



Welcome to our Parent Newsletter.
Our aim is to keep parents informed of upcoming events and important dates to remember.

31st January 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Education is a gift
that no one can take
away!

From the Principal's Desk

We have enjoyed a smooth and efficient start to the new school year. It is a delight to be surrounded by so many bright and enthusiastic students and 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. I warmly welcome back current staff, students, families and members of our Wyndham Central College community and I extend an especially warm welcome to our new students and families from years 8-12 who have joined the College for the first time this year.

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 and educational support staff 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:

In the Languages faculty
Bily Bosevski (Japanese)

In the English faculty
Jonathan Hendriks, Dylan Cook and Beau Lepp

In the Mathematics faculty
Frank Lanciana, Jayandran Nagan and Ilker Karagozoglu

In the Technology faculty
Samantha Mikulas. (Food technology)

IMPORTANT DATES

31 January	All students start
10 – 12 February	AVID Camp
19 February	School Photos
21 February	Swimming Carnival
19 February	Year 10 Parent Information Night - 6:30pm
19 February	Year 11/12 Parent Information Night – 7:30pm
27 February	School Photos (Catch up)
27 February	Year 7 Parents BBQ
11 March	Public Holiday – (Labour Day)
12 March	Grade 5 & 6 Parent Information Night – 7pm
18 March	Year 7 Immunisations
26 March	Athletics Carnival
4 April	Parent Teacher Interviews 4pm – 7pm
5 April	Parent Teacher Interviews 9am – 1pm

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

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

In the Science faculty
Joshua Pine (Laboratory Technician)

In our Student services area we welcome:
Lisa Mann and Rochelle Smith (Integration), Colin Cook (Applied learning program) and Rachael Robinson as an additional Student Wellbeing Counsellor

We welcome back from leave:
Gabiella Kaushik (Spanish teacher), Louise Walter (Music teacher) and Darcy Mulcahy, Christina Nitsas and Mario Agius (Instrumental music teachers).

I extend my best wishes to everyone for a brilliant 2019 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.

School Captains.

Congratulations to our 2019 captains Keely-Shayla Teariki and Wol Wol and our Vice Captains Chloe Smith and Kiana Strong. I am very excited to be working closely with our Student Representative Council, School leaders and in particular our School Captains

2019 Priorities

A continuing focus on implementing AVID strategies when delivering the Victorian Curriculum 7-10, VCE and VCAL programs which is the basis of our daily work will be enhanced with an additional focus on student leadership and student voice in their learning program. We will see many improved and new opportunities for our students in 2019 as we further develop our programs such as Enrichment, STEM and the Spanish Immersion but also offer new break time clubs and student projects via the introduction of an 'interact' club. We look forward to sharing with our community these opportunities and sharing with you our student success.

Parents/Guardians are always encourage to be an active partner with the college and to take up many opportunities over the 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.

School Council members

Parents have the opportunity to contribute to the school via the school council and council sub-committees. Our current School Council comprises of the following members;

President	Mr Anthony Monaghan
Vice President	Mr Matthew Rasmussen
Treasurer	Ms Michelle Guse
Secretary	Ms Netta Ferlazzo

Elected WCC staff Representatives; Mr Byran Woollard, Mr Ashley Rowe, Mr Alex DeLeon, and Ms Shirlene Anderson.
Elected Student Representatives; Ms Charlotte Dumangos and Mr Matthew Nugent-McColley. Our School Captains also attend our meetings and are non-voting members.

Elected Parent Representatives; Mr Prem Sadineedi, Mr Ross Preston, Ms Christine Smith, Mr Darren Clifford, Ms Charlotte Hughes, and Ms Erin Wardley.

Community reps; Ms Connie Faranda and Ms Megan Taylor.

The School Council plays a key role in the governance of the school and supports the principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. Some key functions are; to set the broad direction and vision of the school, develop long term planning documents, develop and review school policy, maintain the grounds and buildings and raise funds for school related purposes, and most importantly report to the school community and create interest in the school.

Our Parent representatives are available at school functions and via email if at any time you would like to discuss or share your ideas on any of the items listed above, or for just a chat about what the council is currently working on. During this term there will be an opportunity for parents, staff and students to nominate to join council. Please consider if you would like to be a part of a future school council as a parent or student representative.

Ready to learn

Our Uniform Policy is available on the school website and in student planners. The expectation for 2019 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 Schoolwide Positive Behaviours 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, tutor teachers and Year Level leaders.

Student AVID binders, Laptops and e-books, or text books are a daily school requirement. Please ensure your children are at school on time with their equipment and in uniform. This will help all students achieve their very best.

I am looking forward to leading the Wyndham Central College community in 2019. We value your input, 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

Creating a Community of High Expectations

Road Safety

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.

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		

Secondary School vaccinations in 2019 – Year 7 & 10 students

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 2019 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 of age who missed any scheduled vaccines, including a catch up program for Meningococcal ACWY vaccine for adolescents aged 15-19 years of age who have not already received the vaccine in school. 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).

