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Welcome to our Parent Newsletter.

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

13th February 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back to everyone who is part of our WCC community. I extend an especially big welcome to all families who have joined the College this year for the first time.

I hope your time with us is very positive and successful. Our New Year 7 cohort has made a fantastic start to the year and I have already had the pleasure of meeting many new parents.

We have enjoyed a very smooth and efficient start to the new school year. It is a delight to be surrounded by so many bright and enthusiastic students. Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful 2017 and in particular to our year 12 cohort who will be completing their final units of their VCE or their senior VCAL certificate and are preparing their pathway to University, TAFE or Employment.

I would also like to acknowledge the fantastic achievement of the class of 2016. Congratulations to the Year 12 Class of 2016 who have achieved the best results at the college since 2003. Students achieved high ATAR scores with our DUX at 94.6, and a number of students achieved a study score above 40 in a range of subject areas. A pass rate of 92 % was further supported in January by 100% of applicants receiving tertiary offers.

New Staff Due to the growth in student numbers and being the school of choice by many in the Wyndham community this year we welcome many talented new teachers into the school. They have settled in very well and report that they feel very comfortable among such a friendly group of students and colleagues. We welcome the following new staff:

- ▶ Breanna Alexander
- ▶ Stephanie Zahra (LT Year7)
- ▶ Chad Cook (LT Year 9)
- ▶ Cassandra Gatt
- ▶ Alora Young
- ▶ Gabriel Robinson
- ▶ Ryan Bell
- ▶ Helen Gilmore
- ▶ Gabriela Kaushik
- ▶ Kimberley Silva
- ▶ Victoria Webster
- ▶ Karl Szulik
- ▶ Stacey Jamison

Psychology
Legal Studies
HAPE
English
English
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Mathematics
Spanish
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Science
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Science

- ▶ Samantha Halidas
 - ▶ Tiffany Trinh
 - ▶ Stephanie Hambrook
 - ▶ Mitchell Gabriel
 - ▶ Tran Baines
 - ▶ Jessica Pine
 - ▶ John Pinzone
 - ▶ Greg Bostock
 - ▶ Ian O'Meara
 - ▶ Maureen Poussard
 - ▶ Stephanie Tucker
 - ▶ David Taylor
 - ▶ Maria Hernandez
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HAPE
Science
Humanities
English
Mathematics
Design Technology
Integration
Hands on Learning
Hands on Learning
Language Assistant

The best preparation
for tomorrow is doing
your best today!

IMPORTANT DATES

15 February	School Photos
17 February	Swimming Carnival
21 February	VCE/VCAL Parent Info Night at 7pm
27 February	USA Disney Music Tour 2018 at 7pm
28 February	School Photos - Catch up
1 March	Student Free Day
7 March	Grade 5 & 6 Parent Info Night at 7pm
13 March	Public Holiday – Labor Day
16 March	Year 7 Immunisations

An invitation to all parents to become a member of School Council is attached in this newsletter. All parents are asked to consider working with the College Council and help to plan our future.

Leanne Gagatsis – Principal - Creating a Community of High Expectations

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

Be at school on time, in uniform and ready to learn

School Photos

School photos will be held on Wednesday 15 February. All students are to attend school in **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM**. Catch up photo day will be on Tuesday 28 February for any students who are away. Facial piercings, unnatural hair colour and other jewellery cannot be worn (as per WCC's Uniform policy). Blazers are an integral part of the school uniform and are **required** on photo day.

Buses

In the interest of student safety and the efficiency of the school buses, please do not park in the yellow painted kerb sections on the road (alongside the basketball courts) at the College during the hours of **8.45am - 9.15am and at 2.45pm-3:15pm**.

The school buses are experiencing increased difficulties turning at the end of the road delaying the service and the pickup of students, increasing the risk to student safety and the damage to motor vehicles. Thank you.

School Gates

The school day commences at 8.50am with tutor time and all students are expected to be in class at this time.

The school gates are closed at 8.45am to facilitate students arriving to class on time. Students must report to the administration area, after 8:45 am, to obtain a late pass. Consequences for lateness may apply.

Bike storage at school

Please note that although the school bike racks are locked during the day it is still important that all bikes are locked to the racks with a bike lock or padlock and chain.

This message has been communicated to all students however we would appreciate it if you could remind your son/daughter of this requirement. A bike helmet is also a legal requirement.

Environmental duty

To assist our school community in being aware of their environment all year levels are responsible for certain areas within the College and also take part in an environmental program to help reduce litter. Could you please encourage your child to be environmentally conscious within the community and use the rubbish bins provided.

Second-hand Uniform and Textbook Trading

The college is conscious of the need to provide an efficient process for families to be able to buy and sell their second-hand textbooks, uniforms and other student resources.

Sustainable School Shop will provide families with a comprehensive and convenient method of buying and selling second-hand items. The service is accessible 365 days per year, it preferences our school first, and then provides access to buy or sell items with families at other nearby schools. You will find a link on the Wyndham Central College website. Please see flyer at the end of this newsletter.

[Sustainable School Shop website](http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au), www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

Uniform Items

Donations of any unwanted uniform items in good condition are always needed and can be dropped off at the front office at any time.

