

# The Wyndham WAY

*Respect, Co-Operation & Excellence*

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Welcome to our Parent Newsletter. All newsletters are posted on Compass for parents & students  
Our aim is to keep parents informed of upcoming events and important dates to remember.

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Work Hard  
Dream Big  
Never Give Up

### From the Principal's Desk

As we come to the end of term one, we once again have experienced so many achievements and opportunities for our whole school community – staff, students, and parents. This newsletter provides many examples of the term activities to support our student learning and engagement.

Please take the time to read your child's year level report prepared by our Assistant Principals and their Year Level leaders, our program leader reports and the student reports, where our students write about the school wide and community activities they have led and been involved in during term one. This newsletter also has twice a term community news section that provides other opportunities for students and their families which also includes items and opportunities over the upcoming term break.

### Introduction of new School Council Elected Members 2022-2023

School councils comprise of parents, staff and students (if the school has enrolments in year 7 and above). Our council also has community members. We have held our school council elections in Feb/March of this year for the two-year tenure of all three categories and the one-year tenure of the two student positions.

Congratulations to the following elected members.

Our school parent newly elected representatives are Charlotte Hughes (re-elected), Prem Sadineedi (re-elected) and Jasmine Allen. They are joining our current parent members Darren Clifford, Kat Rodriguez and Pascal Ochi.

We thank them for their nominations and look forward to having them on school council as your voting representatives and parent voice.

Our Staff representative for this year includes newly elected member John Lister, who has joined Ashley Rowe (re-elected) and Bryan Woollard (re-elected), working alongside our DET observers, Connie Faranda, Megan Talyor and Michelle Guse

We have also welcomed two new student representatives to council and look forward to hearing the students voice from Sonia Bitonde of year 12, and Ravneet Kaur of year 12.

We thank our Community representatives, Mr Anthony Monaghan for continuing on in his position as school council President and Mr Matthew Rasmussen as our school council Treasurer. This year we also thank parent representative Mr Darren Clifford who is our school council Vice-President.

## IMPORTANT DATES

7 April	Parent Teacher Interviews 4pm – 7pm (in person)
8 April	Parent Teacher Interviews 9:30am – 2pm (online)
8 April	End on Term 1
25 April	Public Holiday – ANZAC Day
26 April	Term 2 Commences
29 April	Athletics Carnival
2 May	Student Free Day – Staff Professional Development
3 May	Year 9, 10 & 11 College Pathways Program Parent Information Night
4 May	Cross Country- Year 7 - 9
9 – 13 May	Year 10 Work Placement
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### Parent Bulletin

This newsletter is additional to the weekly information provided in the Parent Bulletin emailed each Monday.

**IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY**

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

All members of school council welcome your input and feedback. Please find all members emails via Compass, or don't hesitate to contact any council members via the Wyndham Central College email address.

#### **Parent Teacher interviews - Our invitation to all families to attend.**

This past term I have been reminded of the importance of the message "it takes a village to raise a child". And the reminder that all of us need to remain vigilant and do all we can to be ever present in the lives of our children.

All term one reports have now been completed and will be posted electronically to Compass. A printed copy will be available to all students and their families for our Parent/Teacher interviews this coming Thursday afternoon the 7th of April from 4pm-7pm in person, and Friday the 8th of April from 9.30am – 2:30pm on Microsoft Teams.

A reminder that all parent/carers are able to make an interview time with our staff via Compass. If you have any difficulties do not hesitate to contact our ICT support team or your child's tutor teacher.

It is important for parents/carers, students and teachers to continue to work in partnership to support children's learning journeys and these interviews are an opportunity to meet your child's 2022 teachers. Due to the 2020/21 restrictions, we have not been able to conduct all of our parent/carer meetings or transition processes and our 2022 term one, week 3, 'Meet and Greet' sessions and BBQ were also cancelled. Therefore, this is our opportunity to meet once again and re-establish these important parent partnerships in supporting our students in their educational journeys.

At all other times it is important to continue to communicate with the school and this can always be done via COMPASS email or by phone with our classroom teachers, tutor teachers or year level leaders. A student planner can also be a valuable tool. Each student has a planner that should be bought to each class along with the student binder and a fully charged laptop.

#### **Preparing for term 2**

A reminder that all students return on Tuesday 26th April for term two and are expected to be in our college winter uniform. I ask parents and carers to check the uniform policy to support your child to be in full school winter uniform and to support them to be ready to learn with their binders and a fully charged laptop or their textbooks. An additional reminder that the state government have banned mobile phones from being used at school by students and I ask all parents and carers to support your child in adhering to this rule by leaving mobile phones at home or locked away in their school supplied lockers.

I would like to wish all students and families a Happy and safe Easter and a relaxing term break and we look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 26th April for term two.

**Leanne Gagatsis - Principal**  
**Creating a Community of High Expectations**

#### **Bike Safety**

Concerns have been raised by members of the community about bike safety of our students to Victoria Police. As a college we also wish to stress the importance of bike safety to ensure your child arrives at school and returns home safely. We urge all families to stress the importance of following all bike safety requirements to ensure the safety of all members of the community. For further clarification, please call VicRoads on 13 11 71 or visit [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)

#### **Uniform Reminder**

Please see photos below regarding correct uniform and shoes. Please note: Students' hair must be of a natural colour, and face piercings are not allowed. The raincoat is worn when raining over the school blazer. Thank you for your cooperation.





## Wyndham Central College

As part of the uniform policy at Wyndham Central College, students are required to only wear hard black leather school shoes to school. Lace ups for boys and girls and T-bars are also permitted for girls. Runners, canvas, skate shoes, and thin sole sports shoes are not acceptable. Runners can only be worn on appropriate sports days.

### Correct Footwear



### Incorrect Footwear



### WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE RIGHT SCHOOL SHOES!

Children spend around 30 hours a week in their school shoes - that's in excess of 15,000 hours during their school years! So it is critical for children to wear school shoes specifically designed to support the needs of their growing feet.

- Correctly fitted school shoes help reduce the risk of injury, improve comfort and enhance performance.
- Important features of a good school shoe should include:
  - correct support- firm heel counters
  - comfort
  - durability- good quality leathers and hard wearing soles
  - cushioning
- Correctly fitted shoes can help promote correct bone and muscle development and prevent life-long foot and leg problems.



## Wyndham Central College

As part of the uniform policy at Wyndham Central College, students are required to wear the full school uniform.

Please Note:

- Ties must be worn at belt length and properly tied
- Student dress and skirt length must be at knee length or longer
- Student School Hats are available (Navy). NO other hats are permitted
- Sport Uniforms are to be worn only on the days sport/practical classes are scheduled and are NOT permitted to be worn on regular class days.

The student dress code must be followed at all times.

### Correct Uniform



**REMINDER - PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF PARKING WHEN PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN AND DO NOT BLOCK THE LOCAL NEIGHBOURS DRIVEWAYS AND THE SCHOOL BUSES IN THE YELLOW PAINTED ZONES IN THE MARKET ROAD EXTENSION**

## Please ensure your child follows the Mobile Phone Policy for All Schools Students

Victorian schools implemented a mobile phone policy in, 2020. This policy continues in 2022.

It helps focus students' attention on learning in the classroom by providing them with:

- a safe environment to learn without inappropriate mobile phone use (including cyberbullying) or distractions
- greater opportunities for social interaction and physical activity during recess and lunchtimes.

The use of technology is important, but the risks and benefits from its use needs to be carefully managed. A summary of research articles is available via the resources named below. It provides the reason for the policy, including concerns about the impact of overuse of mobile phones on thinking and learning, health and wellbeing.

Students will still be able to bring a mobile phone to and from school, but it will need to be turned off and stored securely away in the school supplied lockers for the entire school day. Parents or carers can still contact their children through the school office in emergencies.

**Families are asked to support your child to follow the mobile phone use policy and to support your children to become safe and responsible technology users. This is a Victorian Government regulation.**



## Staying COVID safe

### Vital COVIDSafe steps

- Social distancing
- Limit mixing with other year levels
- Maintain physical distancing
- Limit to non-essential visitors and density limits in common areas
- Wash hands regularly and at key points
- Get a test even with the mildest of symptoms
- Isolate until you receive your test results



### Rapid Antigen Test Kits (RAT tests)

RAT tests continue to be distributed to all students. It is highly recommended that your child takes a test on a **Monday and Wednesday morning** and continues to do so weekly until the end of Term. More information will be provided for Term 2.

#### If you are positive

If your child receives a positive result at any time you must report this to the school and Department of Health immediately.

You must report a positive result to the Department of Health via their system ([Rapid antigen tests | Coronavirus Victoria](#)) (link) or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398.

Students (or their parents) must also report a positive result to their school, either through the COVID Test [portal](#) (link) or by phone on 97417911 or written notification. This is so the school can support students, record that they will be absent while in 7-day isolation, and let the rest of the school community know there has been a positive case onsite and that they should monitor for symptoms.

Please note that a student will not be identified when communicating with the school community.

Any student who has tested positive for COVID-19, and has completed their 7-day isolation period and are subsequently asymptomatic (no symptoms) do not need to undertake surveillance testing for 30 days.

