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Merredin College Weekly Community Update

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Message from the Principal.....

At Merredin College we look forward to educating your child and seeing them grow, discover and prepare themselves for the future. This stems from a strong sense of community, our PBS values, a commitment to our motto "Advance Together", and an undertaking to provide a balanced education that addresses the academic, social, physical and emotional development of each and every child.

To this end we have begun developing our 2020-2022 Business Plan and at this time we are seeking your input in the development of our vision statement. As a staff we have begun the discussion on our vision for the school and what is important for our Merredin College students to be successful. This discussion was also had with the School Board at the end of last term. It is important we know what our families see as important for our students to be successful now and in the future and so we have emailed a separate document to ask parents and carers to provide their feedback for our future vision for Merredin College students. This feedback will help us with the creation of a vision for our school. It would be greatly appreciated if you can email your response to us by Friday 30 August 2019.

Where will you be in 2020?

If your children will not be at Merredin College next year or if you know of families whose children will be enrolling at our school please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you to those families who have provided this information as it will allow us to commence our planning on class structures and staff placements for 2020. We understand circumstances may change and should this be the case, please contact the office.

Best wishes

Best wishes to our students who are participating in the primary assembly items, Year 11/12 Volleyball Schools Cup, the Canberra Camp, the Bibbulmun Track excursion, the Netball High School Cup and the Meckering Cross Country during the next week. Go Merredin!

MERREDIN COLLEGE SECONDARY OPEN DAY—SAVE THE DATE

Our Open Day will occur on Friday 13 September (12.30-3.00pm). This an opportunity to see the secondary part of the College in operation and to view Drama and Dance performances as well as student work in Design and Technology. Please see attached Agenda.

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 6 Term 3 (next week) are:

PRIMARY

We STRIVE TO SUCCEED in the Community

WE STRIVE TO SUCCEED IN THE COMMUNITY BY BEING GOOD ROLE MODELS

SECONDARY

We STRIVE TO SUCCEED in the Community

WE STRIVE TO SUCCEED IN THE COMMUNITY BY ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES

We are carin**G**, we are **R**espectful, we are **R**esp**O**nsible, **W**e strive to succeed!

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Merredin College


2019

Yearbooks

Its not too late to order a copy of this years Combined Harvest!

If you would still like to purchase a copy you can make payment at the Front Office by Friday, 6 December 2019

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SECONDARY OPEN DAY

Friday 13 September
12.30 pm - 3pm

Please meet in the Artiles Library
Prospective Students & Parents Welcome

ARTS EXPO
WITBROOK TRADE TRAINING CENTRE
CLASSROOM TOURS

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MERREDIN
Residential College
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8am
Alimony Tea provided
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SECONDARY *Link*

ALCOHOL PARENT EVENING 29 AUGUST 2019

On Thursday 29 August between 6pm and 7pm in the Library, Rose Power from SDERA will be running a workshop for both students and parents of the Year 7 cohort on alcohol awareness. This session will consist of a presentation of information on alcohol and also four stations that will be run by Year 7 students to offer a practical insight into the dangers of alcohol. All Year 7 students and parents are encouraged to attend this session.

2019 ATAR SEMESTER 2 EXAM TIMETABLE YEARS 11 AND 12

Please find attached the 2019 ATAR Semester 2 Exam Timetable which commences on Friday 20 September.

END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 11 AND 12—TERMS 3 AND 4

Attached are the End of Year Arrangements for our 2019 Year 11 and Year 12 students.

YEAR 11/12 VOLLEYBALL SCHOOLS CUP

In Week 5 (23-24 August) our Year 11-12 Volleyball Specialist teams will be traveling to Perth to compete in the Schools' Cup competition for the third year in a row. Our players have been training twice per week out of school hours to prepare for the competition. This year we have three upper-school teams competing and we have nominated our Year 12 boys into Open Honours division, Year 12 girls for A-Division and our Year 11 girls into A-Division. This will be the last Volleyball competition for our Year 12 students who began their Volleyball career's in Year 10. We sincerely thank our players' parents for giving up their time and for funding a trip to Perth including accommodation over the two day event. Good luck Merredin College!

