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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



A message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm pleased to announce that dates for following events have now been confirmed.

The Year 6 Camp will take place in Week 5, 24-27 May. Students will attend a leadership camp in Perth, staying at the Manjedal Activity Centre and participate in team building and leadership activities.

Country Week has been moved to week 7 of Term 3, 29 August to 2 September. Camp costing is yet to be finalised. Once the accommodation venue has been confirmed, information will be provided to parents of participating students.

The date for School Ball is confirmed as the 15 October, more information will be provided in future MC Links.

The school is mindful that COVID-19 is still prevalent and as such we ask that you ensure to familiarise yourself with the COVID-19 Close Contact requirements as shown on this page. We also ask for your support by keeping your unwell children at home, administer a RAT and inform the school if they are positive.

I also wish to remind parents that mobile phones are not permitted at school and that parents should contact the administration office if they wish to get in touch with their children.

Tracy Pickering
PRINCIPAL

POSITION AVAILABLE

Student Support Officer

This is a nine (9) month fixed term, full-time position commencing Term 2, 2022

Merredin College is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Student Support Officer to join their collaborative Student Services team.

The Student Support Officer will assist in the day to day running of the student support program. This includes supporting students at educational risk as well as developing and running engagement programs. Additionally, they will be required to develop and implement individual behaviour management, attendance and engagement plans, including working with outside agencies and multi-disciplinary teams for complex cases.

[Student Support Officer \(jobs.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.jobs.wa.gov.au)

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IMPORTANT COVID-19 INFORMATION

If your child becomes a close contact, due to a person in your household being COVID-19 positive, they will no longer have to isolate for 7 days. They are still required to attend school providing they:

- do a daily Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and receive a negative result each day to attend school.
- are asymptomatic.
- wear a mask at school (for students in Year 7 and above) and when travelling on public transport or ride-share.

If your child becomes symptomatic or tests positive to COVID-19, please notify the school as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Term 2

- 10-20 May** NAPLAN Testing
- 16 May** P&C Meeting 6pm
Year 7 Immunisations
- 19 May** Primary Assembly 9am
School Board Meeting 5:30pm
- 24 May** Year 10 Health Incursion
- 24-27 May** Year 6 Camp
- 3 June** Whole School Cross Country
- 6 June** WA Day (Public Holiday)
- 7 June** School Development Day (Pupil Free Day)
- 10 June** Bruce Rock Cross Country
- 13 June** P&C Meeting 5:30pm
- 16 June** Primary Winter Carnival
School Board Meeting 5:30pm
- 23 June** Primary Assembly 9am
Year 10 Get into Resources Incursion
High School Netball Cup
- 24 June** Year 7-12 Academic Excellence Award Assembly
- 1 July** Year 9 CoRE Excursion
Last Day of Term 2
- Term 3** 29 Aug-2 Sept Country Week
- Term 4** 15 Oct School Ball

NAPLAN

Students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit their NAPLAN Online Testing next week. Year 3 students will sit a paper test for writing with all other tests being online. Teachers have been working hard to familiarise students with the tests since the start of the year.

Please see timetables below for scheduled testing times. It is very important that children arrive to school on time for these days.

YEAR 3				
Day	Tuesday 10 May 2022	Wednesday 11 May 2022	Thursday 12 May 2022	Friday 13 May 2022
Test	Writing	Reading	Language Conventions	Numeracy
Time	9:30-10.30am	11.30am-12.30pm	11:30am-12:15pm	10:00am-11:05am

YEAR 5				
Day	Tuesday 10 May 2022	Wednesday 11 May 2022	Thursday 12 May 2022	Friday 13 May 2022
Test	Writing	Reading	Language Conventions	Numeracy
Time	9.30-10.30am	9.30-10.30am	11.30am-12.30pm	9.30-10.30am

