



The Wyndham WAY

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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

Education is a gift
that no one can
take away!

IMPORTANT DATES

10 May – 20 May	Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN
19 May	WRICA – Year 10
20 May	WRICA – Year 11 & 12
25 May	Year 7 & 8 Jobs Expo
27 May – 2 June	Year 11 & 12 examination period
30 May – 2 June	Year 9 & 10 examination period
1 June – 2 June	Year 7 & 8 examination period
3 June	Student Free day – Assessment day
6 June	Semester 2 begins
8 – 10 June	Year 8 Camp
13 June	Public Holiday – Queens Birthday
14 June	Student Free day – Professional Practice Day
24 June	Last day of Term 2

From the Principal's Desk

We have indeed had a great start to Term 2 and I hope it continues to be smooth. The year level and program reports within this newsletter outline the school events and opportunities for our students but also outlines those that are coming up during this term for each year level. It is always pleasing when these opportunities are offered, and students are encouraged to take them up, when they get involved and achieve their very best. There are many examples where our students have participated and excelled in many different areas, so I encourage you to read the newsletter reports as we celebrate our community.

ANZAC DAY MARCH. Many thanks to Ashley Rowe and Shirlene Anderson who represented the College with our students at the Wyndham ANZAC Day March on Watton Street. This event has not been held for a couple of years due to COVID and it was terrific that it was able to be accommodated by the RSL this year and we were able to commemorate ANZAC Day paying tribute to the men and women who sacrificed so much so that we enjoy our freedoms.



In the first couple of weeks students have re-engaged with their learning, improved in the way they are wearing their Winter uniform and are ensuring they are at school on time and to all their classes. It is critical that every student is at school by 8:45 am ready and prepared for a full day of learning. **I thank all parents and carers for your concerted effort to help students achieve this each and every day.**

A reminder we will continue with our uniform blitz throughout term two, especially for students not wearing the correct rain jackets and non- school uniform jumpers. Please remember the blazer is compulsory for Terms 2 & 3 and our new rain jacket can be worn over all uniform items.

Your continued support to ensure your children are not bringing incorrect clothing items to school helps the college reduce unnecessary conflict between students and staff who are expected to implement our school council and Department of Education policies. As always it is important for every child to wear the college uniform with pride whilst at school, to and from school, and whilst representing the college in the community.

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Parent Bulletin

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

Parent Teacher interviews

It was wonderful to see so many families attending our parent/teacher interviews at the end of term one either in person or online so that our staff were able to share the progress of students and together set learning goals within Individual Education Plans to support all students to continue to develop. I hope the guidance and support from teachers will help students to improve and reach their full academic potential. Feedback is very important along with a growth mindset and endeavour, so that improvement is possible.

The college continues to offer families ways to communicate with classroom and tutor teachers and Year level staff to ensure a successful term two. This can be done via Compass email and by visiting or by telephoning the college. As we know when parents/carers are actively involved in conversations with their sons/daughters about their education the outcomes are far more positive. When this is combined in a three-way partnership with teachers the outcomes and opportunities are far better.

Currently our Years 7 and 9 cohorts are completing their NAPLAN tests using the online format and it is important that students continue to try their best to show how they have grown in their knowledge and skills in reading, writing and numeracy over the previous two years. Students are reminded to always have their fully charged school laptop at school to support their learning. Naplan results will be available to families in term three.

Students from years 7 through to 12 are also currently completing the Attitudes to Schools opinion survey in an online format over the coming weeks. The College values the input of all students and will once again be using the survey results to ensure that we continue to improve our programs and whole school learning environment. We have always valued student feedback, and we encourage our students to continue to provide feedback throughout the school year via the Student Representative Council (SRC) and via our teaching and learning classroom surveys called PIVOT. Students can give direct feedback to their teachers about the learning occurring in their classrooms which will support the continuation of best practice in teaching and learning in all our classrooms.

Good luck to all students from years 7 through to 12 as they prepare for the examination period during May and June. Home study and homework club is available to all students where our staff are available to individually tutor and support in conjunction with our in-class Tutor learning Support program, Quicksmart and MYLNs program.

Students are also reminded to use all of the skills they have developed using their AVID strategies when studying and completing their exams.

Helping to reduce the spread of flu and COVID-19 during term 2. Students and staff with cold or flu-like symptoms are asked to take a COVID-19 test and stay home until their symptoms pass. If a student becomes ill at school, our school nurse will call to arrange for the student's family to collect them and we ask that they stay home until fully recovered.

