



The Wyndham WAY

Respect, Co-Operation & Excellence

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Welcome to our Parent Newsletter.

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

12th February 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Education is the most
powerful weapon which you
can use to change the
world!!

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to staff, students, families and members of our Wyndham Central College community. I extend an especially warm welcome to all those who have joined the College for the first time this year.

It has been a pleasure to meet our new Year 7 cohort and many of their parents and carers. We look forward to working with you all over the next 6 years and hope your time with us is both positive and successful.

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. I extend my best wishes to everyone for a brilliant 2018 and in particular to our year 12 cohort who will be completing their final units of their VCE or senior VCAL certificate and who are preparing for their pathway to University, TAFE or Employment.

New Staff

Due to a year of growth in student numbers and once again being a 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:

Assistant Principal Years 7/8 Ms Megan Taylor
Year 7 Year Level leader Ms Laura Newton
Year 9 Year Level Leader Ms Grace Hawke

Faculty Classroom teacher
English: Ms Belinda Melvin, Ms Fay Barrow, Ms Niru Fernando, Mr Jonathan Nitschke
Mathematics: Ms Michelle Shen and Mr Andre Bernardi
Technology: Mr Peter Sonneveld
Languages: Ms Maiko Yamane (Japanese), Ms Fabiola Sierra Cortes (Spanish) and a new language assistant from Spain, Mr Antonio Mendes
Arts: Ms Monica D'Alessandro (Art), and Mr Jesse Damjanovski (Music),
Health & PE: Mr George Conway and Ms Nicole Smith
Science: Ms Caitlin Barbante and Mr Nigel Keyi
Humanities: Mr Jackie Livingstone
Student services: Ms Olivia Southerton

IMPORTANT DATES

13 th February	AVID Family Day
14 th February	School Photos
16 th February	Swimming Carnival
20 th February	Year 10 Parent Information Night 6:30 pm
20 th February	Year 11 & 12 Parent Information Night 7:30 pm
27 th February	School Photos Catch Up
1 st March	Year 8 Camp Information Night 7 pm
5 th March	Year 7 Meet & Greet BBQ 5pm
8 th March	Grade 5/6 Parent Information Night 7pm
9 th March	Year 7 Immunisations
12 th March	Public Holiday (Labour Day)
19 th March	Athletics Carnival
28 th March	Last day for Term 1
28 th March	Parent Teacher Interviews 4pm – 7pm
29 th March	Parent Teacher Interviews 9:30 am – 1:30pm
30 th March	Public Holiday (Good Friday)

2018 Priorities

A continuing focus on implementing the Victorian Curriculum 7-10 and ensuring that our instructional model AVID is implemented with fidelity is the basis of our daily work. A renewed focus on student leadership, voice and agency will see many improved and new opportunities for our students in 2018 and we look forward to sharing with our community the opportunities and student success. Parents/Guardians are also encouraged to take up many new initiatives that will be introduced over this coming year designed to support your children with their learning. A reminder that our Compass system will provide updates regularly. To support our communication strategies could all parents please update any address, telephone and email details that may have changed over January. This can be done via our front office or via Compass.

Uniform Reminder

Our Uniform Policy is available on the school website and in student planners. The expectation for 2018 is that all students will come to school in full school uniform, which includes the blazer and tie, and should 'wear the uniform with pride' in line with our SWPBS matrix. Please refer to the policy to ensure you and your children are aware of expectations and appropriate combinations of items. Parents will be informed when uniforms do not meet the expected standard via our student management system.

School Captains.

I am very excited to be working closely with our Student Representative Council, School leaders and in particular our School Captains. Congratulations to our 2018 captains Grace Deng, Lisa McAuliffe, Ashley Shanks and Hassan Nur Hussein Abdi.

School Council Vacancy

Parents have the opportunity to contribute to the school via the school council and council sub-committees. You will find in this newsletter an invitation to parents to consider nominating to be an active member of the 2018 college council.

I am looking forward to leading the Wyndham Central College community in 2018 and I value your feedback and suggestions as we work together to continue to create a great school community for all students as they continue on their educational journey.

