



# WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Weeks 1 and 2 (Monday 20 April – Sunday 3 May)

## IMPORTANT NEWS



### Easter Message

*I hope you have a restful, Holy and happy Easter, a time of reflection, love, joy and immeasurable hope.*

*Blessings to all, Anna Masters*

### Uniform Shop Holiday Trading Days over the holiday period

Winter uniform items are now available to purchase online or from the uniform shop on Wednesdays 3-5pm and Thursdays 8-11am during school terms.

Please follow the link to find more information on uniform requirements. [Uniforms – Merici College](#)

The shop will be open the following dates in the April school holidays for bookings using the link provided below.

- Wednesday 8 April 9am-2pm
- Thursday 9 April 9am-2pm

Booking link: <https://outlook.office.com/book/UniformShop@merici.onmicrosoft.com/?ismsaljsauthenabed>

For any further enquiries, please contact the shop [shop@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:shop@merici.act.edu.au).

### Winter Uniform Requirements

The Merici College Winter uniform must be worn from the beginning of Term 2.

The Merici College uniform is a distinctive symbol of our collective identity and pride within the Canberra community. It reflects the values and standards of our College and ensures that every student is recognised as an ambassador for Merici. Wearing the uniform correctly promotes respect, responsibility, and unity, while fostering positive relationships and a strong sense of belonging. We have encouraged students to use the upcoming break to ensure they are fully prepared for a positive start to Term 2. This includes checking that they have the correct uniform items such as the Merici College School bag, Merici College puffer jacket, navy stockings and skirt lengths that meet college expectations. For more information you can access the policy [here](#)



### WHAT IS NOT PERMITTED (Examples)

- Merici College Sports Hoodies – permitted only for co-curricular sports activities
- Boots or sneaker-style shoes (e.g., Nike Force or other sports brands)
- Excessive makeup or nail polish in non-natural colours (e.g., bright pink, black)
- Non-Merici school bags (e.g., black Nike backpacks, handbags, oversized tote bags, handbags)
- Non-Merici branded puffer jackets (e.g., black or blue in colour)
- Non-natural hair colours (e.g., pink, green, blue, bright red)
- No facial piercings such as nose, eyebrow and lip etc are permitted. Students may wear a clear stud or will be expected to remove whilst at school.
- Elastic bands or hair ties used to alter the fit of dresses
- Skirt length shorter than one palm width above the crease at the back of the knee
- No Visible black or white long-sleeve shirts worn under the school blouse.
- Wearing HPE uniform to school in the mornings.

To order uniform items, families can either visit the uniform shop or place order online. All enquiries to [uniform@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:uniform@merici.act.edu.au) or telephone [6243 4118](tel:62434118).

Please note that the puffer jacket is an optional uniform item which DOES NOT replace the school blazer. Students are allowed to wear the puffer jacket during school hours.

Please familiarise yourselves with the uniform guidelines and support the College in its efforts to ensure the uniform is worn with pride and respect. <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/my-merici/resources/uniforms>

### Mother's Day Liturgy and Lunch (Monday 11 May)

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 Monday 11 May. 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: \$60 per person (two-course meal and refreshments) and can be purchased here: <https://events.humanitix.com/mother-s-day-liturgy-and-lunch-2nndscnk>

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.**

Places are strictly limited, so we encourage you to register early to avoid disappointment. We look forward to seeing you at this very special event.



### Merici College Enrolling Now 2027 and Beyond Campaign (April/May 2026)

Please click [here](#) to find important information on Open Day, Be a Merici Girl days and Information Nights. 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 6 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 1 May, Monday 4 May, Wednesday 13 May
- Additional Talk and Tours – Tuesday 28 April (2pm) and Saturday 9 May (9.30am)
- Careers Expo (4.00pm-6.00pm), Year 11 2027 Information Night (5.30pm-7.30pm) – Tuesday 12 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 6 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 2027. 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).
- NAPLAN results
- **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)
- Australian Citizenship Certificate (if applicable) for 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](mailto: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 2027 - 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 12 May 5:30pm-7:30pm where we will go through different packages and pathways for your daughter in Year 11 and 12.

## WHOLE SCHOOL

### Term 2 begins (Tuesday 21 April)

Students return to school on Tuesday 21 April for the commencement of Term 2.

### Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews - (Monday 20 April and Wednesday 22 April)

Parent-Student-Teacher interviews will be held in Term 2 online via Microsoft Teams on Monday 20 April (2pm-6pm) and in the College Auditorium and C1/C2 on Wednesday 22 April (4:00pm-6:00pm). Each interview has an allocated 6-minute 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 **2651 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 20 April**.
- 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).