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 yard duty supervision at the beginning of the school day will commence at **8.30am**. This supervision will include **Buses Location 1 and Buses Location 2**.

Yard duty 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 3.30pm**.

DET – Detention Duty until 3.40pm.

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

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 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.

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 gates are closed at 8.50 am to facilitate students arriving to class on time. Students must report to the administration area, after 8:50 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.

Emergency Management Plan

The Wyndham Central College Emergency Management Plan is tested regularly to ensure the safety of all students, staff and school visitors in the event of an emergency situation. As part of this plan we conduct four emergency drills per year, two lock down drills and two fire drills and students are made aware of when a drill is about to commence.



**YEAR'S 7, 8 & 9
REPORT**

Welcome to all our new families, Year 7's and any other enrolments into years 8 and 9, and welcome back to all our returning families. I hope you had a relaxing break (for those of you that had time off work) and that you enjoyed spending time with your children over the school holidays. It was wonderful to see them all back at school yesterday, many seemed very excited to be back in routine and around their friends and teachers.

Just a gentle reminder about uniform, the PE jackets are only to be worn once a week when your child has their physical education class. They are not to be worn as a substitute to a jumper. Please make sure your child has the correct uniform as students will be asked to remove the jackets if they are wearing them. Also the school tie is compulsory for boys so again, please double check that your child has one and that they are wearing these to school.

One of our goals at Wyndham Central College in 2019 is to increase the contact that we have with families. Please make sure your details are correct in the office if you've moved or changed phone numbers. I'm excited to let you know that we will be starting a Parents and Friends association this year, the details will be in the next newsletter. I'd also like to issue a warm invitation to all our new year 7 families to a welcome BBQ that will be on Wednesday February 27. Again further details will be provided to your child, but for now can you save this date in your calendars. If there is anything you would like to discuss with the school regarding your child, please contact their Tutor Group Teacher as the first port of call. I look forward to working with you in the coming year and beyond to help your child achieve their best.

Megan Taylor - Assistant Principal – Year 7, 8 & 9

YEAR'S 10, 11 & 12 REPORT

Years 10-12 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 10-12 years students and their families in working towards the completion of a successful secondary school education.

It is with high expectations, the building of a partnership between the College and families, with two-way communication, which will see the fruition of every student's hopes and inspirations.

I encourage you to please make contact with the College if you have any concerns so that they can be dealt with in a timely fashion.

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

Year 10 and 11/12 Parent information evening

A letter has been distributed to Year 10, 11 and 12 students inviting all parents to a Parent Information Evening on **Tuesday 19th February**, in the College Auditorium.

Year 10: 6.30pm-7.30pm

Year 11/12: 7.30pm-8.30pm

During the evening, there will be valuable presentations by the Leading teachers discussing College requirements, including VCE/VCAL and future careers planning. We look forward to seeing you on the night and supporting you with your son/daughters education.

Bryan Woollard - Assistant Principal – Years 10, 11 & 12

TEACHING & LEARNING REPORT

Welcome to the 2019 school year. I hope that all families have enjoyed a restful break and that all students are ready for a successful 2019 academic year.

AVID and AVID Binders

Wyndham Central College is committed to the successful implementation of the AVID university readiness system. AVID ensures consistency for all students in all classes. In Years 7 -10 all students are supported in developing their organisational skills using the AVID Binder.

At Wyndham Central College, the **AVID Binder is compulsory** for all students in Years 7- 10 and for the AVID Elective students at Year 11 and 12. All students were provided with a Binder Pack and supported to organise their binder on day one. Students are expected to take their AVID Binder to all classes and it is stored in their lockers during break times. Parents have a vital role in ensuring that their child maintains a well organised Binder. Parents can check their child's binder and supporting their child to maintain a well organised Binder so they are ready to learn.

Cornell Notes

Students are expected to continue to use the Cornell Note taking format and complete all steps of the note taking system. Teachers will support this process in class regularly. However, the completion of Cornell notes must be part of your child's regular homework and home study program. Parents please have a look at your child's work and encourage and support your child to use the repetition strategies to review notes regularly, as this will help your child to prepare for, and improve their test and exam results and therefore promote greater confidence in their learning.

Curriculum

All teachers are ready to deliver a well- planned, exciting, real and relevant curriculum to your child, that incorporates the WICOR (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organisation and Reading) Strategies. WICOR is a set of research based best teaching and learning practices to support your child to achieve their potential. Teachers will work collaboratively in Professional Learning Communities to continue to develop engaging curriculum and teaching and learning plans that will accelerate student learning and the best possible outcomes for all students.