All students and staff who return a positive result from a rapid antigen test should also follow the latest advice at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests>. (link)

Information about how to do a test, including a how-to video translated into 33 languages, is [available online](#) using this link.

### Attendance / Non Attendance Process – Reminder

Please report all known absences to the Attendance Officer, Ms. Carol Mills by:

- Calling the College on 97414911 and selecting Option 1.
- Texting the College on 0428 210 574 (attendance line)
- Emailing the College at [attendance@wyndhamcentralsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:attendance@wyndhamcentralsc.vic.gov.au)

If your child has been absent please send a note with your child including their name, tutor class and reason within three working days to explain his/her absence. For further information please see the Attendance Policy on Compass or the Department of Education parent website.



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#### Fact sheet for parents/carers from the Department of Education

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify their school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:

1. **Online:** log the absence directly using our school's IT platform - Compass
2. **Telephone:** the school's Attendance Officer, Mrs. Carol Mills on 9741 4911 (Option 1 for attendance) and let her know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.
3. **Email:** your child's tutor teacher, via Compass and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

#### Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school.

From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. **Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.**



### **What is your responsibility?**

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know in the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for schools to implement the same day notification requirement, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details.

Generally one notification will be sent per family. Should there be circumstances that require both parents and carers to be notified, please contact the school to make the necessary arrangements.

### **What is the school's responsibility?**

The school must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day.

Schools will let you know either by your school's online communications app, SMS, phone call or email. If you can't be reached because the school does not have your correct contact details (i.e. changed phone number, SMS/email failure notification received etc.), the school will attempt to make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school. Where possible, this contact will be made on the same day of the unexplained absence.

### **Where can I learn more about the process for managing student absences?**

Ask your school for a copy of the *Attendance Policy* which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences.

## **Privacy Policy**

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### **Annual privacy reminder for 2022**

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). (link)

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice and the contract service provider policy, found on Compass and is located within the Policies & Handbooks folder (available using parent log in credentials): <https://wyndhamcentralsc-vic.compass.education/Communicate/SchoolResources.aspx>. (link)

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). (link) This information is also available in nine community languages:

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|-----------|----------|---------|----------|------------|
| • Amharic | Arabic   | Dari    | Gujarati | Mandarin   |
| • Somali  | Sudanese | Turkish | Urdu     | Vietnamese |

## **College Information**

### **Road Safety – Keeping students safe**

In the interest of student safety and the efficiency of the school buses, please do not park in the yellow painted curb from **2.45pm-3:15pm**. The school buses experience difficulties turning at the end of the road which delay the service and the pickup of students. This increases the risk to student safety and the damage to motor vehicles.

Please be mindful of parking when picking up your children and do not block the local neighbour's driveways.

### **Compass Login**

Emails were sent to new parents with Compass login details. If you did not receive an email please contact the administration office on 9741 4911.

### **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		

Reminder – **Home room tutor time attendance is compulsory** – during this time students receive all relevant class/school information.

### **Students on school premises Before School & After School**

*Please see below an extract from Wyndham Central College's Supervision and Duty of Care Policy*

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 **3.30pm 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.**

**Supervision is provided 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.

Thank you in supporting our students to remain safe by following this policy.

### **School Nurse**

A reminder to ensure all **medical plans** for your children are up to date. Please feel free to contact Ms. Claudia Jara, 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. If your child is being tested for COVID 19 please notify the college immediately and a clearance letter from the doctor needs to be sited before the student returns.

### **School Gates**

**The school gates are closed at 8.45 am** 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 onto 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.

### **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 scheduled.

### **Secondhand Uniform**

We are asking for your assistance with donations of any items of uniform that your child/children have grown out of or not using anymore. If you can assist, please drop off secondhand uniforms to the front office and we will issue to other students within the college as necessary. Thank you for your support.



How refreshing it has been to have a full term with no lockdowns, although looking around the yard and classrooms it is apparent we are all exhausted and are very much looking forward to the Easter break. The new Year 7s have settled in nicely and are adjusting to all the differences that occur in high school. Hopefully we will be able to run a Year 7 excursion early next term as now most of the covid restrictions have been lifted. It has been great to be able to have assemblies again, even though we can only have half the cohort in the auditorium at a time. Weekly routines such as this are important as we get back to post-covid normal.

We recently ran our 'Grade 6 Information Evening' for all the families considering joining us next year (hard to believe we're already talking about 2023). Despite a drizzly night there was a good turn out and we will be conducting school tours over the next couple of weeks if you have a child starting here next year and want to bring them for a look around the College. One will be Wednesday March 30th at 5pm and another on April 7th at 5pm.

I'm sure this will be discussed in other parts of the newsletter, but Parent Teacher conferences are being held soon (face to face for the first time in two years), and we'd strongly encourage you to bring your children along to attend these. If you can't make it onsite Thursday afternoon / evening, Friday during the day the interviews will be online (or phone if that's more convenient). Having good relationships and partnerships with families is very important to us at Wyndham Central College, in particular your child's Tutor Teachers would really like to meet you. They see your child every day they are at school and are a great starting point if you are new to the College.

We trust you will enjoy your Easter break as much as we will,

**Megan Taylor - Assistant Principal – Years 7, 8 & 9**

### **YEAR 7 REPORT**

The Year 7 students are coming up to the completion of their first term of Year 7. We are so proud of the way they have embraced the opportunities provided to them at high school.

Year 7 students have had the opportunity to represent the school at interschool sports, develop their leadership at on leaders excursion and learnt about the law at a proactive police presentation.

Immunisations have already occurred for the Year 7 students and some of the Year 7's were able to demonstrate their perseverance when presented with the challenge of receiving a needle. There were some tears and some sore arms afterwards but we all made it through!

Our Year 7's had their first taste of NAPLAN online through our practice NAPLAN tests. The students were able to experience completing NAPLAN at Wyndham Central College and now know what to expect and it was pleasing to hear from the Year 7's that I talked to that the experience wasn't as daunting as they had expected.

We have our first Parent Student Conferences coming up in the last week of school on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. If you have not yet made a booking please book through Compass or contact your child's tutor teacher if you are having difficulties. We can't wait to see you and your child there.

If you have any questions or queries please contact your child's tutor teacher or myself.

**Liam Clifford – Year 7 Level Leader**

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## **YEAR 8 REPORT**

It is with very great pleasure and relief to have completed a WHOLE term without lockdowns. This will be the first full term for both students and teachers in the past two years. Our cohort has shown resilience and perseverance. You should be proud of your child as we are at Wyndham Central College. Thank you for supporting us through this term; there have been many things to celebrate.

Our assemblies are now able to run face to face in the auditorium. We have two assemblies on a Wednesday morning with half the cohort in one assembly then the other half in another assembly. A very big congratulations and thank you to 8H and their tutor teacher Mr. West for running our first student led assembly. It ran smoothly with students taking various roles and supporting each other.

Our tutor program has been focusing on social and emotional intelligence due to students missing out on physically socialising over lockdown. This program has largely been a success with Morning circles run at the beginning of each tutor class. Morning circle is where students get to greet each other and complete a team building activity. A big thankyou to the year 8 Coordinator Ms Webster for organising and running these.

Ms Webster has also been busy organising the year 8 camp. We have 120 excited students who are eager to go. The camp has been capped at 120 due to staffing restrictions. Please check if you have paid and are up to date with the payment plan so your child can attend. There is a waiting list for all other students wanting to attend.

Whole school athletics carnival is in the first week back after term one holidays. Ms. Stonehouse is organising this so a very big thank you to her. Hopefully the weather is wonderful and we have a terrific day out as per usual. The Sports ground we use is the Victoria University Sports track. The site is quite exposed and get very windy and sometimes cold so please remember to wear appropriate clothing. It was great to see so many students signing up to participate.

A brief reminder about mobile phones and uniform. As cold weather approaches could you please ensure that your child has the correct uniform. Please contact student services if you need assistance with this. As per Victorian Law students are not permitted to have mobile phones during school hours. If you need to contact your child during school hours could you please contact the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to seeing you all at our parent student conferences which will be held on the evening of Thursday 7th April and remotely on Friday 8th April.

**Allan Nilsen - Year 8 Level Leader**

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## **YEAR 9 REPORT**

Term 1 seems to have flown by for our Year 9s, with most of our students adjusting well to 2022. Students have engaged in their new electives and the new 2022 curriculum.

During week 7, all students completed the NAPLAN CPT test, which was a great preparation for the upcoming NAPLAN tests in Term 2.


We have a few exciting events to finish off term 1. Next Friday our Year 9s will meet two members of the WCC Alumni. This will present a great opportunity to hear about the journeys and ask questions of ex students that have experienced success since finishing at the college.

A reminder that we have our Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday the 7th of April from 4-7pm, and then online Parent Teacher Conferences on Friday the 8th of April to finish off the term.

If there are any queries regarding these events, please don't hesitate to contact the college.

**Grant Puxley - Year 9 Level Leader**

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## **YEAR'S 10, 11 & 12 REPORT**

I would like to encourage all parents/carers to attend the parent/teacher interviews on Thursday 7th April from 4pm-7pm (at the College) and on Friday 8th April from 9:30am -2:30pm (on Microsoft Teams) and more information will be provided to you on this.

