



ISSUE #1
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1 February 2018

MC link

Merredin College Weekly Community Update



EARLY CLOSE

Parents are reminded that school closes
at 2.30pm on Wednesdays.

For every other day school finishes at
3.00pm.

P & C UNIFORM SHOP HOURS 2018

EVERY TUESDAY

10:30AM - 3:30PM

DONATION OF SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

Parents/carers who have Merredin College uniforms which they no longer require are encouraged to donate them to the school.

Primary: Drop into the Primary office

Secondary: Uniforms can be left at
Student Services

WELCOME BACK

We welcome students and their families back to school and hope all students enjoyed a relaxing holiday and are now full of enthusiasm to *strive for success* this year at Merredin College. Staff extend a special welcome to all new students particularly the Kindergarten students who commenced school for the first time and to the Year 7s who embark on the first year of their secondary schooling. This is the last of 13 years of schooling for our Year 12 students so we urge them to make it count!

Mrs Beverley Stanes
Principal

IMPORTANCE OF YOUR CHILD ATTENDING IN THE FIRST THREE WEEKS OF TERM 1, 2018

As the school is funded according to the number of students we have enrolled and attending, we are pleading with parents/carers to ensure that their child/ren have been enrolled and have attended before 16 February 2018. Students who are enrolled but have not attended cannot be counted in our census and hence we do not receive any allocation for them. If you know that your child will be attending Merredin College in 2018 but cannot attend before 16 February, please contact Sandi Lee (School Officer) so that she can enter this information on our system. If there is a confirmed start date during Term 1 and we have this entered on our system before 16 February we may be able to count these students.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS—KEEPING IN TOUCH

Apart from individual notes which are sent home about specific activities, Merredin College has a variety of methods of providing parents and the wider community with information:

- **Connect** for secondary students (generally Year 10-12). Refer to information in the secondary section.
- **Seesaw** for primary students – see separate article in the primary section
- **MC Link** – sent weekly via email on a Thursday. This is a basic information bulletin about upcoming events. Some hard copies are made available to parents on request and also via the primary and main offices. Contact the main office to be on the email list.
- **School Website** – the latest news is published at <http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/>. This includes reports on activities around the College, award winners etc.
- **Phoenix** – to provide information to the wider community we publish articles of interest in the fortnightly community paper.
- **Year Book** – this is called the *Combined Harvest* and is a comprehensive summary of the past year. The Combined Harvest is ordered when Contributions and Charges are paid.



MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

Follow us at: <https://www.facebook.com/Merredin-College-256760021333175/> or scan the QR code

THE NEW SCHOOL RULES

On Wednesday, Merredin College launched our new school rules via a video produced by staff. This was overseen by our Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Chairperson Matt Baltovich and was largely due to the efforts of Caryn Adamson, Nat Beale and Rebecca Ryan who coordinated the whole process. The enthusiastic support of staff who were happy to take part in the production ensured that most students enjoyed the opportunity to see staff embracing our new values. In summary, the new school rules are:

We are carinG

We are Respectful

We are RespoNsible

We strive to succeed

If you would like to see the video, it can be found at

<https://youtu.be/LTEL5Jb5c2s>

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2018

Term 1 – Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 January

Term 2 – Friday 1 June

Term 3 – Monday 16 July

Term 4 – Monday 8 October

Fri 14 December (traded for teachers)

TERM DATES 2018

Semester 1	
Term 1	Wednesday 31 January — Friday 13 April
Break	Saturday 14 April — Sunday 29 April
Term 2	Monday 30 April — Friday 29 June
Break	Saturday 30 June — Sunday 15 July
Semester 2	
Term 3	Monday 16 July — Friday 21 September
Break	Saturday 22 September — Sunday 7 October
Term 4	Monday 8 October — Thursday 13 December

SCHOOL STAFF 2018

We welcome Mrs Barbara Smith to the role of Deputy Principal (Primary) and look forward to benefiting from her many years of experience in a range of schools across WA.

Mr John Della Barca has been appointed as the new school psychologist. He is highly experienced and will provide an essential service across the school.

