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Welcome to our Parent Newsletter.

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

19 December 2018

Strive for Progress, Not Perfection!

IMPORTANT DATES

19 – 20 December	Year Level activities
21 December	Clean up day – 2pm finish
31 January	School Commences for all year levels

From the Principal's Desk

Our students have all completed their last Common Assessment

Tasks (CATs), examinations and course work for 2018. School assessment and reporting has been completed and the college will be sending a copy of your child's Semester two report home via the post. An electronic copy of all of your child's (ren) reports are always available by logging onto COMPASS.

I would like to acknowledge the attendance of parents/carers to our STEP UP reenrollment interviews. These processes supported the college to work with our families in providing the best start to 2019 for our students. If you have any outstanding paperwork, payments or if you were unable to attend during the interview times I ask you to contact the college prior to December 21st 2018 or on either the 29th/30th January 2019, to ensure that your child's enrolment is confirmed and a place has been held on the 2019 timetable. Students have already completed two weeks of the 2019 curriculum program during STEP UP and our teachers will NOT be re-teaching this work but will be beginning at week 3 of their programs when school resumes on Thursday 31st of January. Please support your child to read their English novels and complete their STEP UP homework prior to commencing next year. School Captains

The selection of the School Captains for 2019 has been completed and I am pleased to announce that we have two School Captains, Ms. Keely-Shayla Teariki and Mr. Wol Wol and two Vice Captains, Ms. Chloe Smith and Ms. Kiana Strong. The captains did a wonderful job leading the school community in their first event at the college annual awards night held on Monday the 17th of December. Our year 8-11 class captain and student representative council member processes are underway and we look forward to announcing and presenting our leaders to the whole school community at our first assembly on Thursday 31st of January. Leadership roles for our 2019 year 7 cohort will begin in term one. Student voice and leadership is an important aspect of our school culture. The college has many exciting new plans to grow student voice in 2019 and we look forward to sharing these with you when we return.

Awards night

On Monday 17th of December we were able to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of our students at the Annual Awards night. Students were awarded Year level DUX, academic excellence, AVID, music, sport and various other individual prestigious awards. We congratulate each recipient. The college would also like to thank our guest speaker Chancellor George Pappas – Chancellor of Victoria University for his motivational speech on the importance of seizing opportunities that education provides.

May I take a final opportunity to thank all members of the school community for the support and positive feedback that has been provided this year. Staff at Wyndham Central College have worked hard in partnership with our community, parents/carers and of course our students to ensure that the progress towards our school vision of 'Creating a community of high expectations', is met.

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

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

In closing, I would like to wish you all a safe and well deserved break over the holiday season.

Warmest regards, Leanne Gagatsis Creating a Community of High Expectations

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Scholarships are payments to help you with the cost of your child's education They're generally offered based on:

- financial need or difficulties
- vour child's school results
- school or community activities your child takes part in

Interested students and families wanting to apply for one of 240 scholarships available to help pay for computers and text books etc. please contact your child's Year Level Leader at the college on 9741 4911.

UNIFORM

A reminder about uniform, all students should be in their summer uniform when school starts on 31st January 2019. Boys are still permitted to wear pants (as are girls) but all the girls should be wearing their summer dress (or shorts), not the winter skirt. If you child has a genuine reason to be out of uniform, they are required to bring a note for their Tutor Teacher who will issue them a pass and speak to you about replacement items. Students cannot get a pass for out of uniform trousers, jumpers or jackets. The students look great when they are in full school uniform so we expect your support in this.

Attendance

Parents are asked to finalise any unexplained absences. Please contact the Attendance Officer, Maria Wilson by calling the College on 97414911 and selecting Option 1.

School Nurse

A reminder to ensure all new 2019 <u>medical plans</u> for your children are updated. Please feel free to contact Claudia the School Nurse 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 First Aid for medical attention.



Wow hasn't the year flown by, and what a fantastic year it has been. Being new to Wyndham Central in 2018 I've certainly had a lot to learn in terms of getting to know all the students, staff and wider school community. It's been an absolute privilege, and I'd like to offer my appreciation to all the people who have made my transition a smooth one.

It's been great to watch all our year 7s find their feet this year and fledge into high school students, when the grade 6 students spent time with us in our primary school transition process many of our students were shocked to think that was them this time last year. I am confident the programs and staffing at Wyndham Central nurtures both the academic and emotional growth of our students, and they are able to come so far in one year precisely because of this. A big thank you to the core year 7 team of Laura Newton, Angie Chan, Gabriel Hensby-Robinson and Sharon Hamilton, your tireless efforts with the students do not go unnoticed.

