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Welcome to our Parent Newsletter.

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We have enjoyed a very positive term so far with our students engaging in their studies.

The Swimming Carnival held on Friday 17th February was again a great success with many swimming achievements by our students. Our sincere thanks to Ms Angie Gogos for her excellent

organisation as our new sporting carnival leader and to our students for their fantastic participation. As always it was a wonderful day for all students to support their house by presenting in an array of clever and colourful outfits. Well done to Yellow house who is at the top of the leader board for 2017 so far. The opportunity for other houses to compete will be coming up on Monday 27th March at our athletics carnival. Parents are most welcome to watch their child compete but as we are a 'safe school' parents are asked to remain in the assigned parent area. Look for the new guest banner and designated parent area.

20th March 2017

Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence!

1	IMPORTANT DATES
22 March	Year 7's Meet the Parents Afternoon 3:30 pm
24 March	Reports Distributed
27 March	Athletics Carnival
30 March	Parent Teacher Interviews 4pm – 7pm
31 March	Parent Teacher Interviews 9am – 1pm
31 March	End of Term 1
17 April	Easter Monday
18 April	Term 2 begins
25 April	Public Holiday – ANZAC Day
1 – 5 May	Year 10 Work Experience
4 May	Cross Country

Open Night

On Tuesday the 7th of March we held our first Open night for parents of grade 5/6 students and once again it was an excellent opportunity to showcase the school. We have also held a number of school tours and have had a great response. We look forward to meeting many of these new families when they join our school community in 2018. Due to an increased demand for more tours and a second presentation night the school will be offering other opportunities at the beginning of term 2. We will be advertising new dates shortly.

Communication via Compass

All new families should by now have received their password to access compass. Please ensure that all families login regularly as there are updates posted on this site frequently. It is also a great way to keep in touch with the tutor and class teachers, check your child's attendance, work schedule, and their reports. If you are having any difficulties in accessing Compass please call our IT support team at the college on 9741 4911.

Our next opportunity to meet with your child's tutor teacher and their classroom teachers is available at the college Parent Teacher Interviews, Thursday 30th March 4.00pm-7.00pm, and Friday 31st March 9.30am – 1.00pm Please keep these dates free and be ready to book your appointments via Compass.

Reminder: All students are expected to be at school by 8.45am in full school uniform, with their binder, laptop and ready to learn. Attached to the newsletter is an extract of our supervision policy. Please note when the yard is supervised before and after school. It is important to note that students are not permitted on the school site outside of these hours. For children's safety please ensure you are aware of the policy and support our school community by adhering to the guidelines and times.

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

Students on school premises Before School & After School Please see below an extract from Wyndham Central College's Supervision and Duty of Care Policy

Students will be supervised for a minimum of 10 minutes before and after school. This supervision will include the following:

- Monitoring of entry or exit points and/or designated pick up and drop off areas
- Supervision of the arrival and departure of school contract buses

At Wyndham Central College supervision at the beginning of the school day will commence at **8.30am**. This supervision will include **Buses Location 1 and Buses Location 2**.

Supervision at the end of the school day will be provided until 3.20pm for all students. This supervision will include Buses Location 1, Buses Location 2, Shaw's Road near the Gate Location 7 each until 3.20. DET – Detention Duty until 3.40.

Other supervision may be required if students are needed for CAT/SAC resits until 4.15.

If a parent, guardian and/or carer (or other authorised person) drops off or otherwise arranges for a student to be on the school premises before supervision commences at the beginning of the day, the principal or via the Assistant Principals or the Year level leading teachers will, as soon as practicable, follow up with the parent, guardian and/or carer to:

- advise of the supervision arrangements before school, and
- request that the parent, guardian or carer make alternate arrangements.

If a parent, guardian and/or carer (or other authorised person) has failed to collect the student after school, the next steps may include some or all of the following:

- Attempting to contact the parents, guardians or carers
- Attempting to contact the emergency contacts
- Contacting the Victoria Police and/or the Department of Human Services (Child Protection) to arrange for the supervision, care and protection of the student

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.

New Crossing Supervisor

In the interest of student safety and the efficiency of the school buses, the College now has a Crossing Supervisor in the bus service road (Market Road Extension) near the College basketball courts. The supervisor will be responsible for controlling the traffic and supervising the crossing of students.

