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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



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Message from the Principal.....

I would like to take this opportunity to check in on our families and students who are currently working and learning from home. It is my sincere hope that all of you (and your friends and extended families) are doing ok and are safe. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank our school community for their ongoing feedback and support, and for going the extra mile to show their appreciation for our teachers and support staff. It has been heart-warming to see daily reminders of how our community recognises the commitment of our staff. They have been working tirelessly, under challenging conditions, to ensure that students learning and wellbeing are being catered for in the short, medium and longer term. Please contact the college WITH ANY QUESTIONS AT ALL.

The feeling at the college is positive. Staff and students are mixing, sharing lunch, joining in recess and lunch activities and having some fun together. In times of worry and uncertainty, it is a reminder of the importance of doing things that allow us to maintain a positive sense of wellbeing in all aspects of life - physical, mental, social and emotional.

Currently the school has provided some direction to parents and a combination of online and offline learning resources to support them in transition from learning at school to learning at home. However, we appreciate that this is a transition period for families where many members are coming to terms with this new reality and that everyone will require some time to adjust. Please refer to the **Learning at Home** website to support this transition. I am confident the college will be fully ready for remote learning at the beginning of next term.

From an education perspective, as in any other industry, things are changing rapidly from week to week and day to day. Despite this, we remain committed to ensuring all students are safe, supported and able to continue their studies, whether at school or at home. On the surface, teaching and learning in Term 2 is going to look very different in WA schools. Underneath, the fundamentals of teaching and learning will stay the same. Our school focus will remain on caring for our students and we hope the students return sooner rather than later!

CONNECT FOR SECONDARY PARENTS

CONNECT for parents enables you to monitor assessments and tasks to be completed by your child/ren. It also enables another avenue for contact with classroom teachers. For parents who have not yet registered for CONNECT, please return attached form to **Merredin.College@education.wa.edu.au** and a registration link will be forwarded to your email.

STUDENT EMAILS

It is important that all Secondary students check their school email regularly in the case that teachers may be forwarding work or trying to make contact.

WORK PACKAGES - Year 7-10 Students

For students having difficulties with accessing online facilities, work packages are now available for collection from administration. Please contact the front office if you are unable to collect a package/s and we will make arrangements to get them to you as soon as possible.

COVID-19 PARENT WEBEX INFORMATION SESSION

At the beginning of the week we hosted Parent Information Sessions via WEBEX. For those who were not able to attend, the links are below for your review:

Secondary Meeting

<https://educationwa.webex.com/recording/service/sites/educationwa/recording/playback/b0912dd272b5488ab3ddb55fefe8906b>

Password: 6wJZPA2p

Primary Meeting

<https://educationwa.webex.com/recording/service/sites/educationwa/recording/playback/59651042268043d994f0a8fa6b56f3a2>

Password: fZQsaBT3

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.

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEARS 7 TO 12
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

\$350
towards school expenses

DO YOU HOLD A:
(OR) ● CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD
(OR) ● CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD
(OR) ● VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications Close
Thursday 9 April 2020

Ask School Reception for More Information

'Learning Close to Home'

We are keen to see some of the fun learning which has been happening at home!

Maybe you have even completed some extra activities with your parents/carers. If you have a story to tell or some happy pictures we would love for you to send them in so we can share them with others either on our website, Facebook page or in the Phoenix.

WEBSITES FOR 'AT HOME LEARNING'

ORGIO EDUCATION (Primary)

https://www.origioeducation.com.au/athome/?fbclid=IwAR3yM2E0zjY7hGZQzSzn-QL2gn-zYfH_yGslMrXCBq6tes1UUc1YqkEMLsA

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

ABC EDUCATION

[ABC Early Education website](#)

Message from the School Nurse.....

At this current time of COVID-19 my presence at school has been very limited. Some guidance going forward, I will not be onsite completing screens, immunisation programs or other services at this time. The planned immunisation program for Year 10's in Term 2 has been postponed and I will provide updates on how this will be completed once I know. It is important at this time that we follow the guidance of the Government to keep us safe and well! We need to look out for each other and access the supports available (preferably online or phone to ensure our social distancing rules are followed) Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have concerns. Remember good handwashing, stay at home unless essential to go out and social distance.

Safe Wishes

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