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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



Message from the Principal.....

Hello Merredin College Family

We have made it through the first semester of a very different year! Again, I would like to thank all parents for their ongoing support and communication. Happily, I can confirm that the majority of the students at Merredin College have handled this experience with great resilience and have supported others during stressful times throughout our college community.

In recent weeks we have paused to reflect on the lessons learned and new opportunities we have found and will be using this knowledge as we plan moving forward. It has really helped us focus on the core business of teaching and learning and that of meeting the varying needs of our students and college community. There have been some great gains in the use of our online platforms such as Connect and Webex and we will be continuing to utilise these into the future.

Semester 1 reports have been distributed and this is a good opportunity for students to reflect on how they have been progressing in their subjects. It is not too late for every student to make some changes to help improve their outcome in Semester 2. It is also a good time to be having conversations with your child about their future goals, and what they need to do to achieve them. I'll be asking all staff to follow-up with parents early next term if an interview has been requested.

Just a quick reminder that it is important that all absences are explained. Should your child be away from school for any reason, please ensure that you inform the school so that an accurate attendance record is maintained. I have noticed a real drop in attendance over the last fortnight but I do understand many students have been unwell. With the cold winter months also well upon us, we would also ask that students make every effort to wear correct uniform.

I must say I have really enjoyed getting to know the students here at the college. Every day I get out and about and always have polite and entertaining conversations right across the campus. I've particularly liked being involved with the Breakfast Club and welcoming the students to school each day with a bit of a laugh and every now and then a song.

I look forward to next semester!

Take care

Leigh

Enjoy the holidays!!

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IMPORTANT DATES:

CHANGE OF DATE!!

Reminder that students will now commence Term 3 on Monday 20 July as the School Development Day has been moved to Monday 17 August 2020.

3 July	Last day of term
20 July	Term 3 Commences
24 July	Year 7-12 Semester One Highest Achiever Assembly
28 July	Parent/Teacher Interviews (Sec)
5-6 Aug	COVID19 Testing - Round 2
10-12 Aug	School Photos
11 Aug	Y10 Course Selection Info Night
17 Aug	School Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, 17 October 2020
Year 10-12 School Ball
Venue and further details TBA!!

