform shop in 2019.

The uniform shop will move to new larger premises in 2026 as part of the planned refurbishment of the Scout Hall on Limestone Avenue known as the O'Donnell Youth Centre.

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Assessment Calendars Semester 2 2025

Please see the links below to find your daughter's assessment calendar for Semester 2. Students should use these calendars for planning the due dates for all of their tasks. Tasks are identified by subject, task type and teacher. It is important to identify which subjects your daughter is studying as not all scheduled tasks will apply to her.

These tasks should be reflected in your daughters Unit Outlines for each subject, which are available on their course SEQTA page.

If you have any questions, please contact your daughter's teacher or the Studies Coordinator of the subject. Year group calendars can be found using the links below:

- [Year 7 Assessment Calendar S2 2025](#)
- [Year 8 Assessment Calendar S2 2025](#)
- [Year 9 Assessment Calendar S2 2025](#)
- [Year 10 Assessment Calendar S2 2025](#)
- [Year 11 BSSS Assessment Calendar S2 2025](#)
- [Year 11 IB Diploma Assessment Calendar S2 2025](#)
- [Year 12 BSSS Assessment Calendar S2 2025](#)
- [Year 12 IB Diploma Assessment Calendar S2 2025](#)

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. 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).

Year 9 Ascent Training

Merici College is proud to offer an opportunity to Year 9 students which will be run by Ascent Training services. Any students in Year 9 are eligible to attend, it is NOT age specific or state dependant. This half day program will include a safety workshop, vehicle demonstration and a supervised drive of a dual-control vehicle on a purpose-built track.

The program will include:

- Road safety workshop involving discussion about sharing the road, passing distances for cyclists, fun interactive activities about braking times, the effects of alcohol on driving ability and a road rules quiz
- Vehicle demonstration describing the components of a vehicle, including safety features and general maintenance.
- Supervised drive in a dual-control vehicle in a controlled environment to give the students their first experience of driving a vehicle and what is required to do it safely.

This program will take place at Thoroughbred Park, Lyneham, on the following dates;

September 24

October 15

October 16

There are only 24 slots available each day. Please check compass for dates, availability and costs.

Students will be transported by bus to and from the venue. Please note this day is optional and students not attending will continue with their regular classes.

If there are any questions, please email kylie.olsthoorn@merici.act.edu.au

YEARS 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

Year 10 Social (Friday 19 September)

We are very excited about the Year 10 Social to be held on Friday 19 September at Merici College Auditorium from 5:00pm to 8:30pm. The dress code is 'a little bit glamorous'. The occasion is not a Formal and there is no requirement for formal dress. We encourage students to avoid expensive trappings and to forgo expensive beauty and hair treatments. The aim of the night is to have a fun evening with friends. Please click [here](#) to find the invitation.

Tickets are \$55 per person and covers canapes and beverages, decorations, a photo booth and entertainment.

Tickets can be purchased online here: <https://events.humanitix.com/year-10-social-vhgydxu> by FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER.

Please note that this event is for Year 10 Merici College students only. When completing the online booking, please indicate any special dietary requirements your



daughter may have. Bookings close on Friday 12 September.

Friday 19 September will be a normal school day for students. They are permitted to sign out at lunch time to go home and get ready, if they wish. Please note that attendance in the morning is compulsory. Students who do not attend school in the morning are unable to attend the Social.

Entry to the Social will be via the Auditorium foyer. Students will be admitted from 5:00pm and the doors will be closed at 5:30pm. All other entrances to the school will be locked for the duration of the event. Parents are expected to collect their daughters promptly at 8:30pm from the Auditorium foyer. No early departures are permitted unless they have been pre-arranged with parents and your daughter's House Coordinator. The College does not endorse after parties or activities which may be organised by students or others.

A secure bag area will be provided but no responsibility can be taken for lost valuables. Photos will be taken throughout the night and a link will be sent to your daughter so that she can access these.

We anticipate that the Social will be a positive and memorable experience for each student in the year group and we look forward to celebrating with you all. If you have any questions about arrangements for the Social, please speak to your House Coordinator.

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 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

Thank you to everyone in the school community for their support and involvement in Book Week.