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. Your child should have a note to explain a known lateness.

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

Reminder to all parents: If you have uniform that your child has grown out of or no longer requires you are able to advertise this on the SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP website. You will deal directly with the person who wishes to purchase items from you. Also if you are looking for pre-loved uniform items please have a look at the site.

Sustainable School Shop also deals with text books and novels so please remember at the end of 2017 you may wish to sell some of your child's resources.

You can access Sustainable School Shop at: www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

Brief information about the Stocktake Report and the Stocktake hyperlink: http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/stocktake/wyndham-central-secondary-college

Below is a list of dates that may assist you with the peak second-hand uniform trading activity times.

1st November to 28th Feb:

Busiest period.

1st April to 30th May:

Change of season. Very busy buying and selling time.

1st September to 30 October:

Change of season. Very busy buying and selling time.

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.



The Year 7 and 8 students are quickly approaching the end of Term 1. While this has been a short term it has been full of educational value. Students are well settled, caring for our environment and the behaviour and work output in classes is excellent. It is lovely to be proud of all of our students in uniform, in class, on time and ready to learn.

The Year 7 students have settled in well, and they have over 20 Year 10 buddies looking after them. There have been lunch time activities provided by them to keep all students occupied. Additionally, a local community group comes in every Wednesday lunch time to play competition down ball. This always draws a large crowd of about 40 players. We have the school choir and the new board game/chess club students can involve themselves in.

As Term 1 is a short term there a lot to fit in - please take the opportunity over the Easter holidays to ensure all of your child's work is up to date and complete. Spend some time looking through their planners and their AVID binders so they can show you their hard work.

Please take full advantage of the parent/teacher interviews on Thursday

30th March and Friday 31st March. Please also ensure any outstanding absences for your child are approved by contacting your child's tutor teacher by the end of the term.

As always we encourage open communication with staff and hence if you have any questions please contact your child's tutor teacher via Compass.

Yvonne Harvey - Assistant Principal - Year 7 & 8

YEAR 7 REPORT

The last six weeks has been an exciting time for Year 7's. Students have settled in well and are finding their way in the Wyndham Central College Community. They have participated in their house colours at their first secondary swimming carnival and showed excellent house spirit on the day. During tutor time Year 7's have been working on their Cornell notes and organisation skills. They have also started looking at their career pathways by exploring the new careers portal. The Year 7 tutor time Common Assessment Task (CAT) has started on organisation, self-discipline and community building.

I would like to introduce the Class Captains for 2017:

7A Payton Nuku
7B: Ravneet Kaur
7C: Jessica Scott
7D: Lucas Shillingford
7E: Joshua Cefala Lopez
7F: Xavier Galpin

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7H: Shala Ber Moo Shala Ber Moo

7J: Ashlee Sewastenko

Furthermore, the three Student Representative Council representatives for 2017 are:

Nadim Kibria Henry Zhang Madeliene Kaksa

The first role for the Year 7 Leaders was to be School Ambassadors at the Grade 5 & 6 Information night. Staff were very proud of these students who represented the school expectations and spirit on the night. Special thanks needs to go to Nadim, Henry and Ravneet who presented speeches on the night.

A reminder that there will be a meet the Parent/Teacher BBQ on Wednesday 22nd March from 3.30pm -4.30pm. This will be a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers. Please enter the school via the Shaws Road gate. The BBQ will be held in the Year 7 playground.

Stephanie Zahra - Year 7 Level Leader <u>zahra.stephanie.e@edumail.vic.gov.au</u>

YEAR 8 REPORT

As we approach the end of term, many students must be congratulated on their efforts in upholding the school's values of respect, co-operation and excellence. This is evident with a number of students now getting close to achieving their bronze merit.