The interviews will provide vital feedback on the progress of your child and strategies for support and improvement will be discussed.

All students were given a college planner (diary) at the commencement of the year and I encourage all parents to look through this planner and support your child to use it for writing in important dates and homework. Please also use and check the planner for two-way communication, between the school and home.

I would like to remind parents about the College promotion policy and that students must maintain a satisfactory attendance of 100% in all subject areas, unless ill. If senior students are absent on the day of a SAC, then they must provide a doctor's certificate to be able to re-sit the SAC for a scored assessment.

In the best interest of students' academic progress, please note that it is not possible to make subject changes this far into the year. We have an informative course selection process that we involve students and parents/carers with which also involves parents in signing off on the subjects offered.

Please assist the College by ensuring that your son/daughter wears the correct school uniform. It is the policy of the College that all students wear our school uniform with pride. This is in keeping with our aim of developing in students a feeling of belonging, respect and a sense of identity. The positive image that the College presents to the community is important to us. Students must wear the uniform on each school day, to and from school and the uniform must be always presentable.

In accordance with the Department's Mobile phone policy, issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at Wyndham Central College during school hours (8.50am-3.04pm), including break times unless an exception has been granted. All mobile phones need to be securely stored in student lockers during this time.

I encourage you to please contact your son/daughters Tutor Teacher if you need assistance, or have any concerns, so that they can be dealt with in a timely manner.

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

## **YEAR 10 REPORT**

Students across the cohort have continued to redevelop the routine of school. Students have been supported to be time efficient through the Elevate presentation undertaken in week 4 surrounding time management skills. The presentation provided students with applicable and age appropriate time management strategies that can benefit the juggling of study, part time work and social relationships. Elevate will return to the school later in the year to provide a further presentation surrounding study skills ahead of student transition into Year 11.

Student voice and agency has been a focus throughout term 1 and this is evident by having students self-nominate and vote for their 2022 Year 10 Student representative Council members, Class Captains and House Captains. We acknowledge and appreciate our student's leadership endeavours and hope they are able to fulfil these roles as models for their peers.

To assist the social and emotional development of Year 10 students, VicRoads conducted their Road Smart presentation to reinforce vital road safety messages, providing Year 10 students the tools they need to be safer on the roads. Students and families were provided links for eLearning modules for beginners and their supervising drivers, and a free in-car session, delivered on or off-road.

If you have any questions or queries please contact your child's tutor teacher or myself.

**Ashlin Brown – Year 10 Level Leader**

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## **YEAR 11 REPORT**

Welcome to the second newsletter for the year, time has flown this term and as we get closer the end of the term I look forward to sharing what the Year 11's have been doing.

I would like to introduce the Year 11 Leadership Team for 2022.

Congratulations to Ayser Al-Mashat and Norma Liki who was elected as our Year 11 SRC representatives and another congratulations to Rahima Abdul Kadir Assafa who will be our SRC Vice Captain.

All students had undergone an application process that is rigorous and I am proud of each student for taking on this opportunity at the college and look forward to working with them this year.

Our class captains are as follows:

Tutor group    Class Captain

11A Bahati Ndayishimiye

11B Megan Pini

11C Ayser Almashat

11D Captain: Jordan Powell - Vice Captain: Karl Hinsi

11E Amina Grace Ntango

11F Deniz Akviran

11G Dylan Roberts

11H Bradley Bottrell

11J Kayla Lockwood

11K Corey Crossley

Red House: Tapovardhan Sadineedi    Yellow House: Jennifer Kunoo    Green House: Amelia Butcher    Blue House: TBA

We are still looking for a Blue House leader and if your child is in Blue house and would like this opportunity please encourage them to write an application. Well done to all of the leadership students!

Our wonderful Year 11 cohort have been exposed to a number of opportunities and activities this term that have encouraged reflection and celebration:

Guest speakers from Elevate who presented student Memory Mnemonics

Celebrations of Student Achievement including SRC, House and Class Captains

Recognition of positive accomplishments identified by teachers on Compass



Celebrating Harmony/Cultural Diversity Week Activities run by Student Services and SRC including- students writing messages on hand templates to make into a tree of positive messages, face painting of Harmony Week colours, ochre face painting, wrist ribbon tying and a photo booth  
Alumni guest speakers

To further support a positive start this year, I would like to remind students that we are moving to the winter uniform. I know tutor teachers are supporting students who don't have particular items of uniform and we appreciate your support on this issue. I would also like to remind you of the DET mobile phone policy which requires phone to be switched off and in their lockers from school arrival until leaving for home at the end of the day. Again I thank families for their support, and if there are any issues with uniform to please get in contact with tutor teachers.

As we draw to the end of the term, its perfect timing to remind students and families that there are clear guidelines in place in regards to VCE promotion. We have just implemented a new 'Senior At Risk Process' that will support students in taking ownership of their learning, a way for myself to track students who may be struggling and a way for parents to be informed as to how your child is progressing. The At Risk is broken into 3 levels; At Risk Level 1, At Risk Level 2 and At Risk Level 3.

At Risk Level 1 is when your student has not completed the course work for the outcome. A list of the outstanding coursework will be emailed to the student and parents.

At Risk Level 2 is when your student may not have completed the work from At Risk 1 or a practice assessment has been completed and has indicated that the student is not progressing towards a satisfactory result.

At Risk Level 3 is when the student has not passed the SAC/or SAT this will be followed with an opportunity to redeem with a satisfactory result.

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.

You will be receiving reports soon, and it's very important that you have discussions around your students progress to make sure they are satisfying all requirements. I encourage families to make appointments during Parent Teacher Interviews coming up, to discuss any concerns with your students teachers.

Year 11 students will receive holiday homework across the next break, it is important students stay on top of all work. It is important to have a break as well, but VCE is a demanding year, so please make sure all work is completed.

I hope you all have a great Easter Break and I look forward to what Term 2 brings for our Year 11 students.

**Tayla Clayton - Year 11 Level Leader**

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## **YEAR 12 REPORT**

Firstly, I would like to thank all Year 12 students for such a great start to the year. As I walk around the senior years building, it is great to see students working hard to achieve their best and understanding the significance of their final year of high school. As further support for our Year 12 students, we will soon be starting the after school tutoring program to further support our Year 12s, signups are going out shortly and hopefully will begin this week. Students also have access to homework club as another layer of support. Please make sure to attend these clubs to help with your studies.

Please remember, that our amazing team at student services are there to assist all students if needed. As the pressure does begin to mount up with SACs, many students may become disconnected to the school and can have trouble dealing with the workload. Please let myself or Student Services know if you have any concerns and we will do what we can to support your student.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **RESILIENCE PRESENTATION**

Week 2 of Term 2 we will have a professional resilience coach come in to speak to our Year 11 and 12 cohorts. The topic of resilience is constantly being challenged as students work to overcome the stressors of Year 12, combined with what they have had to deal with over the last two years. The coach will speak to students about strategies and ways to build their individual resilience, but also how to support each other. Resilience curriculum throughout the rest of the term will support this program.

### **ATHLETICS DAY**

Our athletics carnival for 2022 will be on 29th April (week 1 of Term 2). Unfortunately, due to continued Covid restrictions we have not been able to have full sports days on for a while, hopefully our Year 12s are able to have a great day as their final sports day as a cohort and get dressed up and have some fun.

### **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held at the end of the term on 7th – 8th April. You would have received a letter, and a compass notification regarding booking your appointment times. This is a really important time, where parents, students and staff can work together for the ultimate success of the students.

### **AVID DAY**

Week 4 Term 2 we will have our AVID half day for Year 12s. AVID is our Instructional Model which is central to our teaching and underpins the success of our students during their high school years and after. This day helps students to build their AVID strategies in class and at home. AVID Model has proven to increase students results and support their goals to achieve a greater success.

**Chad Cook - Year 12 Level Leader**

[chad.cook@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:chad.cook@education.vic.gov.au)



## **TEACHING & LEARNING REPORT**

### **Learning catch up and extension**

The College teaching and learning focus continues to be on learning catch- up and extension. Teachers have been focusing on ensuring all students have the essential skills and knowledge in each of their subject areas. Teachers are also monitoring students and supporting them to make the next steps in their learning.

We support students in a number of programs to assist learning catch up and extension. Among these are the MYLNS program, Year 12 external tutors, the Enhancement Program, the Tutor Learning Initiative and the Quicksmart program, all of which support the focus on learning catch up and extension. Furthermore, Homework Club provides learning support for students every Monday and Wednesday from 3:10pm to 4:00pm.

### **Term 1 Parent Student Teacher Conferences and Reports**

Students have been working with their classroom teachers over this term and have completed assessment tasks in all their subjects as part of their learning program.

There will be the opportunity for you and your child to discuss their progress with their subject teachers at Parent- Student - Teacher Conferences to be held on:

- Thursday 7th April 4:00pm – 7:00pm on site at the College
- Friday 8th April 9:30am – 2:30pm online on Microsoft Teams

The term 1 reports will be available online via Compass from 6th April. Hard copies of reports will be distributed to students on Wednesday 6th April as part of the Student's Report Reflection session. Please ask your child for their report after school on Wednesday 6th April. We invite all parents to make interview times on Compass to discuss your child's progress. Parents can book their conferences from Friday 25th March at 3pm – Friday 6th April at 3pm.