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

CHANGES FOR 2018

Parking

As of 2018, parking in the gravel area opposite the College (Galvin Park Oval) will not be accessible due to Wyndham City Council construction. For student safety please do not park in the yellow curbed area and bus zone on the Market Road extension.

Bell Times

Due to the implementation of the new Victorian School Agreement 2017, the school structure has been impacted with a change in bell times as listed below:

Homeroom	8.50 – 8.58 am	Break 1	11:30 – 12:00 pm	Session 4	1:52 – 3:04 pm
Movement	8:58 – 9:03 am	Locker	12:00 – 12:05 pm	Detention	3:04 – 3:34 pm
Session 1	9:03 – 10:15 am	Session 3	12:05 – 1:17 pm		
Movement	10:15 – 10:18 am	Break 2	1:17 – 1:47 pm		
Session 2	10:18 – 11:30 am	Locker	1:47 – 1:52 pm		

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.

School Nurse

A reminder to ensure all **medical plans** for your children are up to date. Please feel free to contact Cath on 9741 1911 to discuss medical needs.

If students are unwell at school they are required to attend First Aid and the school nurse will then contact the family if it is deemed necessary. If your child calls you directly please tell them to go to the nurse for medical attention.

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.

Crossing Supervisor

In the interest of student safety and the efficiency of the school buses, the College 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 after school.

School Gates

The school day commences at 8.50am with tutor time and all students are expected to be in class at this time with all necessary equipment for Sessions 1 & 2.

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. Please note: Skateboards and scooters are not allowed in the school grounds.

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.

School Lawyer

Monique, the school lawyer, can provide free legal advice to students and families. Monique can help students with criminal matters, questions about going to court, fines (like myki fines), legal issues about family violence, questions about employment law (like being discriminated against, bullied or underpaid at work), tenancy/housing matters as well as debt/consumer law issues. Students are encouraged to visit her in Student Services. Everything the students tell the school lawyer is private and confidential. Please stop by and say hello! Monique can be contacted on 0428 099 694 or by email at: monique@westjustice.org.au



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations - 2018 School Council Election – 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 co-opted 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.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. 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.

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.
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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 2018?

If you are interested in standing for election this year there are current two (2) available positions in the Parent category and two (2) in the DET employee category.

What are the crucial dates?

- **Closing date for nominations** - Monday 26th February 2018
- List of candidates and nominations will posted – Wednesday 28th February 2018
- Ballot papers preparation and distribution – Monday 5th March 2018
- Close of ballot – Monday 12th March 2018
- First 2018 AGM Council meeting – Wednesday 21st March 2018

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.

Secondary School Vaccinations 2018

Year 7 Immunisations - 9th March

Year 10 Immunisation - date yet to be confirmed

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose for year 7 students
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for year 7 students
- Meningococcal A,C,W,Y – one dose for year 10 students

Parents/guardians of year 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Wyndham City Council immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 28 February 2018 if you do not want your contact details given to the Wyndham City Council immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Additionally, the Commonwealth government is funding vaccinations for all children under 20 years who missed scheduled vaccines. If students have missed vaccines, either in childhood or adolescence, and require catch-up vaccines, they should speak with their immunisation provider. (ie. local council or GP).

Trish Worthington - Health Wellbeing & Specialist Services

YEAR'S 7 & 8 REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the WCC community, I'm Megan Taylor and I'm really excited to be joining this school and be part of the ongoing improvement journey. Prior to taking up this position I was an Assistant Principal at Bacchus Marsh College for 5 years, and as sad as it was to leave that community, the warm welcome I've received from staff and students at WCC has convinced me it was the right move to make.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all the new Year 7 students that have joined us in 2018, as well as the numerous new year 8s that have also started. It was a pleasure to walk around the school on their first day and see the enthusiasm they brought with them as they lined up for classes, were allocated their lockers and were setting up

their AVID binders. It is the expectation that these binders are with them in every class, and that students are on time and ready to learn for all of their timetabled classes.

