



WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 8 and 9 (Monday 7 September – Sunday 20 September)

IMPORTANT NEWS

Academic Support at Merici

Did you know that there is academic support available for all students at Merici College? From tutorials, MASTERS program and Cross Age Tutoring, there are options to suit most students.

Firstly, there are lunchtime Maths tutorials that are for students to drop in as needed. These are held in room 228 on Tuesdays. Please email Mr Diessel for more information (Andrew.Diessel@merici.act.edu.au). In addition, there are Science lunchtime tutorials on Fridays in room 207. For more information, please contact Mrs Aboud (loanne.Aboud@merici.act.edu.au).

Secondly, the after-school program called MASTERS. The College has employed some external tutors who can sit with your daughter 1-1, on an ad-hoc basis. Tutors are employed based on their skill set across multiple disciplines like Maths, Science and Humanities, and are supervised by Mrs Logan in the TLC. The idea here is to allow for students to develop independence with their learning whilst receiving support as they see it needed. This is a new program for the College this year and we are starting to see some momentum here. MASTERS runs each day Monday-Thursday from 3:30-5pm in the TLC. Please email Mrs Logan if you would like more information (mj.logan@merici.act.edu.au).

Thirdly, if your daughter needs some extra time in the textiles space, Mrs Spiller opens the textiles rooms for students on Mondays and Wednesdays after-school (alongside MASTERS program).

Finally, we have a program that has run with great success at Merici for many years called "Cross Age Tutoring". This is where we match a senior student with a junior student who requires help in a specific area (like Science or Mathematics for example). This pair would meet at a regular time at either lunchtime or after school at MASTERS and work through concerns and examples to build skills. Please click [here](#) to find the Cross-age Tutoring Information and Application Form for Parents to find more information and the application form for parents to complete. Please email Mrs Logan (mj.logan@merici.act.edu.au) for further information if required.

It is also really beneficial to reach out to your daughter's classroom teacher or Pastoral Care teacher if she is experiencing difficulty. There is plenty of support available and we are only too happy to help.

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!

Relocation of Uniform Shop opens TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER

In 2019, Merici College introduced a new College uniform, and with it took steps to ensure continuity of supply, consistency of manufacture and quality control. To achieve all of that and in making the change-over to a new supplier for uniforms, we partnered with PSW Uniform Group, a leading supplier of school uniforms across Australia based in Melbourne. Uniform Group are a long established highly reputable organisation supplying uniforms to hundreds of schools and colleges Australia-wide.

At the time, we also took over the retail operations ourselves. Along with on-line ordering, our shop was open two half-days per week with additional open days during the holiday periods.

We are pleased to announce the next step in the evolution of uniform supply for our College Community

1. The current retail shop located on College site will trade until Thursday 10 September.
2. In the two weeks to follow (14 September - 25 September) all stock held on-site and at the warehouse in Melbourne, will move to a shopfront on Woolley Street, Dickson (opposite Vinnies) where it will be stocked, barcoded, merchandised ready for resale under the banner of PSW.
3. During the transition period Monday 14 September – Tuesday 6 October, parents will **not** be able to purchase Merici College uniform items. This will also include on-line purchases.
4. The new store will commence trading from **TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER**.

Whilst the shop will trade out of new premises, everything else remains the same. The uniform and prices will remain the same, as well as the online 'click and collect' ordering service. The benefit of the change is that the shop will be open for longer hours and more days per week, providing better access to our community.

More information on the shop location and trading hours will be communicated in the coming weeks.

We envisage this change in trading structure to be a seamless process for parents and ultimately provide a better service to our valued College community.

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Seiwa House Week (Monday 7 September – Friday 11 September)

Seiwa House Week will be held in Week 8 with the following activities planned:

- Monday: House Activities and Cupcakes
- Monday afternoon: McMahon and Seiwa House event
- Wednesday: Wellness Walk with Blue Accessories
- Morning PC quizzes and games

Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews - Online Bookings Open - Monday 21 September 8:00am

Parent-Student-Teacher interviews will be held in Term 4 online via Microsoft Teams on Monday 12 October (2pm-6pm) and face-to-face in the College Auditorium and C1/C2 on Wednesday 14 October (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 **26S2 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/ amended after 9:00am on Friday 9 October.
- 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.