We also encourage all staff and students to:

- wash and sanitise their hands regularly
- avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze
- get tested for COVID-19 if they feel unwell (RATs provided)
- get vaccinated for flu and COVID-19.

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over. Some people are more at risk of complications from flu and are eligible for free vaccination as part of the National Immunisation Program. COVID-19 vaccines are available and free to everyone aged 5 years and over in Australia. They can be booked through the COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398 or through participating GPs, pharmacies, and community health services.

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

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

150 Years of Education in Victoria.

Education Week 2022 will be held from Sunday 22 May to Saturday 28 May 2022 and will celebrate 150 years of public education in Victoria. Every Victorian school, educator and student today continues the education story started in 1872 when our state became one of the first jurisdictions in the world to offer free, secular, and compulsory education.

Wyndham Central College (formally Werribee Technical School and Galvin Park Secondary College) invites our school community to celebrate our part in Victoria's education story with our invitation to share in our Education Week morning tea to be held in our Community Hub. For more information, please see the invitation sent to all families via Compass OR contact the administration office for details.

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

Uniform Reminder

The winter uniform is the uniform for Term 2 & 3. Students should not be wearing hoodies, non WCC jackets or windcheaters. 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 flip side 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

State Schools' Relief

Please find attached a copy of a flyer from State School's relief.

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.

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) a safe environment to learn without inappropriate mobile phone use (including cyberbullying) or distractions
- (b) 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.



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. As you will have notices from the daily COVID Case information, there has been an escalation of COVID cases at our College. If there is a positive case at home, students need to test daily. If you need more RAT tests, please pick up a box from the front office. Thank you for your co-operation.

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

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.



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

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 each morning 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.

YEAR'S 7, 8 & 9 REPORT

The first three weeks of school have slipped by very quickly and by the time you are reading this we will be close to finishing our NAPLAN process for the current year. Due to NAPLAN being cancelled in 2020 our year 7 and 9 students haven't had the opportunity to participate in the assessment since grade 3 and 5 respectively! None of this year's students have completed the online version of NAPLAN and believe it or not many were very excited to showcase their skills and try their best to demonstrate their levels of learning.

The new winter rain jacket is proving to be a popular item of clothing and is helping our students stay warm and dry in the increasingly cold days. As we all know students are not permitted to wear other clothing (such as jackets and hoodies) the new jackets are an excellent solution. Please remember students are now expected to be in winter uniform and should families need support in purchasing items students can go to the Student Support office for assistance from State Schools Relief.



Last Wednesday I had the pleasure to go on the cross country, three times in total with the 7s, 8s and 9s (don't worry I didn't run). And while I managed to accumulate 26000 steps the students also had a great time and the weather for the most part held out. A big thank you to all the staff that made this possible, it can be a big ask to have teachers and support staff out in the cold all day. Congratulations to the fastest students who will go through to the next inter-school round.

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

YEAR 7 REPORT

We welcomed back the Year 7s for their first winter term with excitement and ready to jump back into school life. We have a short but bustling term in Term 2. It all kicked off with our Athletics carnival, where Year 7 students were able to compete against each other to earn points for their house and advance to the next level of competition.

The Parent Student Teacher Conferences at the end of last term provided parents, carers and teachers to put faces to names and voices. Our teachers were happy to continue to build our parent partnerships which are so important to the students growth and learning.

On Wednesday the 4th of May, we had our Cross Country event. Our Year 7s who ran the course produced some impressive times that managed to gain entry into the Interschool Sport cross country event. Other students enjoyed just getting out of the classroom to walk around the course and get some exercise. One thing we were all thankful for was that the weather managed to hold back the rain for us!

On Tuesday the 10th of May, the Year 7s started their first secondary school NAPLAN tests. The students should be commended for the way that they completed their NAPLAN, all trying their best and doing so in a studious manner. The NAPLAN tests will conclude next Thursday the 19th of May.

The first exams for our Year 7s beginning on Wednesday the 1st of June and continuing on Thursday the 2nd of June. Exams are a great opportunity for our students to understand the expectations and demands of exams in the latter part of their schooling.

The Year 7s are looking forward to an action packed Term 2 and their teachers are looking forward to supporting the students to have a happy and successful winter at school.

Liam Clifford – Year 7 Level Leader

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YEAR 8 REPORT

The Year 8s have had a cracking start to term 2. The Athletics carnival was in the first week, where a number of students were able to show off their athletic abilities. Everyone had a great time. A big Thankyou to Rylie Stonehouse and her team for running such a great day.