Details about how to book your Parent – Student- Teacher Conference and how to join an online Parent – Student - Teacher Conference has been provided in a separate correspondence. Please contact the College if you have any questions or need support with this process.

### **NAPLAN ONLINE 2022**

All Year 7 and 9 students will be participating in NAPLAN Online from 10– 20 May 2022. The NAPLAN test is used by the College to support student learning.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year. If your child is eligible for support due to disability or exemption, you should discuss this with his/her teacher prior to the tests. Signed parental consent is required before exemption is granted and this must be done prior to the testing period.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form before your child can be granted withdrawal. These forms are available at the school and must be completed and submitted to the school prior to the testing period.

Students will be given the opportunity to practice and familiarise themselves with the NAPLAN online test. Parents can help familiarise their child with the tests by using the ACARA website. <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site> (link)

Additionally, parents can support their child by encouraging their child to do their best on each of the tests so that the test is a true indication of your child's ability and reflects their strengths and areas for improvement. Parents can also support by ensuring that your child has enough sleep and a healthy breakfast so that they can perform to the best of their ability and demonstrate their true skills and knowledge in NAPLAN.

Having an accurate reflection of your child's skills and knowledge will support teachers in our work of knowing where your child is on the learning continuum and support teachers to plan educational programs to move your child along this learning continuum successfully.

For more information about NAPLAN Online, please visit the VCAA website at [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au) or the NAP website at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

### **Alumni Program**

Wyndham Central College is proud of our alumni and the Alumni Program continues this year.

Alumni from our foundation schools – Galvin Park Secondary College and Werribee Technical School – are also part of our alumni community.



**WYNDHAM  
CENTRAL COLLEGE**

The purpose of the alumni community is to advise, help and inspire current students at Wyndham Central College and support a network with other ex-students .

We developed the program in partnership with Ourschool, a not-for-profit service that helps public schools build their alumni communities.

Our alumni program focuses on:

- Establishing and growing our alumni community
- Inviting alumni back to school to provide career or study advice to students
- Inviting alumni to offer work experience placements for our students
- Helping alumni establish or contribute to student scholarships
- Establishing avenues for alumni to provide philanthropic support

Alumni can join our alumni community by filling in the form on our College website at <https://www.wyndhamcentralsc.vic.edu.au/alumni/>

**Connie Faranda – Assistant Principal – Teaching & Learning**

## **STUDENT VOICE & POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT YEARS 7 - 9**

Throughout the last month, the Student Representative Council (SRC) has been formed and meet to discuss what they want their legacy to be in creating whole school improvement by using student voice and agency. Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers to represent their year level as members of the SRC this year:

Year 7: Tondan Nguyen, Leon King and Annabella Misiti

Year 8: Lynda Khin, Charlie Russell and Keana Vidacs

Year 9: Shania Axiak, Tyrese Taula and Liam Power

Year 10: Glennen Brown, Morrisham Teariki and Muhammad Haider

Year 11: Norma Liki, Ayser Al-Mashat and Rahima Abdul Kadir Assafa

Year 12: Joshua Cefala Lopez, Ravneet Kaur, Catherine Ma'asi and Ciarna Duckett

Students will be presented with their SRC badges at an upcoming year level assembly and will also report back to their respective cohorts their work so far. This group of leaders will continue to work with the class captains at their year levels to build their leadership skills and also embed student voice and agency across all year levels.

The SRC is currently in the process of developing ideas and will then gain feedback from their year levels in regard to projects this year. They have already been a part of the recent activities for Harmony Week, and are keen to run further events throughout the year, including our College Multicultural Week.

Over the last month, the student selected break time clubs have also been running. Students have been given the choice of two different clubs during each break. The clubs include: Art, science, chess, indoor soccer, multicultural, computer programming, debating, rainbow, music, environmental, choir, languages, netball, guitar, anime, chinlone, volleyball, KPOP, Interact and board games. It is a great opportunity for students to meet and create friendships with students from across the college with similar interest to them.

**Ashley Rowe – Acting Assistant Principal**

## **COMMUNITY & POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT YEARS 10 - 12**

In term 1 we have been able to start with a slightly modified Festival of Fun and Fitness. As you can imagine it's a challenging time getting outside organisations into our school for many different reasons, however we were able to commence our Boxing Fit (Monday nights) and Tennis Lessons (Wednesday nights). There are a few weeks left in the program so please see Ms Sandlant if you would like to join. I have been asked many times by students when Soccer will start. I hope to have that up and running next term. I will be in touch soon with the full Term 2 program.

Here are a few snaps from the sessions! I would like to especially thanks to Ms Bellin and Mr Bark/Ms Hills for supervising!! Without you this great program can't go ahead!!





We have finished the House Captains election process and I would like to congratulate the following student on being elected:

	Red	Blue	Green	Yellow
Year 12	Malachi Russell 12F	Kaisha Lenz 12F	Blerina Hasani 12D	Ashleigh Benson 12F
Year 11	Tapovardhan Sadineedi 11C	Looking for a nomination	Amelia Butcher 11G	Jennifer Kunoo 11G
Year 10	Hayley O'Reilly 10S	Ava Zelenak 10H	Sione Finau 10B	Tyrone Smith 10B
Year 9	Michael Ivanina 9D Indiana William 9D	Mariyah Kelly 9D Tanika Fry 9K	Sienna West 9A	Shania Axiak 9K
Year 8	Ava Harris 8C	Harrison Tippet 8G	Logan Hollingsworth 8B Jordyn Reynolds 8D	Raquel Grey 8B
Year 7	Tahlia Whyte-Little 7H	Franklin Ochi 7C	Ethan Jones 7K	Krista Gasdsen 7D

We have had our first meeting which was very productive with a few ideas as to what we will be working on in the future. Students will be attending a leadership training day at the Italian Social Club, where we will start the work for this year. I am really looking forward to working with this group of students, establishing our new house structure.



Lastly, I would like to mention the work the staff have been doing completing IEP's (Individual Education Plans) for students. We have identified all students who require an IEP, and staff have been consulting with students on the development of goals. There will be time during PTI to review these plans with families.

If you have any questions about the above please feel free to reach out to me at the school

**Rebecca Sandlant – Acting Assistant Principal**



Please find attached Careers News



## SPORTS REPORT

### **Congratulations Imogen**

Imogen Makin of Year 9 recently competed at the Athletics Victoria State Track and Field Championships, **winning the U15 Women's Shot Put and earning a silver medal in the U15 Women's Discus.**

Imogen's results mean she has qualified to compete at the Athletics Australia National Track and Field Championships in Sydney, which will take place from 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Staff, students and the whole Wyndham Central Community would like to wish Imogen all the very best at the Championships – **Good Luck Imogen!!**

# Congrats And Good Luck!

### **Wyndham Central Swimming Trials**

On Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of February we held the Wyndham Central Swimming Time Trials in lieu of the Wyndham Central Swimming Carnival. Students from Year 7 -12 were invited to sign up and compete in order to qualify for the Wyndham Division Swimming Carnival. Events included freestyle, backstroke, and breaststroke.

Congratulations to the 21 students who participated on the day. We would like to acknowledge your outstanding attitude, effort and behaviour whilst representing our College. Congratulations to the following students for making it through to the Wyndham Division trials: Annabella Mesiti, Ruby Schellhorn, Lincoln Bricknell, Manning Bricknell, Mathew Mai, Jordyn Reynolds, Joshua McIntosh, Joshua Briggs, Rhys McIntosh, Mitchell Newton and Ashley Schellhorn.



### **Wyndham Division Swimming Carnival**

On Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 11 students attended the Wyndham Division Swimming Trials. Our students participated in a range of events including freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and even the individual medley. Again, we would like to acknowledge the students for being amazing and representing our College with pride on the day. We would also like to have a big shout out to Amelia Butcher and Hannah Presidente for helping out on the day.

Congratulations to Annabella Mesiti, Lincoln Bricknell, Mathew Mai and Ashley Schellhorn who have made it through the WRM Swimming Trials that are taking place on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.

Keep on Swimming!

### **Important Dates**

Friday April 29<sup>th</sup>: Wyndham Central College Athletics Carnival

Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>: Wyndham Central College Cross Country Carnival Years 7-9

### **Term 2 Sports**

Term 2 sports coaches are being finalised. Coaches will post try out and training times through Year Level assemblies and emails.



### **Year 7 Boys and Girls Volleyball - WYNDHAM SPIKES GLORY!!**

On the 2nd of March the Year 7 Boys and Girls Volleyball Team competed against other schools in the Wyndham Network at Eagle Stadium.

The competition was split in two and the girls were placed in Pool A Competition. They first played Werribee Secondary winning 2-0. The next game they played Truganina P-9 however they were beaten 1-2, but not without a fight. Finally, they challenged Al Taqwa, which led to a victory of 2-0.

They were placed 2nd in Pool A Competition and after a final match they placed 4th overall.

The boys' first game was extremely close, point for point, however they were out-played on the day by Grange 1-2. Next up they competed against Manor Lakes and played a strong match but were out done 1-2. Finally, they played Werribee Secondary and finished once again with a score of 1-2. They were placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Pool A Competition and after a final match they placed 7th overall.