DARE TO DREAM 2027 Logo Design Competition

Each year, our College theme is brought to life through a logo designed by one of our own students. This is your chance to put your creative voice behind a message that will represent our whole community.

The Scripture

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Before you ever dared to dream for yourself, God was already dreaming for you. Jeremiah reminds us that our hopes and futures are held in something greater than ourselves. Your design should carry that spirit.

Your Design

Create a simple, original logo for Dare to Dream 2027. Take inspiration from the scripture above and think about what "daring to dream" means to you personally.

Colour:

Merici Blue only (Pantone 3005 / RGB 0, 140, 209) on a white background. Your logo should work in one colour. Do not use gradients, shadows or additional colours.

Keep it simple: The strongest logos communicate a single, clear idea. Think bold shapes, meaningful symbols and words used sparingly. The 2027 year must appear somewhere in your design.

Format: Submit your design as a high-resolution image file (PNG, JPEG or PDF). Hand-drawn designs that have been scanned or photographed clearly are also welcome.

Your Reflection

Along with your design, include a written reflection of approximately 100 words explaining:

- What your design represents and the choices you made
- How it connects to the scripture and the message of Dare to Dream
- What dreaming boldly means to you



Your reflection is important as it helps the judging panel understand the thinking behind your design, not just what it looks like.

How to Enter

Submissions open: 29 August 2026

Closing date: 25 September 2026

Upload to: [\[MS FORM LINK HERE\]](#)

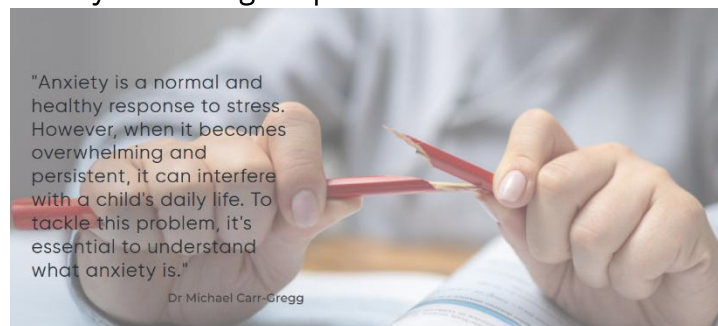
Please include your name, year group and PC class with your submission.

Judging: Entries will be assessed on how well the design communicates the theme, its visual clarity and simplicity, the quality of the written reflection and the connection between the two. The winning logo will be used across Merici College throughout 2027, including on merchandise, events and digital communications.

Questions? Contact Mrs Harrold-Carter, Head of Mission and Community

PARENT IN PARTNERSHIPS SchoolTV NEWS

Anxiety and Young People



Anxiety is a natural and expected part of growing up. It helps young people navigate new experiences, challenges, and transitions. However, for many children and adolescents today, anxiety can become intense, persistent and disruptive. Factors such as academic pressures, social expectations, family dynamics and the constant presence of digital media can all contribute to heightened stress and worry. When

left unrecognised or unsupported, anxiety can begin to affect a young person's wellbeing, learning, relationships and overall confidence. That's why it's essential for adult carers to understand how anxiety may present in their children. Everyone experiences anxiety differently, and there's no one-size-fits-all response. With greater awareness and the right support, families can help young people build the skills to manage anxiety effectively, fostering resilience, self-awareness and emotional wellbeing for life. Read more [here](#).

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

YEAR 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

Senior Studies Reminders

BSSS Students: What to do when you are absent on the day of a scheduled assessment

1. **Parent notification to Student Services** as per the usual process
2. If possible, **you need to email your teacher** and let them know.
3. **A medical certificate is required** if you miss a scheduled assessment - please send this through to Student Services and Mrs Spiller as soon as possible. If you cannot book an appointment with your GP, a Pharmacy certificate is acceptable for school-based assessment.
4. Complete the [formal application for an extension](#) to book your catch-up assessment.

Please note that if you do not provide a medical certificate, the missed assessment will not be rescheduled and will be treated as a non-attempt.

