



Welcome to our Parent Newsletter.

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

6 August 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

If the plan doesn't work,
change the plan, but
NEVER the goal!

From the Principal's Desk

Term three continues on a high note as our very talented students excel in many endeavours over the first few weeks. Whilst acknowledging a couple of areas there have been many opportunities and performances that our school is very proud of.

STEM Academy

On July 25th our year 10 STEM class was provided the opportunity to be a lead school in the opening of the Wyndham Tech (STEM) School at the Hoppers Crossing Victoria University campus. Our students conducted the Master of Ceremonies duties, engaged with the Minister for Education, Minister for Health and our State Treasurer whilst also running showcase classes for members of the Department of Education, industry experts and local council. I hope they had, as I did, a huge sense of pride as I watched them on various national news stations, youtube clips and in articles explaining their STEM learnings and sharing their STEM experience. Our school council and leadership team would like to congratulate each of our talented students and also acknowledge the work of Mr Martin Olmos our STEM Academy leader and his STEM team in their dedication to delivering our STEM academy program in its inaugural year. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdaVm0bh4r4>

Internationalism

During term three our College will host three overseas delegations from both Japan and Spain, and welcome our Sister City School from the USA. Over the last 4 weeks we welcomed a delegation from our sister school Gredos San Diego where 5 students stayed with our Wyndham Central College host families. We would like to once again thank families for hosting and acknowledge that without parental support it would be difficult for these programs to take place. We also had a visit from our Sister City School; Estancia High School in Costa Mesa, California. It was a great opportunity for students from both schools to learn from each other and share information about learning and culture in their respective countries. Currently, we are hosting 20 Japanese students from Namagata Junior School in Japan. Once again our students studying Japanese are able to build on their knowledge and language skills as part of our buddy program. If you are interested in finding out more about our language and international programs or are interested in hosting in the future please contact Mr Alex De-leon our Internationalism leader for further information.

Pathways Week

Our pathways team lead by Mrs Kathy Karlovic have been very busy in the first couple of weeks providing students with the opportunities to attend Pathway expo's with 44 providers on site, a Tertiary event for our year 12 students, a VCE/VCAL taster program for our year 10 students and our subject expo for years 9 -11 students. The school would like to take this opportunity to thank parents who attended during this week and supported the students in selecting their pathway choices for 2019. All student passports are now due and the college will be working hard over the next few weeks in developing a well-rounded 2019 program. Confirmation of programs will be available to families in the first two weeks of term 4.

IMPORTANT DATES

13 – 17 August	Science Week
16 August	Year 10 - Keys Please
24 August	Wear It Purple Day – gold coin donation
10 – 14 September	Year 10 Work Experience
14 September	Reports Distributed
20 September	Parent Teacher Interviews 4pm – 7pm
21 September	Parent Teacher Interviews 9am – 1pm

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

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

Student reports and student results

Staff are preparing five weekly checks for our senior classes and interim reports 7-12. This will also be the last report for our year 12 cohort. Please note that a key part of the success of your sons/daughters education is the way you interact with the school. We hope that once again we will see all of our families at the parent-teacher interviews on either Thursday 20th or Friday 21st September, but we also are available to all parents/guardians to discuss and work with you in partnership to improve outcomes for all of our students. Your sons/daughters tutor teachers are available to you via email or telephone in the first instance.

Parents of year 7 and 9 students will also be receiving the information regarding the results from the NAPLAN testing over the next month. Please make contact with the school if you have any questions, concerns or if you don't receive the package.

Over the last week our staff have been working through the results from our Attitudes to school survey. It has provided some very positive data around students feeling motivated to learn and having a real understanding that high expectations improve results and the importance of coming to school every day. We look forward to continuing to work with student focus groups on improvement strategies and developing their leadership and student voice.

Parent Surveys

As I have mentioned a few times it is extremely important that schools and parents work together to create the best learning environment for students. Our annual parent surveys have been distributed to over 300 families and I encourage all families that have received the letter to please complete the online survey. If you haven't been provided with a survey request but would like to meet with me to provide feedback or suggestions for improvement please do not hesitate to call the school and arrange an appointment.

In closing, I would like to welcome Mr Christopher Hudson to the college as our new leading teacher in Student Services. I would also like to congratulate and welcome Miss Charlotte Dumangas Year 10 and Mr Matthew Nugent-McColley Year 9 to our school council board as our two elected student school council representatives.