YEAR 7 & 8 REPORT

I would like to welcome all of the Year 7 and 8 families to Wyndham Central Secondary College. We have 9 classes at years 7 and 8 in 2017. Our aim is to ensure that your child has every opportunity to learn in a safe and orderly environment. We are a School Wide Positive behaviours school with the values of Respect, Cooperation and Excellence. Every classroom displays our School Wide Positive Behaviours matrix which we use as a teaching tool for our expectations in the classroom.

The beginning of the year is an ideal time to assist your child in developing the skills they need for secondary school. You will have seen in your paperwork our COMPASS system. COMPASS is a whole school administration system. You are able to log in at any time and see your child's timetable, look at learning tasks and check attendance to name a few features. You are also able to email your child's teachers through this system.

Please contact your Child's Tutor Teacher via COMPASS or our school phone number 97414911 if you need any assistance. The beginning of the year has been a wonderful start with students ready and willing to learn. We look forward to working with you in 2017.

Yvonne Harvey - Assistant Principal – Year 7 & 8

YEAR 7 REPORT

2017 has started off with nine classes of excited Year 7's that I would like to welcome to the Wyndham Central College community. I am a new teacher to the college and I look forward to leading the cohort. The Year 7 team also consists of Tutor teachers that will continue to ensure your child has a smooth transition into secondary education. These teachers are:

7A: Ms. Hills	7F: Ms. Chan
7B: Ms. Butcher	7G: Mr. Lynch
7C: Mr. De Leon	7H: Ms. Smith
7D: Mr. Nguyen	7J: Mr. Agius
7E: Ms. Walter	

The Year 7 teaching team looks forward to the exciting year ahead and the opportunity to work with your child to reach their full potential. If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact me on email or through your child's tutor teacher (via Compass or on 97414911).

As parents please can you ensure that your child is equipped for school each day. The four essential items students need to bring are; their AVID binder, planner, laptop and stationary items in their pencil case.

The following is from two new Year 7 students on their first week of secondary school.

"In my first week at school I met my tutor teacher, was given a locker, and I met lots of new people I could make friends with. I also met all my subject teachers. Having different teachers for different subjects is complicated but it's nice to have different teachers teaching us. We did a science experiment, which taught us how wood absorbs water. I am looking forward to next week" - Braelyn Gallas 7G

"In my first week, I really enjoyed Maths because the teacher is cool. She explains things really well and is super nice. I liked playing at lunchtime with all my old friends and getting to know my new classmates. I'm looking forward to playing basketball for Wyndham Central College" - Max Morris 7D

Stephanie Zahra - Year 7 Level Leader

YEAR 8 REPORT

Firstly I would like to welcome back all students for year 8, 2017. I hope they had a chance to recharge the batteries for a big 2017. The 2017 year 8 tutor teacher team consists of:

8A: Mr. Stellini	8F: Mr. Robinson
8B: Mr. Cutter	8G: Ms. Gogos
8C: Mr. Olmos	8H: Ms. Clayton
8D: Ms. Whitten	8J: Ms. Halidas
8E: Mr. Nilsen	

The tutor teacher is your first point of contact. If you have anything you wish to discuss with the school, please contact them through COMPASS or calling the school on 97414911.

We aim to make this year an enjoyable and engaging one, which includes an opportunity for students to attend the Year 8 Camp in Term 3 to Neerim East. More details regarding the camp to follow shortly.

In order for us to 'Create a Community of High Expectations' it is vital to make sure that you child attends every day of school, in full school uniform and with their AVID binder, planner, laptop and stationary in their pencil case, ready to learn. One of the priorities during tutor time is to ensure all children are organised.

To reward students for their exemplary attendance, I will continue to run the Year 8 'Attendance Competition'. This will result in a rewards lunch for the tutor group with the highest attendance each term and for students with 100% attendance.

It is also essential that students are ensuring they are completing their Cornell Notes every lesson to the best of their ability. Students will be awarded merits for outstanding work, consistency and any other positive behavior deemed by the teacher within our SWPB matrix.

As a staff, we look forward to working with your children to ensure they reach their full potential.

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact me on email or through your child's tutor teacher (via Compass or on 97414911).

Ashley Rowe – Year 8 Level Leader



YEAR 9 & 10 REPORT

I would like to welcome all of our Year 9 and 10 families to Wyndham Central Secondary College. I trust that you and your families had a restful break and that your students are refreshed and prepared for the 2017 academic year. Education is a partnership with the parent, teacher and student and the greatest success is achieved when we work collaboratively and respectfully.

One essential ingredient for success is organisation. This term there is a focus on organisation and ensuring that all students come to school on time, in uniform and with all equipment (laptop, AVID Binder, including the Planner and pencil case) ready to learn. I would like to thank you for your support and assistance in preparing your students to be ready for learning and for success this year.

Teachers have also developed a social contract with their students to support an inclusive and respectful learning environment in which ALL students have the opportunity to learn in a safe and orderly environment.

I would also like to welcome and introduce Chad Cook, who is new to our College, Chad will work with the Year 9 cohort and families. Simon Thorley, who worked with the Year 9 cohort in 2016 has followed the cohort to year 10 and will continue to work with these students and their families. As parents your first point of contact are the tutor teachers. Please contact your Child's Tutor Teacher if you need any assistance via compass on email or phone on 97414911.

