



ISSUE #4  
26 February 2021

# MC link

Merredin College Weekly Community Update



Follow us at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Merredin-College-256760021333175/>



## Hello Merredin College Family .....

It is great to be in my second year of principal at Merredin College and I am really looking forward to an excellent year. The staff continue to inspire me to be a better leader - their professionalism, dedication and determination to make a difference for all students at the school is to be commended. This has been highlighted through a very difficult week. This year at Merredin College we aim to further embed a culture of high performance and high care. We will continue to hold high expectations of the children and young people in our care – as well as of ourselves and our colleagues. We will continue to reflect on our performance, seek feedback on how we can improve, and work together to support change. We want a culture of collective responsibility and “12 months progress for 12 months instruction” for all students.

I would like to acknowledge our Student Services team for the wonderful support offered at the college. The cohesiveness of the team has been highlighted in recent times. Much of the work is carried out quietly and away from the hustle and bustle of normal school activity. To Mr Ritchie, Mrs Smith, Mrs Te Kani, Mrs Hayden, Mrs Morris, Mrs Alvaro, Mrs Marias and Mrs Smith thank you for supporting students and staff by helping create a supportive learning environment that encourages children to achieve their full potential and develop positive attitudes to learning and improved life skills.

We currently have an enrolment of 558 students with 219 primary students and 339 in the secondary school.

Enjoy the long weekend and take care!

Leigh

### EXTRA COST OPTIONS

Extra Cost Options that are applicable to your child so far this year have now been applied to their Contributions and Charges. Statements for Primary students have been sent out this week and Secondary will go out next week once Secondary Assistance Scheme applications already received have been processed.

These charges are required for attendance or participation in the following activities:

- Athletics Subscription PP-Year 12 Excluding ATAR Maths
- Reading Eggs Subscription PP-6
- Beach Volleyball 7-10
- Tennis Cup Cunderdin 7-10
- Home Economics Additional Costs 7-10
- Leavers Jackets Year 12
- Swimming Lessons Year 3-6

**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  
**Thursday 1 April 2021**

**Ask School Reception for More Information**

Please organise payment along with any outstanding Contributions and Charges. If you are experiencing financial difficulty and need to arrange a payment plan, please contact the office.

Applications for the Secondary Assistance Scheme are still available for submission until Thursday 1 April.



## STUDENTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Breakfast Club commences at 8.20am so no student should be at school before 8.20am. Unless attending Breakfast Club or arriving to school on a school bus, children should not be at school before 8.30am on school days. The school grounds are out of bounds after hours and on weekends. Police complete periodic "walk through" in order to monitor trespassers. The school has extensive CCTV cameras to monitor out of hours' trespassers and passes this information on to the police.

## SCHOOL SPEED ZONE

To ensure that our children are safe, we request that members of the general public observe the 40 km/hour speed limit on all roads around the school perimeter

## 2021 SCHOOL PHOTOS INFORMATION (8 March-10 March 2021)

Please see below the schedule for this year's school photos. It is important that your child comes to school on these days in appropriate school uniform.

Family photos will be taken in the Secondary Undercover Area.

### Monday 8 March 2021

- Family Photos (Surnames A-H) from 8.20-8.45am
- Kindy 1 to Year 6 and Year 7 and Year 10 student photos.

### Tuesday 9 March 2021

- Family Photos (Surnames I-N) from 8.20-8.45am
- Kindy 2, Year 8, 9 and 12 student photos, and the Primary Choir group photo.

### Wednesday 10 March 2021

- Family Photos (Surnames O-Z) from 8.20-8.45am
- Year 11 student photos, Primary and Secondary School Leader Groups.

### Class Photos/Portraits:

- Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.
- The school has chosen to use the online ordering system. Your child will be given an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student shootkey.
- Log onto [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au) and follow the prompts to place your order.
- If you lose your shootkey the school reception will have a copy to quote back to you.
- The expiry date for online ordering is 16 March 2021. Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30 archive fee. You can email your order request through to [reorders.perth@msp.com.au](mailto:reorders.perth@msp.com.au) or call our office on 08 9240 8000.

### Family Photos:

- Envelopes can be obtained from Administration.
- Family photos are taken each morning before school.
- Please ensure that your family envelope and payment are handed to the Photographers on photo day.
- Family photos cannot be ordered online.
- Once school has received photos, family photos will remain at reception for parents to collect.

Please Note: Individuals and Family Photos are not available to view online.

**Crisis Support Lines  
available to parents/carers  
and students 24-7:**

**Kids Helpline - 1800 551 800**

**Lifeline - 13 11 14**

**Crisis Care - 1800 199 008**

## IMPORTANT DATES:

<b>1 March</b>	Labour Day Public Holiday
<b>4 March</b>	Tennis Comp - Cunderdin
<b>8-10 Mar</b>	School Photos
<b>12 March</b>	EASA Y7-10 Swimming Carnival Primary Interschool Swimming Carnival
<b>19 March</b>	Secondary Assembly
<b>20 March</b>	Merredin Show
<b>21-24 Mar</b>	Southwest Volleyball Comp
<b>25 March</b>	Primary Assembly
<b>22 Feb</b>	P&C Meeting
<b>1 April</b>	Last day of Term 1 (Thursday)
<b>19 April</b>	Term 2 commences
<b>25 April</b>	ANZAC Day
<b>26 April</b>	ANZAC Day Public Holiday