Similarly with the year 8s, even they are finding it hard to believe they are now in year 9 and inhabiting the Deakin Building as their home-base. The year 8 camp was a highlight for many this year, and the memories of spending 3 days in Neerim East will for some last a life time. As they transition into the middle years of the College and start making pathway choices (such as choosing their own electives and language), it's a good opportunity at home to start talking to them about their later years and even post-school life. It's never too early to make plans and have goals to aspire to. Further thanks to the core year 8 team of Ashley Rowe, Allen Nilsen and again Sharon Hamilton, your professionalism has supported the students to the fullest extent.

A relaxing and safe holiday-period for you all, I look forward to doing it all over again in 2019!

Megan Taylor - Assistant Principal - Year 7 & 8



We are at the end of the 2018 academic year. All students have now completed the end of year Semester two exams the Year 10 have stepped up into Year 11 and have holiday homework to complete while the Year 9 cohort are undertaking their Step Up program.

At the beginning of the year during the first assembly, we spoke to the middle years students about what sort of person they want to be at WCC to ensure their personal success and development while striving to create a community of high expectations. As the year draws to a close we have watched your children develop into successful learners who have been given the opportunity to shape their learning with their teachers while demonstrating the values of respect cooperation and excellence.

It has been a successful year with great improvements in student outcomes, students taking responsibility and being independent learners. As a sub-school we have continued to develop the AVID strategies to ensure successful learning and our School Wide Positive Behaviours – students continually demonstrate their growth and development as they strive to "create a community of high expectations".

I would like to thank the Year 10 team led by Mr Cook, assisted by Mrs Whitfield in administration and supported by the tutor teachers: Ms. Nicole Smith, Ms. Siragusano, Mr. Sherriff, Ms. Jessica Pine, Ms. Bellin, Mr. Lynch, Ms. Taylor, Ms. D'allesandro and Mr Keyi who navigated the students through the year.

My thanks to the Year 9 team led by Ms. Hawke and Mr. Conway, assisted by Mrs Whitfield in administration and supported by the tutor teachers: Ms. Alexander, Ms. Demontis, Mr. West, Ms. Shalika Sharma, Ms. Gilmore, Ms. Bains and Ms. Jamieson for their support ongoing support of the cohort.

Many thanks to all parents for their support of the college. It was delightful to obtain such wonderful feedback in the parent opinion survey and is always nice to be recognised for the hard work our staff do. I am convinced that it is only when we work collaboratively that the best outcomes are achieved by all.

It has been a privilege to work with you and your child in 2018 and to watch the growth and development of your child as the journey through the teenager years and move towards adulthood. I look forward to continuing to work with you all in achieving the best outcomes for your child in 2019.

I wish you all a happy, safe and healthy break over the Christmas period.

Connie Faranda – Assistant Principal – Year 9 & 10



As the year draws to a close I would like to thank all of the 2018 Year 11 and 12 students and their parents for their co-operation and support throughout the year. I hope all students achieved their very best for their studies and their exam results and are now looking forward to 2019. Please ensure that all holiday homework is completed and work is revised ready for next year and remember that school commences for all students on Thursday 31st January 2019.

I would like congratulate all of the 2019 Year 12 students who presented speeches to their peers for the role of School Captain/Vice Captain for next year, not an easy task for anyone! The process involved a written application, a speech on an assembly and an interview with the schools leadership team. I would like to congratulate the following students for being elected to the positions:

School Captains for 2019:

Keely-Shayla Teariki Wol Wol

School Vice Captains for 2019:

Chloe Smith Kiana Strong

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing New Year.

Bryan Woollard - Assistant Principal - Years 11 & 12



Please find attached Career Newsletter for December



The Wyndham Central College Student Representative Council has worked hard on numerous projects throughout the 2018 school year. Initiatives such as the Breakfast Club, SRC Suggestions Box, Student-led Workshops, Leadership and Environmental Summits and Wear It Purple Day have all been a great success.

As the SRC leader at the college, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all Student leadership and SRC members. Your pursuit of respect, excellence and cooperation have been exemplary. Please continue to pursue this in the school community as well as the wider community.

