



WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Weeks 9 and 10 (Monday 15 June – Sunday 28 June)

IMPORTANT NEWS

Merici College Community Council Executive Vacancy

The Merici College Community Council plays an important dual role in providing governance for the College and overseeing the Parents & Friends Committee.

Following the resignation of a Council member, one General Member position is now available on the Council Executive. The successful nominee will be appointed for a two-year term, with the opportunity to re-nominate for up to two additional terms, allowing a maximum of six years of service.

Parents and carers who are interested in contributing to the ongoing success and governance of the College are invited to submit a nomination. To nominate, please complete the Nomination Form found here: <https://merici.news/news/merici-college-community-council-executive-vacancy/>.

Please refer to Merici College Community Council Charter and Executive Governance Guidelines for governance information. These documents can be accessed via the above link.

Please return your completed form to the Returning Officer, Ros Parisi, via email ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au.

Nominations close on Tuesday 21 July 2026.

Should more than one nomination be received, an online election will be conducted by the Council Executive from Thursday 23 July to Monday 27 July 2026. Election results will be communicated on Wednesday 29 July 2026.

We encourage interested parents and carers to consider this opportunity to contribute to the leadership and future direction of the Merici College community.

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: P&F Committee Trivia Night –Thursday 6 August

The Merici College P&F Committee are excited to share an evening of trivia with you to be held on Thursday 6 August. A fun night of trivia! Great prizes, silent auction and raffles!

We would love to receive any donations that you may be able to provide as part of Trivia prizes and as part of our silent auction. We would welcome gift vouchers, goods, services, any other items that can be used. In appreciation of your support, you and/or your business will be acknowledged, and your logo displayed on our school website and social media networks. Please contact Ros Parisi (ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au) for information.

Ticketing information will be advised in the next few weeks.



PARENT IN PARTNERSHIPS SchoolTV NEWS

Special Report: Healthy Study Habits

Although we all want our children to succeed academically, the foundation for that success lies not just in intelligence or motivation, but in the study habits they develop. Healthy study habits are essential for children to learn effectively, manage stress, and ultimately achieve their academic potential. Yet, in an age where distractions are plentiful and the pressure to perform is immense, it's more important than ever for us, as parents and caregivers, to guide our children in cultivating these habits.

Full article: https://merici.act.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-healthy-study-habits-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



YEAR 7, 8 AND 9 NEWS

Calling all Year 7 Parents! Literacy Research Project

We are excited to be participating in a research project being undertaken by Catholic Education Literacy Specialist Jessica Colleu Terradas.

The purpose of this research is to identify the most effective ways to teach the spelling of complex words in regular classrooms. We hope the results from this research will help us to improve spelling outcomes for our students across the school in the future.

We will be gathering baseline data in Week 11 this term. All data will be de-identified (anonymous). In order for this data to be included in the research study we need parental consent. We are asking all parents to please check compass events to submit this consent online as soon as possible. Please also refer to compass for further details about the project.

Year 9 History Excursion Australian War Memorial (Thursday 8 June)

As part of our Year 9 History unit, students will be attending an excursion to the Australian War Memorial on Thursday 8 June. This visit will provide students with the opportunity to enhance their understanding of Australia's wartime experiences and to engage with historical artefacts and memorials that support their study of Year 9 History. They will engage in the *Australians and the First World War* educational program. Students are required to wear their full Merici College winter uniform. Permission via compass.

Marist Disco Years 8-9 Students (Wednesday 24 June)

On Wednesday 24 June, Marist will be holding a Year 8 and 9 Social from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. This is a great opportunity for students to enjoy a night of dancing, music and fun, while meeting new friends from Marist, Merici College, St Clare's College and Girls' Grammar. All students attending the event are required to check in on arrival and present their mobile phone. The event is device-free.

Date: Wednesday 24 June

Time: 5.30 - 7.30pm

Location: Marist College Canberra

Dress: Smart Casual

Tickets : \$15 – Ticket to the disco, drink and sausage sizzle.

Important Information

- This is not a Merici organised event and attendance is voluntary.
- We appreciate your support in reminding your daughter of the College's expectations for courteous and respectful behaviour.
- Teaching staff from Marist College Canberra and the guest colleges will supervise the event.
- In the case of any breach of behaviour guidelines, parents will be contacted.
- If there is any medical information we should be aware of, please include this on the booking form when purchasing tickets.
- We ask for your assistance in ensuring attire is appropriate for a school event.
- All students must check in their mobile phones at the entrance.
- For safe departure, please drive through to the bus bays where students will be waiting for collection.
- If your daughter is travelling home with another family, please provide these details when purchasing tickets.
- We appreciate your support in collecting your child promptly at the advertised finish time.
- Ticket numbers are capped and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Purchase tickets here: <https://events.maristc.act.edu.au/year8and9discogirls>

YEAR 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

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.