After a process of nominating, giving a speech and being elected by their peers, congratulations must also go to the following students who are representing their class as class captains for the year:

8A: Reuben Johnny and Alyshah Mistero
8B: Janae Sadkowski and Deaking Franklin
8C: Sharni Arenas and Cayden Preston
8D: Mikaelah Crane and Ahbab Shabab

8E: Eh Bway Say Kaei and Aye Thu Aung Maungkyein

8F: Jason Martinez- Foley and Chelsea Franks
8G: Mahmut Kaya and Jade Pittoto-Underwood

8H: Aalihya Beaton and Nge Dah Lu Wah 8J: Eden Mitchell and Jordan Tueipi In exciting news, the year 8 Camp to Neerim East will be proceeding during week 1 of Term 3 (Wednesday 19th July to Friday 21st July). An information evening for all interested parents/ students is being held on Thursday 30th March at 7pm (after parent- teacher interviews). We look forward to seeing you all there.

Ashley Rowe- Year 8 Level Leader

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The semester is in full swing in the Middle School. Students are consistently reminded to be on time, in uniform, with all their equipment and ready to learn. This is important in order for students to stay on top of their work and to achieve their academic goals.

Our overall emphasis in the middle school is on taking responsibility for behaviours, accepting the consequence and 'putting it right'. Many of our students have taken on board the messages given to them at Year Level Assemblies; our message with middle school students this term is 'we are here to learn and it is never ok to disturb the learning of others.' We have been impressed with the number of students that have taken it upon themselves to create productive learning environments and working towards achieving their best academic outcomes. In order to enhance their learning, it is important that students set and work towards personal learning goals.

Except in cases of illness, students are required to attend school every day. This includes sporting carnivals, excursions and school activities. Any student absent from school needs to provide a parent/guardian note for being away from their learning program. This note must be given to their tutor teacher on the day they return to school. Students must also be at school and arrive at all classes including tutor group, on time every day.

Overall, the vast majority of our students are wearing the correct college uniform in line with our uniform policy. If you are unsure of the uniform policy, please check your child's planner for more information. Students out of uniform need to bring a note and obtain a uniform pass from their Year Level Administrator.

We appreciate your support and value your assistance in ensuring your child achieves their best in all areas of school life.

Connie Faranda - Acting Assistant Principal - Year 9 & 10

YEAR 9 REPORT

Term 1 is almost at a close, and has seemingly flown by. The Year 9 students have shown great commitment to their studies and I am impressed by their endeavors and educational focus for this important year. We recently had a visit from members of the Werribee Police Force Proactive Operative to speak to the students about their awareness of Cyber Bullying. It was an invaluable and eye opening presentation that outlined the legal ramifications and what to be conscious of in regards to social media and sending and receiving information online. Students also had the opportunity to ask questions of the officers and many students showed interest in their roles and jobs in the Police Force.

Wyndham Central College's two major sports carnivals are held during the first term (swimming and athletics). With the Year 9 cohort having the best showing of swimming participation in recent memory, the day was a complete success with Yellow House taking out the overall prize.

Congratulations to the following students who were standout performers and accumulated the most pints for their House.

- Tara Gallop
- Jesse Preston

They were supported by the following students who are this year's Middle Years House Captains:

- Yellow- Tara Gallop
- ▶ Blue- Kristvlitia Taulapapa
- ▶ Red- Suily Ngun Peng Thang
- Green- Bizawit Mokenen

Congratulations also to the following students, who were elected by their peers to be class captains. This is a great responsibility and honor placed upon them to uphold the high standards of the class and demonstrate the SWPB.

9A:	Taylah Alexander and Dabbal Hunde
9B:	Kartik Madulla and Maggie Ung
9C:	Crystell Castillon
9D:	Jamie Krznaric and Kyla Young
9E:	Chloe Chaney
9F:	Ofeina Takatu'u
9G:	Dylan Pritchard
9H:	Nyee Lay JU
9J:	Jack Pecora and Kelly-Ann Savage

The athletics will be held on 27th March and we encourage all Year 9 students to again support their House by participating in the traditional and novelty events offered.

Some important notes to be mindful of going forward:

Please be aware of the school uniform policy. Hoodies, runners and non- uniform hats are not permitted at school. Please see the student planner for further information.

All students are required to complete all Common Assessment Tasks (CATs) for each class. Resits are available for students to gain a satisfactory pass. Resits are held after school and students will bring a note home for your signature.