The following teachers have joined our secondary team

Mr Nathan Braganza	Maths
Mr Daniel Aiafi	Maths
Ms Larissa Boon	Science
Ms Nadia Cuthbertson	Science
Mr Sam Dawson	English
Ms Natalie Warnock	English
Mrs Amanda Cash	Home Economics

We welcome the following new staff into primary

Ms Grace Garbin (teacher Year 2)

Mrs Noorliah Lloyd (Education Assistant)

2018 Primary Staff

Deputy Principals:

Primary School Office:

Kindergarten:

Kindy/Pre-primary:

Pre-Primary:

Year 1:

Year 2.1:

Year 2.2:

Year 3:

Year 3/4:

Year 4/5:

Year 5/6:

Year 6:

Specialist Physical

Education:

Specialist Music:

Specialist Dance:

Specialist Art:

Specialist Technology:

Junior Primary Support:

2018 Secondary Staff

Deputy Principals:

Manager Corporate

Services:

Office Staff:

Chaplains:

School Nurse:

Library:

Lab Technicians:

Aboriginal Education:

Home Ec Assistant:

Teaching:

Miss Natalie Beale-Dance

Ms Erin Burnett-Art

Mrs Julie Tiller-English

Mr Matt Baltovich-English

Mr Sam Dawson-English

Mr John Eggleston-HASS

Mrs Lisa Gibbon-Maths

Mr Mike Gibbon-Maths

Mr Daniel Aiafi-Maths

Mr David Pirovich-HPE

Mrs Lynne Herbert and

Mrs Barbara Smith

Ms Sandi Lee 8.30 to 9.30am

Mrs Jane Patroni

Mrs Leah Boehme

Mrs Claire Kudas /Mrs Sue Goodier

Miss Abby Hunter

Miss Grace Garbin

Mrs Justine Low

Mrs Tracey Cornish

Mrs Trish Downsborough

Miss Amanda Lockyer

Mrs Sarah Postans

Mrs Amelia Baltovich/

Mrs Daina Sutherland

Mrs Zane Walker and

Ms Kylie Bryant

Mrs Caryn Adamson

Miss Natalie Beale

Ms Erin Burnett

Mrs Amanda Cash and Miss Krystal

Hickman

Mrs Deirdre Fardell

Mr Gerard Rennie

Mr Jarrad Ritchie

Mrs Thelma Motzel

Mrs Janelle Millar

Mrs Bev Irving

Mrs Sandi Lee

Mrs Susan Coomber

Mrs Vanessa Moriss

Mrs Sharon Alvaro

Mrs Browyn McKane

Mrs Sal Marias

Mrs Rebecca Waye

Mrs Farralee Clarke

Mrs Mel Wahlsten

Mrs Kate Downsborough

Mrs Julie Della Bosca

Mrs Sue Crook

Ms Rebecca Bowler

Mrs Tanya Garlett

Mrs Jeni Hayden

Mrs Chrissi Smith

Mrs Rochelle Willis

Mrs Tom James-Drama

Mr Wayne Wallace-Careers/VET

Mrs Kelly Pievaioli-English & PE

Ms Natalie Warnock-English

Ms Rebecca Ryan-HASS

Mr Sarah Johns-HASS

Mr Darren Gardiner-Maths

Mr Nathan Braganza-Maths

Mr David O'Neill-HPE

Mrs Kylie Bryant-HPE



Mrs Robyn Harrod-IT Mrs Amanda Cash-Home Ec.
Ms Larissa Boon-Science Ms Alyce Rogerson-Science
Ms Krystal Hickman-D&T Ms Nadia Cuthbertson-Science
Mr Andrey Hontscharenko-D&T
Mrs Fleur Forsyth-Ed. Support

Education Assistants:

Many EAs work across the school and so have not been listed separately as primary or secondary