The Year 7 and 8 community is led by myself and Leading Teachers Laura Newton (Year 7) and Ashley Rowe (Year 8). Additionally we have Year Level Assistants Gabriel Hensby-Robinson and Angie Chan (Year 7) and Jackie Livingstone (Year 8). We are also supported by Educational Support Assistant Sharon Hamilton. Should you have concerns or ideas you would like to discuss with the school regarding your child the first port of call is the student's Tutor Teacher. You can find their details on COMPASS, in your child's planner or by contacting the school.

Please regularly check COMPASS to update your child's attendance and keep an eye out for school announcements. We use this as a fast and efficient communication tool with families, you can contact the office if you are unsure of your login details.

I look forward to meeting a lot of you in the not too distant future. Here's wishing you all a productive and rewarding year ahead.

Megan Taylor - Assistant Principal – Year 7 & 8

YEAR 7 REPORT

2018 has started off with ten classes of excited Year 7s 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: Ms Gogos
7C: Ms Sierra	7H: Mr Hensby-Robinson
7D: Ms Todman	7J: Ms Wu
7E: Mr Damjanovski	7K: Ms Whitten

The year 7 teaching team look 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 your child's tutor teacher or myself via Compass or call the College on 9741 4911.

To enable your child to have the best start here at Wyndham Central College, can parents please ensure that your child is equipped for the school day and has had breakfast. The four essential items students need to bring are; their AVID binder, student planner, laptop and stationary items in their pencil case.

If your child is ordering food from the Canteen, there is now an online system for you to use to order their food. Your child was given information about this on their first day of school.

Please ensure all forms are completed and returned to the College, such as Swimming/Athletics Carnival and Medical forms.

Laura Newton - Year 7 Level Leader

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YEAR 8 REPORT

Welcome back to all year 8 students. I hope everyone had a great break and are ready for 2018. The year 8 tutor teacher team for 2018 consists of:

8A: Mr Nilsen	8E: Mr Livingstone
8B: Ms Cole	8F: Ms Chivers
8C: Ms Webster	8G: Mr Stellini
8D: Ms Yamame	8H: Ms Clayton

Your child's tutor teacher is the 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.


The first day of term we spent the day setting students up for success. It is important that your child is at school every day, on time, with the required equipment ready to learn. To reward students for their exemplary attendance, I will be running a year 8 tutor group 'Attendance Competition'. This will include a reward for the highest attending class as well as students with 100% attendance each term.

We aim to make this year an enjoyable and engaging one, which includes the opportunity for students to attend the Year 8 Camp at the end of Term 2 to Neerim East. There will be an information night and more details regarding camp coming out shortly.

As a staff, we look forward to working with your children to ensure they reach their full potential in all aspects of school life. If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact me via Compass, or through your child's tutor teacher.

Ashley Rowe- Year 8 Level Leader

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YEAR'S 9 & 10 REPORT

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 2018 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 children 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 Grace Hawke, who is new to our College, Grace will work with the Year 9 cohort and families. Chad Cook, who worked with the Year 9 cohort in 2017 has followed the cohort to Year 10 and will continue to work 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.

We look forward to working with you in 2018.

Connie Faranda – Assistant Principal – Year 9 & 10

YEAR 9 REPORT

I am delighted to be at Wyndham Central College as the Year 9 Level Leader in 2018. We have had a great start to the year and I look forward to getting to know each and every student in this year's cohort. Of utmost importance are the values of respect, co-operation and excellence. I strive to live by these, and encourage all students to do the same. We are lucky to have an amazing group of Year 9 Tutor Teachers, who are dedicated to working openly to ensure your child has a successful 2018. Please use your child's Tutor Teacher as the first port of call for any questions or concerns you may have throughout the year.

I would like to introduce the Year 9 Tutor Teachers who will be the first point of contact for you and your students:

9A Breana Alexander	9B Peteru Lesa
9C Martin Olmos	9D Moira Nunn
9E Shalika Sharma	9F George Conway
9G Helen Gilmore	9H Tran Bains
9S Stacey Jamieson	

Mr. Olmos will also be working with the Year 9 cohort as the Year 9 Coordinator.