Leanne Gagatsis
Creating a Community of High Expectations

CHANGES FOR 2018

Parking

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

Reminder of School Bell times and the importance of students being in class on time.

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.

Attendance

Please report all absences to the Attendance Officer, Maria Wilson by calling the College on 97414911 and selecting Option 1.

School Nurse

A reminder to ensure all **medical plans** for your children are up to date. Please feel free to contact Claudia on 97414911 to discuss any 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

It is 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

This is a reminder that Monique – the School Lawyer – can provide free legal advice to students and their parents. Monique can help parents if they have a legal matter that impacts on the student. For example, if a landlord is refusing to make important repairs to a rented property or is trying to evict your family in circumstances that seem unfair, Monique can provide legal advice. If you have debts that you are struggling to manage and are in financial hardship, Monique might be able to help you negotiate with the lender to go on a payment plan or waive part of the debt. If you are in a car accident and have any questions about insurance, Monique might also be able to assist with that. Everything said to Monique is confidential. Students can drop in and see Monique in her office and students and parents can call/text her on 0428 099 694 or email her at: monique@westjustice.org.au.



2018 Parent Opinion Survey - WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

At this time of the year, every Victorian government school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of their school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 23rd July to Sunday 26th August.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 10-15 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Greek, Turkish, Somali and Punjabi.

The college will supply an area with access to computers for randomly selected parents to participate in the annual survey.

- Monash Conference room 8th and 10th August between 9:15 am – 10:00 am
- Monash Conference room 7th and 8th August between 2:30 pm – 4:15 pm
- M13 8th August 6pm – 7 pm

The online survey can be completed in: English, Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha) or Hindi. A Karen interpreter will be available to assist families together with a guide in Karen.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September, and is reflected in the Annual Report to the School Community each year.

YEAR'S 7 & 8 REPORT

Hi Everyone!

Life at Wyndham Central is back in full swing after our winter break. At the junior end we've enrolled a considerable number of new students and we'd officially like to welcome these families into the College. I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome Christopher Hudson to the Wyndham Central staff community. Chris has been appointed as a Leading Teacher in the area of Student Engagement and Wellbeing. He will be working alongside our wonderful Student Support staff and will be developing programs and activities to increase student resilience and positive mind-set.

It has been fantastic to see so many of our junior students receive semester one awards for exemplary school work and attendance. This truly reflects our College value of excellence and these students should be proud of their achievements. We've also distributed a large number of VIVO rewards, which again reflects how many of our students are actively displaying the behaviours in our Positive School Wide Behaviour matrix. Well done to all of these students as well.

Each year the Department of Education surveys all students on their attitudes towards school and learning. Schools are provided with this data so we can evaluate where our strengths are and our areas that may need some additional resources. The stand out feedback that came out from this year's survey is that 80% of our students believe that their teachers have high expectations for success. Research has linked belief in high expectations to motivational, behavioural and academic performance outcomes, and this is why Wyndham Central places such importance on this as one of our core College values. Additionally 80% of our students also have positive attitudes to attendance and understand that it is important to come to school every day. Strong attendance is also linked to student achievement and it is very rewarding to see that our students and their families understand this.

Year Level Leaders are running focus groups with students to further unpack this feedback and to try to get more information about some of the areas that were not as positive as we would like. One of these areas is student voice and unfortunately 25% of our students do not think they have a say in what happens in the school (from everything to what they do and learn in class to how school-wide decisions are made). This is an area we have been working on and there have been several initiatives in our Annual Implementation Plan, however we are developing further plans to demonstrate to all students that Wyndham Central does value their ideas and input and these are taken into consideration at all times.

We are looking forward to a busy term ahead as we plan for the 2019 Year 7 cohort, there continues to be strong community interest in enrolling new families into Wyndham Central showing that our improvement journey is being recognised and that we have achieved the trust and respect of Wyndham residents. We will endeavor to continue this work, and from where I personally stand I see every day the hard work and dedication our College staff put in with our students.

Best of luck to all with a term ahead of learning and achieving success.