BSSS Students: What to do when you know in advance that you will miss a scheduled in-class assessment

1. **Leave needs to be approved in advance.** Parent notification to Student Services, outlining the dates, reason for leave, and documentary evidence. Please note, leave can only be approved for the reasons outlined in the [Merici College Attendance Processes](#).

Please note, there is no need to apply for leave if you already have approval for an ongoing arrangement, e.g., a school event, excursion or tour, ASBA, CIT External Study, UC Connect.

2. Complete the [formal application for an extension](#). Please note that you may be required to complete some assessment tasks early.

Year 10 Social (Friday 18 September)

We are very excited about the Year 10 Social to be held on Friday 18 September at Merici College Auditorium from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. 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.

Tickets are \$65 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-mzfqlb6q> by Monday 14 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.

Friday 18 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 (Wednesday 25 November)

We are excited to announce the following details for the Year 12 Graduation Day to be held on Wednesday 25 November.

Please find below the program of events:

- 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 to be held 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 at the Canberra Rex Hotel, 150 Northbourne Avenue, Braddon (Cost covered by College for one Year 12 student and two parents – no additional tickets available)

Graduation Dinner and Awards Ceremony – Confirmation of Attendance

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. Due to limited seating space, no additional tickets are available to families.

Students are required to wear full school uniform (including their blazer) to all events listed above.

Please confirm your attendance here, **as well as your daughter**, <https://events.humanitix.com/year-12-graduation-day-2026> so that we are able to finalise catering numbers. Please indicate special dietary requirements. RSVP required by Monday 2 November.

Please contact Ros Parisi on email ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au for any further information.

Year 12 Formal (Friday 27 November)

The Year 12 Formal will be held on **Friday 27 November** at the National Museum of Australia in the Gandel Atrium (invitation attached). Students and parents are encouraged to attend this event (partners welcome to attend).

The cost of the ticket is \$200 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-2026-2ej5vlnk>

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 9 November

House Coordinators will be organising table seating.

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Senior Drama Performance (Wednesday 16 September)

Senior Drama Students Present: Scenes from *Mackenzie* - a modern retelling of Shakespeare's Macbeth

When: Wednesday 16 September at 7pm (to approx. 8pm)

Where: Merici College Auditorium

Who: Mature audiences

Free entry with no bookings required

Ever wished Macbeth had a fun, 'Hannah-Montana-obsessed' pop star little sister? Ask and you shall receive... but be careful what you wish for!

On Wednesday, 16 September at 7:00pm, Senior Drama will be channelling their inner number one pop girl, performing scenes from Yve Blake's *Mackenzie*. This acclaimed Australian play charts the meteoric rise of ambitious 2000s child star Mackenzie, at times macabre, but always iconic. After all, its *Mackenzie's World*, we're just living in it.

Content Warning: *Mackenzie* explores mature themes including ambition, fame, the exploitation and pressures experienced by young performers, unhealthy parent-child dynamics, and the darker consequences of the pursuit of success. The play contains dark humour, macabre elements, risqué material and some strong language. Recommended age: 15+ or with parental guidance

Any questions? Please reach out to Senior Drama teacher Kate Bettison (Kate.Bettison@merici.act.edu.au).

LANGUAGES NEWS

Spain Study Tour 2026

The Spain Study Tour is departing on Thursday 24 September to explore Barcelona, Salamanca, Madrid and Avila, taking 15 students to an exciting cultural destination. Our students have been preparing by building community and self-management skills for success.

France Study tour 2026

A group of excited students are heading off to France on Saturday 19 September to explore this wonderful country and immerse themselves in the language and culture. We wish these students and the accompanying staff, Mr Battaglia, Ms Dwyer and Ms Harold-Carter: Bon Voyage!