The week ended with the Dress Up Parade and it was the biggest and most successful one yet. It was wonderful to have it in the Auditorium with a red-carpet parade. The winners of the best costumes were: Year 7, Evelyn Long and Evelyn Parker as Thing 1 & 2; Year 8, Lily Mutch-Cantwell and Carla Sheehan with *Little House on the Prairie*; Year 9, Abigail Bryant, Ananya Singh, Amity Horton, Gabrielle Dawes, Georgia Dawes, Emilia Hartigan, Josie Wise and Audrey Joyce as *Winnie the Pooh* characters; Year 10, Valerie Milne, Sammy Valle Hernandez, Roma Banerji and Mr Battaglia as *The Minions* and *Gru*; Seniors, Ava Skerbic, Jacinta Ffrench, Millie Langler and Jenna Cross as Nuns. The best large Group was Year 8 *Wizard of Oz*, the best little group was *Men in Black*, Lucette and Charlotte Holmes. The best matching theme: *Book an Adventure*, Bunny Swinbourne, with *The Night Bus*. The most creative – Senior Pirates, Toni Roberts, Ellie Anlezark, Zoe Pugh & Ivy Campbell. From the staff the Best Department was the Inclusive Education team with *The Wizard of Oz*. Make sure to check out the photos on social media and look out for them in the yearbook. It was a great day had by all.

We are in peak assessment time, make sure to seek help early. iC staff are available to help guide your research and for those last minute questions to help alleviate last minute stresses.

Yours in research,

iC Staff

IB NEWS

Much has been happening in the IB space.



The IB Mock examinations have been completed. Well done to the students who sat them and we wish you every success as you move into the final stages of the Diploma programme.

We are also pleased to announce that Merici College has successfully navigated the Middle Years Programme Evaluation process with flying colours. Thank you to all who were involved.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Thank you again to all the parents who attended and participated in the Raising Body Kind Teens presentation with the Butterfly Foundation on Thursday 21 August. For those who couldn't attend in person, a recording link has been made available for a limited time (up until 7/9/25). Details of this session have been shared on Compass earlier this week.

To continue the conversation at home, please see additional resources here: [Family Resources - Butterfly Foundation](#) and a reminder that Butterfly have a National Helpline with counsellors available 7 days a week, 8am – Midnight (AEDT/AEST) by phone, email or webchat for anyone needing information, support or referrals for eating disorders or body image concerns – <http://www.butterfly.org.au/helpline>.



CREATIVE and PERFORMING ARTS

Bugsy Malone. Marist College presents, in association with Merici College and St Clares College, a Little Brothers Production.

Students from Marist College, Merici College and St Clare's College are proud to present the lively musical Bugsy Malone. This co-production showcases the incredible talent, dedication, and creativity of our students, with Merici's own Meadow Kuske (Year 9) starring as Blousey Brown.

Following on from the success of Merici's Legally Blonde JR, this collaboration once again celebrates the joy of the Performing Arts and the strong ties between our Colleges. Audiences can expect a fun-filled, high-energy performance full of humour, music, and charm.

Don't miss this outstanding show - see the poster for details!



HEAD OF MISSION AND COMMUNITY

Last Friday, we celebrated Father's Day with a heartfelt Mass and a special lunch, where students, fathers, and grandfathers came together to honour the important men in their lives. The meal was thoughtfully prepared and served by the Year 10 hospitality students, showcasing their skills and adding a personal touch to the day, giving students the chance to share a delicious meal with their fathers.

'One of my favourite parts of the day was in the mass, when two of the year 12 choir girls got to sing up on the stage for us, that may have been one of the best parts for me' – Harriet McGregor, Year 7

The Father's Day liturgy was about connecting with our dads and thinking about everything they have done for us. I also really loved how our school made lunch, and I really enjoyed eating with my dad and having this opportunity' – Suzie Bushati, Year 7

Thank you to Mrs Harrold-Carter for organising the event and the hospitality team for providing lunch.

HOSPITALITY NEWS

Bridge Restaurant Semester 2

Cameron Johns designed and delivered a French Ratatouille themed menu on Wednesday 27th August. With her peers they created two mains featuring Ratatouille with Tarragon chicken, Remy's soup – Leek, potato and carrot soup and two desserts of Crème Brûlée and chocolate soufflé. All menu items were full of flavour and presented with consideration to garnishes. The menu was well balanced, with a range of flavours and textures presented to the customers. Cameron is commended for the success of her Restaurant. This will be the first of many student Restaurants this semester in Senior Hospitality.