Grace Hawke - Year 9 Level Leader

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YEAR 10 REPORT

Welcome back to all Year 10 students of Wyndham Central College. I am proud to be the leader of a familiar cohort as they move from Year 9 into Year 10. I am excited to work with you and your students as they progress into the senior years of their education at Wyndham Central College.

Your students are already familiar with the high expectations of WCC, both academically and behaviorally, as it was clearly outlined during the last two weeks of Step Up of 2017. These expectations are what will set your students up for success during a very important and exciting year.

I would like to introduce the Year 10 Tutor Teachers who will be the first point of contact for you and your students:

10A: Nicole Smith	10B: Pina Siragusano
10C: Ray Sherriff	10D: Jessica Pine
10E: Emily Bellin	10F: Scott Lynch
10G: Tania Taylor	10H: Monica D'alessandro
10S: Nigel Keyi	

Year 10 Coordinator: Kimberly Silva

These teachers will be in contact with you to discuss how WCC can best support your child. Please feel free to contact them anytime with any questions or concerns you may have.

This year all Year 10s will be undertaking a VCE Study called Industry and Enterprise. As part of this course students will be completing two separate weeks of Work Experience to give them awareness of work place skills. Students are to source their work experience, as we are competing with other schools, it is best to get your placement confirmed ASAP. The dates of the work experience blocks are Monday 30th April – Friday 4th May for block 1 and Monday 10th September – Friday 14th September for Block 2.

Students who have requested laptops will be receiving their new computers soon, it is an expectations that all students bring their computers, along with the AVID binders, to every lesson. If a student has not ordered a computer, the booklist has been provided and students must purchase their text books. Please make sure computers are fully charged before bringing to school and are taken care of.

A reminder that there is a Parent Information Evening for all Year 10 parents on Tuesday 20th February from 6:30-7:30 pm in the college auditorium. We invite all Year 10 parents to attend this evening to ensure that as Year 10 parents you are fully informed of the Year 10 program to support your child to achieve a successful outcome. As staff, we look forward to working with you and your student to ensure they reach their full potential. If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact me or your child's tutor teacher.

Chad Cook - Year 10 Level Leader

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YEAR'S 11 & 12 REPORT

I hope that all students and their families have had a wonderful holiday 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 our expectation that with the building of a partnership and communication between the College and families, we will see the fruition of every student's hopes and aspirations.

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 teachers. I encourage you to please make contact with their tutor teachers if you have any concerns.

Year 11/12 Parent information evening

A letter has been distributed to Year 11 and 12 students inviting all parents to a Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 20th February at 7.30pm, in the College Auditorium. During the evening, there will be valuable presentations by the Leading teachers discussing College and VCE/VCAL requirements, future pathways options and past students will also be present to offer some advice to our students.

The School captains have been appointed for 2018 and the successful students went through a rigorous process of presenting a speech on an assembly followed by an interview process. The School Captains form part of the student leadership team and represent the student body.

The 2018 School Captains are:

Grace Deng
Lisa McAuliffe
Ashley Shanks
Hassan Nur Hussein Abdi

The School Captains have already done a fantastic job as the Masters of Ceremony at our Awards Night at the end of 2017 and I am sure that they will do a fantastic job throughout this year. Congratulations and good luck!

Bryan Woollard - Assistant Principal – Years 11 & 12

YEAR 11 REPORT

Welcome back to 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 that the Year 11 Tutor Teachers are the first point of contact for parents.

11A: Ms Cutter	11B: Ms De Leon
11C: Ms Faranda	11D: Mr Bernardi
11E: Ms Sharma	11F: Ms Vlahos

The first Day back to school saw the Year 11 students getting organised and ready to start back for their classes. Students also participated in two workshops, one on mental health supporting learning, organised by Wyndham City Council who discussed resources they offer to help students cope with the stress of VCE.

The second workshop was a motivational speaker, Nathan Stemple who connected and engaged with the students well and we hope to have him back later in the year as a follow up. Our next guest speaker is scheduled for Monday 19th of February, where students will learn about the "Seven Deadly Sins, the top mistakes made by VCE students".