We are extremely proud of our Year 7 Volleyball Teams and we really enjoyed our time. All team members represented our College with pride and showed great sportsperson ship.



Nicole Smith and Peta Hills - Year 7 Volleyball Coaches

**Yours in Sport – Rylie Stonehouse - Sports Co-ordinator**

## **COLLEGE NEWS**

### **Science News**

\_Yr-10 students launched their Rockets as part of their CAT for their first unit on Force and Motion.

A big idea behind this unit, is enabling students to use higher order thinking skills.

Students were challenged to create a rocket and its safe landing. They needed to be able to understand concepts surrounding Physics and Mathematics, and how to correctly apply to the creation of their Rocket.

Students completed their own inquiry-based learning which enabled them to explore different possibilities within a safe and controlled environment. They learnt about application of different types force on a rocket and principles of aerodynamics. This unit and CAT focused on the integration of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Within the unit, it enables students to see the real-life connection between what they are learning in the classroom and what work anyone does around e.g. aerospace.

Supportive Classroom Environment with this unit of work, students were encouraged to be proactive in the completion of their own group project. For students to be able to successfully complete the task, they were required to work together being socially and academically supportive whilst keeping each other safe and motivated.



Shalika Sharma – Science Faculty Leader

### What is the Premier's Reading Challenge?

The Premier's reading Challenge encourages children and students to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online. Since the challenge first began in 2005, more than 3 million students have read nearly 51 million books.

This year all year 7 students have been automatically registered to participate in the Challenge. I will be visiting all year 7 classes over the next two weeks to assist the students to set up their accounts and explain how the challenge works. Students in year 7 are challenged to read 15 books between 15th March and 2nd September and log their reading through the challenge website. 5 books can be the student's own choice and the other 10 books must be from the reading list or approved by a teacher. A great way to begin the challenge is by adding the current book that is being studied in English classes. Students can borrow books from the Learning Resource Centre (open break 1) or can read books through the school's online SORA app.

Any students in years 8 - 10 who are interested in completing the challenge should see Ms. Cutter who will register you. Happy reading!

Mrs. Cutter - Learning Resource Manager



### Drama News



Keep a look out!

Students have been working exceptionally hard this term beginning rehearsals for the Wyndham Central College 2022 Musical 'Elf Jr'.

Performance dates are Aug 2nd, 3rd and 4th and tickets will be on sale from the beginning of Term 2.



### **CARDBOARD CYLINDERS**

Do you have any cardboard cylinders in your recycling bin at home?

We'd love to reuse them! We're accepting finished rolls of Wrapping paper, Clingwrap or

Kitchen Paper Towel Rolls \*Please no toilet paper rolls!\*

\*Drop off in the Music room Foyer under the ELF Jr the Musical display.

We'll be making snowflakes with them!!



### **CANTEEN NEWS**



Please find attached to this Newsletter our latest Canteen menu, together with the two options available for pre-ordering food from the canteen.

- online via the Qkr! app
- at the canteen via Brown Paper Bag Ordering





# Community Connections

With Kristy- Community Engagement Lead

## Community Hub Activity

Our Community Hub has been a vision of fun and excitement this term! Break time clubs are back across the school but for the Hub, we have Multicultural Club, Rainbow Group and Interact Club.

### MULTICULTURAL CLUB

**When:** Every Tuesday Break 1

**What:** Multicultural Club allows students to share and celebrate the community they come from. Students lead fun activities and head from community leaders. Stay tuned for a calendar of events for Term 2. Students are also welcome to use the space to meet new people.



### RAINBOW GROUP

**When:** Every Tuesday Break 2

**What:** Rainbow Group is a safe space for people of the LGBTQIA+ community. It's an opportunity for students to meet new people and create resources that help our school community celebrate every person.

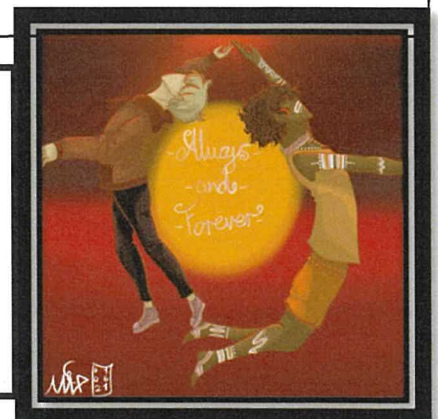
### INTERACT

**When:** Every Friday Break 1

**What:** Interact club is for students who desire to volunteer their time and assist our school and wider community. Through projects. We are currently working towards a community garden and putting bathroom materials together to give to people experiencing homelessness. If you would like to join, please complete the form attached to this newsletter

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:**

We gather here in this special place to continue our learning journey together. We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which our school meets- Bunurong Land of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and acknowledge the stories, traditions and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We commit to building a brighter future together.







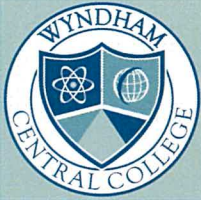
With Kristy- Community Engagement Lead

# National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is a day for schools, students and the community to say Bullying. No Way! On Friday 18 March 2022, we got involved to encourage Kindness Culture by promoting inclusion, respect and community belonging in Australian schools. Thanks to Tondan in Year who put together a video– here are some of the messages from our SRC students and staff.







# Community Connections

With Kristy- Community Engagement Lead

## Harmony Week

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We had activities outside the Community Hub– our fun photo booth, orange (the color of Harmony) face paint and wrist tying, our hand painting with Harmony Week messages and our Young Mob cultural leaders Zoe, Sophie and AJ using Ochre paint- *These ochres are primarily natural pigments and minerals found in the soil, or even in charcoal.*

*Paintings using these natural pigments (colours) depict Aboriginal Dreamtime stories and maps. They were used either in bodypainting, rock painting, on artefacts and sometimes even on sand.*







# Community Connections

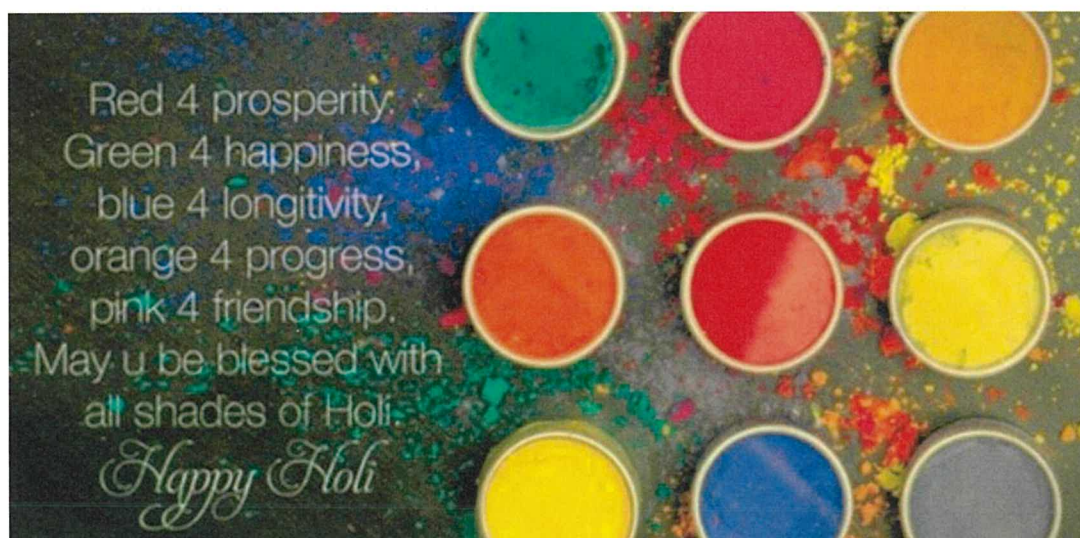
With Kristy- Community Engagement Lead

## Happy Holi!

Holi is considered as one of the most respected and celebrated festivals of India and it is famous in almost every part of the country. It is also called the "festival of love" as people get to unite together forgetting all resentments and all types of bad feeling towards each other.

It starts by lighting up the bonfire one day before the day of Holi and this process symbolizes the triumph of good over the bad. On the day of Holi people play with colours with their friends and families and in evening they show love and respect to their close ones.

Many of our families and staff celebrated this special day. Happy Holi!