We look forward to working with you in 2017.

Connie Faranda – Assistant Principal – Year 9 & 10

YEAR 9 REPORT

I would like to introduce myself as the Year 9 Year Level Leader at Wyndham Central College for 2017. I have the great opportunity of working with the students, parents and guardians to provide an excellent opportunity for learning and success and to support all students to achieve their potential at Year 9. In 2017 the Year 9 team consists of:

9A: Ms. Nunn	9F: s. Gilmore
9B: Mr. Lesa	9G: Ms. Hambrook
9C: Mr. Da Silva	9H: Ms. S. Sharma
9D: Mr. O'Meara	9J: Ms. Bautista

Ms. Jamison, Ms. Stevenson, Ms. Baines and Ms. Pine who are attached to the Year 9 team.

In order for us to 'create a community of high expectations' it is vital to make sure that your child has a 100% attendance rate, is in full school uniform and with their AVID binder and their laptop ready to learn.

I invite you to continuously check your child's planner for homework and important dates of school events including reporting dates, sports carnivals and term dates. Students are rewarded for exemplary behaviour, high work ethic, and all other positive behaviours by receiving merits, which can also be found and checked in the merit section of the planner. We look forward to an exciting and rewarding 2017 with all Year 9 students. Please feel free to contact me via Compass if you have any questions, or require any assistance.

Chad Cook - Year 9 Level Leader

YEAR 10 REPORT

I would like to introduce myself as the Year 10 Year Level Leader at Wyndham Central College for 2017. I have the great opportunity of working with the students, and parents and guardians again, providing an excellent opportunity to continue with our positive development from 2015 and 2016. I am excited with the prospect of working with all of the Year 10 students again, and achieving outstanding outcomes throughout the year.

The Dynamic Year 10 team consists of six fantastic tutor teachers, with a mix of new and experienced WCC staff.

10A: Ms. Siragusano	10D: Mr. O'Callaghan
10B: Mr. Sherriff	10E: Mr. Pinzone
10C: Ms. Kaushik	10F: Ms. Trinh

We all aspire to make the year successful and engaging for our Year 10 students. To begin the year successfully, we have a major focus on ensuring students are organised and prepared for all of their classes. This includes having their AVID binder including planner, laptop and pencil case. As you will be aware, the cornerstone of learning at WCC centres on AVID. To help us facilitate quality learning, and implementing AVID strategies successfully could you please ensure your child is using their AVID Binders (which contains every subject book), and are completing their

Cornell Notes (every lesson) to a high standard. This can be achieved by ensuring and checking each set of Cornell Notes (from each subject) are completed, and contain an essential question, notes, questions, and a completed summary at the bottom of the page.

It is also important to be checking their planners for homework and other important dates. In order to prepare the Year 10 students for VCE in 2018. All Year 10 students complete at least one VCE subject Industry & Enterprise. This is to support Year 10 students to understand the expectations and developmental skills required to complete VCE successfully. Students are rewarded for good behaviour, outstanding work ethic, and all other positive behaviours by receiving merits, which can also be found and checked in the merit section of the planner. We hope to be rolling out a new and innovative merit and reward scheme called VIVO later this term. More exciting details to follow soon! We look forward to a rewarding 2017 with all of the Year 10 students. Please feel free to contact me on email via compass if you have any questions, or require any assistance.

Simon Thorley – Year 10 Level Leader



I hope that all students and their families have had a wonderful holiday break and are ready for the new school year. I look forward to working with and supporting all Year 11 and 12 years students and their families in working towards the completion of a successful secondary school education. It is with high expectations, the building of a partnership between the College and families and two way communication which will see the fruition of every student's hopes and inspirations. I encourage you to please make contact with the College if you have any concerns so that they can be dealt with in a timely fashion.

We appreciated your attendance at the Step Up Tutor Teacher conference meetings at the end of last year and a reminder that your first point of contact is your son/daughters Tutor Teacher.

Year 11/12 Parent information evening

A letter has been given to students inviting all parents of Year 11 and 12 students to attend a Parent Information Evening on **Tuesday 21st February at 7pm**, in the College Auditorium. During the evening there will be valuable presentations by relevant staff discussing College and VCE/VCAL requirements and future pathways options.

Mid-term Progress checks for VCE subjects

Progress checks are completed mid-term by teachers for any Years 10-12 students who are studying a VCE subject who have outstanding class work and are at risk of not obtaining a satisfactory pass for a particular subject. These reports will be available on Compass and if your son/daughter does have a progress check then please discuss this with them and ensure that the necessary work is completed and submitted for assessment to the classroom teacher. If you need any assistance in viewing this report then please contact your child's Tutor Teacher.

School Captains

The School captains have now been appointed and the successful students went through a rigorous application process presentation of a speech on an assembly followed by an interview. The School Captains form part of the student leadership team and represent the student body.

The 2017 School Captains are as follows:

Captains:

Lauren Cooper
Kano Ravalji

Vice Captains:

Angela Field
Sabrina Wearne

The School Captains have already done a fantastic job as the Masters of Ceremony at our Awards Night at the end of 2016 and I'm sure that they will do a fantastic job throughout this year. Congratulations and good luck!

