



Welcome to our Parent Newsletter.

23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015

Our aim is to keep parents informed of upcoming events and important dates to remember.

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**ALL students are required at school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 to commence the 2016 school year.**

### **EXAMINATIONS**

Once again all year levels will have completed examinations. I would like to acknowledge the positive way in which our staff and students have gone about this process. Hopefully the AVID strategies were put to good use by all in the preparation for this assessment period.

### **STEPUP INTERVIEWS AND CLASSES**

Interviews: ALL students and parents/guardians are expected to attend the **step up interviews** to confirm their enrolment for 2016. There is an important information package provided at this interview which includes the 2016 timetable.

If for any reason you are unable to attend you are required to contact the school to make another time as soon as possible. The interview confirms that the student is returning in 2016 on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January** and that they are enrolled in the specified classes.

Step up Classes: All students are expected to attend all of the step up classes which represent the first 2-3 weeks of the new curriculum for 2016. The work covered will NOT be retaught next year as all classes will be in week 3 when school resumes on THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY.

### **SCHOOL CAPTAINS**

The selection of the 2016 School Captains for Middle Years and Senior Years is currently underway. These important positions require a serious commitment from our students both in the capacity to uphold the school values and to represent the school in the best way possible. We look forward to presenting our new captains to the school community.

Finally may I say thank you to all members of the school community for the support and positive feedback that has been provided to the school this year. All at Wyndham Central College have worked hard to ensure that the progress towards our school vision is taking place. I am very proud of the journey so far and know that we have a very strong commitment to delivering the best outcomes for our students.

Kind regards  
Julie Myers

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<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>
18 – 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Yr 11 and 12 (2016) Step Up
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec – Parent Teacher Goal Setting Interviews Yr 8, 9 and 10 (2016)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Step Up Yr 8, 9 and 10 (2016)
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Parents as Partners Night (Yr 7 2016)
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Grade 6 Orientation Day
14 - 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Parent Teacher Goal Setting Interviews Yr 7 (2016)
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Awards Night
28 <sup>th</sup> January – First day Term 1 2016

## **MIDDLE YEARS REPORT**

As the year draws to a close this is an ideal opportunity to reflect with your child on what they have achieved this year. Spend some time celebrating – sometimes it is the little things that we need to celebrate the most.

Your child, on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> will be starting their step up. As your Middle Years Assistant Principal we say goodbye to the middle years to the year 9's, and wish them well with their new AP Mr Woollard. The new year 8's and 9's will have a great opportunity to make a wonderful start on the 2016 work. Please can you spend some time with your child ensuring their AVID folder is up to date and that they are ready for 2016.

I would also like to congratulate the following students on being elected to the position of School Captains for 2016 at middle years:

Damanpreet Kaur

Chloe Smith

Liam Edwards

Ethan Walker

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all of the support you have given the middle years students in 2015.

I wish you all a healthy and safe Christmas and will see you all in the new year.

Yvonne Harvey

Middle Years Assistant Principal

## **YEAR 7 REPORT**

Year 7 will hold their final assembly of the year on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. In this assembly we will recognise those students who have excelled academically in their subjects. The awards are based on students' results in assessment tasks completed. There is a maximum of two students per subject. Congratulations to all award winners who will find out on Wednesday.

Tom Robinson

Yr 7 Year Level Leader

## **YEAR 8 REPORT**

It has been an exciting year in 2015 for the year 8 cohort. A highlight for me has been moving into our brand new year 8 area, and enabling students to learn in a beautiful and colourful environment. I personally have noticed dramatic changes in the study habits, and maturity of all of the students. All students are coming along in leaps and bounds, and are well on the way to achieving great things in the Senior Years at Wyndham Central College. Areas that I believe are important to continue working on in 2016 are organisational skills, particularly their AVID folders, and using their planners effectively to plan and document homework and due dates. Other important items that I would like to draw to your attention include-

- Step Up Interviews: Every student and parent/guardian are required to attend an interview with their 2016 tutor teacher. The interviews take around 30 minutes, and are essential in preparing students for 2016. If you are unable to make an appointment could you please contact me, or the tutor teacher on 9741 4911. The interviews are to occur on the 30<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December. Students have received their booking form, and will be bringing them home for you to make an appointment time.
- Following the Step Up interviews, students will begin their life as a Year 9 student! It is all systems go, with classwork, and work ethic of vital importance. Step Up is a great way to transition from Year 8 into 9, and prepare and equip students with vital skills necessary for high achievement.

Thank you all very much for your help and support throughout 2015, and I look forward to your child progressing and achieving great things in 2016.