Mrs Del Alderton, Mrs Louise Barrass, Miss Rebecca Bowler, Mrs Rachael Campbell, Mrs Julie Della Bosca, Mrs Angela Drakeford, Mrs Dott Freebairn, Mrs Di Giles, Mrs Nolene Hatch, Mrs Nicoletti Horne, Mrs Kaye Irvin, Ms Rebecca Jarvis, Mrs Norelle Jeffreys, Mrs Noorliah Lloyd, Mrs Kathy McAuliffe, Miss Courtney Madigan, Mrs Jenny Munro, Mrs Margaret Murphy, Mr Brett Postans, Mrs Lisa Sandercock, Mrs Lee Willcox

Cleaners: Mrs Nita Dalton, Mrs Anne Jones, Mrs Vicki Campbell, Mrs Sheryl Ghirardi, Mrs Sue France, Mrs Julia de Waal, Mr Paul Freeman, Mrs Karen Palmer

Gardeners: Mr Scott Bevis
Mr Ledge Bevis

ATO (Agriculture): Mr John Whitehead

BUSES

School bus drop off and pick up points will continue to be in Woolgar Avenue as at the end of last year. This will not change.

CROSSING WOOLGAR AVENUE AFTER SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP

Students who need to cross Woolgar Avenue after school must go to either end of the bus bays to do so. (*Opposite the driveway alongside the basketball courts or at the intersection with Cunningham Street*).

It is very risky to cross by cutting through the buses. Cars coming up Woolgar Avenue cannot see them until the last moment.

If students are picked up by a family member, please collect them from Cunningham Street where there is plenty of parking and less danger to students.

NAPLAN 2018

Approximately 285 schools (Cohort 1 schools) and 45,000 students representing the Department of Education WA, Catholic Education WA and Association of Independent Schools WA will be participating in NAPLAN Online in 2018 (15 – 25 May). Merredin College is included in Cohort 1 and so our students will be completing NAPLAN via the online means.

The remainder of Western Australia's schools (Cohort 2 schools), will complete NAPLAN paper tests (15 – 18 May).

STUDENT READINESS FOR NAPLAN ONLINE

ACARA's NAPLAN Online public demonstration site is available for public access. This resource will enable students and parents to interact with minitests in Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language and Numeracy for each of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The items in these tests have been chosen to demonstrate the type of items which students will encounter in the NAPLAN Online tests.

The landing page for the website <http://www.nap.edu.au/onlineassessment/> naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site contains a number of resources (FAQs, user guide and technical requirements) that will continue to be updated.

STUDENTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Breakfast Club commences at 8.15am so no student should be at school before 8.15am. Unless attending Breakfast Club or arriving by school bus which may drop students here early, children should not be at school before 8.30am on school days. The school grounds are out of bounds after hours and on weekends. Police complete periodic "walk throughs" in order to monitor trespassers.

SCHOOL SITE – AFTER HOURS

The school site is out of bounds outside of school hours. Parents/carers are asked to remind their children about this and be aware that it should not be used as a short cut to get to the top end of town.

SECONDARY *Link*

YEAR 7-12 YEAR COORDINATORS 2018

Merredin College has a number of teachers or Year Coordinators who assist with the pastoral care needs of students. These are the staff our students can go to if they have a personal problem they would like help with. Year coordinators will also be working with those students who do not attend school regularly. The 2018 Year Coordinators are

Year 7: Mr Dave O'Neill
Year 8: Ms Sarah Johns
Year 9: Mrs Kelly Pievaioli (formerly Miss Robins)
Year 10: Mr Tom James
Year 11/12: Miss Natalie Beale and Ms Rebecca Ryan

CONNECT—FINDING OUT WHAT YOUR YEAR 10-12 CHILD IS STUDYING, WHAT ASSESSMENTS ARE DUE AND HOW THEY ARE PROGRESSING

Connect is an integrated online environment developed by the Department of Education WA for staff, students and parents in public schools. Check out the short video clip on Connect at <https://vimeo.com/connectwa/welcome>

Each parent is given their own secure login to Connect. Connect is totally free and, because it is provided by the Department of Education, very safe. As well as being able to login to Connect on any internet-enabled device, you may also receive notices from Connect that will be sent to you as either an email or a notification on your phone. A free app called *Connect Now* can be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple App Store and will let you receive Connect notices as push notifications.