Special mention goes to our school captains, Hassan Nur Abdi Hussein, Ashlee Shanks, Lisa McAuliffe and Grace Deng for all that you have achieved this year.

Scott Lynch - SRC Leader



Please be aware that our current canteen providers Brad and Kirstie who have supported Wyndham Central College over a number of years and filled our hungry bellies by providing delicious soups, sandwiches, pies and slices to name just a few of the scrumptious treats; will be leaving at the end of 2018 to begin a new venture in the country.

With their impending departure please be aware that you may need to contact QuickCliq on 1300 116 637 to ensure you use any credit you may have in their system before the canteen closes at the end of the year.

Wyndham Central College would like to welcome our new canteen operator for 2019 – Jude Fina Foods. Please find attached a copy of their menu for 2019.

ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

PARENT PAYMENT SHEETS

The 2019 English Novel list, Campion Booklist and Parent Payment Sheets for each year level have been distributed by early December 2018. The costs associated with the English Novel list and the Campion Booklist is required to be paid directly to Campion Education, the novels will be delivered to the college and distributed to the students who have ordered them; the book packs can be either delivered to your home or can be collected on the Book Collection Day in January 2019.

An expectation of 50% of the Parent Payment Sheet costs is requested in December 2018 and the other 50% on the return of students in January 2019. The college offers various payment options which include Cash, EFTPOS and of course BPAY, the latter allows the convenience to parents to make payment at any time for any amount. We also offer Cash Payment Plans and the CentrePay option for holder of Health Care Cards but there is a requirement to have a meeting with the Business Manager in this situation; for families who already have CentrePay it will continue as it has in the past and there is no need to discuss this plan unless there is a requirement to reduce or increase the amount. Please note that 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.

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP

Please note that once families receive their booklists for 2019, unwanted books can be sold via the SSS for 2019. There will also be an opportunity to purchase some text books on this website as soon as we are able to furnish them with the correct ISBN coding.

ADMINISTRAION OPENING HOURS

Wyndham Central College Administration is open:

- Monday to Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
- Friday 8:30 am 3:30 pm

Administration office will re-open at 8:30 am on Tuesday 29th January 2019.

2019 ARRANGMENTS - CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

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 these types of events/activities.

In 2019 families who applied at our college for this in 2018 will **NOT** need to complete a new form it will be an automatic process. Except in the following situations:

- An existing family has a new child starting in 2019
- A new family starts at the college

In this instance a form will be required to be completed and a copy of a current Health Care /Pension card must be produced.

All applications will be validated by CentreLink and if the criteria is not meet

Eligibility Criteria

All applications 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 2019) or term two (23 April 2019).

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.





Canteen Menu for 2019

Wyndham City - Youth Resources - Summer Chills - see attached

COMMUNICATION/GRIEVANCE PROCESS

Make an appointment with the Tutor Teacher

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

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

If you are still dissatisfied, write to the Principal

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

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

YEAR 12 VTAC SUPPORT:

- 1. VCE Results and ATARS available online from 7am FRIDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 2018
- 2. VCE results and ATARS received in the mail by WEDNESDAY 19th DECEMBER 2018.
- 3. Mrs. Karlovic, the Pathways & Transitions Leader, will be available to students from Friday 14 December, in the Careers Office, from 10am to 4pm for assistance/counselling during results and Change of Preference Time. Each student is entitled to an appointment to assist with decision making regarding pathways, VTAC preference changes, etc. Appointments can be made prior to Friday 14th December as well as on the Friday morning via a telephone call to the College. Students can also make their way to the Careers Office to arrange an appointment or make a booking whilst attending the Year 12 Pathways Morning Tea (see below). Parents are also welcome to attend/make bookings. Every student is encouraged to take the time to have a meeting with Mrs Karlovic, in the Careers Office, during this crucial time.
- 4. RESULTS/CHANGE of PREFERENCE/PATHWAYS MORNING TEA

DATE: Friday 14th December TIME: 10am – 12.30pm

LOCATION: Student Services Centre, Outside the Careers Office

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

Biscuits, donuts, coffee & tea will be available.

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

- 5. Refer to the VTAC Year 11 & 12 Guide, page 47 for further information regarding accessing of results.
- 6. VU Guarantee & RMIT SNAP Program Students will be notified early December. Please see me so we can then discuss your preferences, depending on the outcome.

Please use the services provided by the College. Good Luck!