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 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.

Year 10 Transitions Forum (Friday 26 June – Thursday 2 July)

The Transitions Forum is an important week for Year 10 students. During the forum your daughters will consider how to make decisions, reflect on what is important in life, hear about different career options, learn about the job market, prepare for senior study and much, much more. It is a week that enables them to better reflect on the road ahead for Years 11 and 12. Please note that Transitions Week runs from Friday of Week 10 through to Thursday of Week 11. **Students will wear neat casual for the duration of Transitions Week.**

As part of the Transitions Forum, on Wednesday 1 July, Year 10 students will have the opportunity to visit two Institutions (both a morning and an afternoon session). They can choose between the Australian Catholic University, Australian National University, Defence (ADFA and ADF Careers), Magistrates Court, University of Canberra and CIT.

Year 10 Reflection Day held during Year 10 Transitions Week (Tuesday 30 June)

The Year 10 Spirituality Day is a one-day session on campus. The day is aimed at motivating students to strengthen their faith through identifying their connection with both a loving God and their relationships with others. The day will involve a series of engaging activities, and reflection exercises.

Lunch (sausage sizzle) will be provided on the day.

Students will provide their own morning tea. Students will be asked to go to the PC class in the morning to have their names marked off and then they will proceed to the Auditorium for the remainder of the school day.

HEAD OF MISSION AND COMMUNITY NEWS

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.



TLC NEWS

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)?

OTHER NEWS

Winter Coat Drive Donations Needed

The Tradies, in partnership with Vinnies, is holding a Winter Coat Drive at Poppyfield Commons to help share warmth with people in our community who may be experiencing hardship during the colder winter months.

They are collecting clean, gently worn winter items in good condition, including coats, scarves, gloves, beanies, new socks and dog coats. Men's winter coats are especially needed this winter.

Please drop off your donations Thursdays 3.390pm-5.30pm at Poppyfield Commons (the old Dickson Garden Centre site) 2 Badham Street Dickson.

POPPYFIELD COMMONS

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Help share warmth with our community this winter.

We're collecting clean, gently worn, winter items in good condition including:

COATS SCARVES GLOVES BEANIES NEW SOCKS DOG COATS

HOW YOUR DONATIONS WILL HELP.

The Tradies is supporting people experiencing hardship in our community through our Winter Warmer Brunches at Poppyfield Commons during June, July and August.

If you are unable to donate, please consider supporting our community partner Vinnies in their Canberra/Goulburn Winter appeal by making a financial contribution via scanning the QR code. Your tax deductible donation of \$2 or more will help people in our community who need it most.

Men's winter coats needed especially this winter!

DROP-OFF LOCATION.

POPPYFIELD COMMONS
 [the old Dickson Garden Centre site]
 THURSDAYS
 3:30pm - 5:30pm

GEMMA BONSHEKANE
 Community Placemaker
 p | 6162 5656 e | poppyfield@thetradies.com.au
 2 Badham Street, Dickson, ACT, 2602

The Tradies Proudly in partnership with Vinnies

Formally Formal Wear - 100% Free Formal Wear

Formally Formal Wear opens again in August and everything students need for their formals is free. This is the 4th year running this shop with last year dressing over 300 students. Everything free and all has been donated by the community. More details in the flyer.

YOUR Perfect FORMAL OUTFIT AWAITS!

100% FREE FORMAL WEAR FOR EVERYONE!

Look Amazing.
OWN THE MOMENT.

OPENING IN AUGUST
FRIDAY 2PM-6PM
SATURDAY 2PM-6PM

WE HAVE

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- Women's shoes
- Men's suits
- Men's shirts
- Men's shoes
- Ties / Bowties
- Vests
- Clutches
- Jewellery
- Makeup products

LEVEL UP YOUR FORMAL GAME WITH FORMALLY FORMAL WEAR, THE **NON-PROFIT SQUAD** IN QUEANBEYAN THAT'S ALL ABOUT SERVING LOOKS TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR TOWN AND BEYOND! FROM ROCKING THAT YEAR SIX GRADUATION TO SLAYING AT YOUR YEAR 10 OR 12 FORMAL, WE'VE TOTALLY GOT WHAT YOU NEED. DIVE INTO OUR KILLER COLLECTION OF SIZES AND STYLES FOR BOTH GUYS AND GIRLS. WE'RE EVEN WELCOMING TEACHERS WHO ARE ATTENDING FORMALS - SWING BY AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!

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COMPLETELY FREE FOR EVERYONE!

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