



# WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Weeks 7 and 8 (Monday 1 June – Sunday 14 June)

## IMPORTANT NEWS

### School Fees

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

This is a reminder that Term 2 fees and any other outstanding fees from previous terms were due for payment last Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 26. 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](mailto: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.

### Transport Canberra ACTION Bus network improvements from July

Rapid bus services to west Belconnen will return as part of a package of network improvements aimed at improving reliability and efficiency across the Transport Canberra bus network.

From Monday 20 July 2026, coinciding with the start of school term 3, Rapid 2 and Rapid 3 services will be reinstated to their pre 'construction timetable' routes, restoring direct travel between Fraser and Fyshwick, and Spence and Canberra Airport.

The changes follow a period of extensive monitoring and analysis of the road network during the Commonwealth Avenue Bridge Renewal project, and the operation of the 'construction bus network' and timetable from February.

Additional improvements to the bus network include an increase in frequency for Rapid 4 and Rapid 5 services to and from Canberra's south, Rapid 6 services to and from Woden, and refinements to selected local and school services to better reflect actual travel conditions.

### Summary of impacted services

- Rapids: 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6
- Regular services: 19, 26, 56, 63, 66 and 81

- School services: 1019, 1022, 1023, 1031, 1041, 1054, 2030, 2032, 2046, 2048, 2049, 2054, 2090 and 2093
- Schools impacted: Alfred Deakin High School, Campbell Primary School, Campbell High School, Canberra Grammar, Canberra High School, Daramalan College, Emmaus Christian School, Marist College, Melrose High, Merici College, Mount Stromlo High School, St Francis Xavier College, St John the Apostle Primary School, St Thomas More's Primary School.

### Updated timetables and school information packs will be released before the end of Term 2 in June.

Students and families are encouraged to check details before returning for school Term 3. More information, including a detailed summary of the improvements for each service, can be found on the [Transport Canberra website](#).

## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Reconciliation Day Public Holiday (Monday 1 May)

King's Birthday Public Holiday (Monday 8 June)

## PARENT IN PARTNERSHIPS SchoolTV NEWS

### Special Report: Dealing with Conflict

Conflict is a natural part of life and something all children will experience at home, at school, and online. While it can feel uncomfortable, how adults respond plays a critical role in shaping young people's ability to manage challenges. As children grow, particularly during adolescence, conflict often reflects their developing independence and identity. When handled with calmness, empathy, and consistency, conflict can strengthen relationships rather than damage them. It also provides an opportunity to model respectful communication, emotional regulation, and problem-solving, helping young people build resilience and navigate relationships with confidence. Read more: <https://merici.act.schooltv.me/newsletter/dealing-conflict-au>.



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

### e-Safety AI Webinar for Parents

The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW is hosting a free webinar for families about how AI is influencing new online risks for young people.

**Date:** Wednesday 24 June 2026

**Time:** 7.00pm – 7.45pm

[Click here to download an information flyer](#) and register by scanning the QR code.



### How AI is influencing new online risks for children and young people



Join the eSafety Commissioner's expert education and training team for a FREE live webinar for parents

**Wednesday**  
**24 June 2026**  
**7.00pm – 7.45pm**

## YEAR 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

### Year 10 Exams 10 - 11 June

Semester 1 exams for Year 10 will be held on Wednesday, 10 June and Thursday, 11 June. The exams will be held in the College Auditorium, with some students in alternate spaces based on the assessment provisions in their Personal Plans.

Please see below for the exam schedule, noting that students will need to **attend PC briefly each morning** to have their attendance recorded.

#### Wednesday 10 June:

Periods 1 and 2	English Exam
Recess	
Periods 3 and 4	Classes as per the normal timetable
Lunch	
Periods 5 and 6	Maths Exam

#### Thursday 11 June:

Periods 1 and 2	Science Exam
Recess	
Periods 3 and 4	Classes as per the normal timetable
Lunch	
Periods 5 and 6	Classes as per the normal timetable

Importantly, as a formal assessment period, **please email me if your daughter is unwell on either day**. They will need a **medical certificate** to cover the absence and have the exam rescheduled. Select pharmacies can provide these, as it is often difficult to get a GP appointment on short notice. A [Statutory Declaration](#) can be used if it is not possible to secure a medical certificate.

