



WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Weeks 3 and 4 (Monday 1 May – Sunday 17 May)

IMPORTANT NEWS

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. 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.

Uniform Online Orders – Collections

Please be aware that when uniform items are ordered online, parents and students will need to wait to collect their order until a confirmation collection email is sent.

Parking Issues

For those parents who drive their daughters to school in the mornings or pickup in the afternoons, please observe the "No Stopping" zones on Wise Street, and DO NOT STOP.

There has been an increase in the number of cars reported stopping there by teaching staff on bus duty. Doing so impedes bus movements and obscures vision of the crossing, making it unsafe for pedestrians using it, which consists mostly of our own students.

Please drop off and pick up in the correct zone described by the yellow signs in the car park. It is much safer.

Lost Property Cleanout

Has your child lost a uniform item? Are your child/s uniform and items labelled clearly?

Your support is appreciated to view the items, garments and uniforms at the Lost Property table located near Student Services office.

When a uniform/ item is found that is clearly labelled, an email is sent directly to student to collect but unfortunately, we have a mountain of items from Term 1; Swimming Carnival, Year 7 Camp, Athletics Carnival, to name a few we would like them to return safely home.

PARENT IN PARTNERSHIPS SchoolTV NEWS

Students today have very busy schedules all-year round and it's a very different experience for the current generation. The digital revolution has changed the way kids learn and study, with information available to them 24 hours a day.



There are many strategies that students can implement to help them get through the school years but it is also important for parents understand how to support their child.

This is essential during times of transition and exam time, not only emotionally, but also practically. This series aims to offer parents, and students, advice on how to minimise stress levels and the overall impact on family life.

Every year, the media exposes us to the hype and pressure relating to school related stresses. However, putting things into perspective for students and parents alike, can help prevent everyone getting overwhelmed. Read more, <https://merici.act.schooltv.me/channel-newsletter/316>

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

YEAR 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

Year 11 2027 Careers Expo and Information Evening (Tuesday 12 May)

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 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. Year 10 students and parents are strongly encouraged to attend. A Careers Expo will be held prior to the information evening at 4.00pm in the Canteen.

Year 10 P.A.R.T.Y. Program Outreach (Tuesday 5 May)

Year 10 students will attend the Year 10 PARTY Program—Prevent Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth, which is an in-hospital education program for students. It educates on trauma, injury prevention, and risky behaviours by engaging with health professionals to explore the consequences of choices. The program will run on Tuesday 5 May.

IB NEWS

MYP Events - IB MYP Awards Ceremony



Parents and families are invited to attend the IB Middle Years Programme Award Ceremony for the Year 10 2025 results. The ceremony will be held on Thursday 14 May at 2.20pm in the Auditorium.

Certificates provided by IB Schools Australasia include:

- Certificate of Merit – Certificates of Merit are awarded to students who have achieved a score of 7 in one or more subjects in Year 10.
- Certificate of Participation – for participation in the IB Middle Years Programme and involvement in the Personal Project.
- Certificate of Distinction – Certificates of Distinction are awarded to students who have achieved an overall average score greater than 6 across all subjects in Year 10.
- The Merici College Award for High Achievement in the Personal Project – this is awarded to any student achieving a Grade 7 in their Personal Project.

Please RSVP to Ros Parisi at ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au stating the number of people who will attend (no need to include the student). This event will also be live streamed and recorded for convenience. A link to access the livestream will be sent to you prior to the ceremony.

Please note that students commencing Year 11 at Merici this year are not required to attend.

Personal Project Update

Year 10 students are continuing to work on their Personal Project, with current workshops focusing on how they have applied Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills (Criterion B).

There are also a couple of key dates and deadlines coming up for 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 workshops throughout the term to help them with writing the report.

Approaches to Learning (ATL)

Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills are key part of the MYP curriculum framework and help students *learn how to learn*.

There are five ATL skill categories organised into 10 skill clusters:

Communication	i. Communication
Social	ii. Collaboration
Self-management	iii. Organisation iv. Affective v. Reflection
Research	vi. Information literacy vii. Media literacy
Thinking	viii. Critical thinking ix. Creative thinking x. Transfer

ATL skills are *explicitly taught and practised in class* to support students across all subjects, particularly with assessment tasks. Each junior unit outline identifies the ATL skills a unit focuses on and shows how these skills support specific assessment criteria and strands.

Parents and carers can support the development of ATL skills by:

- Asking students what skills they are developing or practising in class (e.g. organisation, communication, reflection)
- Encouraging students to plan ahead for tasks and manage their time
- Discussing strategies for overcoming challenges, rather than focusing only on results
- Celebrating effort, improvement, and persistence

Conversation starters for home:

"What learning skills did you practise this week?"

"What strategy helped you the most with that task?"

"What would you try differently next time?"

Developing ATL skills helps students become organised, reflective, resilient learners who can apply their skills across different subjects and real-life contexts.