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Socktober (Friday 11 September)

This year for Socktober, we have three very exciting coming up with three great events organised:

1. Silly Socks Friday is 11 September, all day! Come to school in your silly and funk-o socks (with full-school uniform otherwise). Take a photo of the socks and send it to malika@merici.act.edu.au to get enrolled in a prize raffle automatically. We have 3 special prizes which will be drawn the following week as we are aiming to get more involvement in this event. Make sure to also bring in a gold coin donation as all Socktober funds are going to support the development of children's education in Malawi, Africa!
2. Social Justice Poster Competition closes Friday 11 September
To bring alive the essence of Social Justice, make a poster on a social justice issue you are passionate about to get some service hours and a special prize!
3. Special 100-Years Challenge
Create an A4 posters and/or Instagram square collection on a social just issue you are passionate about. Check your school emails to find more information.

The Tidbits and Trinkets Fair!

The Social Justice Committee are proud to announce the commencement of a new tradition which they have been working on! The Tidbits & Trinkets will be running from 7 - 11 September in the CRLC at lunch times for the whole week (until stock is sold out). Make sure to get in early on Monday because things sell out ridiculously quick!

We are selling crochet items, plushies, jewellery, lucky charms, baked goods, ribbons/bows, stickers, and so much more!

Everything has been hand-made or donated by the Social Justice Team and all funds are going to support the development of children's education in Malawi, Africa.

There's something for everyone.

TLC NEWS

MASTERSclasses

Our MASTERSclasses are continuing in our TLC!

Who? All Students are welcome

Where? In the TLC

When? 4pm

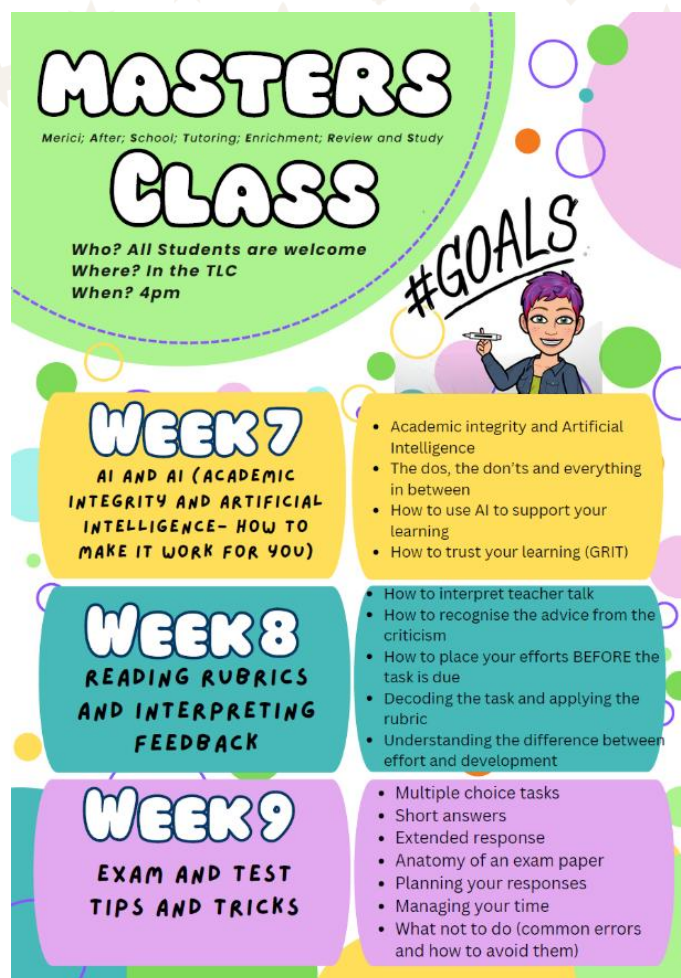
Upcoming Topics:

Week 7: AI and AI (academic integrity and Artificial Intelligence- How to make it work for you)

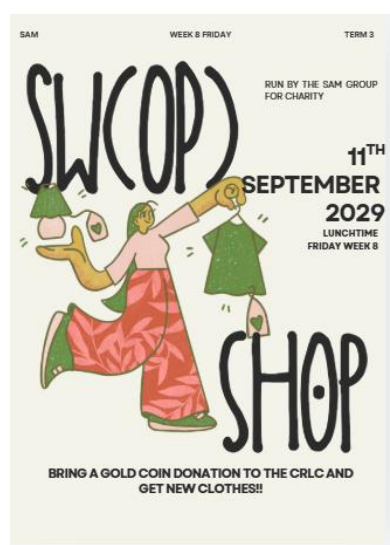
Week 8: Reading Rubrics and interpreting

Week 9: Exam and test tips and tricks

Our team is looking forward to seeing you there!