If a student is absent, please be sure to contact the school and the student must bring an absence note upon their return.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Chad Cook - Year 9 Level Leader

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YEAR 10 REPORT

It has been a settled and productive start to 2017. Students have made the transition to Year 10 and have settled in well in the Monash Building. We have seen the recent running of the latest edition of the Swimming Carnival, with most Year 10 students involving themselves in traditional races, novelty events, and supporting and cheering. A big congratulations to all students who participated, and well done to members of the winning 'Yellow' house.

Some important items to note at this time of year is the Common Assessment Task (CAT) resit process. If a student misses a CAT in any subject, the process is for students and parents to sign the CAT resit form and reschedule the completion of the CAT within seven days of the original date of the CAT being administered. If this does not occur, students will receive an N for that task. CAT resits are held every Monday and Wednesday afternoon in M11. Please contact myself, subject teachers, or tutor teachers if further clarity is required.

Parents/Guardians please note that Year 10 students who are completing a VCE subject, including Industry and Enterprise, will complete the VCE Scored Assessment Coursework (SAC) Resit Form for any resits they require for their VCE unit.

Students have now received their new laptops. All students are required to have a laptop and it is an opportune time to discuss safe and responsible use of internet while utilising this great resource.

Finally, students will be completing the first of two 'Elevate' session this week. The session involves skill building aimed at improving time management and study techniques. The second session will be held in Term 2.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the election of our 4 Student Representative Council representatives- Leejana Georgakopoulos, Nathan Sciretta, Emily Cooney, and Bryce Porter.

Classes have also elected class captains, and our leaders include:

10A:

Taydem Sutcliffe-Gilmore

10B:

Kiana Strong

10C:

Sagal Elmi

10D:

Rose Crossley

10E:

Nagat Ahmed

10F:

Ebony Harding

We look forward to a successful and rewarding 2017 with all of the Year 10 students. Please feel free to contact me on the following email address if you have any questions, thoughts or feedback.

Simon Thorley - Year 10 Level Leader

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Progress checks have been completed by teachers and have been placed on Compass and mailed to parents of VCE or VCAL students. These are completed for students who have outstanding class work and are at risk of not obtaining a satisfactory pass for a particular subject. If you do receive a progress check could you please discuss this with your son/daughter and ensure that the necessary work is completed and submitted to the appropriate teacher. I would like to remind parents about the College promotion policy and that students must maintain a satisfactory attendance of 100% in all subject areas. If senior students are absent on the day of a Scored Assessment Coursework then they must provide a doctors certificate to be able to sit the SAC for a scored assessment. All students were given a College planner (diary) at the commencement of this year and I encourage all parents to look through this planner and support your child to use it for writing in important dates and homework. Please also use and check the planner for two way communication, between home and the school.

Thank you to the parents and students who attended the Senior Years information session on the 23rd February. I hope that the vital information provided will assist parents in supporting your son/daughter throughout their final years of their schooling.

I encourage you to please make contact with your son/daughters Tutor Teacher if you have any concerns so that they can be dealt with in a timely fashion.

Bryan Woollard - Assistant Principal - Year 11 & 12

YEAR 11 REPORT

Stress Management Workshop

On Tuesday the 7th of February all Year 11 students attended a presentation from Dr. Alfi, a chiropractor at Point Cook Chiropractic. He spoke to the students about what stress is, how it could be managed and shared some of his experiences at school. We have been doing some follow up session in tutor time with this. Thank you to Mrs. Bumpstead for her organization of the workshops and follow up activities.

Progress checks:

Last week teachers completed progress checks that were available through Compass for students they were concerned about. Students must ensure they complete all outstanding work as specified on the checks to ensure that they pass their subjects. If you have any questions about these reports please speak to the classroom teacher for that subject.

If you have any questions throughout the year, please feel free to contact myself or your child's Tutor Teacher via Compass. Thank you.

Rebecca Sandlant - Year 11 Level Leader

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YEAR 12 REPORT

Firstly, I would like to thank all of the parents and students who attended our VCE Parent Information night in late February. Time was spent discussing the requirements of the VCE/VCAL programs and other important information. The highlight of the night was the presentation by two of our past students Muskan Puri and Kaitlin Carfora, whom both achieved ATAR scores in the nineties in 2016. The girls shared many pearls of wisdom with those in attendance and we appreciate their assistance on the night.