Megan Taylor - Assistant Principal – Year 7 & 8

YEAR 7 REPORT

Term 3 has started off smoothly for our year 7's at Wyndham Central College. At the start of the term we celebrated a range of successes within the year 7 cohort including students who received 100% attendance for Semester 1, subject academic excellence and academic endeavor awards and the winners of those from the Humanities department Night at the Museum. Congratulations again to all those students who are demonstrating our College value of Excellence.

Term 3 is very much the teaching term. With little interruptions due to public holidays or extra curricula events, the students should be working hard on developing the knowledge and skills within their subjects.

A reminder to all parents that homework club runs on a Monday and Wednesday afterschool and provides a great opportunity for students to get extra help or extra time to complete homework or consolidate their learning.

This term I will be piloting a program called Love Bites Junior around Respectful Relationships with 2 of our year 7 classes. I am looking forward to working with these students and providing insight into their learning in the next newsletter.

I recently sent an email to all parents and guardians who have email through COMPASS regarding a couple of reminders:

Uniform reminder - PE jackets worn with the full school uniform. The PE jacket is not a part of the full school uniform and is to only be worn on days your child has sport.

Secondly, a letter was sent home to some parents to take part in the Parent Survey. If you received this letter, please ensure you complete the survey or access the College to gain support to complete the survey. Any feedback is important to the improvement of our College community.

As a college, we have introduced a range of break time clubs. There is something on for your child to attend every day at break times. These include the Cultural club, KPop club, Anime club, board games club, chess club, drumline and so much more! Please encourage your child to get involved and attend these clubs. Who knows, they may become the next chess champion! Until next time,

Laura Newton - Year 7 Level Leader

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YEAR 8 REPORT

Welcome back to all year 8 students for term 3. In starting a new term, it is always important to reflect on the previous term.

In the second last week of term, the year 8's were fortunate enough to spend a session watching the Hope Tour. The Hope Tour addressed resilience and the importance of being able to bounce back in situations when needed. This presentation ended with a special appearance by Timomatic who engaged the students with a number of his songs.

During the last week of term 2, year 8 students participated in the Humanities 'Night at The Museum' exhibit. Students were able to demonstrate their learning in their Humanities class throughout semester 1 in one topic of Medieval Europe, Spanish Conquest or Polynesian Expansion. It was so good to see so many parents in attendance which made for a great afternoon.

Coming up in term 3 is the opportunity for students to attend an excursion to Deakin University to gain a taste of university life. It is never too early for students to begin looking at their pathways. More information will be sent out about this shortly.

I look forward to continue to work with your children to help them become the best that they can be.

On behalf of the year 8 team

Ashley Rowe- Year 8 Level Leader

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YEAR'S 9 & 10 REPORT

Pathways

Welcome back to Term 3, a very busy time of the year in the Middle School. Students have returned from their break refreshed and focused and have settled in to their classes for Semester 2. Year 9 and 10 students have participated in the Pathways week. The Year 10 students they have been making important decisions about their future. they have been involved in selecting a VCAL/VET or VCE pathway and subjects that will allow them to follow their passions, build on their strengths and prepare them for their future. Year 9 students are deciding on the electives they will explore so that they can make informed future decisions. All students should now have submitted their PASSPORT indicating their subject selection for 2019.

Goal Setting

With the distribution of reports at the end of Semester 1; it is a good opportunity for all students to reflect on their progress and develop a plan to ensure continuing success in Semester 2. Setting and writing goals that are regularly revisited is instrumental in ensuring ongoing success. After the report reflection students will be setting goals to assist them to achieve success in Semester 2. Year 10 and 9 students are reminded that if they do not meet the promotion requirements they will not be automatically promoted. Students who may be at risk of not progressing will be supported with an At Risk meeting to develop a support plan in conjunction with parents/guardians.

Ongoing Revision and Cornell notes

As an AVID school, teachers support students to continue to build their capacity to effectively complete all steps of the Cornell notes taking system. Parents/ Guardians please support and encourage your child at home with completing the Cornell note steps using the 10- 24- 7 method. That is, reviewing and revising the day's notes every night, formulating questions the next night and creating summaries at the end of the week. This is a well know and well researched method of supporting students to achieve success. It is known to increase student confidence and improve exam results. Organisation is also important for success and students are required to ensure that they have a well organised binder that they bring to all classes. This ensures that they have all equipment and work is kept together.