We have high expectations of our Year 11 students as this year is the preparation year for doing well in Year 12 and we will assist them with skills that will enable to be successful in the years to come.

If you have any questions throughout the year feel free to contact your child's Tutor Teacher.

Rebecca Sandlant - Year 11 Level Leader

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YEAR 12 REPORT

Over the school holidays, School Captains Lisa McAuliffe, Grace Deng, Hassan Hussein Abdi and Ashlee Shanks attended the Lead Camp, with other student leaders from across the state. The leaders learnt many new leadership skills and have also built up a support network with students from other schools. All of the School captains agreed that the experience they gained was invaluable and that they would recommended 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.

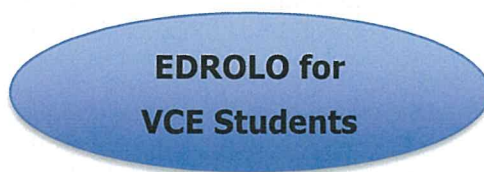
As in previous years, if parents/guardians have any concerns please contact your child's tutor teacher. The Year 12 tutor teachers for 2018 are as follows:

12A – Ms Serovksa	12D – Mr Wokulski
12B – Mr Mc Carter	12E – Ms Herbert
12C - Ms Gagatsis	12F – Ms Bumpstead

Also, a reminder that the College is holding a VCE Information Night on Tuesday 20th February, at 7:30pm 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

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Edrolo is an important resource that is being strategically utilised at Wyndham Central College for 2018.

What is Edrolo?

Edrolo is a comprehensive, premium, interactive online video and exam simulation resource for the VCE, providing our students with the best opportunity to perform to their potential throughout the year. We have extensively assessed the resource and are confident it is an extremely valuable investment for our teaching and learning culture.

You can see Edrolo in action by visiting this link: edrolo.com.au/parents/

How do students use Edrolo?

Edrolo is currently used by over 500 schools and 60,000 students. Crafted by outstanding VCE teachers (including exam assessors and textbook authors) and built in accordance with VCAA Study Designs, its curriculum-specific and engaging content will provide our students with a differentiated and targeted level of support as they prepare for their most important examinations.

How will our students and teachers use Edrolo?

We will use Edrolo as a tool to further enhance what our teachers are doing day-to-day.

Our teachers are provided with training on how to best utilise the resource, and you should expect them to guide students to make full use of Edrolo in a range of ways across the year, including:

- holiday homework;
- pre-class work;
- post-class consolidation;
- assessment preparation; and
- exam revision.

We are actively communicating with students regarding how to access Edrolo.

Edrolo has been deemed an outstanding VCE resource, providing our students with the best opportunity to perform to their best with the support of our fantastic teachers.

Dell Cutter Science Faculty Leader / Edrolo Coordinator



PATHWAYS & TRANSITIONS

Congratulations to our 2017 Year 12 cohort on their pathway successes.

79% of our students were offered University placement, 18% were offered TAFE placement and 2% had another destination.

The University offers were for a range of Universities:

- DEAKIN UNIVERSITY
- FEDERATION (BALLARAT) UNIVERSITY
- LA TROBE UNIVERSITY
- MONASH UNIVERSITY
- RMIT UNIVERSITY
- SWINBURNE
- UNIVERSITY of MELBOURNE
- VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

The selection of courses ranged from generalist Arts & Science courses to specialty courses such as Education, Sport Science/Exercise Science, Commerce, Law, Paramedicine, Forensic Science, Media & Communication, Architecture, Visual Arts, Nursing, Biomedical Science, etc.

The TAFE offers covered a range of institutions such as:

- BOX HILL INSTITUTE
- GORDON INSTITUTE OF TAFE
- KANGAN INSTITUTE
- MELBOURNE POLYTECHNIC

- RMIT TAFE
- SWINBURNE TAFE
- VICTORIA UNIVERSITY TAFE

Each of these TAFE course provide potential pathways to higher education (university) or lead directly into employment.

A small number of students have engaged in full time employment, apprenticeships or traineeships.

These students need to be commended on their determination to succeed and their drive in pursuing their desired pathways.