Year 12 students will be attending an assembly in which Ms. Karlovic and Ms. Siragusano who will be presenting them with information on careers and the upcoming pathways interviews. Along with this, Mr. Woollard will also be presenting some important wellbeing information, aimed at giving students the skills they need to manage stress when it arises.

At this point in time, Year 12 students should be working diligently at school and at home, but also using this time to find a balance between their school life and other activities (work, hobbies, relaxation etc.).

Parent teacher Interviews will be occurring on Thursday 30th - Friday 31st of March. This is a great opportunity to meet with teachers and receive feedback on your child's progress. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Marie Milkovic - Year 12 Level Leader

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Please find attached the College Career Newsletter for March 2017.



Wyndham Central College Swimming Carnival

Our annual Swimming Carnival that was held at Lara Swimming Pool was a great success. There was a positive community spirit, with all houses getting actively involved through their participation and their creative chants to support their peers.

Congratulations to all students who competed in the events for the day. A special mention to the following students who have been recognised as their year level Swimming Champions for receiving the most points on the day for their houses.

Year 7 Amelia Mcauliffe GREEN Brandon Maxwell BLUE

Year 9
Tara Gallop YELLOW
Jesse Preston YELLOW

Year 11 Allie Currell BLUE Maleek Afuamua YELLOW Year 8 Holly Darcy GREEN Brett Crossley RED

Year 10
Ebony Harding RED and Emma Hills GREEN
Brad Mandawe BLUE

Year 12 Lauren Cooper YELLOW Vasilios Tsakouleris GREEN

Congratulations to YELLOW HOUSE who were the overall winners on the day.

The district swimming carnival was held on Thursday the 2nd of March. Wyndham Central College had a great turn out of students competing in numerous events, well done to everyone that participated.

Congratulations to Tara Gallop, Holly Darcy and Emma Hills who came 1st in their events. These students will represent Wyndham Central College at the Western Metropolitan Region which will be held on the 30th of March.





Senior Interschool Volleyball

Nineteen VCE students represented Wyndham Central College in a Senior Interschool Volleyball competition at Eagle Stadium on Friday 3rd March. Students displayed great sportsmanship, interschool spirit and enjoyed the collegial atmosphere of the day. Our College was well represented with a full Senior Boys and Senior Girls team who both played three competitive games throughout the day. The competition was a round robin system played with two draws between six schools: Suzanne Cory, The Grange, Tarneit Senior College, Hoppers Crossing Secondary College, Manor Lakes College and Wyndham Central College.

Senior Boys

Senior Boys faced strong competition with schools having state players in their teams. Despite playing well they lost their first two games to Suzanne Corey and The Grange. In their closely fought third match against Tarniet Secondary College; our boys dropped the first set but dug deep to make a rousing comeback to win the next two sets and walked away with a win for the day, finishing 5th overall.

Well done to all of the Senior Boys players who showed great sportsmanship. Honorable mention to Sandy Lambert, Jason King and Connor McIntosh who played strong shots on the day. Appreciation to Doh Hel Thay Maung, Thet Win Oo Wah and Htee Eh Chris Htoo who were also highly supportive of the Girls team throughout the day.



Back left to right: Sandy Lambert, Liam Jones, Doh Hel Thay Maung, Vasilios Tsakouleris and Josh Gangur. Front left to right: Thet Win Oo Wah, Connor McIntosh, Jason King and Htee Eh Chris Htoo

Team Vic State Trials

Registrations now open for: Australian Football, Basketball, Cricket, Football (Soccer), Golf, Netball, Swimming, Tennis, Touch Football, and Volleyball. Some of these sports close 10 March. So register before it's too late. Please the website for details http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/

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



In 2017, the Student Representative Council have divided into four targeted project groups within the college. Led by our college captains, the four specific target groups focus on Diversity and Inclusion, Sustainability and the Environment, Charity and Fundraising as well as Student Voice within the school community.

The student representatives have successfully organised "Out of School Uniform Day on National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, displayed advertising regarding Diversity and Inclusion within the college, created a Games Club held on Thursday lunchtimes as well as building on the already established breakfast club.

With many more creative ideas flowing, 2017 will be a very exciting year at Student Representative Council.