If you have multiple children you only need one login – even if your children attend different public schools.

When you login to Connect you will be able to see information specific to your own child/ren such as:

- The classes in which your children are engaged

Save the Date:

6-16 February 2018
Yr 3-6 Swim Lessons

9 February 2018
Yr 7 Big Day Out
(Orientation
Day)

12 February 2018
P&C AGM - 6.00pm
School Library

13 February 2018
Yr11/12 ATAR Parent
Information Night

SECONDARY *Link Cont'd*

- Class calendars
- Assessment Outlines information drawn from Reporting to Parents (secondary)
- Assessments and evidence for your own child
- Notices from your child's classes that automatically generate an email or phone notification to you.

To register for Connect please read and sign the attached *Connect Conditions of Use for Parents* and complete the *Parents Registration Form* and return to the school as soon as possible or scan and email the signed documents to Sandra.Lee@education.wa.edu.au. You will then be confidentially issued with your unique user name and password for Connect.

We see Connect as an exciting new way for you to stay in touch with your child's school journey.

CANTEEN CHANGES

The P&C who run the school canteen have made some operational changes for 2018. Secondary students wanting to purchase their lunch must place their order and pay either before school or at recess. Over the counter sales will be very limited at lunchtime.

YEAR 11 AND 12 ATAR PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

There will be a meeting in the School library for parents and students currently enrolled in the ATAR pathway on Tuesday 13 February (time to be advised). This meeting will provide important information on the expectations and demands of your child's courses and how the school can work with you to cope with these expectations and demands to maximize results. Mr Gibbon will send a flyer home with ATAR students providing more details.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL BALL

Given that we have the all-important School Ball this term, I remind Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents that by being *caring, respectful, responsible and striving for success*, students earn the right to attend a wonderful evening on Saturday 7 April. This is being organised by Miss Beale, Ms Ryan and the Year 12 Student Leaders. It is important for students to maintain their Good Standing and make the right choices with regard to behaving appropriately by respecting teachers and fellow students. This will ensure students avoid suspensions. Students who attend the Ball must be responsible with regard to attendance and attitude to class. They must have an attendance rate of 90% or more, come prepared for

class and complete all work. In addition students must be respectful and demonstrate this by wearing the school uniform and complying with the school's mobile phone policy. These criteria are made more explicit in the attached document.

MONITORING STUDENT PERFORMANCE

At Merredin College we have appointed two Academic Performance Managers whose primary role is to ensure that those students who are capable of a university pathway course (ATAR), start putting in their best effort from the time they commence secondary school. Many students do not believe that Year 7-10 is important and make minimal effort. Unfortunately, by the time they get to Year 11, the poor work ethic is set and students do not have the necessary foundation to pursue an ATAR course. As a guide, students should achieve a NAPLAN score of at least 600 in Reading, Writing and Numeracy to be capable of success in an ATAR course. Mr Matt Baltovich monitors the performance of Year 7-9 and Mr Mike Gibbon monitors the performance of Year 10-12. Mr Wayne Wallace assists with the Year 10-12 students with a particular focus on Vocational Education and Training (VET) students.

YEAR 12 LEAVERS' JACKETS

Students who wish to order a leavers' jacket must have the order form and \$79 submitted to Student Services by next Friday (9 February). All Year 12 students were given order forms on Wednesday. Please direct any queries to Miss Natalie Beale or Ms Rebecca Ryan.

YEAR 7 BIG DAY OUT—FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY

Mr Dave O'Neill, the Year 7 Coordinator will run this orientation program. Information and permission forms were handed to all Year 7 students today.

PRIMARY *Link*

PRIMARY OFFICE 2018

The Primary Office will be manned by a school officer from 8.30am to 9.30am each day. The contact for the Primary School in 2018 will be the main Merredin College phone number: 90410900. To guarantee messages get passed on to students before the end of the day they will need to be received by the office by 2.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and by 2.00pm on Wednesday (Early

PRIMARY *link Contd*

Close).