YEAR 7				
Day	Tuesday 10 May 2022	Wednesday 11 May 2022	Thursday 12 May 2022	Friday 13 May 2022
Test/Duration	Reading (65 minutes)	Writing (42 minutes)	Language Conventions (45 minutes)	Numeracy (65 minutes)
Period/Time	Period 1 9:00am-10:05am	Period 3 11:20am-12:02pm	Period 3 11:30am-12:15pm	HR/Period 2 10:00am-11:05am

YEAR 9				
Day	Tuesday 10 May 2022	Wednesday 11 May 2022	Thursday 12 May 2022	Friday 13 May 2022
Test/Duration	Reading (65 minutes)	Writing (42 minutes)	Language Conventions (45 minutes)	Numeracy (65 minutes)
Period/Time	Period 3/4 11:40-12:45	Period 2 10:00-10:42	Period 1 9am-9:45am	Period 3/4 11:40-12:45



EASYMARK

While Year 3 and Year 5 students sit their NAPLAN, we will be running EasyMark assessment for Year 4 and Year 6 to monitor students progress since their last testing cycle. Please see the timetable for testing below.

Week 3	Tuesday 10 May 2022	Wednesday 11 May 2022	Thursday 12 May 2022	Friday 13 May 2022
9.30-10.30am	Year 4 Writing Year 6 Writing	Year 4 Reading	No testing	Year 4 Numeracy Year 6 Numeracy

2022 CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES

We are currently in the process of mailing out overdue Charges & Contributions. If you are experiencing financial hardship, payment plans are available by contacting Ms Sandi Lee in the front office.

Year 11 and 12 Subject Charges are compulsory payments and should be paid as soon as possible.

YEAR 7 IMMUNISATIONS

Year 7 immunisations will be occurring at Merredin College on Monday, 16 May. Consent forms have been distributed in Term 1, please return them as soon as possible to Student Services. Spare forms are also available from Student Services.

YEAR 10 COURSE SELECTIONS FOR YEAR 11 PATHWAYS 2022

Year 10 interviews will commence this week with Mrs Sutherland in regards to Course Selections for next year (Year 11 Pathway). A timeline of the selection process has been emailed to all Year 10 parents and the ATAR Pre-requisites will be handed out to all students shortly.

SPECIALIST GROUP PHOTO ORDERS

On photo day speciality group images (eg. Choir, Faction Captains) were taken at your school. These images can be viewed and purchased at a unique website, which is DIFFERENT to where you order the portraits and class photos online.

1. To place your Order online simply go to <https://mspphotography.shootproof.com/>

2. Locate the Schools Name, then select the album titled **Merredin College Specialist Groups - 2022**

3. You will then be required to enter a password to view the Album. The password for this **CNBSHEB22**

4. Please ensure that you use your child's name at the checkout

5. The images you are viewing are uncropped and will be cropped to fit to a 10x8 print (as per the first image in your gallery, a sample of layout & colour)

- The online orders will be open until **midnight on Tuesday, 10 May 2022 for the Bulk Pricing Offer**
- **The Bulk Pricing Offer is \$20 per print and these will be delivered to the school BY CLASS GROUP**

After the \$20 pricing expires, the photos will remain available online, but the photos are now at a cost of \$35 per image and delivered to a preferred address.

AUTUMN CANTEEN MENU 2022

The canteen now offers EFTPOS as a means of payment for students and staff. Students are to be reminded that they must use their card to pay for food during school hours. Payment via Phone or Smartwatch is only permitted to occur before school to keep in line with our Mobile Phone Policy.

New menu available on the following link:

<https://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/CANTEEN-MENU-LANDSCAPE.pdf>

FACEBOOK PAGE

Merredin College has an official Facebook page to keep parents up to date with the goings on at the college. This includes last minute changes to arrangements as well as events for students. Please follow our page and subscribe to get notified of updates. Follow us at: <https://www.facebook.com/Merredin-College-256760021333175/> or scan the QR code.