Cultural Exchange

Five students from Gredos San Diego in Madrid arrived at Wyndham Central Secondary College and joined us from the 6th July – 31st July. This is a part of our school program to promote Internationalism and continue the relationship of cultural exchange. The students attended school and experienced life as an Australian student in an Australian family. It has again been a wonderful opportunity for all and we thank our host families who make this possible: the Veal, Arenas, Ballantyne, Tahiri and Bottrell families. The international favour continued as we welcomed 18 Thai University lecturers interested in looking at the how AVID is incorporated into classrooms to improve student learning. They were welcomed and escorted by our AVID Captain Kiana Strong and our Middle School Captains: Holly Darcy, Nicola Georgakopoulos, Aye Thu Aung Maungkyein and Chelsea Veal. They were wonderful representatives and received much praise from our visitors. We continue our cultural exchange as we currently have twenty Japanese students along with four staff visiting from Namegata city and we hope that this will be an enriching experience for all.

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Tara Gallop for achieving a first place anda gold medal in the 800m freestyle and a silver medal in the 1500m Freestyle in the Swimming Nationals.

Congratulations to Taylah Alexander for undertaking the role of interviewer in an exhibition: STEM powered that project by Her Place Women's Museum Australia for DET to be showcased across all Tech Schools across Victoria. Taylah worked with the filmmaker over two consecutive days over the school holidays, to conduct the interviews at the Melbourne Polytechnic Studio (Collingwood).



Congratulations to the VCAL, ADVANCE and STEM students who are continuing to be environmental warriors as they work with Melbourne Water to test water quality. This data will support Melbourne Water to make decisions about the use of the waterway.



Connie Faranda – Assistant Principal – Year 9 & 10

YEAR 9 REPORT

Well done Year 9's on a fabulous start to Semester 2!

In year 9, we are a 'community of high expectations', so just a few friendly reminders.

- It is still cold outside, so a reminder to all students; you are expected to be in full winter school uniform (including your blazers).
- Year 9's are expected to be on time and at school every school day. Parents and guardians, please ensure that if your child is late or absent they have a signed note, or you log onto Compass and report the absence electronically.
- Homework at Wyndham Central College is a nightly expectation. Homework club runs afterschool on Monday and Wednesday, and is a great opportunity for students to get extra assistance with their work.

What's been happening in Year 9:

Pathways Expo Subject Tasters Session, Subject Expo and Subject Selection Counselling

As part of the Year 9 CAP's program, students have been busy investigating possible future careers, and selecting elective subjects for Year 10, in 2019. It was great to see all Year 9 students speaking to Universities, TAFE's, and Wyndham Central College teachers about their future career aspirations and goals, and fantastic to meet and talk to so many parents and guardians on the Subject Selection Counselling day. I really enjoyed seeing so many positive and productive student lead conversations about their future goals at Wyndham Central College.

All Year 9 students should have finished their 2019 elective 'passport' that has been signed by a parent or guardian and submitted to their Tutor Teacher. Parents and Guardians, If you have not signed your child's passport for 2019 electives please contact your child's Tutor Teacher to arrange this immediately, as it is overdue. Failure to do this may result in your child missing out on their preferred electives in 2019.

Thank you to all our Tutor Teachers, Parents and Guardians for the collaborative work they have been putting in over the last few weeks of the CAP's program.

Metro Trains Education session

On Friday the 3rd of August, Year 9 students attended a safety and information session on how to use the train and public transport network safely and efficiently. It was fantastic to see all students listening intently and showing the college values of 'Respect, Co-Operation, and Excellence'.

Student Run Assemblies

In Year 9, a new tutor group will run the weekly Year 9 assembly each week. Students will have to co-operate as a team to run an interesting and informative assembly. Ms. Hawke, Mr. Conway, and all the Tutor Teacher are looking forward to the Year 9 students building their leadership and public speaking skills as the semester progresses.

George Conway - Year 9 Level Coordinator

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YEAR 10 REPORT

This semester has already seen a large push on providing students information and options for their next career choices. This will provide students with all the knowledge they need to make a positive and informed choices based on all the options that are available to them. A large part of this was the Pathways week organized by Ms Kathy Karlovic and Ms Pina Siragusano. This week included students completing the Subject Selection Counselling, Careers Expo and Careers Action Plan.