If parents need to collect their child during the day, they can sign them out in the Primary Office, where they will receive a green slip to give to the classroom teacher, before collecting them from class. Students cannot be released from class without a green slip.

Got a question about this? *Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)*

SWIMMING LESSONS

Year 3 – 6 students will be involved in In-term Swimming Lessons beginning on Tuesday 6 February (Week 2). Students will participate in nine 50 minute sessions over the fortnight. Permission notes will be sent home with students next week and need to be returned to school with payment of \$26 or details regarding a season's pass no later than Friday 2 February. Students will need to either come to school in their bathers, with their school clothes over the top or bring their bathers, a towel, a plastic bag, underwear and their school clothes each day.

Got a question about this? *Mrs Barbara Smith (Deputy Principal)*

TARGETING MATHS BOOKS

All students from PP-Year 6 should have a Targeting Maths book as part of their booklists. This is an essential consumable book that teachers use for student Maths work. Books are now available from the primary office for \$18.95. We have all books available except for Year 2 which we will order for parents.

Got a question about this? *Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)*

SAVE THE DATES

The Merredin College Primary Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 23 February and the Interschool Carnival on Wednesday 7 March. We will be advertising for parent helpers over the next few weeks. Please save the dates to help us out and/or come along to support your child on the day.

Got a question about this? *Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)*

NO HAT!! NO PLAY!!

Merredin College has a STRICT no hat – no play policy. All children need a hat to participate in our recess, lunch and physical education programs. Hats are available from the Uniform shop and the primary office for \$12.

Got a question about this? *Mrs Barbara Smith (Deputy Principal)*

SCHOOL SPEED ZONE

To ensure that our children are safe, we request that members of the general public observe the 40 km/hour speed limit on all roads around the school perimeter.

Got a question about this? *Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)*

CRUNCH & SIP

"Crunch & Sip" has become a common catchphrase in WA schools over recent years. It is the name given to the break

where students eat a piece of fruit or a vegetable snack and drink water in the classroom.

It's a great opportunity for students to have a healthy snack and rehydrate with water. Only fruit, veg and water are allowed. Thanks to these breaks, the piece of fruit in your child's lunchbox always gets eaten – it doesn't come back home again looking worse for wear!

Crunch & Sip Budget Tip: Pack fruit or veg in season for a healthy snack that's cheap!

For Crunch & Sip ideas go to:

<http://www.crunchandsip.com.au/>

Got a question about this? *Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)*

HEALTH CARE PLANS

Student health care plan updates will come home with students within the next week. Please complete them and return them through the classroom teacher as soon as possible to ensure your child's health concerns are managed appropriately by school staff.

Got a question about this? *Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)*

PARENT CONTACTS

Parent update sheets will come home over the next week. Please check through them and make any changes necessary and return them to school as soon as possible.

Got a question about this? *Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)*

SEESAW LEARNING PORTFOLIOS (K-6)

Seesaw is a simple way for teachers and students to record and share what's happening in the classroom. Seesaw gives students a place to document their learning, be creative and learn how to use technology. Each student gets their own journal and will add things to it, like photos, videos, drawings, or notes. When there are new Seesaw posts, families can be notified via app notification, email or SMS. Parents are only notified about their own child's work, and all data is safe and secure.

Teachers have started sending out invitations for parents to access their child's electronic learning portfolio. Check out the video for further information here: <https://youtu.be/pzlrDR84KY>

Got a question about this? *Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)*