SUSAINABILITY NEWS



Sw(op) Shop (Friday 11 September)

Textiles and fashion waste have reached unprecedented levels around the world. Australia is the largest consumer of fashion in the world per capita, with over 300,000 tonnes of textiles discarded each year. Re-purposing is part of the solution.

You are therefore invited to participate in the Merici College sw(op) shop, an annual event to prolong the life of fashion items and divert them from landfill.

Donations being accepted in Student Services from Week 6. Clean, re-usable items for the student cohort only please.

Pick up something new on Friday 11 September at lunchtime in the CRLC.

Bring your gold coin donation!

OTHER NEWS

Cenacle: Institute for Synodal Evangelisation, an initiative of the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation

The Formation Forums are free, welcoming gatherings designed to offer accessible and engaging faith formation. Together, we explore some of life's big questions around faith, mission and discipleship. They are intended as a starting point for anyone interested in deepening their faith and can also lead into further formation through our Courses, which are currently in development.

For our upcoming Forum, we will explore the question: *What Do We Believe?*

What does it mean to profess the Creed? Why has it united Christians across generations and cultures and how does it continue to shape the way we live today? We will reflect on the heart of the Christian faith, exploring both the beliefs we share and the personal journeys through which faith takes root and grows.

Joining us for the evening will be inputs from Fr Chris de Souza (Australian Catholic Bishops Conference) and Rachel Bernabe (CFC Singles for Christ Canberra) who will share their own experiences of faith and discipleship. More details of the event below, and also attached:

Key Details

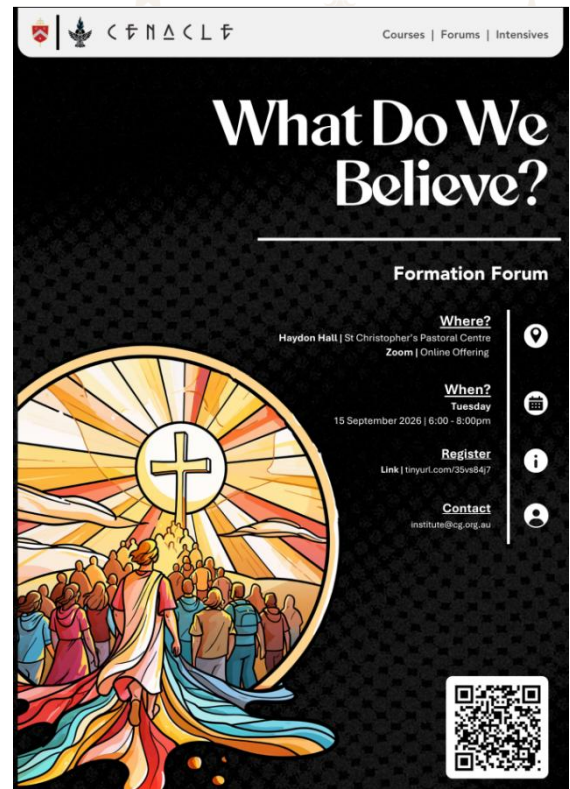
Topic: What Do We Believe?

Date & Time: Tuesday, 15 September 2026 | 6pm

Venue: Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre

Online Option: us06web.zoom.us/j/87199525802 | Meeting ID: 871 9952 5802

Register your attendance [HERE](#). Light refreshments will be provided.



Catholic Schools Parents Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Working in Partnership: Family Engagement

Parents/carers and staff are invited to join internationally recognised family engagement expert Dr Steve Constantino share practical insights into how strong partnerships between families and schools can help children thrive.

- Date: 15 September 2026
- Time: 7–8pm
- Location: Online
- Cost: Free
- Speaker: Dr Steve Constantino, International Family Engagement Expert
- [Register here](#)

This is a valuable opportunity to learn simple, effective strategies to support your child's learning, strengthen your connection with the school community, and help your child reach their full potential.

