





# 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.

### **GOOD LUCK TO THE COUNTRY WEEK TEAM**

On behalf of all staff and students we wish the Country Week side all the best as they take on other country school sporting teams in Perth next week. We know that this will be a wonderful week for everyone concerned and look forward to the daily updates.

## **RELIEF CLEANERS REQUIRED**

Are you interested in becoming a relief cleaner at Merredin College? We are seeking people who would be available at short notice to fill in when a staff member is away. Relief work is on an "as needed" basis and is unlikely to be on regular/set days. You must be prepared to obtain a Working with Children Card and an Education Department Police Clearance Check. Please contact Susan Coomber on 90410 900 for further information.



#### YEAR 7-12 ASSEMBLY -FRIDAY 28 JUNE

We have a very important assembly coming up tomorrow, Friday 28 June 2019. We will be presenting our student GROW awards, announcing the new Year 12 Councillors for 2019-20, performing the handover of the College Colours and presenting our 2019 Country Week teams who will compete in Perth from 1-5 July 2019. This is always an exciting assembly and a highlight of the College calendar.

### WEEK 10: 1 JULY-5 JULY

All Year 7-10 students will operate a normal timetable.

Year 11 and Year 12 students who are not attending Country Week or on Work Place Learning through the school, will attend their classes in the Library with teachers to provide assistance.

## 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 10, Term 2 (next week) are:

**PRIMARY** 

We are SUCCESSFUL in the Community WE STRIVE TO SUCCEED BY REPRESENTING OUR COLLEGE WITH PRIDE

**SECONDARY** 

We are SUCCESSFUL in the Community WE STRIVE TO SUCCEED BY REPRESENTING OUR COLLEGE WITH PRIDE

We are caring, we are Respectful, we are Responsible, We strive to succeed!

## SECONDARY Link Cont'd ......

#### 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

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## **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

## **CURTIN UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY**



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 <a href="mailto:scholarships.curtin.edu.au">scholarships.curtin.edu.au</a>





#### WINTER CARNIVAL

The Year 4-6 Winter Carnival will be held next Wednesday 3 July at the Merredin Recreation Centre. Parents are welcome to come along and support their children and help with coaching. Please save the date.

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

#### **GLASS OF CLASS LUNCHEON**

Next Tuesday, invited students will be joining Mr Huts and Mrs Smith in the Primary staff room for lunch. These students have received a letter of commendation (Goldie) during the term and were drawn out as the lucky winners for the lunch. Thank you to the Year 5 parents for organising the catering for this special event.

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

### 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. We will have contractors on site in the 2nd week of the school holidays for installation and site preparation will start in the first week of the school holidays. 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 still trying to source 10 large white gum logs that are an essential part of the final plan. If you have any available on your farm or know of someone that does please contact primary admin. We can arrange for removal and transport.

Please contact Lynne Herbert if you are interested and able to help us in any way – with catering, food donation, labour for 2 - 3 hours to move mulch or 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)

#### **WINTER UNIFORM**

We are having lots of children come to the office needing a jumper. As it is the middle of flu season it is important that children are rugged up when they come to school. With the weather cooling down, winter uniform and closed in shoes are the preferred options for students. Please find attached to the link a uniform order form.

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

#### **LUNCHES AND SNACKS**

Please have a chat with your child about their lunches and snacks for their day at school as we are having a number of students coming to the office requesting extra food during second break.

Got a question about this? Ms Barbara Smith (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)

#### **END OF TERM**

Next week is our last week for term 2. Programs will be run until the end of Friday so please encourage your children to come to school and be ready for some amazing learning experiences.

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





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2019 July School Holidays



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#### - 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
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### **July School Holiday Program**

- Learning Skills: Build your child's confidence by learning time management, homwework strategies, goal setting, learning techniques and many more skills to build their confidence and motivation.
- Recommened 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.
- : 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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## 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

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**Latest News & Events:** 

Save the Date: 28 June

Country Week Assembly Yrs 7-12

1 July-5 July

**Country Week** Yr11/12 ADWPL Week 3 July

**Primary Winter Carnival** 

5 July

Last Day Term 2

## **TERM 2 PLANNER:**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9	24	25 YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	26 Early Close 2.30pm	27	28 *Country Week Assembly
10	1 JULY COUNTRY WEEK *Yr 11/12 ADWPL Week	2 COUNTRY WEEK *Glass of Class Luncheon	3 COUNTRY WEEK *Prim. Winter Carnival Early Close 2.30pm	4 COUNTRY WEEK	5 COUNTRY WEEK Last Day Term 2



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SECONDARY **STUDENTS**

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 below for the criteria which must be met before students can attend the main extracurricular activities.

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
2019 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
2020 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 2020 Canberra Camp
2019 Year 9 – 11	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	If lose GS in S2 2019, students must earn back by the end of this year. Cannot lose GS in 2020.	May not be allowed to attend the School Ball in 2020
2019 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