Bryan Woollard - Assistant Principal – Year 11 & 12

YEAR 11 REPORT

Welcome back all students, especially the Year 11's. I am very pleased to be the Year Level Leader of Year 11 and I am very excited for the year ahead.

The start of Year 11 officially began last year in Step Up and students were issued a number of holiday tasks by their teachers to complete in preparation for this year. During this time we also reiterated the school mantra of being at school every day on time, in uniform and ready to learn. I am happy to report that most students have responded very well to this message.

I would like to remind you of the Year 11 Tutor Teachers -

11A: Ms. Chivers	11D: Mr. Wokulski
11B: Ms. DeLeon	11E: Mrs. Herbert
11C: Ms. Gagatsis	11F: Mrs. Bumpstead

We have high expectations of the Year 11 students and will set up good study habits that will enable students to have the skills to be successful in the years' to come.

If you have any questions throughout the year feel free to contact myself or your child's tutor teacher via Compass. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Rebecca Sandlant – Year 11 Level Leader

YEAR 12 REPORT

Over the school holidays, School Captain Krushnadevsinh (Kano) Ravalji and Vice Captains Angela Field and Sabrina Wearne attended the yLead Camp, with other student leaders from across the state. The students learnt many new leadership skills and have also built up a support network with students from other schools.

All three agreed that the experience they gained was invaluable and that they would recommend the conference to all future leaders at the College.

Year 12 classes are now in full swing and the students are excited to undertake their final year of secondary school. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students completing their final year of VCE or VCAL the best of luck.

As in previous years, if parents/guardians have any concerns please contact your child's tutor teacher via Compass. The Year 12 tutor teachers for 2017 are as follows:

12A: Mr. McCarter	12D: Mr. Bernardi
12B: Ms. Wilson	12E: Ms. Baines
12C: Ms. Cutter	

Also, a reminder that the College is holding a VCE Information Night on Tuesday 21st February, at 7pm in the auditorium. This is an excellent opportunity for parents and students to learn more about the requirements of VCE, ask any questions and get some tips from previous students, who will also be in attendance. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Marie Milkovic – Year 12 Level Leader

SPORTS REPORT

Welcome back to the new school sports year which will be jam packed full of competitions, especially this term. We have 2 teachers looking after sport this year, Ms. Gogos who will be responsible for the carnivals and Ms. Sandlant who will be responsible for the team sports.

Just a reminder that students no longer sign up to sports, instead teachers have already volunteered to coach the sports and they will announce when training/try-out sessions will be occurring. Students need to be aware of these announcements via assemblies and turn up to training sessions to ensure they can be part of the team. All students must return their permission note and fee to be eligible to play on the day.

Sports Coaches for Term 1 so far are:

Senior Boys Cricket:	Mr. Sherriff
Intermediate Boys Cricket:	Mr. Thorley
Intermediate Boys and Girls Volleyball:	Mr. Thorley
Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball:	Ms. Nunn
Year 7 Boys and Girls Tennis:	Ms. Hills
Intermediate Boys and Girls Tennis:	Mr. Nguyen
Year 7 Girls Netball:	Ms. Stevenson
Year 8 girls Netball:	Mr. Gabriel
Intermediate Girls Netball:	Ms. Jamison

Team Vic News:

Team Vic State Trial Registrations now open for: Australian Football, Basketball, Cricket, Football (Soccer), Golf, Netball, Swimming, Tennis, Touch Football, Volleyball

The Team Vic Triathlon and Cricket Teams have been announced. See the "Announcements" section of the SSV website. Website details <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/>

Team Vic Officials

SSV have various roles that are currently vacant, take a look at our positions vacant page at <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Pages/PositionsVacant.aspx>. You may know someone suited to the role.

Wyndham Central College Swimming Sports

The school swimming carnival is scheduled for Friday 17th Feb at Lara Swimming pool. Students have been completing sign ups to events which include the traditional events and also some novelty events. Please ensure if you are a student who is a competitive swimmer, it is vital for you to sign up to the events; we pick the college representative team from the results of the day, so it's very important you compete. We can always add extra heats on the day to ensure all those who want to swim can swim.

Please feel free to contact us at the school if you have any questions or emails us via Compass.

Yours in Sport - Rebecca Sandlant & Ms Gogos - Sports Co-ordinators

LANGUAGE REPORT

There are many activities occurring at Wyndham Central College this year. As you may be aware we have started the year with two new staff members in the LOTE faculty. Mrs. Kaushik is our Spanish teacher that comes with a wealth of experience to support our Spanish language programs. We also have Ms. Hernandez our language assistant from Spain. Ms. Hernandez is with us for two days a week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and the other two days at a local primary school. Her role in both schools is to support and promote the Spanish language and culture learning for our students.

The LOTE faculty is very excited about 2017. There will be a trip to Japan in April for teachers to experience the Japanese language and culture set up by our sister school for future student exchange. In September 2 staff and 9 students will visit our sister school Gredos San Diego in Madrid, Spain.

