

Lateral Learning in the Senior School

A variety of programs and cocurricular groups take place within the Lateral Learning Department as we work to embed the skills of research, critical thinking and digital literacy across the School.

Day 11

Effective learning takes place across many facets of school life and is no longer confined to the classroom from Monday to Friday. The Day 11 program, which runs under the banner of Lateral Learning, plays an important role in supporting students with their learning needs.

Day 11 takes place once a fortnight on a Saturday (Week B on the timetable) during term time. Academic tutors are present in the Hudson Library and Research Centre to assist students with a range of subjects in a variety of academic departments, from Maths, English and Science, through to Social Sciences, History, Applied Science and Languages. Students are able to attend in person or online via Teams.

All students from Years 7 to 12 are welcome to attend and seek assistance as required, whether it be for revision or for assistance with research or preparation for an assessment task. The first Day 11 for Term 1 will take place on Saturday, February 18. Tutors will be available as per the schedule below. For further information about the Day 11 program, please email me at pcurran@meriden.nsw.edu.au.



DAY 11 - SATURDAY WEEK 4

 English (All levels) 10:00 - 2:00	 Maths (All levels) 9:00 - 1:00	 Junior Science/ Chemistry/ Physics 9:00 - 1:00
 Geography/ PDHPE/ Biology 10:00 - 2:00	 CAFS/Society and Culture 10:00 - 2:00	

Research at Meriden

Parnassus Awards are awarded to Meriden Senior School students who complete an original and evaluative piece of work in any discipline. The students who receive these awards work on their pieces over an extended period, engage in a high level of research and display evidence of deep critical thinking. The awards are divided into four categories:

- Research
- Innovation
- STEM
- Creativity



2022 Gold Parnassus Award winners - Back Row: Vanessa Wu, Linda Wang, Erika Lee and Talia Yin. Front Row: Mikayla Rodger, Harini Luckshman, Sienna Kim and Sophia Yang

At the end of 2022, thirty-seven students received Parnassus Awards. Eight students were awarded the prestigious Gold Parnassus Award - Sienna Kim (Research),

Erika Lee (Creativity), Harini Luckshman (Innovation), Mikayla Rodger (Innovation), Linda Wang (Creativity), Vanessa Wu (Research), Sophia Yang (Research) and Talia Yin (Creativity).

We congratulate these students for their outstanding research. To read more about the Parnassus Award recipients, please [click here](#).

Year 7 Lateral Learning workshops

In Weeks 2 and 3 of this term, Year 7 participated in three Lateral Learning workshops that introduced them to a range of skills that they will develop over their time at Meriden. The Technology workshop, led by Miss Nicola Casaceli, Coordinator of Learning Link – Technology, covered IT policies at Meriden, email etiquette, accessing textbooks through Campion and how to organise files on their laptops and back them up safely using Google Drive or Foldr.

The Research and Critical Thinking workshops, run by Dr Laurence, Coordinator of Learning Link – Research and Critical Thinking, also provided Year 7 students with an introduction to the attributes and dispositions of a successful Meriden learner. In this workshop, Mrs Brown spoke to the students about *The Fidelis Model* and its relevance to their learning. Students also explored the Meriden Graduate Goals and the skills required to be an organised and resilient learner. Students learnt how to access resources using the Hudson Library eVe page. A follow-up workshop will be held in Week 5, introducing students to the skills needed to avoid plagiarism and complete a bibliography.

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