As your SRC representatives, we are pleased to have the great opportunity of being the voice of 2017 for our year level. We are looking forward to what the journey has installed for us. As you are all aware, the SRC held an 'out of school uniform' day on the 17th of March, where students who participated gave a gold coin donation that will go towards State Schools Relief. A reminder that if students have any ideas or improvements you would like for our school/year level, to please see Bailey Pettitt or Rosaline Taulapapa. We thank you all again for letting us be your representatives © we wish you all the very best for this year! Bailey and Rosaline (Year 11 SRC)

Scott Lynch - SRC Leader

HANDS ON LEARNING

A big hello from David and Steph! We have kicked off the Hands On Learning program and are currently in our fifth week. The students have been busy working on a number of projects around the school. The main project we have been working on is painting the concrete seats around the school, see pictures below! They have also worked on the courtyard area near the science building to fix up the seating and beautify the area, installed a flue in our shed, started working on the billy-carts for the billy-cart race at the end of next term and other small projects around the shed. We are both impressed with how hard the students have been working, not only on the projects around the school but also with their other responsibilities in the program. We have also received a lot of great feedback from the teachers and staff so well done to the students! We have a few open spaces in the program so if any students were wanting to be a part of it they can speak to their Year Level Leaders or wellbeing.













David Taylor & Stephanie Tucker



KOORI NEWS

Our First Koori Gathering - On Thursday 9th March, our Koori students all came together for a Meet and Greet with Judy Dalton Walsh, the College's Koori Engagement School Officer. The group shared many laughs over morning tea as they got to know each other and find out about the opportunities that are out there for Koori students to help them reach their education goals. Judy and Malek, one of our year 11 Koori students, who Judy now calls 'Mouth' taught the group some native words in their native tongue and made sure there was no mixing up words to avoid embarrassment.



During the session each student received a pack to take home with information about how Judy can support every Koori student with their educational needs. A pack was also sent home to those Koori students who missed out on the session. If you are Koori and didn't receive a pack, come and see Ms. Stevenson at school.

We hope it was the first of many get-togethers for our Koori students as the group enjoyed getting to know each other and found more familiar faces to look out for in the College.

As Malek said to all the students at the end their time together, 'if you see someone in the yard go up and say hello and look out for each other'.

Look out for our lunchtime get-togethers that are starting soon. See Ms. Stevenson for details.

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

Games/ Chess Club

Games/Chess Club will run for students in the Deakin Building (Year 9 Common Area) every Thursday during lunchtime.

World Book



Good news! Wyndham Central College subscribes to the World Book Web.

Our World Book subscription allows us to give you and your family access to this valuable reference source at your home computers 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

Access to the World Book Web is through Compass (student portal) via our website. Parents can also access World Book Web via the parent portal via our website.

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 costs to students – Sponsored by LET'S FEED

Scott Lynch - Breakfast Club Co-ordinator







CANTEEN NEWS

WIN 2 MOVIE TICKETS

Purchase any 600 ml OAK Flavoured Milk with a Hot Dog for just \$6.00

Every purchase gives you a ticket into the draw to win.

Drawn on the 30th March



On now at the Canteen

ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

For the safety of staff students, all visitors to the school must report to the front office (including parents) and log into Compass. 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.

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

Make an appointment with the Tutor Teacher

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

If the issue is still unresolved you may need to meet with the Assistant Principal for either Year 7 & 8, Year 9 & 10 or Year 11 & 12.

If you are still dissatisfied, write to the Principal

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

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



See attached flyers



March, 2017

The Wyndham Central College Career Newsletter will be published fortnightly to keep students informed of events relating to their career pathways. It will include information regarding tertiary pathways – University & TAFE – as well as employment/industry pathways. The Careers Office, in the Student Services Centre, is a resource centre for our students with current institutional handbooks and brochures at their disposal. Students are invited to visit, browse and question. An open door policy exits to ensure students make informed decisions about future pathways. Initial Year 12 interviews will commence shortly to assist students with the momentous decisions facing them this year. Parents/guardians are welcome to take advantage of the services provided. Appointments can be made to discuss the future pathways of their children. This is a condensed version of the newsletter. The full edition can be found on the College website via the Careers link.

