



WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #YearofYouth #SpreadingJoy

Term 3 Week 10 and Term 4 Week 1 (Monday 24 September-Sunday 21 October)

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

iC Closure – Friday 28 September

Please note that the iC will be closed at 3.30pm on Friday 28 September (last day of Term 3).

Canteen Closure – Friday 28 September and Monday 15 October

Please note that the Canteen will be closed on Friday 28 September (last day of Term 3) and Monday 15 October (first day of Term 4).

Summer Uniform

Please note that summer uniform is required to be worn from the start of Term 4 to the end of Term 1 2019. Please ensure that dresses and skirts are the appropriate length and shoes are in good condition. To view the full school uniform policy, please follow the link

<http://merici.college/go/uniform>.

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews – Tuesday 25 September and Thursday 27 September

Parent-Teacher-Student interviews will be held on Tuesday 25 September and Thursday 27 September from 4:00pm – 6:30pm in the Auditorium. Our booking system, Parent-Teacher Online (PTO)* is currently open for parents to make appointments. Please follow the link

<http://merici.college/go/parent-teacher-online> to find more information on interviews. Bookings can be made at <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/my-merici/resources/pto>.

Balgo House Day – Monday 24 September

Balgo House Day will be celebrated on Monday 24 September during the Pastoral Care long lesson. Balgo students will reflect on the origin and story of Balgo House including its links to the Sisters of Mercy and Balgo in Western Australia. Ex-staff members and Mercy, Sisters Angela Jordan and Frances Fitzpatrick will join us in the celebrations. Balgo students are encouraged to wear yellow accessories and will have the opportunity to plant sunflower seeds.

Bridge Night Restaurant – Wednesday 26 September

The Bridge Restaurant is fully booked for this night.

Term 3 ends – Friday 28 September

Term 4 begins – Monday 15 October

Study Skills Handbook

Merici College continues to subscribe to the “Enhanced Learning Educational Services (ELES) Study Skills Handbook”. This web-based program contains 43 modules of highly engaging tasks, designed to improve the study habits of your daughter/s in which the approach taps into students’ affinity with technology to create a new and effective way to improve study skills.

How to access the Study Skills Handbook:

There is a short cut on the College Moodle page – Look for the Blue circle with a tick  or go to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au

- Username: mericicollege
- Password: 24achieve

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/study-skills> to find more information on the Study Skills Handbook and what students can do.

Parent Online Advice September Newsletter

The *Perimeter Guardian Parent Advice Online Safety* information newsletter focuses on technology issues that concern parents. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/parent-online-sept> to find the latest special advice regarding Private Calculator and Monkey.

Canberra Metro Update

Please follow the link <http://canberra-metro.com.au/updates?page=0> to find more information on all traffic notifications and safety tips.

YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 NEWS

Year 8 Catch the Wave Retreat – Wednesday 17 October

The Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia (CSYMA) program is continuing at Merici College as part of Archbishop Christopher's plan for the new evangelisation of youth in our archdiocese.

The first phase of this program includes a retreat experience called Catch the Wave. This one-day program provides an opportunity for students to hear the youth ministry message and aims to meet youth where they are at. Students are encouraged to "paddle out" and explore their faith in an engaging and fun day full of great activities.

Our Year 8 students will be taking part in the retreat on Wednesday 17 October. Once the girls have participated in the retreat we will be asking for volunteers to continue with the CSYMA program in 2019 as part of a specific Religious Education class which will complete the Introduction to Youth Ministries course during Religious Education class time.

The following link is to the video produced by CSYMA as a teacher introduction to the unit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Co54KdUx3zQ> . Should you have any questions, please contact either Amy Connellan - 62434157 (amy.connellan@merici.act.edu.au) or Andrew Blakey 62434156 (andrew.blakey@merici.act.edu.au).

Year 7 Information Night – Wednesday 17 October

An information evening will be held for students enrolled in Year 7 2019 on Wednesday 17 October.

Year 9 Urban Challenge (Wednesday 24 October-Friday 26 October)

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/urban-challenge-2018> to find information regarding the Urban Challenge that your daughters will be participating in later this year. It is expected that you, as parents, complete the online form to register your daughters. The Challenge is in Sydney on 24-26 October.

Below are some key dates:

Confirmation for Opal Cards: Monday 15 October

Final Meeting during Flex for Year 9: Monday 22 October

Urban Challenge: 24 – 26 October 2018

* The consent form is generated from the Urban Challenge Website after you have completed your registration form.

YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

Year 12 Student and Parent Formal 2018

It is with great excitement we are writing to you to save the date for the Merici Student and Parent Formal 2018. Please follow the link <https://merici.news/event-created/merici-student-and-parent-year-12-formal> to find more information.

CAREERS NEWS

To find the latest Careers Newsletter, please follow the <http://merici.college/go/careers-earlysept>

SPORT

To stay updated on all sporting activities, please ensure your daughter checks our Sports Moodle page and/or Twitter @MericiSport.

iC NEWS

It was with much delight that the iC welcomed Belinda Murrell as our Author visit for 2018. Belinda conducted a Writer's Workshop to around 30 students from years 7-9. All those who attended have realised the importance of planning your writing, some tips on character development and using words that allow the reader to feel the scene rather than be told about it. Belinda then treated the Year 7's to an Author Talk, where she shared the inspiration and research tips of some of her stories. It was exciting to see all her books immediately borrowed after the session. We would like to thank Sandy Vincent from Rosary Primary School who worked with us collaboratively to make this opportunity possible.



Our book amnesty is still going, we would appreciate any books with the Merici barcode either textbook or library to be returned. Also, during Week 10 we are requesting all overdue books make their way back to the library. This may be the perfect time to stock up for some holiday reading.

Happy reading,
iC Staff

CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

Music at Floriade (Friday 28 September)

Students will be performing at Floriade on Friday 28 September. Parents are welcome to attend. Performance on Stage 88 from 10.15am-11.00am. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/floriade-permission> to find the permission note.

Strings Ensemble Performance at Goodwin Homes (Friday 19 October)

Musicians in the String Ensemble have been invited to perform at Goodwin Care. Instruments will be transported to and from the venue. Students, with teacher supervision will walk to and from the venue. It is very fitting that Merici College students are involved in such an outreach activity. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/strings-goodwin> to find the permission note.

OTHER NEWS

Celebration Day for Girls (Sunday 28 October 10.00am-4.00pm)

Celebration Day for Girls is a one day mother-daughter workshop that prepares your daughter for puberty and menarche (a girl's first period). The day supports girls to have a positive outlook towards how they look, think and feel at this stage of their lives, empowering them to be happier, more resilient and confident young women. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/celebration-day-girls> to find more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 4 Weeks 2 and 3)

Year 10 History Guest Speaker (Monday 22 October)

Commissioning Ceremony (Monday 22 October)

Student Leadership Team 2019 Training P1/P2 (Tuesday 23 October)

Bridge Restaurant (Wednesday 24 October 12.30pm)

Year 9 Urban Challenge (Wednesday 24 October-Friday 26 October)