Please contact Stephanie Spiller, Senior Studies Coordinator on email [stephanie.spiller@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:stephanie.spiller@merici.act.edu.au) if you have any questions about the upcoming exam period.

### Year 11 2027 Subject Selection Interviews

All Year 10 students, along with their parents and/ or caregivers, will be invited to book a subject selection interview during Transitions week. More information to come.

### BSSS Exams Friday 12 - 19 June

Semester 1 exams for BSSS Students will be held between Friday, 12 June and Friday, 19 June. The exams will be held in the College Auditorium, except for students with alternate assessment provisions in their Personal Plans.

Students will be emailed individual exam timetables, which will list the date, time, and location of each exam. Students are expected to attend all exams. They are not required to be at school outside of their exams, and no BSSS classes will run during this week. **Please note that there has been an update to our College exam processes, and BSSS students are now required to wear full school uniform during exam week.**

Importantly, as a formal assessment period, your daughter will need to **email Stephanie Spiller, Senior Studies Coordinator on email [stephanie.spiller@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:stephanie.spiller@merici.act.edu.au) if they are unwell** on the day of any scheduled exam. They will need a **medical certificate** to cover the absence and have the exam rescheduled, if possible. Select pharmacies can provide these, as it is often difficult to get a GP appointment on short notice. A [Statutory Declaration](#) can be used if it is not possible to secure a medical certificate.

## IB Diploma classes will continue as normal throughout the week.

The last official day of term for BSSS students is Checking Day, Monday, 22 June. Attendance is compulsory, and the day will run on an adjusted timetable to ensure students can confirm individual assessment results with all teachers.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the upcoming exam period.

## IB NEWS



### IB MYP Awards Ceremony

Thank you to those who attended the IB MYP Year 10 2025 Award Ceremony on Thursday 14 May 2026.

Any students who were unable to attend the ceremony should contact the Head of IB, Elizabeth Chase ([elizabeth.chase@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:elizabeth.chase@merici.act.edu.au)), or MYP Coordinator, Jodie Muldoon ([jodie.muldoon@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:jodie.muldoon@merici.act.edu.au)), to collect their certificate(s).

### Service Learning in the MYP

## SERVICE LEARNING

*Service is for and with others.*

Through service learning, **I learn to:**

-  Become more aware of my **strengths** and **areas for growth**.
-  **Challenge myself** to develop new skills.
-  **Discuss, plan and evaluate** action with my peers.
-  **Persevere** in action, *keeping up the effort* even when things are challenging.
-  **Collaborate** effectively with others.
-  Develop **international mindedness** by *engaging with the world, using different languages & understanding other cultures*.
-  Consider the **ethical implications** of my actions, *thinking carefully about right and wrong*.

Service learning is an integral part of the MYP and has strong links to Merici's Christian Service-Learning Programme (CSLP).

In the MYP, this is referred to as **Service as Action**. *"Students take action when they apply what they are learning in the classroom and beyond. IB learners strive to be caring members of the community who demonstrate a commitment to service—making a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment"* ([IBO, 2026](#)).

As part of the MYP, students are required to reflect on the following seven Service as Action outcomes:

([sjtylr, 2014](#))

Students recently had the opportunity to reflect on these outcomes, along with Catholic Social Teachings (CSTs) and Scripture, in the lead up to St Angela Merici Day this term. In addition to being a key part of service learning, this reflection is required for students to be eligible for the Angel Wings awards, which will be presented at the St Angela Merici Day award ceremony.

We encourage all students to get involved in the various service learning opportunities offered both within and beyond the College.