Year 10 students have numerous excursions and events still to come this semester and students need to ensure they are organized for these. These activities include: Deakin University Experience, Keys Please and Work Experience. The Year 10 Students will be completing their second week of work experience from the 10th of September to the 14th of September. Student are currently searching for work experience and need to submit forms ASAP as these are now overdue. Please support your students to find their placements. – Ms Jess Pine. Work Experience Coordinator. It is important that all students arrive to school on time, prepared and ready to learn. A large part of this is for students to be in correct uniform every day. Students are not permitted to wear sports uniform during semester 1 as Year 10s do not have Sport anymore. When your student leaves the house in the morning, please be sure they are prepared to leaning by checking their uniform.

Finally I would like to send out a huge congratulation to Tara Gallop who recently competed in the School Sports Championship. Tara came away with a gold medal in the 800m freestyle and a silver medal in the 1500m Freestyle – a fantastic effort!

Please feel free to contact myself or Ms Kim Silva (Year 10 coordinator) or your students tutor teacher anytime.

Chad Cook - Year 10 Level Leader

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YEAR'S 11 & 12 REPORT

In the last newsletter, I spoke about teachers working with students to reflect on school reports and putting a plan for improvement in place and I'm hoping that all students, with the support of their parents, are actually reflecting on this to assist with their academic improvement. Based on semester one reports, I am pleased to see students progressing with their academic rigour and performance. A reminder to all students and parents that progression from one year level to the next is not automatic. It is based on students showing a progression with their school work and meeting outcomes, including an attendance rate of 100%, unless ill. The demonstration of the College values of Respect, Co-operation and Excellence is also expected.

Year 12 VTAC

All Senior Years Students (Years 11-12) have now attended course selection presentations and the Careers Expo where vital course information was presented to students and parents.

Kathy Karlovic (Pathways and Transitions Leader), Pina Siragusano (Pathways Assistant) and Eddy Hatzis (Year 12 Year Level Leader) have just completed Year 12 VTAC presentations to parents and students. Thank you to Kathy, Pina and Eddy and also to the parents who attended the VTAC presentation. This will place all students and their parents involved at a definite advantage in understanding the procedures for applying for TAFE and university placements for 2019.

Progress Checks

Classroom teacher's complete Progress Checks approximately every 5 weeks for VCE/VCAL students who have outstanding class work and are at risk of not obtaining a satisfactory pass for a particular subject. Please discuss these checks with your son/daughter and ensure that the necessary work is completed and submitted to the appropriate teacher to ensure a successful outcome. The checks will be placed on Compass and also mailed home for Year 12 students.

To all Year 12 students

As our Year 12 students are approaching the homeward stretch, now is the time for them to put in their biggest effort and do their very best in regards to their final year of their schooling. School pressure starts to build when you fall behind with your school work so I ask that students assist their anxiety levels by being prepared and organised. Get motivated and stay motivated. Reflect on your school reports and the feedback given to you from your teachers and adjust your goals accordingly.

If there is anything that we can do to support you then please don't hesitate to contact your child's Tutor Teacher for further assistance.

Bryan Woollard - Assistant Principal – Years 11 & 12

YEAR 11 REPORT

Tutor Time:

CAPS plans have now been finalised for the term. These should have been submitted to tutor teachers and will form part of the next reports. All course selection documentation for next year is now overdue. We only have a small handful of students who have not handed theirs in, please ensure this is all completed and handed into tutor teachers.

Pathways week:

It has been a busy time during pathways week and students have had many opportunities across the week to learn about different career paths. Thank you to parents who have attended the Subject Selection Counselling meetings. For those who could not make it, tutor teacher are following up alternative meeting times to sign off on courses for next year. I would like to thank Ms. Karlovic for all her hard work during this time.

Melbourne Careers expo:

All Year 11 students attended the Melbourne Careers expo excursion on Friday 20th of July. The Career Expo is the largest and most comprehensive careers event in Victoria. The expo encompassed career opportunities for employment and training in the trades, corporate and professional sectors. Students were able to discover their future careers from a vast array of career advice, employment opportunities, University and training placements, Skills Industry and Government initiatives. This was a great last excursion to provide students the opportunity to research many different pathways. I would like to thank Mr. Bernardi for his time in organising the excursion.

Satisfactory Completion of Year 11

It is important to remind students and guardians that there are clear guidelines in place in regards to VCE promotion. In order for students to progress from Year 11 to Year 12 they must satisfactory complete at least nine units including the two units of English. They also must have satisfactory attendance. If you have any concerns about your child's progression you can contact your child's tutor teacher or Miss Sandlant.