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE INFORMATION SESSIONS 2018

INSTITUTION	INFORMATION SESSION	DATE	TIME
Australian Catholic	Know Your Options Information Day	Dec 17 (Mon)	12.00pm -
University Phone: 1300 275 228	(Fitzroy)	Dec 17 (Mon)	2.30pm
www.acu.edu.au	Know Your Options Information Day		4.00pm -
	(Ballarat)		6.00pm
	https://www.acu.edu.au/connect_with_a		
	cu/events/know_your_options_informat		4
	ion_sessions		
Australian College of Applied Psychology	Information Evening	Dec 6 (Thurs)	6.00pm

Australian College of Applied Psychology Phone: 1800 061 199 www.acap.edu.au	Information Evening	Dec 6 (Thurs)	6.00pm
Box Hill Institute Phone: 1300 519 694 www.boxhill.edu.au	Information Night (Box Hill Campus - Elgar Road) Free TAFE Information Session (Lilydale Campus)	Oct 25 (Thurs) Nov 13 (Tues)	5.00pm – 7.00pm 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Chisholm Institute Phone: 1300 244 746 www.chisholm.edu.au	Information Evenings at all campuses- Berwick, Cranbourne, Frankston, Dandenong	See dates below on page 4	See times below on page 4
CQU (Melbourne) Phone: 13 2786 www.cqu.edu.au	Change of Preference Information Session www.cqu.edu.au/calendar	Dec 14 (Fri)	9.00am
Deakin University Phone: 1800 693 888 www.deakin.edu.au/choose	Luke Ridgwell 9246 8076 Email: myfuture@deakin.edu.au Information Sessions: Melbourne Campus at Burwood Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus	Dec 14 – 19 Dec 16 (Sun) Dec 17 (Mon)	9.00am – 6.00pm
	Geelong Waterfront Campus Warnambool Campus	Dec 17 (Mon) Dec 18 (Tue)	2.00pm 11.00am - 1.00pm 5.00pm - 7.00pm 11.00am - 1.00pm
Deakin College Phone: 9244 5600 www.deakincollege.edu.au	Online Live Chat Sessions www.deakin.edu.au/choose Carol Glover 9244 5125 Melbourne Campus at Burwood Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus Geelong Waterfront Campus Warnambool Campus	Dec 14 – 19. Dec 16 (Sun) Dec 17 (Mon) Dec 17 (Mon) Dec 18 (Tue)	9.00am – 6.00pm 11.00am - 2.00pm 11.00am - 1.00pm 5.00pm - 7.00pm 11.00am -
Federation University Phone: 1800 333 864 www.federation.edu.au	Tina Bradshaw (5122 6212) Email: info@federation.edu.au Information Day (Mt Helen, Gippsland and Berwick Campus)	TBA	1.00pm TBA

Holmesglen Institute Phone: 1300 639 888 La Trobe University Phone: 1300 135 045	Open Day Alexander Campbell 9564 2608 For more details, refer to: www.holmesglen.edu.au/Students/Open-Days/ Change of Preference Day For extended phone and online support visit: https://latrobe.custhelp.com/app/chat/chat_launc h?utm_source=marketo&utm_medium=email& utm_campaign	Nov 29 (Thurs) Dec 15 (Sat)	Selected times (register online) No appointment registration necessary – see website for details.
Melbourne Polytechnic Phone: 9269 8400 www.melbournepolytechnic. edu.au Monash University Phone: 1800 666 274 www.monash.edu/change-of- preference	One to One Phone Enquiries Between 14 – 19 Dec Lauren Strathie 9903 4762 Monash Change Day Expo Caulfield Campus; Building H	17 Dec (Mon)	3.00-7.00pm
RMIT University Phone: (03) 9925 2260 www.inspired.rmit.edu.au	Change of Preference Expo RMIT City Campus Register: https://www.rmit.edu.au/change-of- preference Or phone: Between 14 – 19 Dec	17 Dec (Mon)	2.00-5.00pm
Swinburne University Phone: 1300 275 794 www.swinburne.edu.au University of Melbourne Phone: 13 63 52	COP Expo & Info Session (Hawthorn) One to One Phone Enquiries Between 14 – 19 Dec	TBA Available mid Dec	TBA Available mid Dec
www.unimelb.edu.au Victoria University Phone: 1300 842 864 www.vu.edu.au	One to One Phone Enquiries Between 14 – 19 Dec		
William Angliss Institute Phone: 1300 264 547 www.angliss.edu.au	One to One Phone Enquiries Between 14 – 19 Dec	Dec 14 (E-i)	7
VTAC www.vtac.edu.au Please note: The info	VCE results and ATAR released brmation displayed in this table was availab	Dec 14 (Fri) le at the time of pu	7am ıblishing.