Term 1 2018 Planner:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT
2	5	6 Yr3-6 Swim Lessons	7 Yr3-6 Swim Lessons <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	8 Yr3-6 Swim Lessons	9 Yr3-6 Swim Lessons Yr 7 Big Day Out	10
3	12 Yr3-6 Swim Lessons K-6 Classroom Parent Mtgs (All Week) P&C AGM Meeting (Library) 6pm	13 Yr3-6 Swim Lessons Yr11-12 ATAR Info Night (Parents/students)	14 Yr3-6 Swim Lessons <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	15 Yr3-6 Swim Lessons School Board 5.30pm	16 Yr3-6 Swim Lessons	17
4	19	20	21 Yr6-10 Students Leaders Camp-Kulin <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	22 Yr6-10 Students Leaders Camp-Kulin	23 Primary Swim Carnival	24
5	26	27 Yr7-12 Interim Report Night 4-6pm	28 Sec. Swim Carnival <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	1 MARCH Primary Assembly 9am	2	3
6	5 Labour Day	6 OLNA (All Week)	7 Primary Interschool Swim Carnival <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	8 Halogen Young Leadership Conference-Secondary	9 Halogen Young Leadership Conference-Primary Secondary Interschool Swim Carnival(Wylie)	10
7	12 SCHOOL PHOTOS *OLNA	13 SCHOOL PHOTOS OLNA Yr7-9 Parent Evening 5-6pm-'Preparing for Uni Pathway'	14 SCHOOL PHOTOS OLNA <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	15 OLNA	16 OLNA Yr7-12 Assembly- P.1 (Middle School Council announced)	17 Merredin Show
8	19 OLNA P&C Meeting 3.15pm	20 YR 6 CAMP OLNA YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	21 YR 6 CAMP OLNA <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	22 YR 6 CAMP OLNA	23 YR 6 CAMP OLNA	24 YR 6 CAMP
9	26	27	28 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	29 Primary Assembly 9am	30 Good Friday	31
10	2 Easter Monday	3 Easter Tuesday (no school)	4 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	5	6	7 School Ball
11	9	10 *Commonwealth Games Fun Run (Primary) P-Yr6 Glass of Class Lunch	11 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	12	13 Last Day Term 1 Primary ANZAC Assembly -P.1 Yr7-12 ANZAC Ceremony & Assembly P.2	14

CoMmuNiTy NoticeS

BOOK NOW FOR REMAINING YOUTH SONG-WRITING WORKSHOPS!

Happening across WA young people can learn extensive skills from some of the best folk, world and contemporary musicians in WA. The Act Belong Commit Fairbridge Festival Quest Song Writing workshops are carefully designed to teach participants how to construct their songs through a process of discussion, performance, musicianship, lyric writing and recording. Leading musicians will pass on their knowledge and help to refine songs that can be entered to the [Act-Belong-Commit Fairbridge Festival Quest Youth Song-Writing competition](#).

These workshops encourage young people to develop their abilities in a creative, fun and safe environment.



MERREDIN COLLEGE P&C INFORMATION

Greetings to the Merredin College P&C Members and Community.

We hope that you had a relaxed Christmas and that the new year of 2018 is going well for you. That time of year is upon us again as a school P&C so please be advised that our Merredin College P&C Association Inc AGM and general meeting will be held on:

Monday, 12th February, 2018 6.00pm in the Wahlsten Library.

This date has been brought forward a week (originally 19 Feb) due to unavoidable circumstances.

All P&C positions will be declared vacant and open for nominations. Please consider nominating yourself or think about possible nominees for these positions as we move forward into a new year.

Forward any agenda items to the Secretary, Mrs Rochelle Willis at ashdale@bigpond.com or leave them at Merredin College reception (secondary) in the P&C correspondence tray for collection by Monday, 5th February, 2018 at 5pm. Apologies may also be sent to this email address.

The current P&C committee would like to encourage you to attend the meetings wherever possible, as this will ultimately benefit your child and their education. For your information an outline of what the P&C does is below.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!

An invitation to the:

Merredin College Annual General Meeting and P&C Meeting

Date: Monday 12th February, 2018

Time: 6.00pm

Place: Wahlsten Library, Merredin College

Our P&C Association is a forum for parents and citizens who have an interest in their children's education to work with the school to make a difference.

What is a Parents and Citizens Association?

Parents and Citizens' Associations are established under the School Education Act 1999 for the purpose of supporting a strong government school system for the benefit of all students.

A P&C comprises of parents and guardians of children attending a school or group of schools and other interested persons over the age of 18 years who have paid a small annual membership.

Come along - our P&C needs you! Be informed and become involved in your child's education. We meet twice a term, which is only 8 meetings a year!

