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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



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Message from the Principal.....

Dear parents and carers

As principal I would ask for the school community to please trust the college to be able to successfully navigate the direction being provided by the Premier and Minister of Education. It is different and we are all coming to terms with the changes but we are galvanised as a staff to be able to offer a viable face-to-face and online learning program. As a school community we need to work together to get through these difficult times and emerge stronger. We see amazing opportunity to grow from the experience professionally. I'm very encouraged this morning to see parents and students working at home come through the library to borrow books – we need to stay connected and stay strong.

Yesterday the State Government made some changes to how children will learn while all Western Australians work toward minimising the spread of COVID-19 in our community. These changes will apply at Merredin College.

The Premier announced all public schools in Western Australia will stay open until **Thursday, 9 April 2020, the end of Term 1**. However, parents have been strongly encouraged to keep children at home if you have access to online resources and are able to do so. **Teaching for Term 1 will conclude on 3 April 2020.**

The Department of Education's new Learning at home website, located at www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home, provides resources, activities and information to help children and young people continue to learn while at home.

Parents and carers who need their children to attend school to enable them to maintain employment, and those children in vulnerable families, such as children living with grandparents, can continue to attend school.

From 6 to 9 April 2020, arrangements will be in place to allow students to continue to attend school and be supervised. No student will be turned away from school if they attend during this time.

These changes in the week of 6 April will provide the opportunity for teachers and other school staff to prepare for a different way of teaching and learning in Term 2.

I want to assure you that Merredin College students will continue to receive an education; however, it will look different. I expect further updates about the education model for Term 2 and beyond, in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your understanding and support for school staff as we navigate our way together through this time.

COVID-19 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Monday 30 March we will be running a Primary and Secondary Parent Information Sessions through WEBEX. Information for this has been sent home through Consent2Go.

Primary 4-5pm - <https://educationwa.webex.com/educationwa/j.php?MTID=mc653a76e00cc6c7a066bd2d0f3564c4a>

Secondary 5-6pm - <https://educationwa.webex.com/educationwa/j.php?MTID=m5c39bebe384b3dee33f9f6afd927b92b>

Please try the link prior to the meeting to ensure you are able to access the sessions. Access to WEBEX can be done through computer, tablet or smart phone.

SURVEY FOR REMOTE LEARNING

In the event that Merredin College experiences a pre-emptive shutdown due to the Coronavirus, we need to establish the online capabilities of families for remote learning. Please complete and return this survey to support us in our planning to ensure the learning of our students can continue by Thursday 26th March. Please follow the link for the short survey:

<https://forms.gle/irVmkwcSAbEUaVMN9>

WEBSITES FOR PARENTS CHOOSING 'AT HOME LEARNING'

ORGIO EDUCATION (Primary)

https://www.origoeducation.com.au/athome/?fbclid=IwAR3yM2E0zyY7hGZQzSzn-QL2gn-zYfH_yGsJMrXCBq6tes1UUc1YqkEMLsA

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ONLINE

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home>

MATHLETICS - all students should have their own logon already.

https://login.mathletics.com/?_ga=2.131736015.1769483014.1585196838-1543554450.1585196838

Primary Parents: Are you connected to your child's Seesaw Portfolio??? Activities will be pushed out via Seesaw for students. Please contact the school for your login details.

Secondary Parents: Students can access their Connect account which will have tasks and activities provided by their classroom teachers uploaded.

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME (SAS)

If you have a Healthcare Card you are eligible for \$350 assistance towards your secondary child's school expenses. Funds can be paid directly to the school with the option of allocating \$115 towards school uniforms. Applications are available from the front office before the end of the term.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photo day has been postponed and will be rescheduled to a later date in the year.

- If you have placed an order online, that order is valid and your order will be fulfilled on the day.
- It is important to hold on to your envelope as you will need this for the rescheduled photo date.
- Online ordering will remain open until photo day.

Please call MSP on (08) 9240 800 if you have any questions.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework club will be cancelled until further notice.

IMPORTANT DATES:

27 April	ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)
28 April	Term 2 commences



KindiLink runs every Tuesday & Friday morning from 9am to 12 noon.

USEFUL LINKS:

Uniform Shop:

<http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2020-ORDER-FORM-T1.pdf>

Canteen Menu:

<http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Copy-of-2020-Canteen-Menu.pdf>

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UNIFORM SHOP HOURS:

Tuesdays - 8.30am-1pm

Thursdays - 11am-2pm