## PARENT IN PARTNERSHIPS SchoolTV NEWS

### SPECIAL REPORT: Cybersafety

In today's digital world, young people are more connected than ever, using technology for education, social interaction, and entertainment. While the internet offers incredible opportunities, it also presents significant risks, including cyberbullying, online predators, exposure to inappropriate content, and excessive screen time. Cybersafety is about equipping children and adolescents with the skills and knowledge to navigate the digital landscape responsibly. This includes fostering open communication between parents and children, implementing appropriate parental controls, educating young people about privacy and online etiquette, and encouraging a balanced approach to technology use. By promoting digital wellbeing and responsible online behaviour, we can help young people harness the benefits of technology while staying safe in an increasingly connected world. Read full report [here](#).



A reminder to parents to access SchoolTV, please click here, <https://merici.act.schooltv.me/>.

## WELLBEING NEWS

### What It means to be a Restorative School at Merici College

At Merici College, being a *restorative school* reflects our deep commitment to the Catholic belief that every person is created with dignity and worth. When challenges or conflicts arise, our focus is on strengthening relationships, understanding one another, and supporting students to grow.

Restorative practice invites students to reflect on what happened, consider who has been affected, and take meaningful steps to repair harm. These conversations are calm, respectful, and grounded in the values of compassion, mercy, and reconciliation.

By approaching difficulties in this way, we help students develop empathy, responsibility, and resilience. More importantly, we nurture a community where every young person feels seen, valued, and supported to flourish.

Talking about these ideas at home can help students make meaningful connections between their learning, their relationships, and their daily choices.

## YEAR 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

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### Year 10 and Senior Dance Sydney Musical Excursion (Wednesday 29 April)

We are pleased to offer an exciting excursion opportunity for our Year 10/11/12 Dance students to attend Anastasia- The Musical at the Lyric Theatre, Sydney on Wednesday 29th April 2026.

Students will be transported from the College to Lyric Theatre (Sydney) via bus. They will need to arrive at school at 7:00am for a 7:15am departure. Students will depart Sydney at approximately 3:30pm and stop at Sutton Forest for a dinner break. The group anticipate returning to the College between 8:00pm – 8:30pm (updates will be available via the school's social media).

Please ensure that your daughter arrives at the college in time for a 7:15am sharp departure, as the group will be leaving promptly and cannot wait for late arrivals. Additionally, we kindly ask that you arrange for your daughter's pickup upon our return between 8:00 and 8:30pm, out of respect for the teachers who have accompanied the students on this excursion. Thank you for your cooperation.

## IB NEWS

### IB Global Conference Mumbai 2026



Mrs Anna Masters, Mrs Elizabeth Chase and Ms Jodie Muldoon had the opportunity to attend the IB Global Conference in Mumbai from the 26-28 March. The theme of the conference was *Shared Learning, Shared Futures*.

The conference included inspirational speakers as well as a range of informative and interactive sessions covering upcoming changes to the MYP and DP programmes, leadership, pedagogy, data & assessment, artificial intelligence, and student agency, wellbeing, belonging & inclusion.

The conference was highly valuable and the staff members involved are looking forward to sharing their learning to continue improving the IB at Merici College.

### IB MYP Awards Ceremony – details to come

The IB MYP Year 10 2025 Award Ceremony will take place in Term 2. This is an opportunity for us to recognise the academic achievements of our Year 10 2025 students. Certificates will be awarded for the completion of the Personal Project along with Certificates of Merit and Distinction.

Families of current Year 11 students receiving an award will receive further information once the date and time have been confirmed. This event will also be live streamed and recorded for those who are unable to attend the ceremony.

### Personal Project Update

There are a couple of key dates and deadlines coming up for our Year 10 students completing the Personal Project:

2	Criterion A: Planning Report Draft Due Date	Wednesday Semester 1 Week 12 06.05.2026
3	Product Deadline	Wednesday Semester 1 Week 14 20.05.2026

Students will also continue to participate in Personal Project workshops throughout the term to help them with writing the report.



### Key Dates

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

Event	Date	Information
Draft EE	24 April	Full draft of the Extended Essay due
Italian Final IB Exams	4-6 May	Italian Students will sit their official IB exams. 4/5 Study day 5/5 Paper 1 and Paper 2 RE 2pm - 4.30pm 6/5 Paper 2 LI 10am - 12pm
World Religion Final IB Exams	11-13 May	All Y12 DP students to sit their official IB exams. 11/5 Study day 12/5 Paper 1 2pm - 4pm 13/5 Paper 2 10am - 12pm

## TLC NEWS

### News from the TLC

The MASTERS Program (Merici After School Tutoring Enrichment Review and Study) has taken off! We are in the process of employing some new tutors to attend after school to assist students with their academic needs. Mrs Logan is also available to assist all students who attend.