The functions of our P&C are to:

- support our children in their educational journey within the school.
- develop positive parent relationships through parent participation and involvement in the school.
- be the forum for parents to discuss issues pertaining to the school and its community and for gathering opinions.
- promote and support communication and cooperation within the school community and to bring educational matters to the attention of the wider community.
- have representation on the School Board.
- have representation on the local District Council of P&C Associations.
- provide extra resources for the benefit of our government school

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held yearly to fill positions for Office Bearers within P&C. If Office Bearers positions not filled then P&C is unable to operate a canteen or a uniform shop service.

Positive reasons to join P&C:

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| • rewarding involvement | • assists to keep up with their child/children |
| • opportunity for personal development | • sharing in the school community |
| • keeping abreast with educational changes | • feeling you have made a difference |
| • can provide positive self esteem | • enhances self respect |
| • good environment to meet people | • want an opportunity to influence |
| • get to know teachers / principal | • opportunity to share expertise |
| • part of a large decision making group | • helps link school & community |
| • networking can develop opportunities | |

Entrance to the Wahlsten Library is just to the left of the main office on Woolgar Avenue or via the steps near Student Services. Please phone Rochelle Willis, Secretary, (0458 557542) if you have any questions

MERREDIN COLLEGE P&C INFORMATION

Support Staff (Merredin College)

Merredin College is seeking casual employees to be added to our contact list to provide relief in the following areas:

- Administration Staff
- Education Assistant
- Cleaner
- Gardener

If you are interested, please make an appointment to see Susan Coomber at the front office on 08 90410900.

Any other queries regarding any of the above positions can be directed to Janelle Millar (janelle.millar@education.wa.edu.au)

Canteen Staff (P&C)

The Merredin College P&C is looking for an enthusiastic team member to join the canteen staff.

The position is for casual employment, approximately 15 hours a week (11am to 2pm, Monday to Friday).

Initially for a 6 month trial period, there is an opportunity for the right person to be employed on a more permanent basis, with a possibility of extended hours/duties.

Previous experience in the food service industry is not required.

All employment conditions are in accordance with level 1.1 Canteen Worker as prescribed in the Educational Services (Schools) General Staff Award 2010 and other applicable legislation.

Please submit your written application to Mr Kim Lane, P&C President, Woolgar Avenue, Merredin WA 6415. (Can also be emailed to merredin.college@education.wa.edu.au)

Applications close Friday 9th February 2018.

MERREDIN COLLEGE Attendance at 2018 School Ball

The criteria required for attendance at the Ball were established to encourage students to make the right choices. Currently there are four main ways by which students can lose Good Standing:

- Behaviour (Suspensions)
- Work completion
- Attendance
- Mobile Phone use and Uniform

Behaviour (Suspensions): If students lose their Good Standing for Behaviour (in or out of school suspensions) at any stage from Semester 2 2017 then they lose their right to attend the Ball (**without exception**).

Work Completion: If students lose their Good Standing due to not completing work to a satisfactory standard in Semester 2 2017, they can restore Good Standing by submitting all assigned tasks before the end of the year. As a result they are able to attend an appeal meeting with a Deputy Principal to plead their case.

If students don't complete all their work in Semester 1 2018, then they are ineligible to attend the Ball.

Good Standing for work completion is not automatically restored after a set time period but rather only once the set tasks have been submitted. (Even if the relevant teacher decides to award a 0% score for the task).

Class Preparedness: Student who are unprepared for class on 5 occasions will lose Good Standing. This includes students who fail to purchase and bring the required text books for Year 11 and 12.

Attendance: The attendance average from Semester 2 2017 until the time of the Ball needs to be at least 90%. Attendance that is less than 90% needs to be explained in a review meeting with a Deputy Principal.

Mobile Phone/Uniform: If students lose their Good Standing for uniform or mobile phone use in Semester 2 2017 then they will need to attend an appeal meeting with a Deputy Principal to plead their case in order to be considered to attend the Ball. Attendance at the Ball is still at the Deputy Principal's discretion.

Students who lose Good Standing in 2018 for any reason are unable to earn back their right to attend without exception.