Rebecca Sandlant - Year 11 Level Leader

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YEAR 12 REPORT

With term 3 now well underway, we reflect on how we have progressed and what we need to do to succeed. This is at times a confronting time for year 12 students as it clarifies the “where am I now” question but still leaves some uncertainty about what needs to be done from here.

We hope that all year 12 students (and their parents/guardians) have had time to carefully read their Semester 1 (Unit 3) reports, reflect on their results, ask themselves those important questions and begin the process of preparing for their final outcomes and exams.

Time management and consistent hard work are the keys to success. Therefore our message is clear; work hard (at school and home), complete all of the set work, ask your teachers questions and use time at home to study and revise your work. Do these things and you should give yourself every opportunity to succeed.

The final ELEVATE education seminar for year 12 VCE students will be in the second week of August with the aim being to give students tips/advice for preparing for the last part of the year and final exams.

All year 12 students have been offered the opportunity to attend morning study classes every Tuesday and Thursday. These will run from 7:45am – 8:30 am in the AVID Center. Breakfast will also be available courtesy of the college Breakfast club run by Mr. Lynch and his student leadership group. Year 12 students are encouraged to take advantage of these sessions as a way of keeping up with their work and revising/practicing exam skills.

Year 12's are also now preparing to make decisions about their plans for further study and/or work. They have attended the Tertiary Information Session at Victoria University and will soon begin the process of applying for courses for next year. As part of this process, there has been a VTAC information session for both students and parents. This session will have provided Year 12 students (and Parents) with all the information they need to ensure that they are aware of the process for applying through VTAC and completing all of the necessary steps.

Eddy Hatzis – Year 12 Level Leader

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CAREER NEWS

Please find attached Career Newsletter for August



SPORTS REPORT

Term 3 is a busy time for sporting teams competing against other schools. Teams have been organised as follows:

Year 7 and 8 boys table tennis with Ms Stevenson

Year 8 boys and girls basketball with Mr Cook

Year 7 boys and girls basketball with Mr West

Intermediate boys and girls basketball with Mr Lynch

All training sessions have commenced and we wish all teams the best of luck.

Year 7 and Year 8 Boys Table Tennis

On Thursday 26th July, our Year 7 and Year 8 Boys Table Tennis teams represented Wyndham College in the interschool Table Tennis competition. The competition was fierce and the boys were up against students who play table tennis outside of school. Unfortunately we didn't win on the day but all the boys played well and showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. I was very impressed with the healthy fruit that the Year 7 boys snacked on during the day. Well done boys! - Ms Stevenson



Swimming

Well done Tara Gallop –

Gold medal in the 800 metres freestyle

Silver medal in the 1500 metres freestyle at the State School Championship for whamming hosted in Tasmania.

Wyndham Central College is very proud of your efforts and achievements.



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 and is looking forward to further strengthening our community of high expectations.

The Wyndham Central College Student Representative Council has been working hard on numerous projects for Semester 2. Initiatives such as the Breakfast Club, SRC Suggestions Box, Student-led Workshops and Student Interest Clubs are all continuing.

Students are also preparing for an upcoming excursion to follow up on Semester one's SRC Forum. This will be hosted by Joanne Ryan MP at Tarneit Rise Primary School.

Scott Lynch – SRC Leader

STUDENT NEWS

Wyndham Central College Science week 2018 (13th-17th August)

The theme of National Science week this year is 'Game Changers and Change makers'. The Science faculty has planned a busy week of activities for our students. The aim for the week is to get excited about science, ask questions, challenge yourself and hopefully learn along the way!!

