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Message from the Principal.....

TERM 3

Parents are reminded that the first day of Term 3 (Monday 22 July) is a School Development Day. Students will commence on Tuesday 23 July 2019. We wish all students/parents and carers a safe school holidays.

STUDENT SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Years 7 - 12 reports were emailed to parents yesterday. Parent/carers who would also like a hard copy of the report can request this by contacting the school on 90410 900 and then collect the report from the main Administration Office. For parents/carers who do not have an email address the reports will be mailed out on the last day of term.

Kindergarten reports were handed to students on Thursday. Years PP-6 reports were emailed on Wednesday or handed to students if parents do not have an email address.

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS

On Tuesday 23 July and Wednesday 24 July Youth Focus will be visiting Year 9 and Year 10 students with their workshop called "Having a Conversation about Mental Health". This program will involve a one hour workshop for students which aims to increase the mental health literacy of students, help them to identify difficulties and develop their awareness and confidence to start a conversation with others about mental health. Please take the time to have a conversation with your son/daughter about what was learnt from the workshop and let them know that if they have any questions or worries about mental health, you are there to listen and support.

PARENT WORKSHOP – SCHOOL LIBRARY AT 6PM MONDAY 22 JULY

The program also involves a 1.5 hour parents and guardians workshop. This workshop increases awareness around common mental health issues young people face and aims to help parents, friends, teachers and people in the community understand more about good mental health and mental illness and assist them to have the conversation and find appropriate help. It also provides participants with the confidence to seek help if they are struggling with a mental illness.

The program's effectiveness is improved by the whole community being involved, hence participation in the parent/guardian session is strongly encouraged.

Please see invite on right and RSVP by Monday 22 July at 3.00pm to bev.iring@education.wa.edu.au or 90410 900



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Our PBS Values Focus

Each week the College will focus on aspects of our PBS expectations. The information will be provided to students on classroom doors. Parents are encouraged to support the College in promoting these values at home.

The PBS focuses for Week 1, Term 3 WILL BE **TEACHER'S CHOICE:**

PRIMARY

SECONDARY

We are carin**G**, we are **R**espectful, we are **R**espons**o**n**s**ible, **W**e strive to succeed!

WEST COAST EAGLES

On Tuesday 23 July Year 8 students will be having an incursion run by the West Coast Eagles Schools and Community Department on the importance of Leadership and Goal Setting at the WCE.

HEADSPACE-MENTAL HEALTH

In Term 3 Headspace will be coming to Merredin College to run sessions for our students in Yr 7, 8, 11 and 12. Let's Talk About It: Mental Health, there will also be a parent/guardian session run in the evening. This event will be held in mid to late August with the date to be confirmed by Headspace during the school holidays. Dates when confirmed will be published in the MC Link on our return in Term 3 and parent/guardians are encouraged to attend the evening session.

STUDENT SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

Unfortunately it is not always appropriate to use the PA to call children to Student Services. We like to minimise the use of the PA as it does interrupt every classroom in the school. It is also preferable to not use the PA at all during examinations and other special events happening in school.

Please be advised of the following process to ensure a quick and efficient student sign out process when collecting your child during the school day.

1. Arrange a time for your child to meet you at Student Services.
2. Send a note with your child so they can show their classroom teacher at the time they are required to leave the class to go to Student Services to sign out.
3. When signing out students will leave their permission note at Student Services and receive a 'Leave Pass'.
4. Students are required to sign back in at Student Services and collect a 'Late Note' to go back to their class.

ALL STUDENTS—MOBILE PHONE AND DEVICES POLICY

Students must comply with the mobile phone policy

If Students are seen in the possession of a mobile phone or electronic device, they are requested to put the device away. Students shall receive the verbal warning in all classes and circumstances.

1st Offence: Student is instructed to hand the device to the teacher. The device is sent to Student Services and is locked in the safe. The student collects the device at the end of the school day

2nd Offence: Student is instructed to hand their device to the teacher. The device is sent to Student Services and locked in the safe. Student Services staff will notify parents via telephone. The parent must collect the device from school. A letter will be sent home to inform parents that if the device is required to be handed in again, a suspension may follow.