## Personal Project update

It has been fantastic to see evidence of some of the fantastic products our Year 10 students have been making for their Personal Project. A gentle reminder that evidence of the product was due via Seqta last **Wednesday 20 May 2026**.

There are a few key dates coming up this term and early next term:

4	Report Writing Day	Semester 1 Week 19 Date TBD
5	Draft Report Deadline	Wednesday Semester 2 Week 1 22.07.2026
6	Final Report Due Date	Wednesday Semester 2 Week 3 05.08.2026

Year 10 students and their parents/carers are also asked to check that their **personal details** (name, date of birth, nationalities, languages) are correct. These can be found on **Seqta**, and students must indicate what changes are required (if any) OR confirm that the details are correct in the reflection space (see below).

It is important that these details are correct as these are the details that are formally provided to the IB for the purposes of Personal Project registration and awards.

The screenshot shows the Seqta Personal Project interface. On the left is a navigation menu with 'PERSONAL PROJECT' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Personal Project' and shows a list of upcoming tasks. The 'Personal details check' task is highlighted in green and has a 'REFLECTION' icon. The 'DETAILS' tab is selected, showing a 'Teacher files' section with a file icon and a date 'ADDED 19 MAY 2026, 2:45 PM'. Below this is a 'Your reflection' section with a text input field and instructions: 'Please state if any changes are required to your personal details for IB registration. If no changes are required, please state NO CHANGES.'

## HEAD OF MISSION AND COMMUNITY NEWS

There are a number of important Mission & Community events coming up over the next few weeks. We encourage all students to get involved, support others and live out *Fidelitas* through service, compassion and community action.

### Refugee Week Guest Speaker Event (28 May)

Students, staff and community members are invited to attend a special presentation by HninWin Aung at Marist College Canberra.

Hnin was a human rights lawyer in Myanmar who advocated for political prisoners before being forced to flee her country. She will share her story of displacement, resilience and her ongoing work for justice and human rights.

- 📍 Marist College Canberra Theatrette
- 🕒 12.50–1.30 pm

### Vinnies Winter Appeal: Can Line 2026 (10 June)

Our annual Vinnies Can Line is back! Students are encouraged to bring in canned and non-perishable food items to support [St Vincent de Paul Society Australia](#) and assist those experiencing homelessness in our local community.

Together, we will create a powerful visual display spelling *FIDELITAS* using all donated items. Every contribution matters.

### Annual Vinnies Winter Sleepout (25 June)

Senior students are encouraged to register for our Annual Vinnies Winter Sleepout in support of people experiencing homelessness.

To attend, students must:

- Register through Compass
- Make a donation via Anna Masters' Vinnies Appeal page using [this link](#)

This is an important opportunity to stand in solidarity with those doing it tough this winter and to support the incredible work of Vinnies Canberra.

**REFUGEE WEEK**  
14–20 JUNE

In our school community.

Together, let's build a community of WELCOME, RESPECT and UNDERSTANDING.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY HNIWIN AUNG**  
NEXT THURSDAY 28 MAY  
12.50 – 1.30pm  
MARIST COLLEGE CANBERRA THEATRETTE

Hnin was a human rights lawyer in Myanmar and her presentation includes information about the legal work she did in her country to advocate for political prisoners and her escape from Myanmar to Thailand and then onto Australia.

Hnin continues her work in Australia to advocate for justice for political prisoners and regime change in her country.

*"It is so important that young people have the facts about forced displacement and the refugee journey."*

**A STORY OF COURAGE**  
Learn about Hnin's legal work in Myanmar to advocate for political prisoners and the human rights of all.

**A JOURNEY OF HOPE**  
Hnin tells incredible stories of escape from Myanmar to Thailand and her new life in Australia.

**CONTINUING THE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE**  
Discover how Hnin continues to advocate for justice, political prisoners and regime change in her country.

**BUILDING A MORE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY**  
Let's stand together against racism and discrimination and create a community where everyone belongs.