The year 8 Cohort have continued to lead the school in running their own assemblies. They have been doing a excellent job so far taking pride in the assemblies are well received by students' and staff. We have had 8H, 8B, 8K and 8D run the assemblies so far and we look forward to the rest of the classes running the assemblies in the coming weeks.

On Wednesday the 4th of May, we had our Cross-Country event at President's park. We just beat the rain and the weather was excellent for running or walking the 3.4km track. Josh from 8J won the event for boys and got the fastest time in the school! Aleisha Sinclair won the event for the girls and is also in 8J. Ribbons were given out in assemblies and a big congratulations to all the competitors.

On May the 25th We will have our jobs expo. Professionals from outside the school will be running workshops giving our students careers advice and giving our students valuable real-life advice on working life. Thankyou to Kathy Karlovic our careers leader for organising and running this event. It is a great opportunity for our students to gain insight into what is in store for them after high school.

Just a friendly reminder about the Semester one exams for Year 8, that will commence on Wednesday the 1st of June concluding on Thursday the 2nd June. Also could we please continue to RAT test your child twice a week on Monday and Wednesday.

I'd like to thank the year 8 team for supporting the cohort. Everyday I am humbled by the effort and dedication that our staff show is supporting the educational, social and emotional needs of students.

We look forward to supporting you child/children throughout their time at Wyndham Central College.

Allan Nilsen - Year 8 Level Leader

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YEAR 9 REPORT

The Year 9s have started Term 2 with great energy and enthusiasm, ahead of what is a very busy schedule for our cohort. We began the term with our Athletics carnival, where we had a number of students show off their athletic abilities, with the Year 9s showing great support from the sidelines. As we entered Week 2, it was great to see all the students and parents that turned out for the Careers Information Night. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to have our Year 9 community together in the school, and it allowed our students to really start assessing what is next for their schooling lives. This event launched our 2022 Career Actions Plans for the Term 2 tutor, along with our continued work in the social and emotional learning space within our pastoral program.

On Wednesday the 4th of May, we had our Cross-Country event. So many of our Year 9s ran very well, and it was a competitive group that managed to gain entry into the Interschool Sport Cross Country Event. We wish these students all the best!

On Wednesday the 11th of May, the Year 9s started their NAPLAN tests for 2022. All students were focused and attentive, ensuring that they all were striving to get the most out of themselves. The NAPLAN tests for Year 9 will conclude next Wednesday the 18th of May.

Just a friendly reminder about the semester one exams for Year 9, that will commence on Monday the 30th of May, concluding on Thursday the 2nd June. This year our Year 9s will be attempting exams for all of their subjects, both core and electives. If you have any questions regarding the exam or NAPLAN processes, please don't hesitate to contact the College. The Year 9s have made a great start to a packed Term 2 and we look forward to helping them achieve success through the remainder of the term.

Grant Puxley - Year 9 Level Leader

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YEAR'S 10, 11 & 12 REPORT

A reminder that students need to study for their upcoming exams and I encourage all students to commence a revision and study plan. Extra support is available for students if they would like to attend Homework club, on Mondays and Wednesday after school, which will assist with their exam preparation.

Year 11 and 12 Students are only required to attend school to sit their timetabled exam and are to remain at home for study purposes at all other times.

Year 10 students will remain at school throughout the entire school day during the exam period as they have revision sessions to assist them.

Please refer to the exam timetable sent home with students for further information.

Years 10-12 Exam dates:

Year 10: Monday 30th May - Thursday 2nd June

Year 11 and 12: Friday 27th May -Thursday 2nd June

Please encourage your child to set aside a time each day to complete their homework and study.

Below are some study tips that may assist students:

- Use a school diary for planning (provided to all students).
- Create 'to do' lists - don't leave things to the last minute.
- AVID questions & summary
- Draw up a home work timetable using a calendar to plan activities listing study requirements, SAC's, exams and deadlines for assignments.
- List exam dates and other commitments.
- List due dates for essays and work backwards to set mini deadlines for each stage.
- Prioritise each task to help achieve goals, to avoid being overwhelmed by what has to be done and then rushing at the end.
- Maintain a balance between study and recreational activities.
- Use a clear flat space for regular homework and study – not a bed or a couch.
- Organise your equipment and be prepared.
- Keep your school work in an easily accessible spot.
- If possible, choose a space away from distractions, such as television and social media.

Year 10 students have just undertaken one week of compulsory Structured Workplace Learning/Work Experience placement, as part of their studies. This will provide each student with an opportunity to develop an awareness of work-place skills and competencies and support the students studying Industry and Enterprise.