3rd Offence: Student is instructed to hand their device to the teacher. The device is sent to Student Services and is locked in the safe. The student's parents will be notified and the parents will also be sent an 'Intent to Suspend' letter. The parent must collect the device from school.

Loss of Good Standing

Student will lose their good standing for 2 weeks on their second offence. On the third offence students will lose their good standing for 3 weeks. When the student is suspended after the third offence they will lose Good Standing for 5 weeks in line with the Merredin College Good Standing Policy 8-12.

LEARNING POTENTIAL—AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

[Learning Potential](#) is a website and app provided by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

Learning Potential has hundreds of articles on all aspects of learning and development, from the early years to the end of high school, with more articles added all the time!

The content is also available on the free Learning Potential app - download it on the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

Click here to - [view the Notice >](#)

If the link above does not work, try copying the link into the address bar of your browser.
<https://connect.det.wa.edu.au/redirect/cmt/13507866/announcements?viewNotice=1617618564>

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY—WORKSHEETS

Three worksheets to guide Years 10, 11 or 12s through University Open days. Open days start in July. Students who want to go to university really need to start going to open days in year 10. These three worksheets build students' capacity to find the right university path from school. Please follow this link [Open Day Worksheets](#)

Scholarships for students looking at enrolling at Curtin University in 2020 open on 21 July 2019 (Curtin Open Day). There are a number of scholarships available to support students from all backgrounds to realise their potential. For further information, please visit scholarships.curtin.edu.au

PRIMARY link



JUNIOR PRIMARY NATURE PLAYGROUND

We have managed to raise just under \$45 000 over the last 18 months to revamp our Junior Primary area to include a nature play space. Work has now started on getting prepared for its installation. Site preparation will start in the first week of the school holidays with contractors on site in the 2nd week. We will be needing support from parents to help with catering for our volunteer crew while they are on site as well as to help in the final stages of site works. Mr Chris van der Merwe is supporting the school to manage the works on site and will need a few dad's to help with some of the engineering parts of the process. We are excited to think that our students will be returning to a refreshed playground when they return to school in Term 3.

We are short for dad helpers on Wednesday 17 July, Thursday 18 July and Friday 20 July. On Saturday we are having a mulch party to move and spread the mulch so the more the merrier.

Please contact Lynne Herbert (0413 565 375) if you are interested and able to help us in any way – with catering, food donation, labour for 2 or 3 hours to move mulch or as a dad to help on site during construction.

We need parent support to ensure we get the playground our children deserve!!!

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

SCOOTERS AND A BIKE

The primary office has ended up with 4 scooters and a toddler's bike in lost property. If your family are missing any of these please come in to check if we have yours.

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

ART COMPETITION

The College has entered 12 primary students in the Bostik Smart Schools competition. People's choice prize is \$3000 for the winning school and the overall winner gets \$5000 for their school. We need to beat 1100 votes for people's choice & votes close on the 14 July 2019. This is the link;

<https://bostiksmartschools.com.au/voting-gallery?state=WA&ageGroup=Age%205-8&searchOn=yes&page=1>

Please get behind our students and give them a vote!



ATAR REVISION AND EXAM PREPARATION, Yrs 7-10 SKILLS DEVELOPMENT – JULY PROGRAMS

Enrolment and further information is available here. www.academicgroup.com.au



ACADEMIC ASSOCIATES
Call 9314 9500 learn@academicgroup.com.au



**2019 July School Holidays
Year 12
ATAR Enrichment Program
at UWA**

Academic Associates 10 hour ATAR Enrichment Courses are available to Year 12 students wanting to maximise their ATAR exam marks.

Make Success
a Reality

Why choose us?

- ✓ You will receive academic extension in your ATAR courses with advanced content insights and practise in higher level exam questions.
- ✓ Academic Associates' teachers are top ATAR subject specialists with proven results in boosting students' marks.
- ✓ Prepare for your exams with an exclusive workbook to help polish your exam performance.
- ✓ Study in a University setting and experience campus life.
- ✓ Learn in a small, interactive class and receive personal feedback to maximise your marks.

Course details: Each subject course is 10 hours, 2 hours per day over 5 days. The complete cost of each subject is \$300 including all materials.

