

Day 11 and Lateral Learning programs

At Meriden, Lateral Learning is about helping students embed skills of research, critical thinking, communication and digital literacy, and others.

A variety of programs and cocurricular groups take place within the Lateral Learning Department, catering for all students as they become lifelong learners equipped with vital life skills.

Day 11 program

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 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 Mathematics, English and Science, through to Social Sciences, History, Applied Science and Languages. Students can 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 has already taken place, and further sessions will take place on the following Saturdays: 8 March, 22 March and 5 April.

At the next Day 11 (8 March), there will be academic assistance available in the following subject areas.

DAY 11 - TERM 1 WEEK 6

						
Economics/English 9.00am - 2.00pm	Maths (up to Ext. 2) 9.00am - 2.00pm	Business/CAFS/ Commerce 9.00am - 2.00	7-10 and Ancient History/History Ext. 9.00am - 1.00pm	Geography and English (up to Adv.) 9.00am - 1.00pm	Legal Studies and 7-10 History 10.00am - 1.00pm	All Sciences 9.00am - 2.00pm

Celebrating excellence in student work

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

- Research
- Innovation
- STEM
- Creativity

At the end of 2024, 35 students received Parnassus Awards, with seven students being awarded the prestigious Gold Parnassus Award.

The Gold winners were Year 10 student Olivia Kim (Innovation); and Year 12 students Natasha Laggas (Research), Natalie Kim (Innovation), Sophie Tan (Creativity and Research), Elena Whitfield (Research), Sophie Yi (Creativity) and Youya Wei (Creativity).

Lateral Learning workshops

All Year 7 students recently completed their first Lateral Learning workshop, in which they learnt how to write a bibliography and avoid plagiarism through effective summarising and paraphrasing techniques.

These skills will continue to be practised in future workshops as they prepare for upcoming research tasks.

Ms Nicola Casaceli, COLL – Technology, also assisted in running the Year 7 orientation activities that covered ICT use at Meriden, including email etiquette, accessing textbooks through Campion, how to organise files on their laptops and back them up safely using Google Drive or Foldr.

Year 8 students completed their first Communication workshop, which introduced students to the fundamentals of public speaking and speaking in front of a large audience. Students explored the characteristics of an effective public speaker and the range of techniques they use to engage their audience and speak with clarity and purpose.

Year 9 students undertook a workshop in Media Literacy, with a focus on how to identify fake news and images. [You can read about this recent workshop in another article from this week's newsletter.](#)

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