There were a wide range of placements that students undertook and I hope that this was a valuable experience for them and that it will benefit them not only with their studies but also in the future.

A reminder that in accordance with the Education 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 one and two and need to be stored in lockers.

The whole school athletics carnival was held on the 29th April and it was great to see senior students participating in events and cheering on their houses, well done to all involved.

Please ensure that your son/daughter has the correct school uniform items and if you need any assistance with this or any other concerns then please contact their Tutor Teacher.

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

YEAR 10 REPORT

The conclusion of the term one seen students begin their Career Action Plans (CAPs) program during tutor learning time. Careers and Pathways Leader Mrs. Kathy Karlovic presented to students at assembly, outlining the opportunities and resources readily available for students looking to plan their pathway into tertiary study and/or future employment. Students will explore and investigate their skills, interests and strengths throughout the term and identify where these characteristics will take them into adult employment or tertiary study. Accompanied with the CAPs program are various experiences that will support students into their Year 11 transition including the WRICA Careers and Employment Expo that will be taking place on the 19th of May and the Straight Talk Presentation hosted by The Smith Family Foundation, where students will be provided with opportunities to talk and listen to various mentors and Alumni from the College about career and study pathways after high school.

At the commencement of term, Year 10 students were provided with the opportunity through MultiSkills Training to obtain their White Card. The one-day intensive course is the mandatory requirement for work health and safety prior to undertaking construction work. Some Year 10 students were able to secure this prior to work placement, whereas others are looking to broaden their scope for future employment in the trade and construction industries. Wyndham Central College's Community Engagement Leader Kristy Gray facilitated the training day with MultiSkills and demonstrated to our students the importance of networking in our local community. We thank Kristy for her efforts and supporting our Year 10 students.

It's exciting times if you are in year 10 at Wyndham Central College. As I write, our students are learning the ropes of the workplace. The work experience program is an opportunity to experience what it is like to get up everyday and go to work. We know our students will be building on their knowledge from the classroom and in turn, will bring untold skills back into the classroom upon their return. It is important to acknowledge that these programs can't take place without the willingness of our local employers to take on a few fresh-faced teenagers.

Students have secured work placement in various industries including hospitality, automotive, horse and rider education, teachers' aides, horticulture, brick laying and many more. We wish our students luck in their work experience endeavours and look forward to hearing some wonderful stories and potential career/study defining moments.

Thank you also to families and students who had to show tenacity and determination to make those phone calls to arrange work experience. Also to our staff at the college who have worked hard to ensure that students unable to find a placement this year, have had a comparative range of tasks at school.

This term students will be starting to think earnestly about what careers and pathways they would like to explore in 2023 and beyond. The college has a range of programs and information evenings to support students and families in making these important decisions. Some upcoming events are the WRICA careers expo, subject tasters, faculty presentations and much more. Thank you to our Careers and Pathways team for their work.

Year 10 examination period is approaching and will be held between Monday the 30th of May and Thursday the 2nd of June. Students will complete an exam for each subject they have undertaken in semester 1 except for Physical Education. Exams are compulsory.

If students are absent from school, they must submit a medical certificate and will be provided an opportunity to then resit the exam missed in Exam Catch Up time. Any Year 10 students doing a Year 11 subject are to go to the Year 11 examination as a priority. Students are then to attend the 'catch up' exam timeslot that must be pre-arranged with Mr Brown and the subject teacher. Students are not permitted to leave the exam before the stated time. Any concerns are to be directed to your tutor teacher or Mr. Brown.

Lastly, in the coming weeks students will undertake the annual Attitudes to School Survey. The Attitudes to School Survey is offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Wyndham Central College values student voice to improve student engagement, wellbeing, and quality instruction. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve student's schooling experience. Students from Year 7 to 12 at our school will participate in the survey during school hours. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified.

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

YEAR 11 REPORT

Welcome to all Year 11's as the commencement of Term 2 which has well and truly began! The Year 11's have a busy term ahead and I look forward to sharing all the opportunities this term brings.

On the first Tuesday back I held our regular assembly which reminded students of the expectations for the term and key event dates. As always we discussed that expectation of students arriving on time to school, attending all of their classes, being in full school uniform and completing class work to their best ability to ensure they receive a Satisfactory for each of their subjects. Ms Karlovic joined this assembly where she spoke to students about the CAPS Program that will be completed during their tutor time. She discussed that students have the opportunity to sign up to an Individual Careers Interview with herself which will commence in the week of the 30th of May and will run for three weeks. This gives students the opportunity to discuss pathway options for their future with the support Kathy and the amazing resources she has to offer such as; pamphlets, university/TAFE handbooks, websites and more.