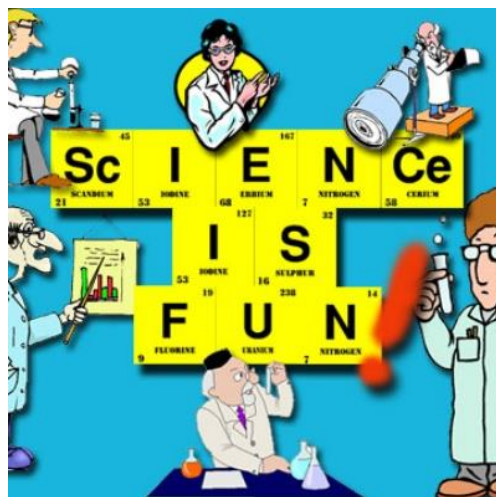
Monday 13th August	Come and join the Chemistry team and learn how to complete a titration.
Tuesday 14th August	Use your problem solving skills to help you get out of our very own "Escape Room"
Wednesday 15th August	Be the cool kid at school and join us at the 'Liquid Nitrogen Show'
Thursday 16th August	Your choice of two activities today; STEM or Physics!!!
Friday 17th August	Time to "Get Psyched" for our final activity of the week.

*Note: places are limited for some shows so please sign up the week before in the Marie Curie Science Centre.

Students are welcome to assist teachers to plan and run these activities so please ask your science teachers about this opportunity.

We look forward to a great week.

Lindell Cutter - Science Faculty Leader



Koori Heritage Trust

Did you know that the Yarra River is not its correct name? And that it was once sparkling clean!!

On our trip to the Koori Heritage Trust, we found out why and more amazing stories of the indigenous history of Melbourne.

On Friday 22nd June, six of our Young Mob students went into Melbourne to visit the Koori Heritage Trust Museum to learn about the indigenous history of the Koori people and the Yarra River.

We were joined by John Harding and Tania Rossi from World Vision and Ms Lang, a pre-service teacher.

On arrival we were greeted by Donna from the Koori Heritage Trust. She was our tour guide for the day. She spent two hours with us telling us about the indigenous history of the Koori people and the local area.

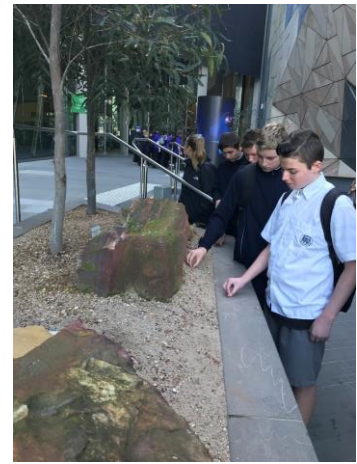
We were blown away by some of the stories she told us and the amazing ways the Koori people lived to sustain the land.

Here is some of our learning from the day.

There are left and right handed boomerangs

Women used digging sticks to find yams and to turn the soil for next year's growth.

If the name of land has a double name for example Yorta Yorta and Dati Dati on the Murray, it means that the people from that tribe live on both sides of the river.



The Yarra River used to be divided by a water fall over hundreds of years ago. When an urban developer was trying to name the river he asked two indigenous men what the river was called. The two men thought he meant what the waterfall was called so they answered Yarra Yarra. This word means flowing not river. So the Yarra River is actually not its correct name.



Who would have thought the murky Yarra used to be beautifully clean and clear water that you could fish and bath in??

We had a fantastic day and learnt so much that we are happy to share. So come and find the Young Mob and find out more about our amazing local indigenous history.

Young Mob 2018!

Zoo Australia's "They're calling on you" campaign

Hi Students, Parents and Teachers,

My name is Phoebe Edwards and I'm in year 10. Recently I have just completed a work experience placement at Werribee Open range Zoo, and have been asked to carry out a project for a specific campaign to encourage the involvement of Wyndham Central College's students, parents and teachers who would like to support a good cause. The campaign I've chosen to help advertise is the Zoo's Victoria "They're Calling on You" campaign. This campaign involves donating old or unusable mobile phones to be recycled to fund the Gorilla Doctors and Zoo's Victoria to protect the Mountain Gorilla's habitat.

Lately the Zoo has stopped the use of plastic post packages to send in mobile phones, so for everyone's convenience I have created a phone recycling box where phones can be collected and then picked up by a Zoo courier. The box will be situated in the Administration office for easy accessibility and I would encourage anyone who is interested to take a look and research more about the cause.

I'd be grateful for all of your support to aid this campaign.



