



SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM (SIP)

Dear Parents /Carers

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Wyndham Central College is very excited to offer a Spanish Immersion Program. Language Immersion, also known as CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning), is the most effective form of bilingual education designed for students with high communication skills.

Immersion learning is a significantly enriching experience and is a very common practice overseas, especially in Europe and in North America. In Australia, Wyndham Central College is one of the few schools that offer such an innovative language immersion program. Immersion is a revolutionary concept because, by enabling students to learn a language through content, as happens in real life, it leads to a more engaging and relevant process of language acquisition. Spanish Immersion Program (SIP) students experience an exceptional opportunity learn the Spanish language and culture.

The Spanish Immersion Program begins at Year 7 and concludes at the end of Year 10. After year 10, Spanish Immersion students are encouraged to undertake VCE Spanish. The SIP program is suitable for students who want to increase their Spanish language proficiency while mastering subject content from other disciplines. Research shows the most effective way for children to acquire a second language is to integrate instruction into the standard curriculum children are already learning. Statistics also show that students who participate in the immersion programs often outperform students in traditional language classes, and have a greater appreciation of cultural diversity.

Families interested in having their child participate in the Spanish Immersion Program in 2022 are required to complete the attached Application form. Students shortlisted for the program will be contacted to attend an interview and will be asked to complete and present an assignment. Recommendation by primary school teachers is also an important part of the selection process and primary school teachers may be contacted to complete a confidential assessment form.

For more information, do not hesitate to contact Mr De-Leon on 9741 4911

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