Registrations are essential. A recording will be available for a limited time to all registered participants.

This promises to be an inspiring session for anyone committed to building strong partnerships that support student success.

Rugby Her Way - An inclusive rugby program designed to help girls build confidence, develop skills, and form lasting friendships.

Rugby Her Way is a six-week program for girls aged 10 to 15. Participants build confidence, learn new skills, make friends, and enjoy rugby in a supportive, inclusive environment. The program welcomes girls of all experience levels, whether they are new to rugby, currently play at a club, or are seeking an active way to connect with friends.

Program overview: Six Sunday sessions at two locations for girls aged 10 to 15. All experience levels are welcome. The full program costs \$65.

The program will be led by Wallaroo #229 and Brumbies #107 Lily Bone, along with other Super W Brumbies women, Wallaroos, and female lead staff.

Each week includes:

- 🏉 Rugby skill development – learn the fundamentals, including catching, passing, movement, and decision-making.
- 🎮 Games and challenges – apply new skills through modified games and engaging activities.
- 👯 Friendship and teamwork – connect with peers in a positive, supportive environment.
- 💪 Confidence-building – develop skills on and off the field in a program tailored for girls.
- ☀️ Weekly focus – each session introduces new topics to support ongoing learning and development.
- 🏆 Team challenges and fun – enjoy music, games, and engaging activities throughout the program.

Participants are grouped by age and experience to ensure everyone can learn, develop, and enjoy the program at their own pace.

Please click [here](#) to find more information.

October School Holiday Program @ UC

This October, Innovation Central Canberra at the University of Canberra is running a Holiday Tech Day – School Holiday Program. The Python for Beginners program is a hands-on, one day workshop, designed especially for students in grades 9 – 12 who are brand new to coding.

Guided every step of the way by our instructors, students will go from total beginner to building their very own working games in Python, one of the world's most popular and in-demand programming languages. They'll leave with real code they wrote themselves, and the confidence to keep going.

Program details:

- When: Tuesday 6 October 2026, 9.00am – 3.00pm
- Where: Innovation Central Canberra, University of Canberra, Building 27, Level A
- Cost: \$95 per child (excluding booking fee), snacks and pizza lunch included

Please note: this program is designed for students in Years 9 -12 with little to no coding experience. Younger students, or those with coding experience, may find this program unsuitable.

Spots are limited, register [here](#)! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact UC via innovationcentral@canberra.edu.au



Boomerangs Softball Club Come and Try Day (Saturday 5 September)

Love running, hitting and having fun? Join the Boomerangs Softball Club for their Come and Try day! Perfect for little legends who want to learn the basics of T-Ball in a fun, friendly way, as well as adults of all ages who are keen to chance their hand at a home run!

Scan the QR code in the flyer to register.

GWS GIANTS AFLW Ticket Offer

The excitement is building towards the 2026 NAB AFLW Premiership Season, and this year, the GIANTS are celebrating their 11th season in the AFLW competition. With some exciting new recruits and returning stars, the orange tsunami is as strong as ever. It's the perfect time to get in on the action and ride the wave in 2026 as the GIANTS chase glory and their maiden premiership.

Complimentary ticket offer for students and staff for both games, refer to the link below to access the complimentary tickets for either of the two matches:

[GWS Giants 2026 AFLW Season tickets](#)



Boomerangs Softball Club

COME & TRY
T-Ball & Softball
SATURDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER
10:00-11:30AM

- Love running, hitting, and having fun?

Join us for a T-ball & Softball Come and Try Day!

Perfect for little legends who want to learn the basics of T-Ball in a fun, friendly way as well as adults of all ages who are keen to chance their hand at home run!

- Who: Anyone aged 4 - 99

Where: Hawker International Softball Centre, Diamond 3

- No experience needed – just bring your energy and a smile!

All equipment is provided

Boomerangs Softball Club is a family friendly, fun and inclusive Club. We've got something for everyone!



TICKETS FROM \$15

GIANTS X POWER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 12:35PM
CORROBOREE GROUP OVAL, MANUKA

INDIGENOUS ROUND

SUNDAY ARVO AFLW FOOTY

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