Early Bird Offer

Enrol and pay by Monday June 17, 2019 and receive one FREE ATAR Master Class session valued at \$60.00.

Book online at www.academicgroup.com.au. See instructions below.

Academic Associates and Academic Task Force are part of the Academic Group

2019 JULY UWA ENRICHMENT TIMETABLE
Week 2 School Holidays, Monday 15th July to Friday 19th July 2019

8.30am - 10.30am	10.40am - 12.40pm	1.20pm - 3.20pm	3.30pm - 5.30pm
Economics 12	Chemistry 12	Chemistry 12	Accounting & Finance 12
English 12	English 12	Human Biology 12	Biology 12
Maths Applications 12	Human Biology 12	Literature 12	Chemistry 12
Maths Specialist 12	Maths Methods 12	Maths Applications 12	Geography 12
Phys Ed Studies 12	Modern History 12	Maths Methods 12	Human Biology 12
Politics and Law 12	Psychology 12	Physics 12	Physics 12

Enrolment Terms and Conditions: Please see our website for our policy on payments and refunds. Other subjects and times may become available, classes may be cancelled or changed depending on demand. See website for any changes.

Enrol online: www.academicgroup.com.au

1. Go to Our Programs – Year 11 & 12 2. Click on Academic Associates Programs (RED) 3. Select the Enrol Today button.

**2019 July School Holidays
ATAR Revision Program
Year 11 & 12**



ACADEMIC TASK FORCE
Achieve Success at School



Early Bird Offer: 10% Discount
Enrol early to secure a place!
If you enrol with full payment by Monday June 17, 2019 you will save 10%!

Please turn over for timetable →

Maximise Performance. Achieve Success.

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Boost your results.
Since 1986 ACADEMIC TASK FORCE has helped over 100,000 students boost their academic results.

Experienced teachers.
We have a team of highly qualified, experienced teachers to help you maximise your school performance.

Get the ATAR Score you deserve.
Our July Holiday Revision Program motivates, empowers and supports students in achieving success.

Results driven.
In 2018, ACADEMIC TASK FORCE students who used our services achieved: 20 General Exhibitions, 10 Subject Exhibitions, 92 Certificates of Excellence and 421 Certificates of Distinction.

July School Holiday Program

Subject Courses
Each ten hour subject course (two hours a day over 5 days) will consolidate your semester 1 knowledge and give you the best exam preparation.

With our Premium Revision Courses you will:

- ▶ Increase your confidence and maximise your performance
- ▶ Receive expert teaching from subject specialists
- ▶ Revise and enrich your understanding of the course content
- ▶ Receive top tips and strategies to increase your marks in your exams
- ▶ Be provided with a workbook and notes to take home to support your exam revision.

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**2019 July School Holidays
Skills Development Program
Year 7 - 10**



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Since 1986 ACADEMIC TASK FORCE has helped over 100,000 students boost their academic results.

Reach your true potential.
Our High School Skills Development Program provides quality teaching to help students develop their academic skills, improve their performance and boost their confidence.

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Experienced teachers.
We have a team of highly qualified, experienced teachers to help students maximise their school performance.

July School Holiday Program

- ▶ **Learning Skills:** Build your child's confidence by learning time management, homework strategies, goal setting, learning techniques and many more skills to build their confidence and motivation.
- ▶ **Advanced Maths and Intermediate English:** Recommended for Year 9 and 10 students who would like to extend their understanding in their subjects. Students will review the more difficult components of the course and preview upcoming work. Your child will have ample time to practise with feedback on their work.
- ▶ **Foundation Maths and English:** Recommended for students in Year 7 and 8 who would benefit from revising subject concepts and skills practice to prepare for the new term. Foundation courses will give your child a boost in confidence and will address gaps in understanding. Your child will have ample time to practise with feedback on their work from our qualified teachers.
- ▶ **Essay Writing:** Help your child learn how to write persuasive essays. Your child will practise skills to improve their writing for any subject.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

School holiday events at The University of Notre Dame

1-on-1 Advice Sessions – 8-12 July
Considering your uni options but unsure of the right degree for you? Our advisors can introduce you to a range of programs that match your strengths and interests to help you find the right degree for you. We'll answer your university questions and you can even submit your application on the day!