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

Wyndham Central Cafe by Jude Fina Foods Healthy & Nutritious School Caterins

Breakfast

Egg & Bacon Muffin 3.0 Ham & Cheese Toastie 3.0 Ham, Cheese & Tomato Toastie 3.5 Fresh Yoghurt 3.5 Hash Brown (Oven Baked) 1.2

Recess Selection

Toasted Bacon & Egg on Wholemeal Roll 3.5

Cheese & Spinach Roll 3.5

Assorted Dim Sims and Dumplings 1.2

Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap (Warm) 5.0

Homemade Pizza Slice 2.5

Traveller Beef Pie (Salt Reduce) 3.5

Nacho with Salsa, Sour Cream, Tasty Cheese 4.0

Chicken Burger w Lettuce, Mayo 4.5

Chicken Schnitzel Sub w Lettuce, Cheese & Mayo 5.0

Veg Sub w Cos Lettuce, Tomato, Red Onion, Olives

with a sprinkle of Mayo 5.0

Angus Beef Burger with Cheese, Tomato Sauce 4.5

Hot Dog with Topping (optional) from 3.5

Noddles Assorted Flavours 3.0

Lunch Selection

Homemade Pasta of the Day 4.5
Traveller Beef Pie (Salt Reduce) 3.5
Chicken Burger w Lettuce, Mayo 4.5
Chicken Schnitzel Sub w Lettuce, Cheese & Mayo 5.0
Chicken Parmagina Sub with Sauce & Cheese 5.0
Pork Riblett Sub with Lettuce & BBQ Sauce 5.0
Angus Beef Burger with Cheese, Tomato Sauce 4.5
Assorted Dim Sims and Dumplings 1.2
Homemade Pizza Slice 2.5
Tasty Meatball Sub with Sauce & Cheese 4.5
Hot Dog with Topping (optional) from 3.5
Noddles Assorted Flavours 3.0
Veg Sub w Cos Lettuce, Tomato, Red Onion, Olives
with a sprinkle of Mayo 5.0
Vegetarian Quiche Slice 3.5

Wednesday and Thursday Sushi Special (Term 1 & \$4)

2 Rolls from 6.0 Chicken Teriyaki, California, Tuna & Avocado.

Cold Deli Selection

Fruit Salad with Yoghurt 4.5

Garden Salad with Italian Dressing 4.5

Add Chicken Breast 5.0

Coleslaw 4.5

Yoghurt with Berries 4.5

Jelly 1.5

From The Bakery

Assorted Gourmet Pies 4.0
Sausage Roll 3.0
Assorted Muffins 4.0
Assorted Slices 3.5
100%Vegetable Pasty 4.0
Cheese & Vegemite Pinwheel 1.5

Sandwiches

Made to order
Assorted Breads

Salad with Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber Red Onion 3.5
Salad add Ham 4.0
Salad add Chicken 4.0
Salad add Cheese 4.0
Egg & Lettuce 4.0
Tuna with Tomato & Red Onion 4.0
Chicken Lettuce & Mayo 4.0
Chicken with Avocado & Cheese 5.0
Ham Cheese & Tomato 4.0
Cheese & Tomato 3.5
Add .50 for Rolls or Wraps

Drinks

Add 1.00 for Focaccia

250ml Coke-no sugar, Sprite 2.0
390ml Coke no sugar, Sprite 3.5
500ml Ice Tea Varieties 3.5
750ml Pump Flavoured Water 4.0
600ml Water 2.5
PowerAde Varieties 4.0
300ml Oak Milk Flavoured 2.5
500ml Ice Break 4.0
600ml Oak Flavoured 4.0
Harvey Fresh Juice Varieties from 2.5

Ice Creams

Assorted Paddle Pops 1.8 Mini Callippo 1.3 Icy Twist 1.5 Frozen Gourmet Yoghurt-Gluten Free 2.5

Snacks Options

Popcorn 2.0
Delites 1.0
Red Rock Deli Chips 2.5
Assorted Muffins 4.0
Assorted Slices 3.5









Youth Resource Centre, 86 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing

