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 6 November 2019

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Merredin College Weekly Community Update

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## Message from the Principal.....

### MERREDIN COLLEGE SPECTACULAR

On Wednesday night 27 November Merredin College will put on their Arts and Technology Showcase, with dance and drama performances, robotics demonstrations as well as visual arts, metalwork, woodwork, IT and textiles displays. Come along and see the wonderful work of our Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 students.

### MERREDIN COLLEGE BOOKFAIR

Merredin College will run its annual Book Fair from Tuesday 12 November to Friday 15 November. The library will be open for sales:

Tuesday: 8-30am – 3-30pm                      Wednesday: 8-30am – 2-30pm  
 Thursday: 8-30am – 3-30pm                      Friday: 8-30am – 3-30pm

This is a great opportunity to do some pre-Christmas shopping and get some great bargains.



### UNIFORM SHOP—TERM 4 OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays: 9.00am to 12.00noon  
 Thursdays: 11.00am to 12 noon

### YOUR DONATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED!

In Week 10, we acknowledge Primary and Secondary students for academic achievement and citizenship. There are also special awards given. If you would like to donate to an award, please contact Bev Irving (bev.irving@education.wa.edu.au or 90410900). The value of awards is \$50.

### 'THANK A VOLUNTEER' MORNING TEA

Merredin College is fortunate to be supported by a range of people who volunteer for a huge number of tasks and responsibilities including (but not limited to):

- \* Office bearers on P&C and School Board
- \* Assistance at sports carnivals and on excursions/camps
- \* Mentoring of students
- \* Classroom and library support, etc

If you have assisted our College in any way in 2019, you are invited to a 'Thank a Volunteer' morning tea on Friday 6 December in the secondary staffroom at 11.00-11.30am. Please RSVP to Sharon Alvaro on 90410900 or sharon.alvaro@education.wa.edu.au by Thursday 21 November 2019.

### 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 5 Term 4 (next week) are:

#### PRIMARY

We are RESPONSIBLE IN THE COMMUNITY BY

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE BY ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO DO THE RIGHT THING

#### SECONDARY

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We are carinG, we are Respectful, we are RespOnsible, We strive to succeed!



## YEAR 7-11 ASSEMBLY

The next secondary assembly will be held this Friday 8 November at 9.00am. All parents and carers are welcome.

## SENIORS' LUNCHEON

Selected Year 10 students will be assisting with the Seniors' Luncheon on Tuesday 12 November (11.00am -2.30 pm). Our primary choir will be performing at this luncheon.

## NOONGAR GIRLS DAY OUT

Next Friday ,15 November our Year 6 - 10 Aboriginal Girls will be doing a Wellbeing and Capacity Building workshop at the Merredin Rec Centre. This workshop will consist of craft, resilience, sexual Health & Hygiene as well as cosmetics activities.

Following this the girls will hear from Guest Speaker, Toby Watson as well as presentations of information about TAFE courses and study supports available in our community. The day will end with a shared High Tea lunch for everyone.

A huge thankyou to Community Officer, Mel Pitout of the Merredin Police for putting the day together.

## CORRECT CLOTHING FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES

On the days when students attend Physical Education class they are expected to bring a change of clothes. The correct clothing to wear for our Year 7-10 students is the coloured House Polo shirt or the Merredin College Interschool/Year 6 Leavers shirt.



## END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 11 AND 12

### Year 12:

#### TERM 4

##### Week 3,4,5 & 6:

Wednesday 30 October—Tuesday 19 November

- \* ATAR Course Examinations

### Year 11:

#### TERM 4

##### Week 3, 4 & 5:

Monday 28 October-Friday 15 November

- \* All VET/General pathway students are on Workplace Learning
- \* ATAR Pathway students have normal timetable

##### Week 6:

Monday 18-Friday 22 November

- \* VET/General Pathway students return to school to complete Workplace Learning Logbooks/Skills Journals. Once logbooks are complete Mr O'Neill will sign students off and they are finished for the year
- \* ATAR Pathway students have normal classes

**\* Friday 22 November is the last timetabled 2019 school day for all Year 11 students**

## EARNING THE RIGHT TO ATTEND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We are nearly at the end of Week 3 in Term 4 so now is a good time to remind students and parents of the prerequisites required to attend extra-curricular activities. **Actions in 2019 can impact on 2020.** Staff have certain expectations of our Student Leaders and those who wish to attend extracurricular activities. It is not too late to earn the right to attend events in 2020.