THE CANBERRA CAMP IS FINALLY HERE!

Next week (26-30 August 2018), 38 Year 9 students will travel to Sydney and then onto Canberra in the much anticipated Canberra Camp. They will be accompanied by Ms Cath Flynn, Mr Jarrad Ritchie and Mr Tom James. We congratulate the students who have earned the right to attend and thank Ms Flynn for all of the work she has put into organising the week. We wish them a safe and enjoyable week and look forward to the Canberra Presentation Night on 10 September when students will tell us all about the week! Our current Year 8s will shortly receive a letter inviting them to apply for the 2020 Canberra Camp. Only those students who have met the criteria outlined in the table above will be invited to apply.

BIBBULMUN TRACK EXCURSION

Mr Nathan Braganza, Mr Tom O'Brien and Mr Frank James will escort 11 Year 9 and 10 boys on the Bibbulmun Track next week. This will take place from Monday 26 August to Thursday 29 August.

NETBALL HIGH SCHOOL CUP

On Monday 26 August Year 8-10 student will be heading to Northam Recreation Centre to participate in the West Coast Fever WBGF High School Netball Cup. Merredin College will be taking 3 teams; Year 7/8 Girls, Year 9/10 Girls and a Year 8-10 Boys team. Thank you for the parents and students who have volunteered to attend the excursion as Coaches/Umpires.

MECKERING CROSS COUNTRY

We will be taking 20 students from Primary and Secondary to compete in the Meckering Cross Country race this Friday. These students have run great races in the lead up to this event and we wish them all the best in their race. No doubt they will do Merredin College proud.





MECKERING CROSS COUNTRY

Good luck to the primary students who will be representing Merredin College at this regional event tomorrow– Archer G, Lexie M, Angelina L, Nathaniel S, Adrian C, Reuben D and Harper P.

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

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

We are getting a bit short of second hand uniform supplies and are looking for donations from families. If you have items children have outgrown we would welcome them in the primary office.

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

ONE BIG VOICE

We wish our Merredin College Choir and Mrs Adamson the best of luck and hope they have a wonderful time at One Big Voice next Friday. Congratulations to Chloe Van der Merwe and Jacob Billing who have had successful auditions and will be part of the small groups performing on the day. Thank you to the volunteer parents that are helping out with this event—you are much appreciated.

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

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The primary athletics carnival will be held on Wednesday and Friday of Week 7 (4 and 6 September). Programs and canteen order menus for the Friday will be sent out next week. We are looking for parent/community volunteers to be involved in the day to ensure the carnival runs smoothly. We require 4 volunteers on Wednesday 4 September to help with the long jump and vortex throwing. Volunteers can offer their assistance on Friday for the morning session (9.00am-12.30pm), afternoon session (12.00noon-2.00pm) or the whole day. If you would like to volunteer some time please fill in the slip that comes home and return it to the Primary Office or Miss Bryant/Mrs Walker as soon as possible or contact primary administration. We invite all parents and caregivers to the school oval on both days of the carnival to support the students who are taking part.

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

MERREDIN AND DISTRICTS LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

ON TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

Come join us and have fun, keep fit, and meet new friends



- ❖ Welcome all New and Past Athletes
- ❖ Short Season
- ❖ Kidsport Registered
- ❖ Online Registration from the 3rd September
- ❖ Merredin Regional Community Leisure Centre, Bates St, Merredin
- ❖ Every Tuesday Set-up 3.30pm for 4pm Start
- ❖  Merredin Little Athletics

Contact us: Sonya McCormack Mobile: 0400 891 837 or via Email: merredinlittleathletics@gmail.com
P.O. Box 673, MERREDIN WA 6415



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2019 Term 3 School Holidays Year 12 ATAR Enrichment Program at UWA

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Early Bird Offer

Enrol and pay by Monday September 9th, 2019 and receive one FREE ATAR Master Class session valued at \$60.00.

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

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2019 TERM 3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ATAR ENRICHMENT TIMETABLE
Week 1 School Holidays, Monday 30 September 2019 - Friday 4 October 2019
Please note: Classes will be running on Monday 30th September Public Holiday.