Father's Day 2025

Yr 10 Hospitality students had the opportunity to cater for the Merici Father's Day lunch on Friday 29th August. Students learnt to create pickles, sauerkraut and chutneys as well as a range of pastries that were served at the event. Students set up Charcuterie tables of cheeses, home cooked meats and their pickled items. Students had the opportunity to develop their waitressing skills through service of hot food and pastries to each of the table once people were seated. All students involved had the opportunity to further develop their customer service skills and communication skills with their peers, which students are learning about in Hospitality this semester. Students further refined skills of timing, workflow and cookery skills. Students had a full sense of achievement and accomplishment at the conclusion of the event.

Massive thanks to Kellie Thurling, Amy Hazelwood and Jill Rennie for all their professionalism and support for the event.

Ellie Jones



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

Ticket sales close on 6 October.

Term 3 National Parent Carer online workshops

Please click here to find information on the upcoming Term 3 National Parent Carer online workshops.

- Tuesday 19 August 12:00-1:30pm – Session 1 – Diversity of Autism
- Tuesday 26 August 12:00-1:30pm – Session 2 – Sensory Processing
- Tuesday 3 September 12:00-1:30pm - Session 3 – Understanding Behaviour
- Tuesday 9 September 12:00-1:30pm – Session 4 – Working Together



Note: Separate registrations for each session can be found on the Positive Partnerships homepage: [workshop registration](#).

Summer Indoor Soccer

For over 20 years, Weston Indoor Sports Centre, has proudly hosted a summer soccer season, welcoming children from more than 120 school across the Canberra region. For a number of years, many girls from Merici College have actively participated in our Summer Indoor Soccer program.

Please click [here](#) for more information on our 2025-2026 summer program.

School Holiday Cricket Camp

The Team at Pro Performance Cricket are excited to announce our upcoming T20 Smash Cup Tournament & Holiday Cricket Camps and Clinics. We offer intensive individual and group skill development for our players across all facets of the game. With an excellent coach to player ratio, and a focus on a positive and fun environment it's a perfect opportunity for the kids to enhance and develop their games while having heaps of fun, making new friends and taking their game to a new level.

Pro Performance Holiday Cricket Camps info and Booking link: <https://properformancecricket.com/about-us/cricket-camps/>

T20 Smash Cup Booking info and Booking Link: <https://properformancecricket.com/t20-smash-cup/>



TOURNAMENT DETAILS

8TH - 10TH OCTOBER
Deakin Mint Oval
\$120 PER DAY

PURPOSE

Designed for talented cricketers aged 12 - 15. Players will experience 3 days of high intensity T20 Cricket while being coached and mentored by Cricket Australia Qualified coaches.

Teams of 8 players (form your own team) or come along individually and be allocated a team.



PHILOSOPHY

We are passionate about helping each and every player achieve their goals and reach their potential through expert coaching in a fun, challenging, positive and professional environment. Through the game of cricket we ultimately aim to help our players learn, grow and develop into becoming better people.

FORMAT

3 days of high intensity match play T20 cricket. When not playing players will be taken through our pro performance coaching stations to work 1:1 with one of our coaches on all facets of their game!!


Players will be exposed to a variety of match scenarios that aim to improve confidence, self belief, concentration, team work and leadership skills all while having a ball with their friends.

Pro performance player report with feedback provided to each player at the completion of the Tournament.



BOOK NOW






HOLIDAY CAMPS

CAMP 1: 29TH SEPT - 3RD OCT - CANBERRA GRAMMAR
CAMP 2: 7TH - 10TH OCTOBER - DEAKIN MINT
BONUS DAY: 13TH OCTOBER - DEAKIN MINT

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OUTLINE

Designed for cricketers of all ages and stages from 5-12. Players will experience up to 5 days of high quality coaching and T20 Games with specialist coaches in batting, bowling, fielding and WK focusing on the specific requirements of each player.

Players will be exposed to a variety of match scenarios and drills that aim to improve confidence, self belief, concentration, team work and leadership skills all while having a ball with their friends.


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BOOK NOW



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/gbA1prXNB1>

 **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!



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