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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



## P & C UNIFORM SHOP HOURS TERM 4

Tuesdays Only: 10:30am — 3:30pm

## MERREDIN COLLEGE WEBSITE

<http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/latest-news/>

## BOOKCLUB

Bookclub orders are due back by  
Friday 20 October.

### ABORIGINAL PARENT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 23 October at 9.30am. All parents and carers are most welcome to attend. The meeting will be held in the secondary staffroom. For any questions or assistance with transport contact Jenno Hayden, Chrissi Smith or Tanya Garlett.

## SECONDARY *Link*

### YEAR 12 LEAVERS CEREMONY

Parents are reminded that they need to purchase tickets for admission to the Leavers Ceremony from the Student Services office. Tickets are \$10 for parents and families. Year 12 students are not required to purchase a ticket.

Students are to arrive at Cummins at 7.00pm to be ready for a 7.30pm entrance. Dress is semi-formal. As students need to negotiate the stage stairs it is advised that girls wear flat shoes.

### YEAR 12 COMPULSORY ATAR EXAMINATIONS

Year 12 ATAR students are reminded that the external examinations (written and practical) are compulsory. If a student does not sit the relevant examination/s for a course, then that course will be deemed incomplete. As a result the student will get no credit for the year's work toward the WACE. It will also not appear on the student's WA Statement of Student Achievement (WASSA). This may mean the student's WACE is in jeopardy, particularly if they are relying on the grade to contribute to the C grade requirement. Please be aware of the potential consequences of actions if you fail to sit a written or practical ATAR examination.

### YEAR 12 STUDENTS-MUCK UP DAY

Year 12 students are advised that Merredin College does not support a 'muck up' day. Students who engage in such activities will forfeit the right to attend the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony.

### YEAR 10 EXAMS

Year 10 students in 10.1 and 10.2 have exams for Science and Maths next week and all Year 10 students have exams in English in Week 4 and HASS during Week 5. Each exam is 90 minutes and they will be held in the library during Periods 1 & 2 of the allocated day.

**Science:** Wednesday 18 October

**Maths:** Friday 20 October

**English:** Wednesday 1 November

**HASS:** Monday 6 November



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## END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 11

### Week 1:

**Tuesday 10 October to Friday 13 October:**

Normal timetable for all students

### Week 2-5:

**Monday 16 October to Friday 10 November:**

- All General/VET Pathway students are on WorkPlace Learning
- ATAR Pathway students have normal timetable

### Week 6:

**Monday 13 November to Friday 17 November:**

- General/VET Pathway students return to school to complete logbooks and any other outstanding work  
Once everything is completed Mr Rennie will sign students off and they are finished for the year
- ATAR Pathway students have normal classes

**Friday 17 November:**

- Last day for Year 11—Timetable suspended

## END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 12

### Week 1:

**Tuesday 10 October to Thursday 12 October:**

- All Year 12 students return for normal classes

**Friday 13 October:**

- 10:50am— Arrive at school
- 11:00am— Special Morning Tea in staffroom  
Fun Awards presented to teachers and students
- 12:00noon—1.00pm In PAC (Merredin College) for  
Leavers Ceremony rehearsal

**PLEASE NOTE: This is the last day of school for Year 12 General/Vet Pathway students**

### Week 2:

**Monday 16 October to Friday 20 October:**

Year 12 timetable suspended. Revision seminars are offered to ATAR students. Timetable was provided on Thursday 12 October.

### Weeks 3 and 4:

**Monday 23 October to Tuesday 31 October:**

- ATAR students' study days. Students may visit the school to use the library and make appointments with their teachers

### Week 4 to 7:

**Wednesday 1 November to Tuesday 21 November:**

- ATAR Examinations— held in Seminar Room 1 at Rutherford Trade Training Centre

## STUDENT PRIVILEGE TO ATTEND EXTRA CURRICULAR EVENTS

There are many opportunities for students to attend extracurricular activities at Merredin College. It is not a student's right to attend. Extracurricular activities are privileges which must be earned. Please refer to the table (on the next page) for the criteria which must be met before students can attend the main extracurricular activities. These commenced in Semester 2, 2017. Parents/carers are asked to remind their children.

## YEAR 10-12 ATTENDANCE AT 2018 SCHOOL BALL

### Information for current Year 9-11 Students:

The general restrictions on 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).

### 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 are unable to earn back their right to attend without exception.



## T20 BLAST CRICKET CUP

The Year 4 – 6 students will be participating in the T20 Blast Cricket Cup against St Marys on Friday 13 October. The carnival will commence around 9.00am and should be finished by 2.30pm. **Students will need to be DROPPED AT THE REC GROUND on Friday morning** between 8.40am and 8.50am. Staff will be there to supervise students from 8.30am. Students who travel to school on a school bus will be dropped off directly to the rec ground by the bus service. If you are able to help out on the day please contact the primary office.

