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## Message from the Principal.....

Dear Merredin College Family,

In line with the latest Health advice current Term 2 arrangements have been reviewed with the following changes, from Week 7, Monday 8 June 2020:

- Parents/carers and visitors may come on to school sites to attend pre-arranged meetings and for drop-off and pick-up purposes. This is to a maximum of 100 people with physical distancing in mind. As such the college will return to normal pick-up and drop-off arrangements for primary aged students.
- Activities will be reintroduced with a maximum of 100 people indoors and 300 people in an outdoor setting including: assemblies, interschool sport, incursions, excursions, contact sport, PEAC, workplace learning and work experience.

With parents not being able to access the college we have noticed a significant increase in the development of independence skills especially in the early years. We strongly encourage parents to support the development of these new skills by allowing students to follow established routines, an example would be carrying and unpacking school bag and being responsible for their own belongings.

### Online Literacy & Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) Year 9

We have been advised by SCSA (School Curriculum Standard Authority) that schools will be provided with an additional OLNA sitting in 2020 for Year 9 students on an opt-in basis with the college opting in. In addition, this year, Year 9 students who achieved Band 8 or higher in the relevant Year 7 NAPLAN writing assessment will be considered to have met and prequalified for the writing standard. All Year 9 students will be required to also sit the Reading and Numeracy assessments. The Authority will provide further details regarding the additional opportunity for Year 9 students to sit the OLNA in future correspondence.

### 2020 Externally Set Tasks (EST's)

Schools have been advised we are required to administer the EST during weeks 7, 8 and 9 of Term 2, 2020 (8-26 June, 2020). The EST is compulsory for students enrolled in General courses and forms part of the school-based assessment and is included as a separate Assessment Type with a weighting of 15% across the pair of units. The EST will take 50 minutes and must be completed under standard test conditions.

### 2020 ATAR Course Examinations

The Authority confirms that the 2020 ATAR course written examination period will go ahead as scheduled from 2 November 2020. The written examinations will be the same length of time, and in the same format, as indicated in the syllabuses for each course. Students can access the ATAR Exam schedule from the SCSA Website from Wednesday, 10 June 2020.

ATAR Physical Education Studies practical examinations will not go ahead as scheduled, for which details will be advised, after the Authority has completed further consultation.

Leigh

## DETECT SCHOOLS STUDY

This week parents/carers would have received an email with information regarding the DETECT Schools Study that our school will take part in.

Below is a link to an online consent form that seeks your consent for you and your child(ren) to participate in the study and provides further information about each project within the study.

As a matter of urgency, it is very important that you complete the online consent form to tell us whether you want your child(ren) to participate in all, some or none of the projects within the study. *Participation is voluntary and requires your consent.*

Please complete the online consent form by midnight Friday 5 June 2020. The online consent form links are:

### Secondary Students

<https://redcap.telethonkids.org.au/redcap/surveys/?s=ATPTTJH8J4>

### For K-Year 6 students

<https://redcap.telethonkids.org.au/redcap/surveys/?s=H7YM9L9NRR>

For further information about the study, please contact the researchers at Telethon Kids Institute: [DETECT-SCHOOLS@telethonkids.org.au](mailto:DETECT-SCHOOLS@telethonkids.org.au). Paper versions of the consent form are available from the school by calling 08 9041 0900.

## NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCE 0419 199 331

If you would like to send us a reason for your child's absence via an SMS, please use the above phone number. Please do not use this number for emergencies or to contact for any other reasons as it is only checked a few times a day and purely for attendance recordings.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

24 June School Cross Country

3 July Last day of term

20 July School Development Day

21 July Term 3 Commences

## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS:

Tuesdays - 8.30am-1pm

Wednesdays - 11am-2pm

## INFOCUS CAREERS NEWSLETTER

### June Edition

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

## USEFUL LINKS:

### Uniform Order Form:

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

### Latest News & Events:

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

# SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

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

# \$350

towards school expenses

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

Applications Close  
**Friday 3 July 2020**

Ask School Reception for More Information