Key Dates

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

Event	Date	Information
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

CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

Rowing

Capital Lakes Rowing Club (CLRC) is a local community rowing club based at Grevillea Park in Barton with an emphasis on junior development. CLRC has offered specific rowing programs for junior rowers from both local schools and the broader community for the past 25 years and is pleased to offer the sport of rowing as an extra-curricular activity for Merici College students for the 2026-2027 season. The season will commence in September and conclude in April, with an information session for students and parents set for May 17 at 2pm. Please click here to find an Expression of Interest form, <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/important-document/learn-to-row-flyer-and-expression-of-interest/>.

If you have any questions, please email Mr Joseph Mickleburgh (joseph.mickleburgh@merici.act.edu.au).

OTHER NEWS

Girls' Brigade

Girls' Brigade (GB) is an organisation for girls giving them the opportunity to have fun, learn skills and make friends while empowering them to become future leaders in Girls' Brigade, their local community and the world. Their values include living, community, partnering, uniqueness, safety and fun. They meet weekly during school terms, and are supported by a local church. GB is for all girls in Kindergarten to Year 12. GB is where girls find purpose, belonging and joy. Families are invited to visit and see what it's all about.

For more information see <https://girlsbrigade.org.au/>.



ANU MedRevue 2026: Mamma Medicina! On the Wards Again (28-30 May)

Tickets on sale now! Click here, [link](#) to purchase your ticket.

When budget cuts send ANU's fourth-year med students to Greece for their final semester, perfectionist Sophie is forced to confront the ultimate question — who is she meant to become?

Torn between specialties, she turns to three doctors she once idolised: Sam, a charismatic but arrogant surgeon; Harry, a kind-hearted GP; and Bill, a laid-back emergency physician. When all three arrive on the island, each determined to recruit her, things quickly spiral into chaos.

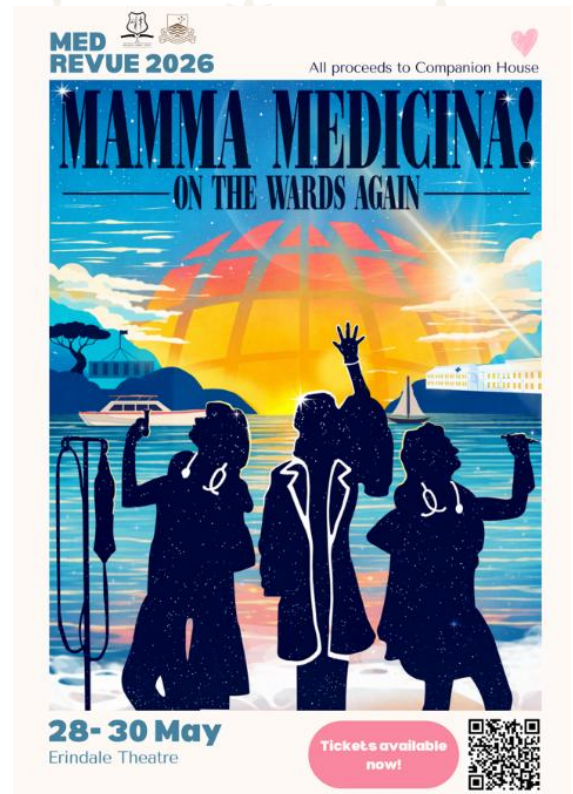
Guided by Donna — the voice of reason — we journey through surgery, general practice, and emergency medicine, exploring the highs, lows, and everything in between. And of course, no ward round is complete without Tanya and Rosie, the chaotic registrars bringing just the right amount of spice.

Set against sunlit islands and shifting ambitions, *Mamma Medicina: On the Wards Again* is a funny and heartfelt story about identity, burnout, love, and the fear of choosing wrong.

Featuring iconic ABBA hits, big energy, and a cast of talented med students, this is a show you won't want to miss.

🌟 Doors open from 6:30pm for drinks, snacks, and exclusive merch

❤️ All proceeds support the incredible work of [Companion House](#)



Mathematics in Art Exhibition

The Mathematics in Art exhibition is open in the Hanna Neumann Building #145 until Friday, 8 May. All invited to attend self guided tours until 8 May, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

The exhibition spans four floors of the building, bringing together striking artworks inspired by mathematical ideas - from geometry and symmetry to patterns, structure, and recursion. Visitors are invited to explore how mathematics can inspire beauty, imagination, and creative expression.



Expect statement artworks - including a delicate fractal-inspired tea set by Michael Barnsley, perfectly in sync with your Bridgerton-era daydreams, where Regency elegance meets recursive geometry.

The exhibition is designed to be self-guided, with information placards and QR codes next to each artwork so visitors can listen to and learn about the mathematical story behind each piece at their own pace.

Canberra BMX Club

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COME AND TRY DAY

SATURDAY 2ND MAY 12PM-2PM



<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/canberrabmx/events/348681>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

REGISTER VIA QR CODE OR

LINK

QUESTIONS - CONTACT THE CLUB VIA

FACEBOOK OR EMAIL



The Canberra BMX Club have a Come and Try Day on Tuesday 2 May 2026. For more information, please visit

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/canberrabmx/events/348681>

or email: canberrabmxclub@gmail.com.