Please read the following information as your child's inclusion depends upon a number of factors including:

- \* The wearing of school uniform
- \* Attendance
- \* Good Standing
- \* Work completion

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

Year Group	School Uniform	Attendance	Good Standing (GS)	Penalty
All student leaders (Middle School Councillors and Year 11 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 lost GS. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	May be withdrawn from Canberra Group
2020 Year 9 Canberra Students (current Year 8s)	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	Cannot lost GS. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	May not be offered a place on the 2020 Canberra Group
2019 Year 9—11	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	If lose GS in 2019, students must earn back by the end of this year. Cannot lost GS in 2020.	May not be allowed to attend the School Ball in 2020

### 2020 SCHOLARSHIPS

Secondary schooling scholarships are now open for applications through the Department's website.

A range of scholarships are on offer, including scholarships for students who:

- attend a country school; or
- attend a Perth public school; or live in the Fremantle area; or
- attend Cannington Community College, Kent St SHS or Como Secondary College.

Our scholarships support studies in all years of secondary school, with most open to students currently completing Year 10 or 11 who intend to go on to complete the WACE. In addition, students currently in Years 6 - 9 at your school may be eligible for one of the two specific scholarships below:

- James and Rose Coombe Scholarships for regional and remote students. A number of these scholarships are available each year and successful applicants can reapply in subsequent years. The funding amount starts at \$1 000.
- Maud Zervos Education Grants for students with a parent/caregiver who has a disability related to spinal or limb paralysis or limb loss. A 'rollover clause' in this scholarship makes funding available for every year of secondary study, subject to satisfactory progress. The funding amount starts at \$750 in lower secondary and rises to \$1 000 for upper secondary studies.

Applications for our scholarships close at 5.30pm on Thursday 12 December 2019.

Scholarship eligibility criteria, application forms and information on how to apply can be found on the Department's scholarships webpage: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/scholarships>

<https://connect.det.wa.edu.au/redirect/cmtv/13507866/announcements?viewNotice=1850769510>

### INFOCUS-CAREERS CALENDAR EVENTS FOR 2020

Access via the following link.

<http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2020-Calendar-In-Focus.pdf>

#### MASTER MIND AUSTRALIA'S

#### JANUARY 2020 JUMP-START PROGRAMS

#### NAPLAN -- Study Skills – Essay Writing – Subject Revision & Preparation

#### For all students entering Year 7 – 12 in 2020

The January Preparation Program aims to prepare students for Term 1 (2020) before the academic year begins. The classes will revise those important components from the 2019 syllabus that are vital for success in the new-year. The program will also preview what students can expect in their courses in 2020.

Courses will be conducted at:

#### Hale School

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2020

#### Christ Church Grammar School

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

**\*20% school discount per subject\***

**Dr. Robert Hallam at Master Mind Australia on 9486 1377**

**[www.mastermindaustralia.com.au](http://www.mastermindaustralia.com.au)**





## KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

A reminder to families that our next Kindergarten Orientation for students entering Kindy in 2020 is on Friday 15 November. Sessions will be run in the Kindy Room in Block 1 and start at 1.00pm – we can't wait to see all our new little people.

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



## JAMES AND ROSE COOMBE SCHOLARSHIPS (Year 6 Parents)

Eligibility

- James and Rose Coombe Scholarships are awarded at the completion of primary school or during secondary school.
- They are secured at public secondary schools in the country, i.e. situated outside a radius of 65 kilometres from Perth.
- Scholarships are offered to public school students attending a Western Australian public school situated outside a radius of 65 kilometres from Perth.
- Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents.

Students are assessed on:

- academic performance, attendance and behaviour economic need.

For further information:

[https://departmentofeducation-mtzsp.formstack.com/forms/james\\_and\\_rose\\_coombe\\_scholarships\\_2018\\_19\\_copy\\_1](https://departmentofeducation-mtzsp.formstack.com/forms/james_and_rose_coombe_scholarships_2018_19_copy_1)

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## SWIMMING LESSONS

Pre Primary to year 2 students will be participating in In-term Swimming lessons during week 6 and 7. (Tuesday 19 November – Friday 28 November)

Permission forms have been sent out to the students this week. Please have all forms and money returned to the class teacher NO LATER than Wednesday, 13 November. The cost is \$26.00 per student.

Children are required to have bathers and a rashie for each lesson.

Please see Barb Smith if you require a payment plan.

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

## STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The elections for the 2020 Primary Student Council will take place during Week 6 (18 November – 22 November).

Nominated students will be required to give a speech to their peers during this week and voting will take place immediately following.

Nomination forms and guidelines will be sent out to all students in the next week to ensure they have maximum time to prepare.

Nomination forms need to be signed by parents before they are handed in to the classroom teacher.


**Got a question about this? Mrs Barbara Smith (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 play during breaks and physical education programs. Hats are available from the Uniform shop and the primary office for \$12.00.