A Day in the Life of a Uni Student – Friday 19 July
For Year 10, 11 and 12 students
Experience what uni life is like at Notre Dame – where you are trained in critical thinking – so you can separate real news from fake news, truth from lies and information from knowledge. Get a taste of our degrees by taking part in lectures and activities, meet current students and academics, and check out the facilities with a campus tour.

Register now at www.notredame.edu.au/events
Call 08 9433 0533 or email future@nd.edu.au for more info

Useful Links:

Uniform Shop:
<http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/uniform/>


Canteen Menu:
<http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/canteen/>

Latest News & Events:
www.merredincollege.wa.edu.au

Save the Date: 23 July

Students Commence
Term 3

TERM 3 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
1	22 JULY School Development Day	23 Students Commence *Yr12 Human Bio/Harry Perkins YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	24 Early Close 2.30pm	25	26	27	28
2	29	30 *Parent Teacher Interviews 4-6pm	31 *Musica Viva-Primary Early Close 2.30pm *Canberra Camp Info Night-7pm	1 AUGUST *Maths Competition	2 *My Robot-Cummins Theatre-Primary	3	4 *Yr11/12 V/ Ball
3	5 *Yr10 Course Selection Info Night	6	7 Early Close 2.30pm	8 School Board Mtg 5.30pm	9 *9 A-Side Football-Narembeen	10	11
4	12 NAIDOC WEEK SCIENCE WEEK  P&C MEETING 6pm	13 *Barking Geeko-Incursion	14 Early Close 2.30pm	15 *Primary Assembly *Technology Showcase	16 *NAIDOC Commemoration Day	17	18
5	19 *BOOK WEEK - Primary 	20 YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	21 Early Close 2.30pm	22	23 *Meckering XCountry *Yr11/12 Volleyball Schools Cup	24 *Yr11/12 Volley Ball	25
6	26 CANBERRA CAMP *Bibbulmun Trek *Netball High School Cup	27 CANBERRA CAMP *Bibbulmun Trek	28 CANBERRA CAMP *Bibbulmun Trek Early Close 2.30pm	29 CANBERRA CAMP *Bibbulmun Trek	30 CANBERRA CAMP *Once Big Voice-Primary	31	1 SEPT
7	2 *OLNA-Writing	3 *OLNA-Writing	4 *OLNA-Writing Early Close 2.30pm	5 *Yr7-12 Assembly	6 *Primary Athletics Carnival	7	8
8	9 *OLNA-Reading P&C MEETING 3:15pm	10 *OLNA-Reading *Secondary Athletics Carnival *Canberra Presentation Night-7pm	11 Early Close 2.30pm	12 *Drama Performance-Evening (TBC) *Merredin's Got Talent *Primary Assembly School Board Mtg 5.30pm	13 OPEN DAY (TBC) *Drama Performance – Evening (TBC)	14	15
9	16 *OLNA- Numeracy	17 *OLNA- Numeracy *English Competition	18 Merredin Bus Accident Anniversary *Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival *Yr11/12 Foundatio/ General English Exam Early Close 2.30pm	19 *Yr7-10 Volleyball Schools Cup	20 *Yr11/12 Volleyball Schools Cup *Interschool Athletics Carnival (Secondary)	21 *Yr11/12 Volley ball School Cup	22
10	23 YEAR 6 CAMP *Yr 11/12 ATAR Exams *Yr 11/12 General normal timetable *OLNA-Reading/ Numeracy Catch up	24 YEAR 6 CAMP *Yr 11/12 ATAR Exams *Glass of Class Lunch *OLNA-Reading/ Numeracy Catch up YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	25 YEAR 6 CAMP *Yr 11/12 ATAR Exams Early Close 2.30pm	26 YEAR 6 CAMP *Yr 11/12 ATAR Exams	27 YEAR 6 CAMP *Yr 11/12 ATAR Exams *P1 'So You Think You Can Dance' Comp *P2 Primary Performance *Last Day for Year 12 VET/General students Last Day Term 3	28	29