Homework Club

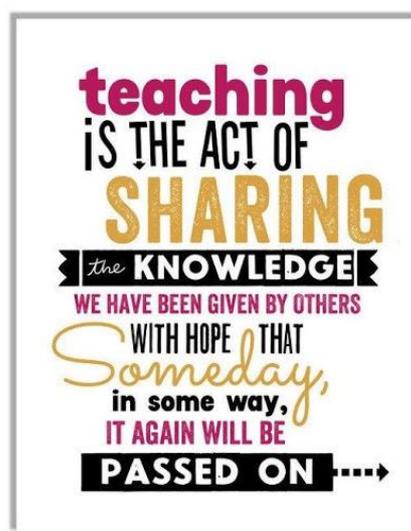
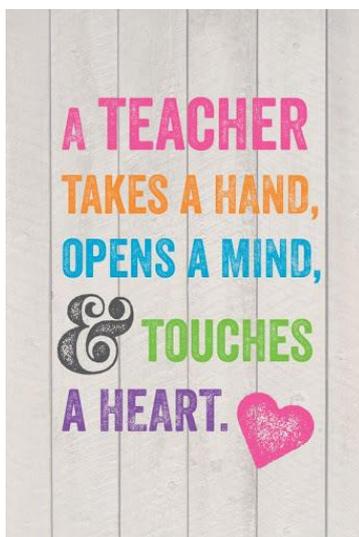
Homework club will be running again in 2019. **Homework Club** is held on **Monday and Wednesday night from 3:20pm to 4:20pm in the AVID Centre**. Homework Club will commence on Monday 4th February. It is an opportunity for students to receive extra support with all areas of their learning with expert teachers available to clarify misconceptions. Homework Club is for all students in Years 7-12, and we encourage all students to take the opportunity to seek extra assistance from teachers or to work collaboratively after school in a supportive learning environment.

We look forward to working with you and your child to ensure a successful and productive 2019.

Connie Faranda - Assistant Principal – Teaching & Learning

Tutor Teachers for 2019

Please find below the list of tutor teachers for 2019. A reminder they are your first point of contact for your children and this can be done via Compass.



Assistant Principal Years 7, 8 and 9	Megan Taylor
Yr. 7 Year Level Leader Year Level Assistant	Ashely Rowe Janine Smith
7A	Nicole Smith
7B (Enrichment)	Sue Butcher
7C (Spanish)	Alex DeLeon
7D	Emily Bellin
7E (EAL)	Jesse Damjanovski
7F	Peta Hills
7G (EAL)	Janine Smith
7H	Shamini John Rose
7J	TBC – Ashley Rowe
7K	TBC – Ashley Rowe
Year 7 ES Assistant	Sharon Hamilton
Yr. 8 Year Level Leader Year Level Assistant	Laura Newton Beau Lepp
8A	Caitlin Barbante
8B(Enrichment)	TBC – Laura Newton
8C (Spanish)	Gabriella Kaushik
8D	Beau Lepp
8E (EAL)	Maiko Yamane
8F	Meridith Thompson
8G(EAL)	Fiona Wu
8H	Shalika Sharma
8J	Michelle Shen
8K	Samantha Mikulas
8L	Amanda Chivers
Year 8 ES Assistant	Sharon Hamilton
Yr. 9 Year Level Leader Year Level Assistant	Grace Hawke
9A	Bily Bosevski
9B (Enrichment)	Amy Cole
9C (Spanish)	Troy West
9D	Frank Lanciano
9E (EAL)	Karl Szulik
9F	Rita Duber
9G (EAL)	Ilker Karagozoglu
9S (STEM)	Nigel Keyi
Year 9 ES Assistant	Angela Whitfield

Assistant Principal Years 10, 11 & 12	Bryan Woollard
Yr. 10 Year Level Leader Year Level Assistant	George Conway Tania Taylor
10A	Kim Silva
10B (Enrichment)	Tania Taylor
10C	Pina Siragusano
10D	Monica D'Alessandro
10E (EAL)	Jessica Pine
10F	Dylan Cook
10G (EAL)	Chloe Mommers
10S (STEM)	Stacey Jamieson
Year 10 ES Assistant	Ange Whitfield
Yr. 11 Year Level Leader	Chad Cook
11A	Angie Gogos
11B	Mark O'Callaghan
11C (AVID Mainstream)	John Cutter
11C2(AVID Mainstream and ELL)	Angie Chan
11D (VCAL)	Andre Bernardi
11E	Bree Alexander
11F	Tiffany Trinh
11G	Stephen Stellini
Year 11 ES Assistant	Heidi Mcdowell
Yr. 12 Year Level Leader	Rebecca Sandlant
12A	Tran Vo
12B	Anita Herbert
12C (AVID Mainstream)	Connie Faranda
12D (VCAL)	Andrew Wokulski
12E (AVID ELL)	Nidhi Sharma
12F	Sharon Bumpstead
Year 12 ES Assistant	Heidi Mcdowell

ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

CAN WE ASSIST YOU WITH A PAYMENT PLAN?

In some cases families may require a little assistance to meet the financial obligations of education, even though at Wyndham Central College we endeavor to keep the costs associated with education down to a minimum. If we can help you please feel free to call us on 9741 4911 to find a suitably agreeable time to make an appointment with the Business Manager Netta Ferlazzo to discuss how we could assist.

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE 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

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.

If families have not already submitted their completed the CSEF form together with a copy of their current Health Care /Pension card please ensure you do so. All applications will be validated by CentreLink and if the criteria is not met

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; this code is found on the your family statement.

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