## Environmental Club Request

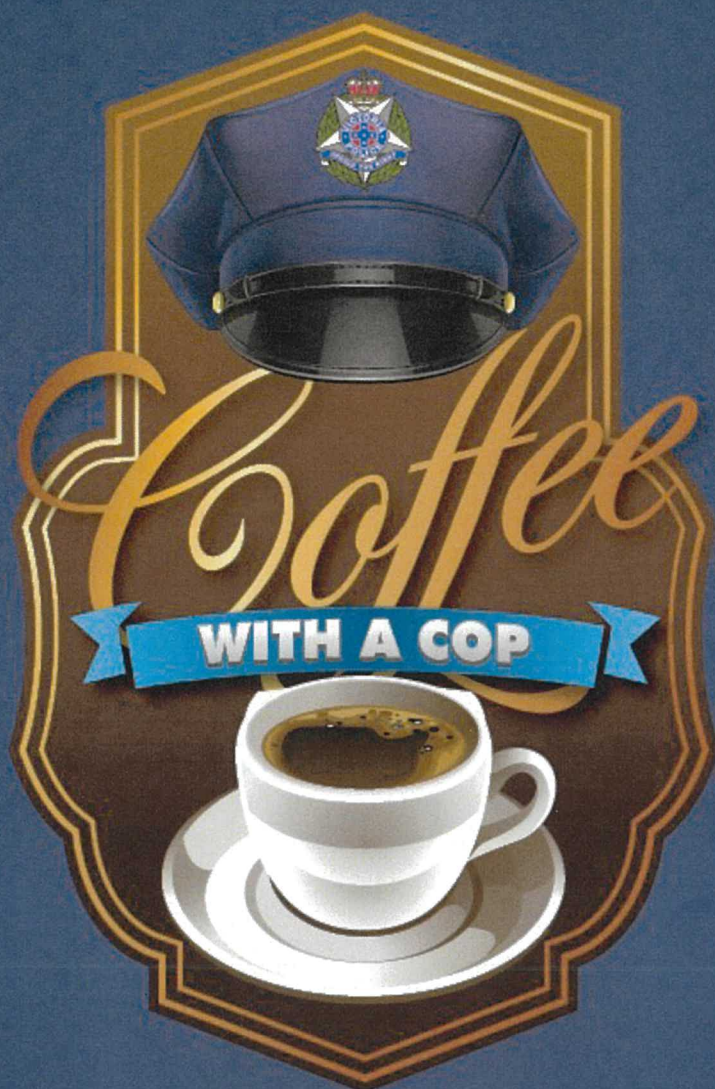
The Environment Club at Wyndham Central College would like to know if anyone has a compost bin they are willing to donate to the school. The people of the club are currently focussing on Reduce, Re-use and Recycle and by using compost bins, the school will be able to recycle their fruit and vegetable scraps to use as compost for the vegetable gardens.

A little bit more about the club – we are students from year 7-10 who are keen to make a difference to our planet by taking action and making a difference. If you think you can help us with a donation, please reply to this post.

Thanks, Environmental Club







— JOIN US FOR A COFFEE AND CONVERSATION —

A chance to ask questions, voice concerns  
and get to know your local police.

**DATE:** Wednesday 30 March

**TIME:** 10am - 12pm

**VENUE:** Meli's 21 Deli,  
125 Watton Street, Werribee

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## Expression of Interest Form: Interact Club

### What is an Interact Club?

Interact club is a service organisation for secondary students who desire to volunteer their time and assist school and wider community. The purpose of Interact is to provide the opportunity for young people to make a difference that can help with spreading awareness about a community or worldwide-based issue.

**Goal:** To connect with leaders in your community and around the world:

- Take action to make a difference in your school and community
- Discover new cultures and promote international understanding
- Become a leader in your school and community
- Have fun and make new friends from around the world

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YEAR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why are you interested in joining the interact club?**

**Are you passionate about making a difference? Why?**

**If you become a member of the club, what ideas do you want to contribute to Interact?**

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_



## CLUBS

# Homework Club

**Every Monday  
& Wednesday  
3:10pm – 4:00pm**

**Monash Building  
M9 – M14**

- ❖ Get one-on-one help from your teachers
- ❖ Improve your marks
- ❖ Gain more confidence
- ❖ Strive for excellence
- ❖ Receive VIVO's for attendance
- ❖ Homework Club now offers students a healthy snack including fruit and muesli bars.



**In  
T1**

## BREAKFAST CLUB

**Every Tuesday and Thursday**

Wyndham Central College Breakfast Club - All students are welcome  
Tuesdays & Thursdays between 8am - 8.30am at T1

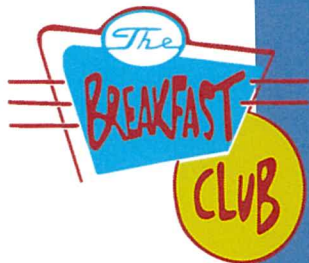
Warm cheese toasties, cereals, hot Milo, juices, fresh fruit  
& friendly vibes

Everybody is very welcome

**Colleen Brown – Breakfast Club Co-ordinator**

We look forward to seeing students at Breakfast Club!  
No costs to students – Sponsored by LET'S FEED

**Let's Feed**



## ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

### **ADMINISTRATION OPENING HOURS**

Wyndham Central College Administration is open:

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

College phone number – 9741 4911

College email – [wyndham.central.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:wyndham.central.sc@education.vic.gov.au)

Please contact the administration office if you have any queries or require assistance.

### **PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

Parent payment arrangement sheets are available at the administration office. The college offers various payment options including cash, EFTPOS, via the Compass payment portal, BPAY (details provided on request), and Centrepay. Please return the parent payment arrangement sheets to the administration office when making payment or contact the office if you have any queries or require assistance.

### **LAPTOPS**

From 2022 onwards, Wyndham Central College is implementing a Managed Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program for all new laptops. This change is in line with the Department of Education and Training's Parent Payment Policy and will involve a partnership with Learning with Technologies. A Managed BYOD program is where the school chooses a supplier to provide laptops directly to students, while working together with the supplier to support the device through the school's Information Technology department with regards to technology issues and providing assistance for warranty/insurance claims. Details about this program are available at the administration office.

### **SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP**

To buy and sell second-hand uniform items and textbooks, simply register for free on the website: [www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au](http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au). All transactions on this site are made directly with the seller.

### **CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS**

If you have recently changed your contact details, living arrangements etc., please update them either through COMPASS or at the school, to ensure we can work together to support your child.

### **CAMPS SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)**

Please note that if your financial circumstances have changed and you now have a Health Care Card you may be entitled to the Victorian State Government funding to families of up to \$225 that can be used towards 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.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) application forms are available to:

- a parent/carer who holds either a Centrelink Health Care Card, a Pensioner Concession Card, or a Veterans Affairs Gold Card; or
- a temporary foster carer; or
- a parent/carer of a student who is 16 years or older and who holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card).



To be eligible for these funds in 2022 you must complete the application form (available from the administration office) and attach a copy of your eligible card which must be current as of the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2022. Families who applied at our college for this in 2021 will NOT need to complete a new form as it will be an automatic process.

A new application will only be required in the following situations:

- If a family has a change to their financial situation and are now eligible
- If you are a new family to Wyndham Central College and are eligible
- If you are an existing family who has a new child starting in 2022

All applications are validated by CentreLink and if there is a discrepancy, families will be required to contact CentreLink directly.

### **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. Visitors will also need to check in via our QR code at the front office. Please follow social distancing rules and wear your mask when entering the College.

### **STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY**

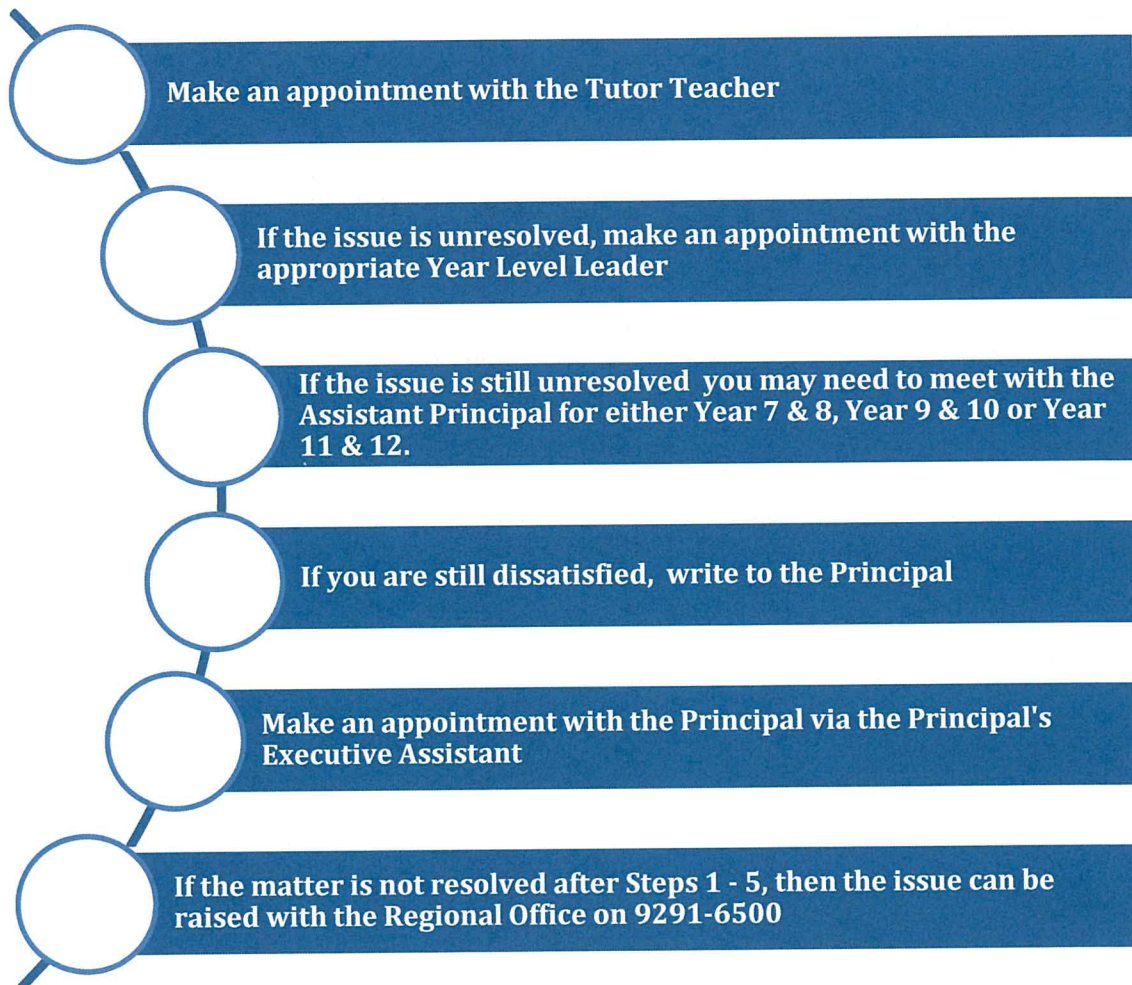
If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment, parents are required to send their child with a note in their planner advising the reason and time they need to leave. The student must take the note to the Attendance office (located next to First Aid) in the morning to receive an early leaver's pass. This pass can then be shown to the teacher at the time they are leaving class and then also to the Attendance Officer.