WHAT IS 'CAREER NEWS' ALL ABOUT?

Career decisions are some of the most important ones of your life, so getting help in making those decisions is vital.

Career News is one source of information available to you.

Career News will be published fortnightly throughout the year, providing information about how to choose a career, about information sessions being held on various courses and careers, Open Days at institutions of interest, Career Expos, insights into a number of careers, and where you can get help.

Students who do their research during Year 9-12 usually find it easier to make some career decisions at the end of Year 12.

CAREER TOOLS: ONLINE RESOURCE...

RE: wcccareers.com – the new comprehensive online careers resource

Wyndham Central College has now provided its students and their parents/guardians with a 'School Careers Website'. You can find 'Career Tools' on the Pathways Portal under Student/Parent Links on the College Homepage.

It's a "One Stop Shop" for students' needs with their Career Planning, Information, VCE, Post School Options and much more.

Students can also use it to create and save their resume.

The site is also designed with the parent/guardian in mind, to provide both students and parents/guardians with all the information needed about the students' Career/Pathway Planning and post school options – and the information is constantly changing in these areas.

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REMINDERS:

- UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE AT MONASH UMAT applications close at 5pm, 2 June. Test is 26 July. The UMAT Information Booklet is available online at http://umat.acer.edu.au.
- FIND OUT ABOUT MONASH COURSES by attending an 'Inside Monash' seminar, 6.30-8pm.

Coming soon: **March** 7th Arts, 8th Business, 9th Science, 28th Pharmacy; **April** 6th Design and Fine Art, 11th Architecture, 12th Interior Architecture

Register: www.monash.edu/inside-monash;

• MONASH INTERNATIONAL VCE STUDENT EXPERIENCE DAY – 9.30am-3pm, Friday 31 March, Exhibition Space H1.16, Building H, Caulfield Campus

Information: <u>h</u>

http://www.monash.edu/monash-international-student-experience-day

amy.little@monash.edu.au.

INTERESTED IN AVIATION? Then attend the AIRSHOW 2017. Public sessions: 10am-4.30pm, Fri 3 March – Sun 5 March, Avalon Airport Geelong
 Bookings/ information: www.airshow.com.au.

SOME OPEN DAY DATES FOR 2017...

These dates are supplied now **for your diaries**. Attendance at Open Days is **vital** for senior school students. They are especially important for courses which involve a **folio presentation**, **an interview**, **an audition or completion of some type of information kit** as part of the application process (eg many art, design, drama and music courses).

You need to see the facilities, go to an information session, talk to staff/students, and compare institutions.

- AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU): Sunday 13 August (Melbourne), Sunday 27 August (Ballarat)
- BOX HILL INSTITUTE: Sunday 20 August (Lilydale), Sunday 27 August (Box Hill)
- **DEAKIN UNIVERSITY**: Sunday 6 August (Warrnambool), Sunday 20 August (Geelong), Sunday 27 August (Melbourne)
- FEDERATION UNIVERSITY: Sunday 27 August (Ballarat, Berwick and Gippsland)
- HOLMESGLEN: Thursdays book on-line
- LA TROBE UNIVERSITY: Sunday 6 August (Melbourne), Sunday 27 August (Bendigo)
- MELBOURNE POLYTECHNIC: Saturday 19 August (Preston)
- MONASH UNIVERSITY: Saturday 5 August (Peninsula), Sunday 6 August (Caulfield and Clayton), Sunday 20 August (Parkville)
- RMIT: Sunday 13 August (City and Bundoora)
- SWINBURNE: Sunday 30 July (Hawthorn)
- UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE: Sunday 20 August (Parkville)
- VICTORIA UNIVERSITY: Sunday 20 August (Footscray)



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SWINBURNE NEWS...

Swinburne is both a **University and a TAFE provider**. Its main campus is in Hawthorn, right by Glenferrie station. It also has campuses in Croydon and Wantirna. It offers courses through from Certificates to Doctorates.