I wish them every success in their future endeavours.

Kathy Karlovic – Pathways & Transitions Leader

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The first week was a success with most students arriving at their VET course in the required uniform and on time.

Key people in the VET team that the students will interact with during 2018 are Peter Nash (VET Coordinator – at the college from Tuesday to Thursday each week), Carol Mills (VET assistant – Monday - Friday) and Heidi McDowell (Educational Support).

Parents can support their children and the VET team with:

- Attendance is most important. If a student know is in advance of an absence then let me know so I can do a courtesy call to the VET college. A medical certificate (copy) is required for the VET trainer at the school they are attending.
- If a student misses a Cluster bus then it is their responsibility to find their own way to the college running their VET.
- Clothing: It is a compulsory requirement of all cluster schools that the school uniform is to be worn when students to arrive and required safety clothing / equipment (trade and hospitality course) is compulsory. Cluster colleges have been instructed to turn away students from entering their college if school identifying clothing is not worn. Trade subjects will not allow students into the workshop without suitable work wear.
- Study block – these are timetabled and students are expected to use this time to work on subjects they may miss because of VET. If a full session is missed because of VET then a full session of study (preferably at school) is recommended)
- VET fee payments are now due and final payments due by the 23rd Feb. The fee list in on our VET notice board and payment envelopes can be collected from any of the VET team.
- Compulsory Work placements for Community Service Work, Early Childhood and Health. We have an arrangement with YouthNow to provide assistance to find these. Forms have been handed to the students.

Any further VET questions do not hesitate to contact me at the college

Peter Nash - VET Coordinator

SPORTS REPORT

Welcome back to the new year which will be jam packed full of sporting competitions.

We have two teachers looking after sport this year, Mr Conway who will look after our carnivals and Ms Sandlant who will look after our team sports.

Teachers have already volunteered to coach the sports and they will announce when training/try-out sessions will be. Students need to be aware of these announcements and turn up to training sessions to ensure they can be part of the team. All students must return their permission note and money to be eligible to play on the day.

Sports Coaches for Term 1:

Intermediate Boys cricket: Mr Lynch
Senior Boys Cricket: Mr Sherriff
Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball: Ms Nunn
Intermediate Boys and Girls Volleyball: Ms Todman
Year 8 Boys and Girls Volleyball: Ms Chivers
Year 7 Boys and Girls Volleyball: Ms Gogos
Year 8 Boys and Girls Tennis: Mr McCarter
Year 7 Boys and Girls Tennis: Ms Whitten
Year 8 Girls Netball: Ms Chivers
Intermediate Girls Netball: Ms Jamieson

Wyndham Central College Swimming Sports

The school swimming carnival is scheduled for Friday 16th February 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 you sign up to the events. We pick the college representative team from the results of the day, so it's very important that 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.

Yours in Sport Rebecca Sandlant & George Conway Sports Co-ordinators

SRC REPORT

The Wyndham Central College Student Representative Council is a student led initiative giving students an opportunity to represent their classmates and the wider school community. Students are encouraged to complete and submit their applications and speeches to their year level leaders as soon as possible.

Any student requiring further information regarding the SRC should contact their Year Level Leader or Mr Lynch, the Student Representative Council Leader.

Scott Lynch – SRC Leader

AVID CAMP

From Sunday 4th February through to Tuesday 6th February, 67 AVID elective students from Year 9 to 12 were given the opportunity to become university students at Deakin University in Warrnambool.

When we arrived at the University, we were given the keys to our dormitories. It was interesting to be able to stay on campus and being able to live like genuine university students. We began by engaging in team building activities to be able to grow together as a team. We then completed a quick write and a philosophical chair activity, which are two examples of the many AVID strategies. We were given the opportunity to have free time or study on campus and had a big pizza party for dinner. To end the night we went to the interesting and informative Flagstaff Museum Light Show tour.

The next day after breakfast, we were able to sit in a lecture room and received a lecture on critical thinking. We completed a critical reading activity on Plastics in the Ocean. We did a scavenger hunt around the university as a fun way to be able to look around the university and the facilities they have.