This opportunity was made possible by Joanne Bragg, Team Leader for Vinnies' Migrant and Refugee Program. Vinnies' Migrant and Refugee Program is a settlement service for children, young people and their families as they settle in Australia. Migrant and Refugee Program | Vinnies

**Vinnies good works**

Be informed. Be kind. Be the change. Everyone has a story. Everyone deserves respect.

**VINNIES CAN LINE 2026**  
TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Our annual Vinnies Can Line is back, and this year it's all about coming together as one community.

Over the next few weeks, we are inviting all students to bring in canned and non-perishable food items to support Vinnies Night Patrol – providing food, warmth and care to those experiencing homelessness in our local area.

**KEY DATE: WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE**

We will come together in the Gym to create a powerful visual display, spelling "FIDELITAS" using all donated items.

**EVERY CONTRIBUTION MATTERS**

**EVERY CAN MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

**TOGETHER, WE CAN HAVE A REAL IMPACT**

Let's live out *Fidelitas* through service and compassion.

#Fidelitas #MericiCommunity #FaithInAction #Vinnies #CanLine2026

**VINNIES WINTER SLEEPOUT**  
Sleep Rough. Show Compassion. Make a Difference.

Merici College stands with Vinnies Canberra to support those experiencing homelessness. Your compassion can make a difference.

**TO ATTEND YOU MUST:**

- Complete Compass permission
- Make a donation via Mrs Masters' Vinnies Appeal Page

**DONATE HERE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

REMEMBER TO REGISTER THROUGH COMPASS

NUMBERS ARE STRICTLY LIMITED

COMPASSION CHANGES EVERYTHING.

EVERY DOLLAR HELPS VINNIES CANBERRA SUPPORT PEOPLE IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

For more information contact Merici College 6263 4100

## LANGUAGES NEWS

### Limited number of spots now available for French & History Tour in September 2026

A limited numbers of spaces on the 2026 Merici College Tour of France have become available due to rescheduling. These spots will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

- Eligibility: Open to French & History students (Years 10-12)
- Contact: [Giuseppe.battaglia@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:Giuseppe.battaglia@merici.act.edu.au) for more information to sign up.

Don't miss this final opportunity to join the Merici College Tour of France of 2026.



For more information about the Tour, please click on the below link:

[French Tour 2026 - Newsletter](#)

## TLC NEWS

News from the TLC

**MASTERS PROGRAM**  
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

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](#)

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)?

## CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

# MERICI COLLEGE SHOWCASE 2026

## Thursday 4 June

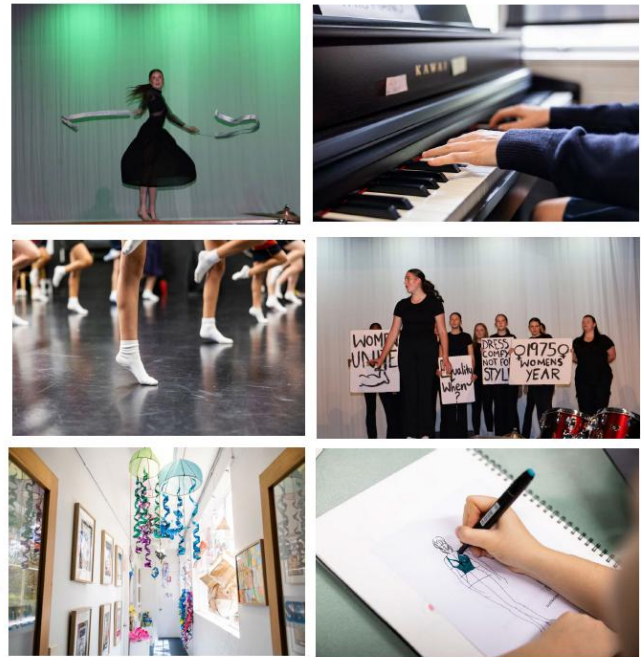
### Exhibition Opening

Refreshments 4.30pm-5.30pm, Auditorium Foyer

### Showcase

Exhibition & Performances 5.30pm-8pm, Auditorium

RSVP : <https://events.humanitix.com/2026-showcase-semester-1> before Tuesday 2 June