We will also have students from Spain and Japan visiting our College from early July to mid-September. Your child may already be talking to you in regards to wanting to host either a Spanish or Japanese student. Please contact me if you are interested in participating in the hosting process via email on Compass.

Students will also have an opportunity to participate in the Spain tour in 2018. The application process starts in March and there will be more information given out to students in the coming weeks during their year level assemblies.

If you would like more information about our programs, hosting or overseas tours please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Allan Nilsen or myself via email on Compass or contact the college on 9741 4911.

Thank you for your amazing support.

Mr. De-Leon - Language Immersion & Internationalism Leader

SRC REPORT

Wyndham Central College would like to congratulate the following students on their appointment as representatives for the Student Representative Council.

With their appointment the students will bring new ideas and initiatives to the college and actively seek student voice to further improve an already thriving school environment. Students will be focused on student voice, charity and fundraising, diversity and inclusion as well as environment and sustainability.

The SRC look forward to furthering the WCC values of respect, co-operation and excellence.

Kano Ravalji (College Captain)	Year 12	Bailey Veal	Year 9
Lauren Cooper (College Captain)	Year 12	Maggie Ung	Year 9
Angela Field (Vice Captain)	Year 12	Josh Broomhall	Year 9
Sabrina Wearne (Vice Captain)	Year 12	Hayley Scott	Year 9
Rosaline Taulapapa	Year 11	Aaliayah Beaton	Year 8
Bailey Pettitt	Year 11	Holly Darcy	Year 8
Nathan Scirretta	Year 10	Nadim Kibria	Year 7
Leejana Georgakopoulos	Year 10	Henry Zhang	Year 7
Emily Cooney	Aboriginal Student Rep	Madeliene Kaksa	Year 7
Bryce Porter	Aboriginal Student Rep		

Scott Lynch – SRC Leader

HANDS ON LEARNING NEWS

A big hello from David and Steph! We are the new staff that runs the Hands On Learning program on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We are both really excited to kick off the program in week 3 and have a few projects organised around the school such as beautifying the courtyard and our 'shed'. HOL is a targeted engagement program that builds self-esteem and supports students to get the most out of school through practical learning activities. Students spend a full day out of the classroom every week working on creative building projects in small cross-age groups, sharing meals, and forming strong relationships. We use a structured reflective practice called Focus Plans that build students interpersonal skills and work readiness. We have a full program but we still encourage students' to speak to wellbeing staff or leading teachers if they want to participate. We are looking forward to working with the students and starting our projects.

David Taylor & Stephanie Tucker



STUDENT NEWS

Maths Homework Club

The Maths homework club operates each Wednesday from 3:10pm to 4:10pm in M10. All students welcome to attend and obtain assistance with their maths homework. A number of teachers will be available to assist students.

Leigh Smith - Maths Faculty

Science Homework Club

The Science Homework Club for Years 7 - 10 will run every Wednesday from 3:10pm – 4:10pm in the Science Centre.

Shalika Sharma - Science Faculty

BREAKFAST CLUB

Wyndham Central College Breakfast Club

Introducing the Wyndham Central Breakfast Club
Thursdays between 7.50am- 8.30am at T1

All students are welcome

Foods that will be provided:

- Toast – butter, vegemite, jam and honey
- Crumpets – butter, vegemite, jam and honey
- Pancakes - butter, vegemite, jam and honey
- Cereals
- Fruit

We look forward to seeing students at Breakfast Club!

No Cost to Students – Sponsored by LETS FEED

Scott Lynch – Breakfast Club Co-ordinator



Let's Feed

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to staff member Angelica Gogos who is representing the Western Bulldogs in the woman's AFL league. Fantastic Effort!!! Angie has been a PE teacher at Wyndham Central College for 3 years and is also our VET Sport & Recreation teacher.

36. ANGELICA GOGOS

Position: Inside Midfielder

Height: 156cm

Recruited From: Melbourne University (VFLW)

Last Drafted: Free agent selection

Debut: Round 1, 2017 (vs Fremantle)

Angelica has played Rugby 7s at the Australian University Games. Athletic and agile and has been one of the most improved for the Dogs over the pre-season. Shapes as a likely midfielder.



ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

For the safety of staff students and visitors all visitors to the school must report to the front office (including parents). In case of an emergency, we need to be aware of who is on site.

STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment, parents are required to send their child with a note in their planner advising the reason and time they need to leave. The student must take the note to their Year Level administration office in the morning to receive an early leaver's pass. This pass can then be shown to the teacher at the time they are leaving class and then also to the front office when they exit the school.

2017 ARRANGMENTS - CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND

The Victorian state government has once again offered extra funding to families who hold a Centrelink pension card or a Health Care card - \$225 towards the costs associated with camps, excursions and sporting events.

These funds will be paid directly to the college and can only be used for the afore mentioned events. If you are in possession of a card please come to the office complete a form and present your card for copying. We will submit your application which is validated by Centrelink directly A copy of your Health Care Card showing the card number must be submitted with the application.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2017) or term two (18 April 2017).