We listened to a very emotional motivational speaker Archie Fusillo who gave us a new outlook on life. He made us laugh, he made us cry but he taught us a very important message that I believe stuck with everyone, "Don't limit yourself to what you see. Be driven by what you seek." He taught us the power of resilience by providing us with an insight into his own life. To finish off a fun day, the AVID family competed in a trivia night. The questions ranged from school, to celebrities to sport and it was a great night full of laughter.

Our final day was spent on more community building activities and the AVID captain speeches for students applying to become the AVID captains of 2018. It was an amazing 3 days full of fun, learning and inspirational messages. It definitely cemented the idea of university into all of our minds. We became even closer as an AVID family.



By Kiana Strong, 11C

STUDENT NEWS

Maths homework club Years 7 – 12 will run each Wednesday from 3:10 pm to 4:00 pm in M10. All students are welcome to attend to seek assistance with Maths homework.

English homework club Years 7 – 12 will run each Monday from 3:10 pm to 4:00 pm in M13. Experienced English teachers will be available for any students years 7- 12 who would like extra assistance.

Science homework club Years 7 – 12 will run each Wednesday from 3:10 pm – 4:00 pm in M10. All students are welcome who would like extra assistance.

Day	Subject	Location	Time
Monday	English	M13	3:10 pm – 4:00 pm
Wednesday	Maths	M10	3:10 pm – 4:00 pm
Wednesday	Science	M10	3:10 pm – 4:00 pm

CANTEEN NEWS



ONLINE ORDERING FOR ALL STUDENTS

This year the Canteen has started using online ordering via QuickCliq to assist in reducing waiting time lining up. It is simple to register online and add students so you are ready to order within no time!

Orders can be made for either Break 1 or Break 2 and will be available for collection from the back door of the canteen in the first 10 minutes of each break until further advised.*

A step by step instruction has been provided to all families showing how to register and important information on order collection. If you have any questions about the online ordering system please contact QuickCliq directly on 1300 11 66 37.

*** Year 7 families - Please note the change of procedure for those who received this information at the beginning of term.**

ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

2018 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.

The process has changed slightly this year. If you were in receipt of CSEF funds in 2017 there will be **NO** requirement to reapply unless you have a child who is starting Wyndham Central College for the first time in 2018. In this case 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 all new applications.

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 (29 January 2018) or term two (16 April 2018).

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP

Please find attached information regarding the Sustainable School Shop (SSS).

Please note that once families receive their booklists for 2018, unwanted books can be sold via the SSS for 2018.

2018 ARRANGMENTS FOR CENTREPAY OR PAYMENT PLANS

Wyndham Central College offers Payment Plans or CentrePay options for families. If you currently have a CentrePay plan in place there is nothing more you need to do as this will continue. If you would like to discuss Payment Plan options please feel free to call us on 9741 4911 and make an appointment to discuss your needs with the Business Manager.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

For the safety of staff and 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.

If you require a payment to be allocated to a particular item you will need to send an email to the college with your request before you make payment.