Dance | Visual Arts | Media | Design & Graphics | Music | Drama | Textiles

## OTHER NEWS

### Dr Rose McGready Foundation Presentation (Thursday 11 June)

Rose McGready is a proud Merici alumna who went on to become a Professor of Tropical Maternal and Child Health at Oxford University. For over 30 years she has worked on the Thai-Myanmar border, building a network of locally run clinics to deliver essential maternal and child healthcare to displaced and refugee communities.

Her pioneering research on malaria in pregnancy has been adopted by the World Health Organisation as the global standard for treatment worldwide.



Hosted by Virginia Haussegger AM, the panel will discuss malaria and its impact on healthcare of mothers, children and the marginalised in Myanmar, and hope for the future.

## Malaria, Medicine, and Hope: Standing with Myanmar



Virginia Haussegger AM



Prof Rose McGready



Dr Hannah Kelly



Dr Phyu Phyu Thin Zaw

**Date and Time:**  
Thursday 11 June 2026  
5.30-7.30 pm

Marie Reay Teaching Centre  
Australian National University  
Superfloor (Level 6, top floor)

**Adults: \$50**  
**Students: \$15**  
inc. refreshments

Tickets <https://events.humanitix.com/malaria-medicine-and-hope>  
Equity tickets available, email [grace.shephard@anu.edu.au](mailto:grace.shephard@anu.edu.au)

scan QR



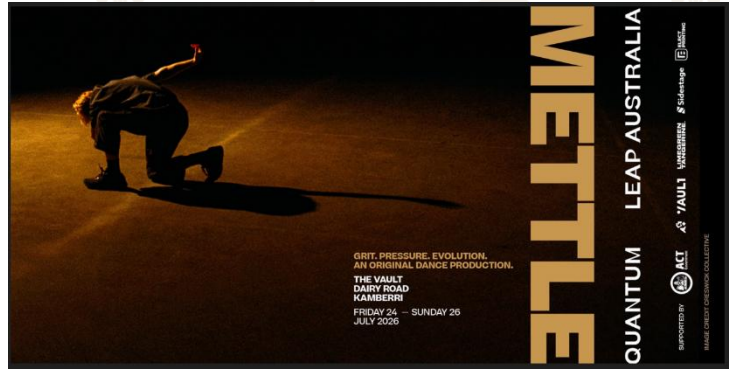
In November 2025, Rose was named the 2026 ACT Australian of the Year — a richly deserved honour.

Parents, students and friends are invited to attend a panel presentation on Thursday 11 June, 5.30pm-7.30pm at the ANU. The panel will discuss malaria and its impact on healthcare of mothers, children and the marginalised in Myanmar, and hope for the future.

Tickets available at <https://events.humanitix.com/malaria-medicine-and-hope> or by scanning the QR in the flyer.

### Merici Student Participation in Quantum Leap's 2026 Major Project

Quantum Leap Australia is the ACT's primary contemporary dance organisation. The heart of our activity is professional contemporary dance practice with young people. Quantum Leap is proudly supported by the ACT Government through artsACT. For 25 years Quantum Leap has delivered extraordinary projects that ignite creativity in young people, locally and abroad and activities include professionally choreographed, collaborative contemporary productions, such as METTLE with two Merici students in the cast, Delphi Uzubalis and Juliette Feerick. We wish the students and all the cast and crew a very successful production.



Bookings for the performance can be made via Quantum Leap's [website](#).

### Villaggio Sant Antonio St Anthony's Day Fete



All welcome to attend to celebrate St Anthony's Feast Day at the Villaggio Sant Antonio Fete, 35 Burkitt Street, Page on Saturday, 13 June, 11am-3pm.