St. Andrews Basketball Flyer

## **COMMUNICATION/GRIEVANCE PROCESS**

If you have something you wish to communicate with the College, this process will support each party to achieve a successful outcome.







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**This is a condensed version of the newsletter. The full edition can be found on the College website via the Careers link.**

The Wyndham Central College Career Newsletter will be published fortnightly to keep students informed of events relating to their career pathways. It will include information regarding tertiary pathways – University & TAFE – as well as employment/industry pathways. The Careers Centre, in the Monash Building, is a resource centre for our students with current institutional handbooks and brochures at their disposal. Students are invited to visit, browse and question. An open door policy exists to ensure students make informed decisions about future pathways. Initial Year 12 Pathways Meetings are currently taking place to assist students with the momentous decisions facing them this year. Year 10 & 11 Pathways Meetings with a qualified Careers Practitioner will commence next term. Parents/guardians are welcome to take advantage of the services provided. Appointments can be made to discuss the future pathways of their children. The Years 7 & 10 Careers Program will commence this term and will be implemented during tutor time. Letters have gone out outlining the program. The Year 8, 9 & 11 Careers Programs will commence in second term. More information to follow shortly.

### Important Dates

- Year 7 & 10 Pathways Program will commence shortly. The Years 8, 9 & 11 Pathways Program will commence next term.
- Introductory Parent Information Evening for Year 9, 10 & 11 Parents:  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Year 9 Parents 6pm, Year 10 Parents 7pm & Year 11 Parents 6.30pm  
Letters to go out shortly
- WRICA Careers Expo for Year 10, 11 & 12 Students: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May & Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Days & Times TBC
- Jobs Expo for Year 7 & 8 Students: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, Sessions 2 & 3

### YEAR 12 STUDENTS

#### ADF Gap Year Program

Applications are now open

Current Year 12 students can apply for a 12-month position in the Air Force, Army or Navy to begin in 2023.

The following roles are on offer and some will close early:

#### Navy

- Helicopter Mission Commander
- Electronics Engineer
- Electronics Engineer Submariner
- Maritime Warfare Officer



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- Maritime Warfare Officer Submariner
- Navy Sailor
- Mechanical Engineer
- Mechanical Engineering Submariner

### **Army**

- Army Support
- Army Combat

### **Air Force**

- Administration Assistant
- Air Force Security
- Cabin Crew (Flight Attendant)
- Aviation Support Technician
- Warehouse Store person

### **Start your application**

- Find a role you would like to apply for and click on the 'apply now' link at <https://bit.ly/2uW1hzl>
- Create an account
- Follow the steps to start your application and book the YOU aptitude session.
- You will need to enter your personal details, complete a medical questionnaire, and upload your Yr 10 – 12 academic reports.

## **Apply for University Now!**

Early admission applications are now open for the following universities. You could receive a guaranteed offer before your exams!

### **University of New England**

Applications close in September for the early entry program.

Offers will be made in November before your final ATAR and results are released - <https://bit.ly/3Hxaosl>

### **Charles Sturt University (CSU)**

Applications close Thursday 31 March for the Charles Sturt Advantage program.

You could receive a guaranteed offer in May - <https://bit.ly/2UmOlGt>

### **Australia National University (ANU)**





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Applications close for the ANU direct entry program on 23 May. You could receive a guaranteed offer by September, [www.anu.edu.au/study/apply](http://www.anu.edu.au/study/apply)

### Applying for Medicine or Dentistry?

#### UCAT ANZ

Applications for the UCAT ANZ (University Clinical Aptitude Test) are now open and will close 17 May. If you are planning to apply for medicine or dentistry for the 2023 intake, you may be required to sit this test. Visit [www.ucat.edu.au](http://www.ucat.edu.au)

#### Medicine Information Sessions (online)

**Charles Sturt University**, Tuesday 29 March,  
<http://bit.ly/332bSrn>

**Monash University**, Wednesday 6 April,  
[www.monash.edu/discover/events](http://www.monash.edu/discover/events)

#### Scholarship

##### Australia National University (ANU) – Tuckwell Scholarship

If you are planning to study at ANU in 2023, you should consider applying for the prestigious Tuckwell Scholarship.

Applications close 6 April, <https://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/>

### ALL STUDENTS

#### University Campus Tours

Students are invited to participate in on-campus university tours during the upcoming term break. The following are examples of universities who are running tours:

##### Deakin University

11 – 21 April: participate in a general, accommodation and/or a study area tour (e.g., health, business & law) at one of the Deakin campuses

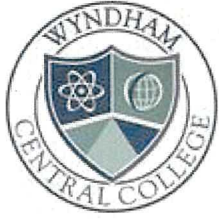
<https://bit.ly/3w4hpyr>

##### Monash University

11 – 22 April: participate in a campus tour at Clayton, Caulfield, and Peninsula campuses,

[www.monash.edu/discover/events](http://www.monash.edu/discover/events)

##### La Trobe University



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Bendigo campus: Talk and Tours, 11 – 14 April, [www.latrobe.edu.au/events](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/events)

Albury-Wodonga campus: contact Jessica Chalmers-Borella, <https://bit.ly/3Mxhznp>

### **Australian Catholic University**

Register for a campus tour via <https://bit.ly/3Hq5zAE>

### **Charles Sturt University**

Register for a campus tour via [www.csu.edu.au/contacts/campus-tour](http://www.csu.edu.au/contacts/campus-tour)

### **Swinburne University**

Register for a campus tour via [www.swinburne.edu.au/forms/campus-tour](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/forms/campus-tour)

## **Information Technology**

### **Monash University**

Are you interested in IT, but not sure which course to choose?

The Monash University 'Find My FIT' quiz is a fun way to discover which IT course is your best fit, from data science to games development

<https://bit.ly/3513fmt>

### **Careers Foundation**

This amazing website features an interactive ICT career wheel. Occupations are broken down into the following sections:

- Digital design
- Security
- Specialties
- Marketing/consulting
- Industry
- Software
- Hardware
- Content

[www.careersfoundation.com.au](http://www.careersfoundation.com.au)

## **Apprenticeships and Traineeships**

The Australian Apprenticeships Pathways (AAP) website contains fantastic resources for young people interested in pursuing a professional trade or traineeship.

Some of the resources include:

- Job and training descriptions
- Career interest explorer





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- Job pathway charts
- Information on apprenticeships and school-based apprenticeships
- Literacy and numeracy quizzes for different industries such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and hairdressing.

To explore the website, go to [www.aapathways.com.au/students](http://www.aapathways.com.au/students)

### 4 steps to finding an apprenticeship or traineeship

<http://bit.ly/39yUYmQ>

### Online Career Planning and Job Seeker Program

The team at My Career Match have developed a free program for high school students that is broken into five key categories:

- Career planning
- Promoting yourself
- Getting a job
- Personal development
- Wellness

You can choose which categories and lessons you would like to work through. To get started, visit [www.blastoff.mycareermatch.com.au](http://www.blastoff.mycareermatch.com.au)

## Updates from Monash University

### Bachelor of Arts

Think journalism, diplomacy, foreign affairs, TV presenting, marketing, politics, economics, social media, social justice etc., [www.monash.edu/arts/alumni/our-alumni](http://www.monash.edu/arts/alumni/our-alumni)

### Business and Commerce

<https://bit.ly/3vPmhER>

### Education and Teaching

If you are considering studying teaching at Monash, you can book a phone course counselling appointment to find out about courses, entry requirements, double degrees, pathways and the CASPer test, <http://bit.ly/2NJUV6J>

### School Holiday Campus Tours



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Book in for a campus tour at the Clayton, Caulfield or Peninsula campus during the Term break and visit faculties such as Education, Engineering, IT, Law, and Science,  
[www.monash.edu/campus-tours](http://www.monash.edu/campus-tours)

### Course Publications

Download course publications via <https://bit.ly/3wtg5oO>

### Focus on the Skills Road Website

This website has fantastic information for young people keen to explore career ideas.