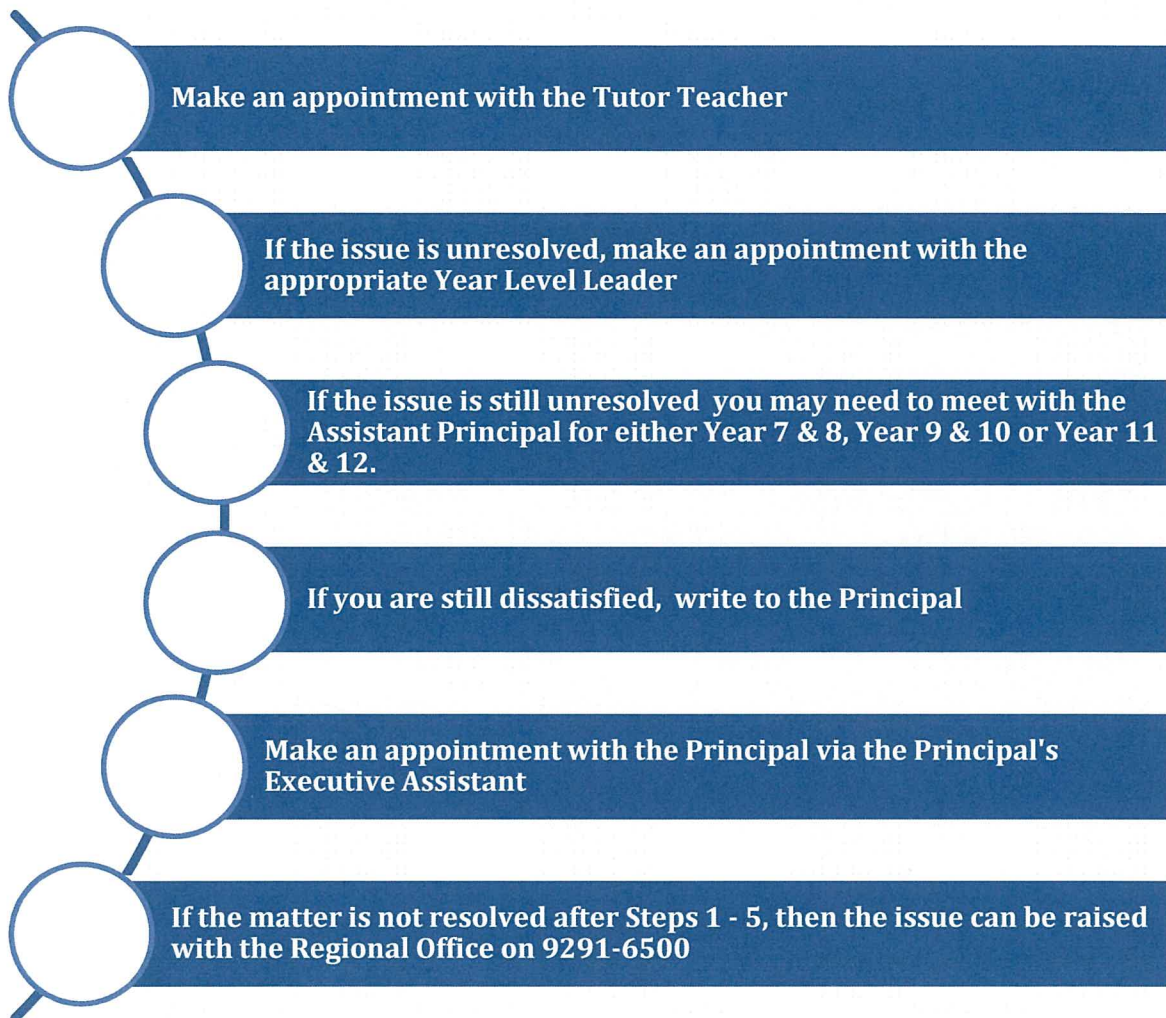
Biller code and reference numbers now appear on your family statements.



COMMUNITY NEWS

See flyers attached

COMMUNICATION/GRIEVANCE PROCESS



Manor Lakes



THE WYNDHAM ROTARY **FUN RUN** **OR WALK**

IN AID OF WERRIBEE MERCY
HOSPITAL CRITICAL CARE UNIT

**RUN
DISTANCES**
10KM & 5KM

**WALK
DISTANCES**
8KM & 4KM

**KIDS
EVENTS**
400m (6 and under)
1500m (12 and under)



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CHIRNSIDE PARK, WERRIBEE

REGISTER AT WYNDHAMFUNRUN.ORG



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WCYC & PARADOX FREEZA PRESENT

Water Fest

A FRIDAY NIGHT EVENT

FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2018

7.30PM-10.30PM

Family Friendly Event 8 years +
At the Werribee Outdoor Pool
Chimside Park, 220 Watton Street, Werribee
\$10 entry per person



**GIANT WATER INFLATABLE
WATER CINEMA**

**PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN:
DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES**

Live DJ plus Laser Show
Chillout area with
Live acoustic performances
Free Sausage Sizzle,
Snow Cones & Fairy Floss

**PEOPLE UNDER 12 YEARS MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT OVER 18.**

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