STATE SCHOOL RELIEF 2017 YEAR 7 UNIFORM PACK

All eligible families who have a student in Year 7 are also entitled to a pair of shoes and a basic uniform pack, which will include **one item from each line**:

BOYS	GIRLS
Jumper / Rugby Top	Trousers/Rugby Top
Shorts / Trousers	Summer dress / Winter skirt + shirt / Trousers + shirt
Long sleeve / Short sleeve shirt	Long sleeve / Short sleeve shirt

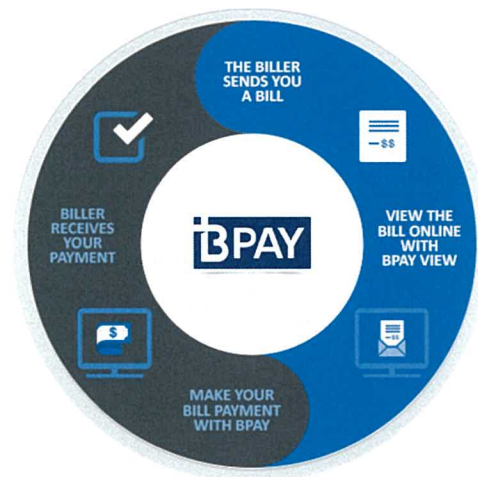
To order school uniform, use the Order Form (attached) with the students name and date of birth to submit to State Schools' Relief, if you wish to take advantage of this option, complete the required documentation and submit it to the college for processing.

Please find attached the following flyers:

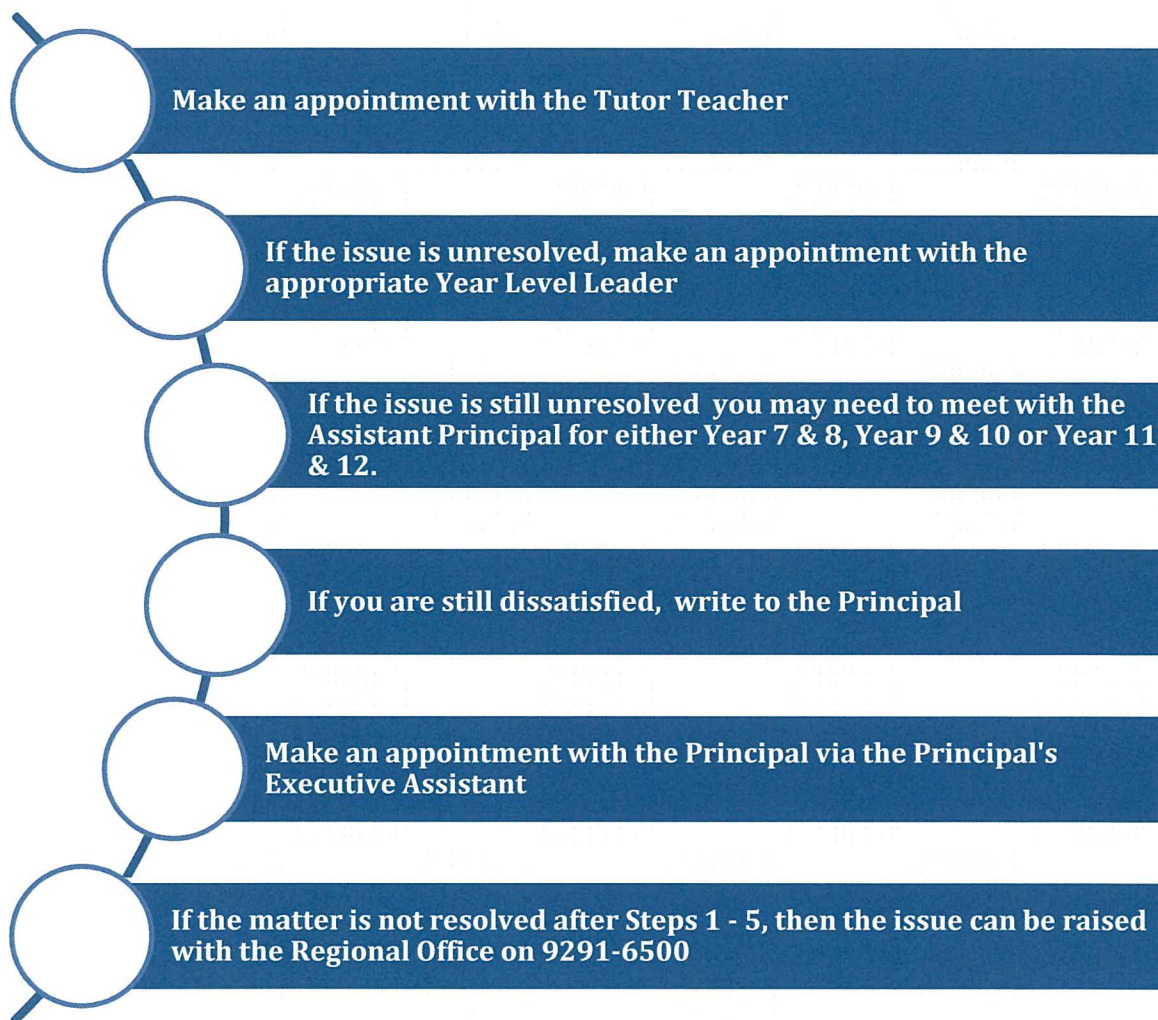
- Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund Application Form
- States Schools' Relief (Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund) 2017 Year 7 Uniform Pack Fact Sheets for parents
- 2017 Year 7 CSEF Uniform Pack Order Form
- **Netta Ferlazzo - Business Manager**

THE COLLEGE NOW OFFERS BPAY

Pay family payments online fast.
Just enter the BPAY Biller Code, your reference number, the amount and the payment date, and you're done.
Biller code and reference numbers now appear on your family statements.



