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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



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## Hello Merredin College Family .....

I'm happy to confirm that Jay Peckitt, Deputy Director General, Education Business Services, has endorsed a change in the funding classification for K-12 schools to now be aligned with secondary schools. This will see our enrolment-linked base allocation increase significantly along with a small increase in locality allocation. When considered alongside the 'Small Senior High School Targeted Initiative' the funding increase is considerable for Merredin College.

With school photos just completed I've had very positive feedback about student behaviour and school uniforms. Over the three days only 4 students required support with their uniform – a great result and a reflection of positive school culture.

We are very appreciative of the Shire of Merredin's response to college and parent concerns about road safety along Woolgar Avenue and Throssell Road. The newly installed roundabout along Woolgar Avenue is very welcome. While we provide adequate staff supervision for students departing the college, the roundabout has significantly reduced traffic speed along Woolgar in particular. The footpaths and designated crossover walkways will also support student safety. We ask parents to remind students about safety when crossing roads. We also ask all people travelling on Woolgar Avenue or Throssell Road to be mindful of students and pedestrians crossing this area and to take particular note of the no stopping zones. A reminder about the legal requirement for students to wear helmets while on bicycles or scooters would also be appreciated – I have been in contact with the local police to ask for a blitz about older students in particular not obeying road rules.

Thank you to all our parents who have paid 2021 Contributions and Charges already. It is great to have such support for our student's education, and encourage all those who have not done so already, to contact the school to finalise their payments as soon as possible. The money collected is used in classrooms to provide resources, printing, equipment and other class materials. If parents are unable to pay the amount up front, we encourage you to contact the Manager of Corporate Services, Janelle Lane to discuss payment plan options.

**Take Care**  
**Leigh**

### SWIVL CAMERA'S IN SECONDARY CLASSROOMS

Some staff at Merredin College will be using innovative technology to record lessons for professional development and improvement. Students may notice iPads set up on a Swivl, a device that follows and records the classroom teacher. When in operation, this device records the class, including video and audio captured through a microphone the teacher wears. The lesson recordings are stored on a secure Swivel platform that can only be accessed through password protection by staff and educational coaches. Teachers will be using this device to record themselves. The purpose is to improve practice by allowing teachers to reflect on their lessons and share the recordings with line managers and coaches. If you have any questions or concerns about the use of Swivl in the classroom, please contact David O'Neill. More information can be found online at [www.swivl.com](http://www.swivl.com).



## YEAR 7 IMMUNISATIONS

Primary Health have advised that the Year 7 immunisations which were meant to take place at Merredin College on 22 March will be postponed to Term 2 due to the rollout of the COVID 19 vaccination program commencing next Friday. Parents/carers will be advised of new date when it has been rescheduled.

## SECONDARY PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Reminder Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 16 March in the library from 4pm-6pm. If you are unable to attend and would like to arrange a meeting or phone call with your child's teacher please contact the school on 9041 7520.

## SCHOOL BALL - YEAR 10-12

Permission forms are now available from Student Services, please return prior to or when purchasing your ticket. External Partner forms are also available to Year 12 students. Please wait for approval prior to the purchase of tickets. Tickets can be purchased for \$50 per head from Student Services.

## SAINT PATRICKS DAY FREE DRESS DAY - WHOLE SCHOOL

Student Council are holding a 'Free Dress Day' for a gold coin donation this Wednesday 17 March. Students can come to school dressed in GREEN or ORANGE - proceeds will be going towards the school ball.

## ORIGO MATHS WORKBOOK

Student booklists for 2021 included a student workbook for Mathematics, 'Stepping Stones Student Journal'. This book is an integral part of all student's numeracy learning program in Pre-primary to Year 6 and an absolute necessity. These books are available from Nexra Newsagency in town. Please contact Lynne Herbert if you are having difficulty with the purchase of the book so we can make arrangements or payment plans.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- 16 March** Parent Teacher Meetings (7-12)
- 19 March** Secondary Assembly
- 20 March** Merredin Show
- 21-24 Mar** Southwest Volleyball Comp
- 25 March** Primary Assembly
- 22 Feb** P&C Meeting
- 1 April** Last day of Term 1 (Thursday)
- 19 April** Term 2 commences
- 25 April** ANZAC Day
- 26 April** ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- 1 May** Year 10-12 School Ball
- 10 May** P&C Meeting
- 13 May** School Board Meeting



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(OR) ● CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD  
(OR) ● VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications Close  
**Thursday 1 April 2021**

Ask School Reception for More Information