Simon Thorley  
Yr 8 Year Level Leader

## **YEAR 9 REPORT - STAR PROGRAM**

The star program is an elective for year 9 students that will show them everyday life skills and leadership, all through fun and outings.

Our first outing was to Portsea and Queenscliff. We were learning about William Buckley. We learnt about how he became famous in our Australian history. We learnt how to snorkel and keep the oceans clean and we learnt about the surroundings around us.

As a team of star we went to the Wyndham Student Representative Council (WSRC) and we worked together to work out solutions to problems like bullying.

We went to the Brisbane Ranges to listen to the rangers and Colin Cook, Friends of the Brisbane Ranges. We helped clear tracks and cooked on the open fire.

Our most recent trip is the Mallee-Fowl trip, we went up to the Mallee and tried to find a Mallee-fowl bird. This trip pushed us the most, considering we cooked over fires, slept in tents and brought our own water. It taught us how to survive out in the bush without a toilet.

We went to Kids Teaching Kids conference. This year the theme was water, and we were showing our ideas and thoughts on how to stop rubbish getting into our water ways. They had special presenters there including Kayne Tremills from ABC3.

We also did sailing where we learnt how to steer the ship and how to do the sails and we had heaps of fun.

Having one more camp to go, we have had a good year in STAR. We have made more friends, learnt how to work with others efficiently, life skills and did it all through fun and games.

Thank you to Mr. Bernardi for showing us true responsibility and showing us how to do it through fun, generally thank-you for a good year.

**Ashlee Shanks 9C and Amber Pattison 9A**



## **SENIOR YEARS REPORT**

### **Senior Years report**

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December the College is conducting **compulsory Student/Tutor Teacher/Parent enrolment interviews for the 2016 Year 10 students**; from 9am-3.45pm. Please ensure, for a successful transition in to 2016, that all students attend with a parent/adult to these interviews.

### **Year 12 students (2015)**

I hope that all students will achieve their own personal goals in regards to their exams and/or their results in all of their subject areas. I wish the class of 2015 well with their future endeavours in education, training and employment and if assistance is ever needed then please don't hesitate to contact the College. Regardless of what your endeavours may be, the future is yours to make the best of, to make a difference and understand what great opportunities there are for the taking. Good luck!

**Year 11 and 12 students (2016)** are now in their last week of their Step Up program and during this time students will attend a University to get a feel for university life and attend a sample of student lectures. Valuable holiday homework will also be distributed during the Step Up classes.

I congratulate all of the future Year 12 students who presented speeches to their peers for the role of School Captain for next year, not an easy task for anyone! The process involved a written application, a speech at an assembly and an interview. I would like to congratulate the following students for being elected to the position:

### **School Captains for 2016:**

**Darcy Ballans**

**Madison Clohesy**

**Amy McAuliffe**

**Jacqueline Shanks**

As the year draws to a close for our current Senior Years students I would like to thank all of the 2015 **Years 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents** for their co-operation and support throughout the year. I hope all students achieved their very best for their studies and exams and are now looking forward to 2016.

Bryan Woollard  
Senior Years Assistant Principal

## **BOOKLIST 2016**

Years 8 to 11 Booklist must be **returned to the college no later than Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015** or completed on the Campion Education website [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au) using 'YRTD' as the code. All novels must be prepaid by Credit Card only directly to Campion Education Pty Ltd.

Year 7 Booklist must be **returned to the college no later than Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015** or completed on the Campion Education website [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au) using 'YRTD' as the code. All novels must be prepaid by Credit Card only directly to Campion Education Pty Ltd.

## **ENGLISH NOVEL BOOKLIST 2016**

English Novel Booklist for summer reading for Years 8 - 12 were to be returned to the college by now but you can still order these through Campion Education website [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au) using 'YRTD' as the code. All novels must be prepaid by Credit Card only directly to Campion Education Pty Ltd, but you will need to contact them to organise delivery or collection.

For those who pre-ordered their English novels these will be delivered to the college for distribution to students for their summer reading requirements on:

VCE delivery will be 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Years 8-10 delivery will be 30<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015

Year 7 delivery will be 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015

### **BOOKLIST PACK COLLECTION 2016**

Booklist packs will be available for years 7-VCE from Campion Education Pty Ltd, all packs are payable directly to Campion Books and are pre-paid, and questions regarding payment must be directly with Campion Books. There will be various options of collection:

1. Pre-paid delivered to the college: pick up will be Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in the gymnasium from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
2. Pre-paid delivery to your home (this includes an extra charge for delivery)
3. Shop in person at their store which is located at:  
Unit 8, 12 Makland Drive, Derrimut 3030  
Phone: 1300 433 982

### **SELL YOUR 2<sup>ND</sup> HAND UNIFORMS 'clk2sell app' IN 2016**

clk2sell app – a fast way for parents to buy and sell second hand uniforms.