Students have been encouraged to register their interest each week so we are able to assist them in providing support. The link for them to register is available in SEQTA in the daily notices as well as: [2026 MASTERS Booking Form – Fill out form](#)

This week we have also welcomed into the space, year 7 IHUM and year 8-10 English classes. Students have learned how to access Oliver and some of the services and opportunities we have available in the TLC.

A reminder that the TLC is a welcoming and student centred space where all students can access reading materials, research opportunities and resources to assist them with their studies. All students are encouraged to seek assistance from the staff in the TLC before school, at lunchtime and after school.

Did you know we are open from 8-5pm Monday-Thursday (8-4pm Friday)? Please note however that the TLC will be closed from 3.45pm on Thursday 2 April.

**MASTERS**  
Merici After School Tutoring Enrichment Review and Study

**When?**  
Monday-Thursday 3:30pm-5pm

**Where?**  
TLC (Teaching and Learning Centre)

**TUTORING**  
You can receive 1-1 assistance with one of our trained and qualified tutors!  
Need help? Just ask Mrs Logan!

**STUDY**  
How about getting started on your homework or assessment tasks?  
Need help? Just ask Mrs Logan!

**ORGANISE**  
Get yourself set up for success! not sure where to start or need some help organising your thoughts?  
Need help? Just ask Mrs Logan!

**LET'S STUDY TOGETHER!**  
REGISTER BELOW OR ON SEQTA

## DEFENCE NEWS

### ADF Families event: Child of the ADF Medallion Ceremony

The annual Child of the ADF Medallion event is taking place on Sunday 19 April, 2026. ADF families in the Canberra region may nominate their child/ren to receive a 'Child of the ADF Medallion' to celebrate their resilience and strength. This event is only for the children of Australian Defence Force members. All information is available via the Eventbrite link in the flyer.

### ANZAC Assembly (Friday 24 April)

Merici College Defence families are invited to attend the 2026 ANZAC Assembly to be held on Friday 24th April 2026. The Assembly will be held in the College Auditorium and will commence at 10.00am and will conclude within the hour.

Proceedings shall commence with a special entrance of Merici students accompanied by their Australian Defence Force (ADF) parents. All parents are requested to attend in uniform. All families are kindly requested to assembly at the entrance of the College Auditorium by no later than 9.45am.

At the conclusion of the Assembly, refreshments will be served in the Bridge Restaurant.

Please advise your attendance prior to Monday 20 April at <https://events.humanitix.com/anzac-assembly>.

**Child of the ADF Medallion**

Every recognised dependent of a current serving member under the age of 18, is entitled to receive a Child of the ADF Medallion, presented on **Sunday 19th April from 10am to 1:30pm**

Scan the below QR Code to register:

**Defence Member and Family Support**  
Providing programs and services to help Defence members and their families manage the realities of life.

## OTHER NEWS

### North Canberra Bears Minor Rugby League Football Club

The North Canberra Bears Minor Rugby League Football Club is actively recruiting for our girls League Tag and Tackle teams. In League Tag we are fielding teams in Under 10's, 11's, 12's, 13's and 16's catering from ages 7 - 16 and Tackle team in Under 13 (ages 11 - 13) and Under 17 (ages 15 - 17)

Rugby league is a fantastic way to build confidence, make new friends, develop fitness and be part of a supportive team environment, and at the Bears we pride ourselves on being an inclusive family club.

We are excited to be building our girl's rugby league program and look forward to receiving your registration.

### Holiday Happenings

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](http://www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet).

**GIRLS, WE NEED YOU!**

The North Canberra Bears Minor Rugby League Football Club are excited to be building our girl's rugby league program. We would love to welcome you to join the Bears this season!

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS IN THE FOLLOWING AGES:**  
 LEAGUE TAG: U10, U13 & U16 - AGES 8 - 16  
 GIRLS TACKLE: UNDER 13 - AGES 11 - 13  
 UNDER 17 - AGES 15 - 17

**REGISTER NOW**  
**PLAYRUGBYLEAGUE.COM.AU**

or reach out to our registrar to find out more registrar@nccbears.au  
 If your age group isn't listed above email our registrar to discuss options.