- **GROWTH** Swinburne experienced a **15% increase** in first preference applications for courses for 2017 over the previous year. There was also a 5% increase in offers of places at Swinburne.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS** From 2017 onwards, scholarships of \$5,000pa will be automatically offered to Swinburne applicants who receive an ATAR of 95 or more (no separate application required). Various grants are also available (apply direct to Swinburne). In addition, the **High Achievers Program** (HAP) will provide students receiving an ATAR of 95 or more with mentors, a personalised program, projects, and one-on-one assistance.
- **NEW COURSES AT SWINBURNE IN 2017** will be the **Bachelor of Nursing** (with a technology focus) and the **Bachelor of Engineering Practice**. There will also be a **Diploma of Advanced Technologies**.
- Swinburne is commencing an EARLY LEADERS PROGRAM.
 - The ELP provides secondary students with opportunities to build and document their individual strengths and interests. The program identifies students who show enthusiasm and achievement in areas outside their secondary studies, including volunteer work, club or society participation, school projects and career exploration. Part of the reason for this program is that students are individuals with individual talents that may not be recognised by the ATAR system. NOTE: It is not an early offer program. The program is aimed at students in Year 11.

Register interest at: http://www.swinburne.edu.au/early-leaders.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS...

La Trobe's main campus is located at Bundoora (Melbourne), and has campuses in Bendigo, Albury-Wodonga, Shepparton and Mildura. La Trobe turns 50 this year!

'EXPERIENCE LA TROBE' – How can you find out about studying at La Trobe University? Experience La Trobe provides an opportunity to attend workshops, lectures, and seminars whilst being exposed to areas of the university not usually available on Open Day.

When: Melbourne: 9.30am – 4.30pm, Friday 7 April & Thursday 6 July.

Country campuses have Experience Days later in the year.

Registrations and information: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events/experience-la-trobe-events

ASPIRE – La Trobe has offered the ASPIRE program for three years now. ASPIRE students have shown a
significant commitment to their community through volunteerism, service and leadership. As a result
of this, ASPIRE students are able to access a place at La Trobe on a significantly lower ATAR than
otherwise required.

WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE...

William Angliss Institute is a specialist centre for food, tourism, hospitality and events careers. Located in La Trobe St Melbourne, it offers modern training facilities, a training restaurant, demonstration kitchens and a wide range of courses from certificates to degrees.



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• Applications are now open for **CERT III in AVIATION (crew**), starting in April. The course is for full-time study only and program runs from April to September.

Apply direct to William Angliss at www.angliss.edu.au.

NOTE: airlines provide their own training in addition to this.

• The William Angliss Skills and Jobs Centre will be holding an industry insight into the travel and tourism industry, designed for those interested in pursuing a tourism career who would like to gain knowledge of the industry.

When: 4pm, Thursday 16 March

Where: William Angliss Institute, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne.

Register on the William Angliss website.

• The Institute is conducting **School Holiday Programs** in April, July and September. These will involve **hands-on activities** in one specialist area, a campus **tour**, catered **lunch** and **course information session**.

The April session will be on Thursday 13 April. Book on-line.

Mrs Kathy Karlovic Pathways & Transitions Leader Tel: 9741 4911 Ext.924/925



In the spirit of reconciliation you are invited to attend a community tree planting event.

A day for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people to come together and celebrate our culture.

When: Saturday 3rd June

Time: 10:00 am - 3:00pm

Where: President's Park Wyndham Vale, McGrath Rd

Melways Ref 205 -E1

10:15am - Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony

10:45am - Tree Planting

12:30 - Lunch

1:30 – Tree planting

3:00 - Finish



Healthy BBQ Lunch & Aboriginal Food truck

Plant a tree to receive a free lunch

Grab a free information pack (including seedlings for your home garden)

For more information contact:

Rebecca Monohan - rebecca.monohan@wyndham.vic.gov.au











FRIDAY 7TH APRIL

12PM-4.30PM

ENCORE EVENTS CENTRE 80 DERRIMUT ROAD, HOPPERS CROSSING

LIVE BANDS, ARTISTS & DJS / AMUSEMENTS FREE FOOD / MARKET STALLS / FACE PAINTING + HEAPS MORE

FULLY SUPERVISED DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 03 8734 1355 OR VISIT US AT THE YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRE, 86 DERRIMUT RD, HOPPERS CROSSING HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/YOUTHINWYNDHAM/

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