You can do the following:

#### Careers

- Take a career quiz
- Discover careers by industry (e.g., science)
- Discover careers by title (e.g., forensic scientist)
- Step by step guide on how to get started
- Explore 360° workplaces
- Watch 'day in the life of' videos

#### Skills

- Complete a job fit test
- Learn about soft skills

#### Jobs

- Search for jobs, apprenticeships, and traineeships
- Get resume and cover letter tips
- Prepare for job interviews

Visit <https://skillsroad.com.au/>

### Motorsports

Have you always wanted to work with racing cars and work within a motorsports team?

The following are two institutes that offer motorsports courses:

#### Automotive Centre of Excellence

Kangan Institute





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Melbourne Docklands, Victoria  
[www.kangan.edu.au](http://www.kangan.edu.au)

### **Motorsports Training Australia**

Wodonga Institute of TAFE  
Wodonga, Victoria  
[www.wodongatafe.edu.au](http://www.wodongatafe.edu.au)

### **Would You Like to Study in the UK?**

Want to know what it takes to get into top UK universities?  
You can watch the video at <http://bit.ly/2IL4UOc>

### **William Angliss**

William Angliss is a specialist institute in Melbourne offering vocational and higher education courses in study areas such as:

- event management
- tourism, travel
- hospitality
- cookery, patisserie, baking
- flight operations (cabin crew)
- meat processing
- food studies, culinary management
- hotel management

To find out about courses, you can either book a meeting with a course adviser, or book in for a personalised campus tour, [www.angliss.edu.au/study-with-us/meet-us/](http://www.angliss.edu.au/study-with-us/meet-us/)

### **Angliss Experience Day**

Students are invited to participate in the William Angliss Experience Day.  
You will learn about commercial cookery and be able to speak to course advisers.  
Thursday 21 April  
William Angliss, 555 La Trobe Street, Melbourne  
Information: <https://bit.ly/3D94Raj>

### **Ocean Youth Program**

This amazing program is for young people who are passionate about ocean and marine life sustainability and conservation. For information, visit [www.oceanyouth.org/oy-program/](http://www.oceanyouth.org/oy-program/)



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### Career Events

#### **MYSci, Monash University**

MYSci is a three-day science program specifically designed for students who are in Year 11 and 12.

This program schedule will include:

- hands-on workshops
- access to our Monash teaching facilities
- opportunity to meet research scientists
- exposure to potential career pathways
- activities with the Young Scientists of Australia
- social activities

28 - 30 June 2022

Monash Science Precinct, Clayton campus

Cost: \$110 per student

<https://shop.monash.edu/mysci-2022.html>

#### **The Santos Science Experience**

Year 9 and 10 students are welcome to apply for the following amazing science programs running this year.

Note – places fill very quickly, so please register early:

11 April - Marine & Freshwater Discovery Centre

27 – 29 June: Federation University, Ballarat

6 – 9 July – Swinburne University of Technology

[www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au)

#### **The Hotel School Melbourne**

The Hotel School offers management courses in tourism, hotel management and global hotel management.

The School is running an event for prospective students called 'Industry Connect Melbourne'.

Students will tour a luxury 5-star hotel and learn about careers in hotel management.

Tuesday 5 April, 10am – 12pm

Sofitel Melbourne on Collins

<https://hotelschool.scu.edu.au/events/>

#### **National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA)**





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NIDA offers stage and screen courses in:

- acting
- costume
- design for performance
- properties and objects
- scenic construction & technologies
- technical theatre & stage management
- musical theatre
- specialist make-up
- live production and technical services
- stage and screen performance

Most courses are offered at the Sydney campus, but the Melbourne campus offers short courses for secondary students. To research your options for the upcoming school holidays, visit [www.open.nida.edu.au](http://www.open.nida.edu.au)

### Collarts – Open Day

Collarts is a creative media college located in the Melbourne area.

Courses are offered in:

- animation & VFX
- comedy
- audio engineering
- digital & social media
- entertainment journalism
- entertainment management
- fashion marketing, fashion sustainability
- interior design
- music production, music performance
- screen & media.

The institute is running an on-campus and online open day on Saturday 7 May. For information and to register, visit [www.collarts.edu.au/open-day](http://www.collarts.edu.au/open-day)

### Career Events

**Charles Sturt University**



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Year 10 - 12 students are invited to participate in the Charles Sturt University Explore Day at the Albury Wodonga campus.

Students will explore two study areas through one-hour workshops.

Tuesday 29 March

<https://study.csu.edu.au/life/events>

### Monash University

Monash has a huge range of course information sessions running between March and May:

#### March

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30 Pharmacy &  
Pharmaceutical Science

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#### April

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6 Monash Science  
Experience  
6 Biomedical Science &  
Medicine  
21 Courses at Monash  
Peninsular

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#### May

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17 How to become a teacher  
17 IT: discover a world of  
possibility  
18 Physiotherapy,  
Occupational Therapy,  
Paramedicine  
19 How to become a teacher  
19 Public Health, Nutrition,  
Health Science  
24 Fine Art and Art  
Curatorship  
25 How to become a designer  
25 Nursing & Midwifery  
26 How to become an  
architect

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- 26 Radiography & Medical  
Imaging, Radiation  
Science, Psychology
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For information and to register your place, visit [www.monash.edu/discover/events](http://www.monash.edu/discover/events)

### **Australian Catholic University (ACU)**

ACU is running the following online 'Talk with Industry Series' events in April:

- 5: Talk with Teachers
- 6: Talk with Lawyers & Criminologists
- 7: Talk with Business & IT Professions

The sessions will be held between 6 – 7pm and are open to prospective students,  
[www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/talk-with](http://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/talk-with)

### **ACN Nursing and Health Expo**

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is hosting a virtual Nursing and Health Expo on Saturday 2 April.  
Registration: [www.acn.edu.au/events/nursing-health-expo](http://www.acn.edu.au/events/nursing-health-expo)

### **Victoria Police**

The following career information sessions are running in March:

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- 23 Police Officer & PCO -  
Bairnsdale
- 29 Specialist – Air Wing,  
online
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[www.police.vic.gov.au/police-information-sessions](http://www.police.vic.gov.au/police-information-sessions)

### **Australian Defence Force**

You can find out about careers in the Australian Defence Force through participating in a free information session

[www.defencejobs.gov.au/events](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events)

### **Endeavour College of Natural Health**

The College is located at Melbourne and offers higher education courses in:

- Naturopathy
- Acupuncture



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- Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine
- Myotherapy
- Complimentary Medicine
- Remedial Massage (Diploma)

The College is running an open day on Saturday 9 April. A virtual open day will be held on 27 April. For information and to register your place, visit [www.endeavour.edu.au](http://www.endeavour.edu.au)

### **JMC Academy**

JMC has several campuses across Australia.

The academy is running the following events for Year 9 – 12 students on Saturday 26 March at the Melbourne Park Street campus:

- Immersive Audio Workshop
- Songwriting Workshop

Information, [www.jmcacademy.edu.au](http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au)

### **SAE Creative Media Institute**

SAE has several campuses across Australia. The Institute is running two events at the Melbourne campus.

#### **Create for a Day**

Saturday 9 April. Students in Years 10 – 12 can participate in a workshop focussed on one of the following study areas: Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games, Music production, Songwriting.

#### **Film Masterclass**

Wednesday 13 April.

This event is for filmmakers who would like to break into the world of showcasing short films.

Places are very limited, so register now, <https://sae.edu.au/whats-on/>

### **UCAT Preparation Programs**

The following organisations offer UCAT preparation programs, workshops, mock exam days, and information sessions.

Please check their websites regularly for information about upcoming workshops (there are some running soon):

National Institute of Education, [www.nie.edu.au](http://www.nie.edu.au)

MedEntry, [www.medentry.edu.au](http://www.medentry.edu.au)





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### **VCE and Careers Expo 2022**

Students and families are invited to attend the annual VCE and Careers Expo.

Over four days you can attend seminars and speak directly to organisations with:

- Information and resources for the VCE
- Information about tertiary study, university, TAFE and training courses
- Career advice
- Study advice
- Employment advice and opportunities
- Apprenticeship and traineeship advice
- International exchange and gap year programs

Dates: Thursday 28 – Saturday 30 April

Venue: Caulfield Racecourse, Caulfield

For information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.vceandcareers.com.au](http://www.vceandcareers.com.au)

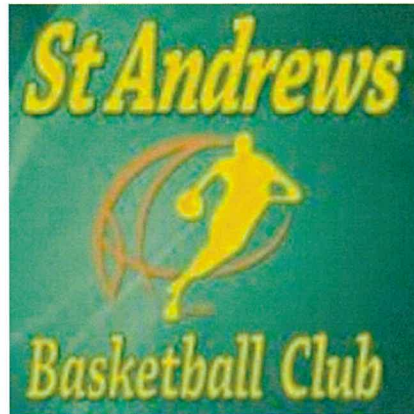
The HSC and Careers Expo will be held in June, [www.hscandcareers.com.au](http://www.hscandcareers.com.au)

**Mrs Kathy Karlovic**

**Pathways & Transitions Leader**

**Tel: 9741 4911 Ext.924/925**

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