Thank you. **Phoebe Edwards – Year 10**

Homework Clubs

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 – 4:30 pm
Wednesday	Science	M10	3:10 pm – 4:10 pm

BREAKFAST CLUB – Now running Tuesdays & Thursdays

Wyndham Central College Breakfast Club
Tuesdays & 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 you!
No costs to students

CANTEEN NEWS

Scott Lynch – Breakfast Club Co-ordinator



ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

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

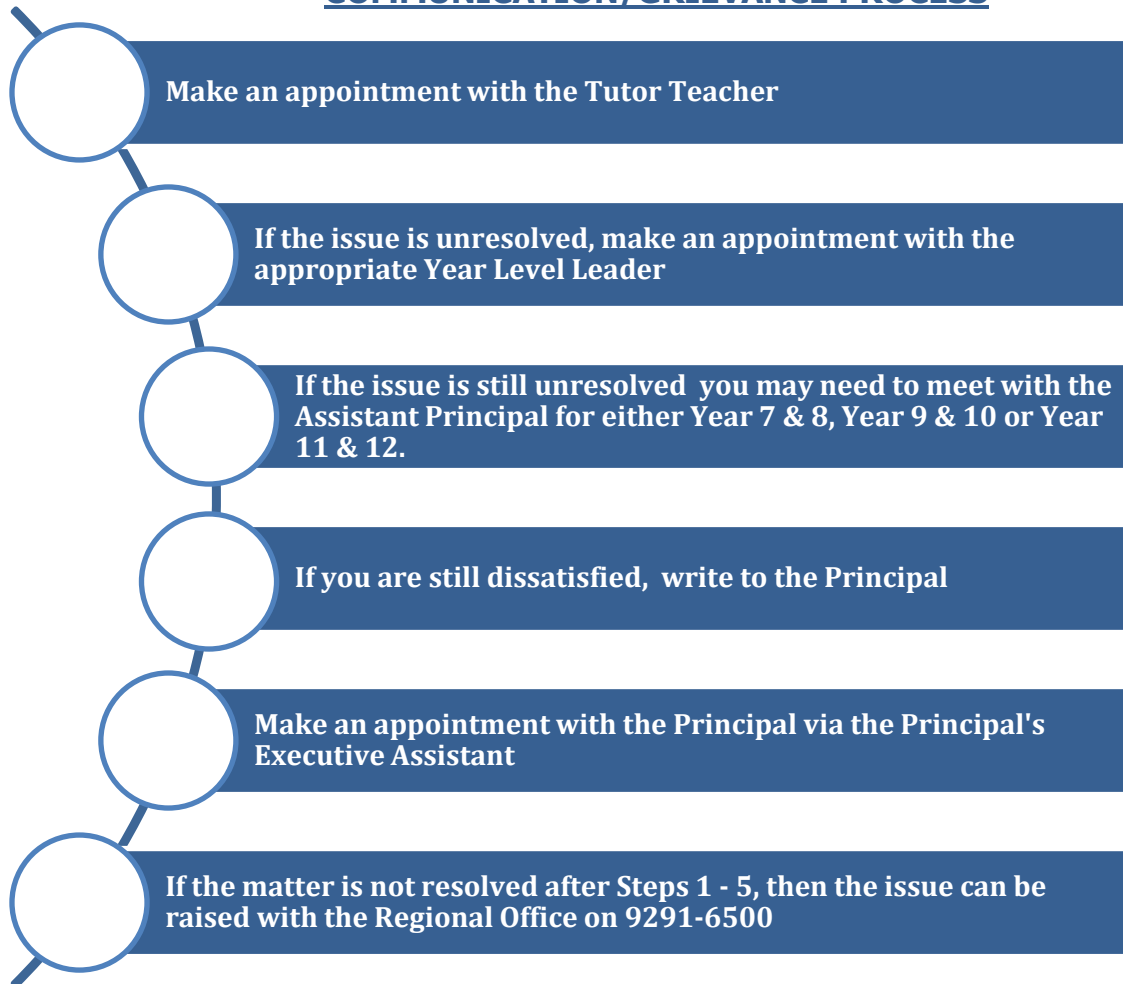
Pay family payments online fast. Just enter the BPAY Biller Code, your reference number, the amount and the payment date, and you're done.

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.



A reminder to parents, when making a BPAY payment, could you please notify the College either by phone or email as soon as the payment has been made if there is a specific item you would like this payment to be allocated towards.

COMMUNICATION/GRIEVANCE PROCESS



COMMUNITY NEWS

The Huddle Wyndham - Study Support Program – see attached flyer

Wyndham Sports Fest: YOUTH CUP – see attached flyer

Werribee Drill Dance – see attached flyer