COMMUNICATION/GRIEVANCE PROCESS



COMMUNITY NEWS

Netball Club

Werribee Stingerz Netball Club is a new and vibrant team looking for 14 - 17 year old girls interested in playing Saturday Netball under 17 Competitions.

Held at Eagle Stadium Werribee.

Training days are every Wednesday Court 15 from 4.30pm -5.30pm.

Please contact Louise Maru @ werribee.stingerz@gmail.com or call 0434026794



Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

School Council Election 2017 - Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category - members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

How many positions are available in 2017?

If you are interested in standing for election this year there are current three (3) available positions in the Parent category.

What are the crucial dates?

- **Closing date for nominations** - Monday 20th February 2017
- List of candidates and nominations will posted – Wednesday 22nd February 2017
- Ballot papers preparation and distribution – Monday 25th February 2017
- Close of ballot – Monday 6th March 2017
- First 2017 AGM Council meeting – Wednesday 15th March 2017

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

For further information please contact Wyndham Central Secondary College on 9741 4911.

School Council Elections Schedule

5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the Wyndham Central Secondary College school council.

Name :

Residential address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of....., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

an undischarged bankrupt

of unsound mind

currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or

a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate:

Date:

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on 9741 4911. If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal on 9741 4911.

School Council Elections Schedule

5B: Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate for an elected position as a parent member on the Wyndham Central Secondary College school council.

CANDIDATE'S DETAILS

Name :

Residential address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of who is/are currently enrolled at this school.
The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school.

Yes / No (please circle)

Name of Nominator :

Signature of Nominator:

Date:

CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE:

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

an undischarged bankrupt

of unsound mind

currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence

a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate:

Date:

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate and to nominate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

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Simply

- Register on the Sustainable School Shop website
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Second-hand textbook & uniform trading systems

- List Wanted & For Sale Ads (Browsers tell each other what they require and what they have to sell).
- The school's book and uniform lists are loaded into the system to make the Ad listing process easy, fast and accurate.
- Our Ad Matching service shows you
 - Exactly the right items to buy
 - Who has the most items you need
 - The cheapest items
- Assistance is provided to accurately price items.
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- Peak trading times: Textbooks: Nov-Mar Uniforms: Change of season; end of year and year start
- Listing Wanted and For Sale Ads gets results
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- Be realistic when pricing items
- Telephoning sellers provides a quicker response as many people do not regularly check their emails
- Pre-arrange who to transact with if your items are still being used and write the availability date in your Ad
- Respect other browsers and remember to Delist your Ads promptly when no longer needed
- Meet somewhere convenient to transact, don't make special trips and just fit it in to your normal activities

2017 Year 7 CSEF Uniform Pack Order Form

Wyndham Central College



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Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

About the package

In 2017 every Year7 government school student who is in receipt of the CSEF payment automatically qualifies to receive a uniform pack through State Schools' Relief (SSR). See attached Fact Sheet for Parents for details.

How to use this order form

This form has been developed to assist schools record individual student uniform requirements. Please record the required sizes for your child and return it to the school.

1. Shoes (black leather) – using the attached A3 Shoe Sizing Chart please circle 1 only

Boys Lace Up				4	5	5.5	6	6.5	7	7.5	8	8.5	9	10	11	12
Girls Lace Up			3	4	5		6		7		8		9			
Girls Tbar			3	4	5		6		7		8		9			

Note: half sizes are only available in Boys Lace Up

2. Uniform – please circle only 1 item in each box for BOYS or GIRLS

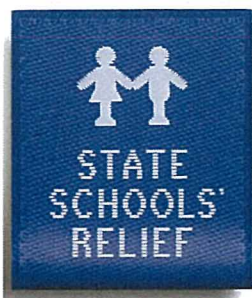
BOYS Items	Size	GIRLS Items	Size
Jumper / Rugby Top		Jumper / Rugby Top	
Shorts / Trousers		Summer Dress / Winter Skirt + Shirt / Trousers + Shirt	
Long Sleeve / Short Sleeve Shirt		<i>If not selected a Summer dress will be allocated</i>	
		Long Sleeve Shirt / Short Sleeve Shirt	

3. Size guide – using the following Size Guide write the correct size for each item selected above

	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32
Height (cms)	108	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	183	186	190	190	190	190	190
Chest (cms)	59	63	68	73	78	83	88	93	98	103	108	113	118	123	128
Waist (cms)	56	58	60	64	67	72	77	82	87	92	97	102	107	112	117
Hip (cms)	61	65	70	75	79	84	89	94	99	104	109	114	119	124	129

SCHOOL USE ONLY

Before processing this application please check and confirm your supplier details in the SSR web portal (www.ssr.net.au/schools) under UNIFORM PROFILE. If in doubt please call SSR to discuss.