8.30am - 10.30am	10.40am - 12.40pm	1.20pm - 3.20pm	3.30pm - 5.30pm
Economics - Yr 12	Biology - Yr 12	Chemistry - Yr 12	Chemistry - Yr 12
English - Yr 12	English - Yr 12	Human Biology - Yr 12	Geography - Yr 12
Maths Applications - Yr 12	Maths Methods - Yr 12	Maths Applications - Yr 12	Human Biology - Yr 12
Maths Specialist - Yr 12	Physical Education Studies - Yr 12	Physics - Yr 12	Physics - Yr 12
Modern History - Yr 12	Psychology - Yr 12	Politics and Law - Yr 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.

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

**2019 Term 3 School Holidays
ATAR Revision Program
Year 11 & 12**

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

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**Australian Government
Mobile Service Centres**

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If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile Service Centres travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia and also to disaster affected areas to provide help and support.

Staff from the Department of Human Services travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can help you with Centrelink and Medicare payments and services. Our Mobile Service Centres also have disabled access.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the Mobile Service Centre and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff will provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the Mobile Service Centres.

Information and help you can access on board the Mobile Service Centres

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the department's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Centrelink and Medicare information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.

More information

To view the latest itineraries for the Australian Government Mobile Service Centres, visit humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice

The stopping locations for Mobile Service Centres are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

Disclaimer

This information is intended as a guide only. The information is correct as at December 2018. If you use this publication after that date, please check with us that the details are current.

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humanservices.gov.au

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The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is supporting rural communities by providing convenient access to Australian Government payments and services. This specialised vehicle offers a wide range of face to face and self service assistance for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

You can visit the Mobile Service Centre at:

Opposite the Community Resource Centre, Barrack St
MERREDIN
Monday, 2 September 2019 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Experienced staff travel with the Mobile Service Centre and provide friendly, face-to-face service, information and support. Staff can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice

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Department of Human Services**

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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 AUGUST** Meckering X Country Yr11/12 Volleyball Schools Cup
26-30 AUGUST YR 9 Canberra Camp
26-29 AUGUST Yr 9 Boys Bibbulmun Trek
26 AUGUST Netball High School Cup

TERM 3 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
5 	19 *BOOK WEEK - Primary	20 YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	21 Early Close 2.30pm	22 *Primary Assembly – 'Merredin's Got Talent'	23 *Meckering XCountry *Yr11/12 Volleyball Schools Cup	24 *Yr11/12 Volleyball School Cup	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 Alcohol Parent Evening 6-7pm-Library	30 CANBERRA CAMP *Once Big Voice-Primary *Yr10 Road Safety Consultation	31	1 SEPT
7	2 *OLNA-Writing	3 *OLNA-Writing	4 *OLNA-Writing *Primary Jumps & Throws Early Close 2.30pm	5 *Yr7-12 Assembly	6 *Primary Athletics Carnival	7	8

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ATAR Exam Boost Seminars

Weekends in Term 3 and 4

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Dates: Term 3 & 4 on Saturdays and Sundays

Most ATAR subjects offered - [View timetable online](#).

Time: 6 hours

Venues: Churchlands SHS, Rossmoyne SHS, Perth Modern School.

Enrol Online: www.academicgroup.com.au

ATAR Holiday Revision Programs

Term 3 School Holidays

10 hour courses, perfect for students wanting thorough revision of their ATAR subjects and review of topics in preparation for exams. Increase understanding and confidence and receive fresh insights on course content.

Early bird discount: Enrol with full payment by Monday 9th September and receive 10% discount.

Dates: Week 1 & Week 2 Term 3 School Holidays

[View timetable online](#).

Time: 10 hours (2 hours each day/5 days)

Venues: Churchlands SHS, Rossmoyne SHS, Perth Modern School & University of WA (UWA).

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Yr 7 - 10 Programs

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by Monday 9th September and receive 10% discount.

Dates: Week 2 Term 3 School Holidays

Time: 6 hours (3 hours each day/2 days)

Venues: Perth Modern School.

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