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

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

**\$30ea**



## 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](http://www.merredincollege.wa.edu.au)

## Save the Date:

**8 November**  
 Yr7-11 Assembly  
 9.00am

**12 November**  
 Seniors Luncheon

**15 November**  
 Noongar Girls Day Out

## TERM 4 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>4</b>	<b>4</b> *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk  <b>P&amp;C Meeting 6.00pm</b>	<b>5</b> *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk	<b>6</b> *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>7</b> *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk *Primary Assembly  <b>School Board Mtg 5.30pm</b>	<b>8</b> *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk *Yr 7-11 Assembly
<b>5</b>	<b>11</b> *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk	<b>12</b> *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk *Seniors Luncheon Yr10 & Primary Choir -11.30-2pm	<b>13</b> *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>14</b> *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk	<b>15</b> *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk *Kindy Readiness 1-3pm *Noongar Girls Day Out Yr6-10
<b>6</b>	<b>18</b> *Yr11 VET ADWPL Review	<b>19</b> *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2	<b>20</b> *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>21</b> *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2	<b>22</b> *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2 *Last day Yr 11s *Kindy Readiness 1-3pm *Triple P Program 9-10.30am *Yr 5/6 Excursion
<b>7</b>	<b>25</b> *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2 *Year 6-7 Transition Day	<b>26</b> *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2  <b>YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm</b>	<b>27</b> *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i> *Yr7-10 Arts & TE Night	<b>28</b> *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2	<b>29</b> *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2 *Kindy Readiness 1-3pm *Triple P Program 9-10.30am
<b>8</b>	<b>2</b> *Yr 9/10 DHS Try-A-Trade *Yr 10 Transition  <b>P&amp;C Meeting 3:15pm</b>	<b>3</b> *Yr 9/10 Try-A-Trade *Yr 10 Transition *SEN Community	<b>4</b> *Yr 9/10 Try-A-Trade *Yr 10 Transition  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>5</b> *Yr10 Water Polo P.2  <b>School Board Mtg 5.30pm</b>	<b>6</b> *Thank a Volunteer Morning Tea *Yr10 Water Polo P.5 *Triple P Program 9-10.30am
<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>16</b> *P-6 Glass of Class Luncheon (TBC)	<b>17</b>  *K-2 MerryDin 6-7.30pm	<b>18</b> *Yr 7-9 Awards Afternoon <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i> *Yr3-6 MerryDin 6-7.30pm	<b>19</b> <b>Last Day for Students</b>	<b>20</b> <b>School Development Day</b>

**MERREDIN COLLEGE**  
Years 7-10

# Arts and Tech Showcase

MERREDIN COLLEGE GYMNASIUM

**NOVEMBER 27th** between **6-8pm**


**GOLD COIN ENTRY**



Door Prizes  
Dance and Drama Performances  
Small bites/ tea and coffee for sale  
Robotics demonstrations  
as well as  
Visual Arts, Metalwork, Woodwork, IT & Textiles student work on display

## Kids Club

Kindy-Year 6



**Friday Afternoons 3.30-5pm**  
Doors open 3pm. Afternoon tea served.  
Program 3.30-5pm.

**Starts Term 4. Registration Date: Friday 18 Oct.**  
**Church of Christ, 17 Throssell Road, Merredin.**

**Contact: Terri Clark 0438 228 530.**



**SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**  
6 - 24 JAN 2020

**FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**  
 DRAMA MINI-WAAPETTES  
 MUSIC THEATRE MINI-WAAPETTES  
 SCREEN ACTING WAAPETTES  
 DRAMA WAAPETTES  
 MUSIC THEATRE WAAPETTES

**FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**  
 ACTING UP 1  
 MUSIC THEATRE KICKSTARTER (JUNIOR)  
 DANCE SQUAD  
 THE SHAKESPEARE STUDIO  
 JAZZ MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL  
 ACTING UP 2  
 MUSIC THEATRE KICKSTARTER (SENIOR)

**SUMMER FILM SCHOOL 2020**  
 SCREEN PERFORMANCE (JUNIOR)  
 SCREEN PERFORMANCE (SENIOR)  
 MOVIE MAKING MAGIC!

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[waapa.ecu.edu.au/explore](http://waapa.ecu.edu.au/explore)




**Come & Join The Fun**  
**Be part of a Swim Squad**  
**Get Fitter, Faster & Stronger**

Registration and Group Allocation  
 Monday Nov 4th at 5pm

Training every Monday  
 New Format Time Trials  
 every Wednesday

**Season Fees**  
 Senior Squad \$100  
 Junior Squad \$80  
 Dolphins \$50

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