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State Schools' Relief

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund 2017 Year 7 Uniform Pack

Fact sheet for parents

How can I apply for CSEF Year 7 Uniform Pack assistance?

If your child was a CSEF recipient in 2016 you can apply for a CSEF Year 7 Uniform Pack by contacting the secondary school where your child is enrolled. The secondary school will make an application on your behalf using the order form provided.

Please do not contact State Schools' Relief directly as staff cannot accept applications from parents. If you have any questions, or want to apply for assistance, please speak to your child's 2017 secondary school.

How do I get the uniform items?

All vouchers and free items provided directly by SSR will be received by your child's 2017 secondary school. The school will get in touch with you to arrange handover of uniforms and vouchers.

The voucher can be used at your child's 2017 secondary school uniform shop or uniform retailer.

The voucher will list the uniform items, with details of the maximum amount that State Schools' Relief will subsidise from the retail purchase price. If a uniform item costs more than the maximum subsidised amount State Schools' Relief will not pay for any extra cost. If a uniform item costs less than the maximum subsidised amount the difference cannot be redeemed or transferred to a different uniform item.

The vouchers are not transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash; they cannot be used to purchase extra items and State Schools' Relief does not make cash payments to schools or parents.

Can parents who are ineligible for CSEF or who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?

Yes. Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms or work boots for children who are undertaking VET In School subjects are encouraged to apply for assistance through the school where their child is enrolled.

You can talk to the school principal or wellbeing officer about your situation. The school staff will assess your family's eligibility and prepare an application on your behalf to State Schools' Relief as required.

Terms and conditions

- Only Year 2017 students who receive CSEF are automatically entitled to an uniform pack.
- Each student is eligible for only one uniform pack.
- All vouchers have an expiry date which is included on the voucher.
- Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed. Parents will have to reapply through their school for assistance.
- If uniform items cost less than the stated subsidised amount on the voucher any unused subsidy cannot:
 - be transferred to a different uniform item
 - be used to purchase an extra item; or
 - provided as cash to the school or the parent.



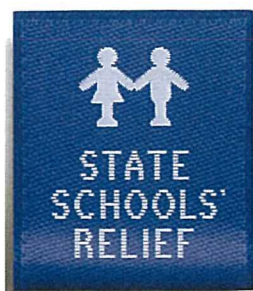
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Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund 2017 Year 7 Uniform Pack

Fact sheet for parents

Introduction to State Schools' Relief

State Schools' Relief works closely with all government schools across Victoria. Each year State Schools' Relief provides assistance to families who are experiencing financial disadvantage with school clothing, shoes and other essential items.

Introduction to the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The Victorian Government has a commitment to being the Education State, aiming to break the link between disadvantage and achievement. Through government funding the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) was established to provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports days and excursions. To find out more about CSEF or to apply for assistance go to www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

State Schools' Relief has received extra government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance and ensure no one is left behind. This extra funding is being used by State Schools' Relief to assist students who receive CSEF assistance.

2017 Year 7 Uniform Pack for CSEF recipients

In 2017 every Year 7 government school student who is a recipient of CSEF automatically qualifies to receive a uniform pack that is provided through State Schools' Relief.

If your child receives CSEF assistance and is in Year 6 in 2016 you can ask for a uniform pack to be provided by State Schools' Relief through the secondary school your child is enrolled to attend in 2017.

Parents who have already purchased their child's uniform for 2017 and then become a CSEF recipient can still apply for a CSEF Year 7 Uniform Pack in 2017.

What is in the CSEF 2017 Year 7 uniform pack?

The uniform pack includes basic uniform items needed to start secondary school.

For Year 6 students commencing Year 7 in 2017 State Schools' Relief will provide one item from each row of the table provided.

BOYS

Black leather shoes – Lace up / Skate
Jumper / Jacket / Bomber / Rugby Top
Shorts / Trousers
Long Sleeve / Short Sleeve Shirt

GIRLS

Black leather shoes – Lace up / T-Bar / Skate
Jumper / Jacket / Bomber / Rugby Top
Summer Dress / Winter Skirt + Shirt / Trousers + Shirt /
Shorts + Shirt
If above is NOT a Summer Dress then select either:
Long Sleeve Shirt / Short Sleeve Shirt

All students will also receive one free pair shoes supplied directly from SSR.

What does the CSEF Year 7 Uniform Pack cost me as a parent?

Where State Schools' Relief cannot supply uniform items directly to parents you will receive a voucher that subsidises the cost of uniform items. The voucher(s) can be redeemed at your child's school uniform shop or an independent uniform retailer which will be listed on the voucher. Parents receiving vouchers may need to make a contribution towards the cost of individual uniform items. The amount a parent has to pay will depend on the retail purchase price and the State Schools' Relief subsidy.

The vouchers provided by State Schools' Relief list every approved item for the student and the maximum purchase value that State Schools' Relief will subsidise for each item. Parents who receive vouchers can work out how much extra they may need to pay towards uniform items using the school's uniform price list.



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CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2017) or term two (18 April 2017).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. .

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office by **30 June, 2017** which is the closing date for applications.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

Wyndham Central College

School Name

7402

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster parent* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____