***Got a question about this? Mrs Zane Walker (Health & Physical Education Teacher)***

## MUSICIA VIVA

The Percussion Quartet, B'Tutta will be visiting Merredin College for a Musica Viva presentation on Wednesday 18 October 18. Please return notes and \$3.00 payment to your child's classroom by Tuesday 17 October.

***Got a question about this? Mrs Leah Boehme (Deputy Principal)***

## PRIMARY HOMEWORK CLASSES

Don't forget that every Tuesday afternoon (3.15pm-4.15pm) Primary Homework classes for Year 2-6 students run. Students meet in the Block 4 wet area. Teachers will help children with their nightly reading and support them to complete their weekly homework.

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

## AFTER SCHOOL ATHLETICS WITH MRS WALKER

Don't forget that every Tuesday afternoon (4.00pm - 5.00pm) students who have been invited to attend afterschool athletics with Mrs Walker and have returned their signed permission notes, will be collected from Homework Class to participate. Students will need to be collected from the school by an adult at 5.00pm or have made alternative arrangements.

***Got a question about this? Mrs Zane Walker (Health & Physical Education Teacher)***

## WASTE FREE WEDNESDAYS

This term we will be continuing with our Waste Free Wednesdays. We are encouraging students and families to try to have waste free lunch boxes coming to school with students. Each week we are collating how many waste free lunch boxes there are in each class with the aim to try to have no non-recyclables brought to school on Wednesdays each week. Things we would love to see are biscuits and sandwiches in re-useable containers rather than disposable plastic bags.

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

## GETTING TO SCHOOL ON TIME

With the warmer weather and sunnier mornings upon us, we would love to see more students arriving at school on time.

School starts at 8.50am and students are encouraged to arrive between 8.30am and 8.45am to ensure that they are ready for the start of the school day. All classes complete their Literacy sessions during the beginning of the day and students who regularly attend school late are at a disadvantage due to missing these vital sessions.

***Got a question about this? Mrs Leah Boehme (Deputy Principal)***

**SCHOOLS OUT! THOUGHT ABOUT TAFE?**

Check out our courses online and get in first for 2018. Applications are now open!

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### POSITION AVAILABLE

Hutton & Northey Sales have now opened applications for Heavy Duty Mechanic Apprenticeships in 2018 and would like to invite students completing Year 12 with an interest in Heavy Duty Mechanics to apply.

Further details may be found at our website [www.hutnorsales.com.au](http://www.hutnorsales.com.au) on the Careers page or you may email [HR@hutnorsales.com.au](mailto:HR@hutnorsales.com.au).

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards



# Save the Date:

**13 October**

Year 12 Morning Tea  
Primary T20 Cricket Carnival

**18 October**

Musicia Viva Incursion-  
Primary 1pm

**20 October**

Year 12 Awards Night

**23 October**

Aboriginal Parent Meeting  
9.30am

**25 October**

Silver Threads Band Incursion-  
Primary

## Term 4 Planner:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	<b>9 OCTOBER</b> School Development Day	<b>10</b> Yr12 Work Review (Library) <b>Students Commence</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Yr 12's VET Finish Yr 12 Morning Tea T20 Blast Cricket Carnival - Prim
<b>2</b>	<b>16</b> Interruption Free Week (P) Yr 11 -ADWPL	<b>17</b>  YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	<b>18</b> Musicia Viva Prim-1pm  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>19</b> Yr 12 ATAR Finish	<b>20</b>  Yr 12 Awards Night →
<b>3</b>	<b>23</b> Interruption Free Week (P) Aboriginal Parent Meeting 9.30 am Yr 11 -ADWPL	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Silver Threads Band Incursion-Prim  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>26</b>  School Board Mtg 5.30pm (TBA)	<b>27</b>  →
<b>4</b>	<b>30</b> Yr 11 -ADWPL  P&C Meeting 6pm	<b>31</b> Choir Performance- Cummins Theatre  Halloween Free Dress-Secondary(Fundraiser)	<b>1 NOVEMBER</b> Kindy Orientation Yr 12 ATAR Exams  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>2</b> Primary Assembly-9am Primary Technology Showcase 10am-12noon	<b>3</b> Yr 7-10,Yr 11 ATAR Assembly P. 1 →



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

### EARNING THE RIGHT TO ATTEND EXTRA CURRICULAR EVENTS

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Year Group	School Uniform	Attendance	Good Standing (GS)	Penalty
All student leaders (Middle School Councillors and Year 11 Student Councillors)	Should be in school uniform as they are our role models	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	Loss of badge
2017 Year 8 Canberra students	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	May be withdrawn from Canberra Camp
2018 Year 9 Canberra students (current Year 8's)	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	May not be offered a place on the 2018 Canberra Camp
2017 Year 9 – 11	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	If lose GS in S2 2017, students must earn back by the end of this year. Cannot lose GS in 2018.	May not be allowed to attend the School Ball in 2018
2017 Year 12	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS in S2. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	May not be allowed to attend the Year 12 Awards Night