Last year State Schools' Relief launched clk2sell – a smartphone solution to buy and sell second-hand school uniforms. With the new term and season change, it's a great time to upload and sell those unwanted uniform items.

Close to 100 schools are now using the app - saving time and money. State Schools' Relief is encouraging more schools and parents to get on board to reap the benefits. "Parents have saved 50-70 per cent", said State Schools' Relief CEO, Stephen Isles.

By being able to purchase uniforms at a reduced price children can wear the appropriate uniform and in turn gain the confidence to attend school without feeling embarrassed or being bullied.

Hear about how the clk2sell app works and the benefits experienced by parents and schools already using the app. [Watch the clk2sell video.](#)

By the end of this month clk2sell will be expanding its functionality to include musical instruments and text books. Stay tuned for more information.

For more information about this resource go to [www.clk2sell.com](http://www.clk2sell.com) or email [info@clk2sell.com](mailto:info@clk2sell.com).

### **ADMINISTRATION OFFICE HOURS**

The Administration Office will close at 4:00 pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and will reopen at 8:15 am – 4:15 pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

### **NEW POLICIES**

Wyndham Central Secondary College has updated policies to reflect the changes made by the Department of Education, the three (3) new policies explain various aspects of these changes and include:

- Debt Recovery Policy
- Third Party Policy
- ICT Behaviours Policy

All these policies are available at:

- <http://www.wyndhamcentralsc.vic.edu.au/students/>  
and
- <https://wyndhamcentralsc.vic.idlf.com.au/>



- School resources

- Policies

For your convenience the policies will be handed out to each family at their final Parent Teacher Interview for 2015

**YEAR 12: RESULTS and DECEMBER CHANGE OF PREFERENCE.**

1. VCE Results and ATARS available on the internet from **7am MONDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 2015**
2. VCE results and ATARS received in the mail by **WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2015.**
3. Mrs. Karlovic, the Pathways & Transitions Leader, will be available to students from Monday 14 December, in the Careers Office from 10am to 4pm for assistance/counselling during results and Change of Preference Time. Each student is entitled to an appointment to assist with decision making regarding pathways, VTAC preference changes, etc. Appointments can be made prior to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December as well as on the Monday morning via a telephone call to the College. Students can also make their way to the Careers Office to arrange an appointment or make a booking whilst attending the Year 12 Pathways Morning Tea (see below). Parents are also welcome to attend/make bookings. Every student is encouraged to take the time to have a meeting with Mrs Karlovic, in the Careers Office, during this crucial time.
4. **RESULTS/CHANGE of PREFERENCE/PATHWAYS MORNING TEA**  
**DATE: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
**TIME: 11am – 12.30pm**  
**LOCATION: Student Services Centre, Outside the Careers Office**

**All Year 12 Students are invited to a morning tea to wind down after the rigours of Year 12 and to discuss their Results/Change of Preferences/Pathway Options.**

**Biscuits, donuts, coffee & tea will be available.**

**Students will also be able to book appointments with Mrs Karlovic during this time to discuss results, preference changes and pathway options.**

5. Refer to the VTAC Guide 2016, pages 63-65 or the ABC of Applying, pages 19-20, for further information regarding accessing of results.  
Details regarding SMS notification of Results is also explained on page 64 of the VTAC Guide & page 19 of the ABC of Applying. Students must go to [www.vtac.edu.au/sms](http://www.vtac.edu.au/sms) for information on registering for the SMS service.
6. VU Portfolio, ACU Early Achiever's Program & RMIT SNAP Program Students will be notified early December. Please see me so we can then discuss your preferences, depending on the outcome.

**Please use the services provided by the College.**

**Good Luck!**

**Mrs Kathy Karlovic**  
**Pathways & Transitions Leader**  
**Tel: 9741 4911 ext 924**



## COMMUNICATION/GRIEVANCE PROCESS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

**1**

Make an appointment with the Tutor Teacher

**2**

If the issue is unresolved, make an appointment with the appropriate Year Level Leader

**3**

If the issue is still unresolved you may need to meet with the Assistant Principal for either Middle or Senior years

**4**

If you are still dissatisfied, phone or write to the Principal

**5**

Make an appointment with the Principal via the Principal's Executive Assistant

**6**

If the matter is not resolved after Steps 1 - 5, then the issue can be raised with the Regional Office on 9291-6500