



6 June 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 10 Students,

We are writing regarding some Year 10 specific information relating to the end of the semester and the transition towards Year 11 in 2020.

Transitions Forum (1 July to 5 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 a few different careers, learn about the job market, prepare for senior study and much, much more. Students are not expected to wear uniform during this week but can wear neat/smart casual attire. Jeans are OK but not tracksuit-pants. Please follow the link <https://merici.news/event-created/year-10-transitions-forum> to find the complete program. The days have been specifically organised into different areas.

- **Monday:** a full day presentation, 'Day of Hope' with Glenn Gerreyn from the Hopeful Institute, Sydney. He concentrates on goals and motivation and in the past, he has had our students on the edge of their seats with his inspirational words.
- **Tuesday:** students choose an institution that they would like to visit on Tuesday morning. They can choose between Canberra Institute of Technology, Australian National University, Australian Catholic University, Hyatt Hotel, Magistrates Court, Australian Defence Force Academy and the Australian Academy of Interactive Entertainment. On Tuesday afternoon students will be given presentations on:
 - IB Diploma Programme/BSSS Program
 - University degree pre-requisites
 - Extra- curricular academic activities available in Senior College
- **Wednesday:** Students will attend three 'Experts on Tap' sessions, provided by parents and ex- students of Merici who will provide their own insights into their career pathways. Subject Coordinators and teachers of Senior subjects will provide a final overview of subjects on offer in Years 11 and 12.
- **Thursday:** All students will attend a University of Canberra Experience Day. Students will attend a range of activities including a tour of the Campus, workshops and lectures.
- **Friday:** The final day of the Year 10 Transitions forum is dedicated to the Year 10 Retreat, which will be run by Ms Amy Connellan.

Year 11, 2019 interviews and subject selections

As part the transition into Year 11 2019, we would like to meet with all students and their parents to discuss subjects, packages and pathways, while also providing an opportunity to answer questions that you may have.

These meetings are essential for all students who have submitted their subject selections for 2020. However, for those uncertain, we are more than happy to meet with you also.

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There is no official enrolment form for Year 11 2020, unless you are a new student to the school. We will be accepting current students' subject selections as their intention to stay at Merici.

Subject selections and interview time bookings will be done through an online process. This week Year 10 students will be sent an individual code and password to their school email address to enable access to this process. We would like students to make initial decisions about subjects for 2020, but this is by no means locked in and there will be plenty of time to make changes.

Information about subjects can be found at <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/my-merici/resources/school-handbooks>. The final step in the online process allows for the selection of a time for a 15-minute meeting. Interview times will be available during the Transitions Week at a variety of times. These times are included in the online subject selections portal. Students and parents must select an interview time as part of their subject selections.

The subject selection portal will open on Tuesday 11 June and will close on Wednesday 26 June. Please ensure that your subjects have been chosen during this time.

Year 10 Exams

Year 10 students will be undertaking end of semester exams for the first time. These will be formal tests in English, Science and Maths and will be held on 13 and 14 June. These exams are a good way of preparing students for future assessment, but we would also like to keep these results in context. Exams form only a part of the assessment for each of the subjects concerned and not the entire grade. I would like students to prepare well and try their hardest, but also understand that it represents just part of their learning.

Schedule for exams:

- 13 June 9:00am: English
- 13 June 1:00pm: Science
- 14 June 9:00am: Maths

All exams will be 90 minutes in length plus reading time. Students will be expected to wear uniform as normal.

Regards,



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