WRICA

On Friday the 20th of May, all Year 11s will attend the Wyndham and Hobsons Bay Region Incorporated Careers Association (WRICA) at the Werribee Racecourse. Students will have the opportunity to engage with University and TAFE vendors, as well as employers in regards to their career and pathway options for next year. This is a great opportunity for students to be curious about their passions and gain an insight into what is available within their pathway of choice.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We had our annual Wyndham Central Athletics Carnival and it was great to see Year 11 students participating and dressing up in house colours.

EXAMS

All Year 11 students will be sitting their mid-year exams from Friday the 27th of May to the 2nd of June. All students must attend their exams and be prepared prior to the exam. Students are only required at school for their exam time, otherwise they are at home studying and revising for the exams. An exam timetable will be sent out to all parents and students.

UNIT 2

A reminder to all students and parents that teachers have been relaying 'At Risk' levels to students and parents regarding your child's progress within each subject. I will be making contact home to students who are 'At Risk' for two or more of their subjects and will be looking at having parent meetings to ensure your child regains an S (satisfactory result) for each of their subjects. It is extremely important that you as the parent are supporting your child where possible to gain an S (satisfactory completion), as your child will not be able to go into Unit 2 with outstanding SACs/ or incomplete task work.

As you know, this is a busy term in regards to Pathways and Exams and your support in your child's learning and mental health is vital. Please if you have any concerns or questions in regards to any Year 11 information, please contact your child's tutor teacher or myself.

Tayla Clayton - Year 11 Level Leader

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YEAR 12 REPORT

I would firstly like to thank all the Year 12 students for the way they have handled themselves for the first part of their final year of high school. As I walk around the classrooms, it is great to see the students working hard, collaborating and striving for excellence in their studies. They have also handled themselves well and shown a level of maturity as leaders of the school.

Exams

The Year 12 mid-year Exams will begin for all Year 12 VCE students on Friday 27th and will go through until Thursday 2nd June. All VCE students are to attend the exams following the VCAA exam rules and expectations. Please be sure that students arrive 20 minutes early to each exam to make sure they check in, find their seat numbers, line up and are ready to do the very best they can. All students must also be in full school uniform to attend their exam and make sure they plan their study time as part of their preparation. **Normal classes will not run during this time**, but teachers will be available to assist and support the students.

An exam timetable will be sent out to all guardians and students within the next couple of days. We will also have a Year 12 assembly to outline the rules and expectations of the exam process.

Please also be aware, it is a student free day on the next day after the exams, Friday 3rd June, and we start our Unit 4 content when the students return on Monday 6th June.

At Risk

Please make sure you are having conversations with your students about any outstanding work or SACs. All students are required to have a minimum of 16 Units across Units 1 – 4 to be able to pass their VCE, but must also have the correct sequence for their Year 12 studies. Please support the students at home with their work following missed or failed SACs and with their report information to make sure they are able to be successful in Year 12. If you have any questions about your student and their VCE status, please contact Mr Cook.

WRICA Careers Expo

On May 20th we head to the WRICA careers expo. This is the first real opportunity the students have had in the last couple of years where they can interact with representatives of higher educations, TAFEs and employers from many different areas. Students need to make sure they ask questions about what may interest them next year and about what they need to do. The students often come away with a lot of clarity about what they want to do next year, and also some show bags, pens and lollipops.

We will also follow up WRICA with a day visit to the Melbourne Careers Expo in the first week of Term 3.

Wellbeing support

First thing in the morning we have homegroup with our tutor teacher. It is vital that all students are present for the start of this session. At year 12 level, we have been using this time as part of our wellbeing and support of our Year 12s. This terms focus is on resilience and building a growth mindset, particularly coming off the last few years of disruptions. We also have an resilience seminar approaching in 2 weeks' time to further reinforce and provide students with strategies to improve their resilience.

Thank you for the hard work all parents and guardians are putting in at home. Our students do not succeed by themselves, and your support is appreciated.

Chad Cook - Year 12 Level Leader

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TEACHING & LEARNING REPORT

It is very hard to believe how quickly 2022 is moving. We have had a smooth start to the term with students commencing their studies enthusiastically in what is a busy Term 2.

NAPLAN ONLINE Year 7 and 9

All Year 7 and 9 students are currently completing their NAPLAN Online tests from 10th- 20st May. Students are navigating their way through the Writing, Reading, Language Convention and Numeracy tests. Can I say how impressed we are to see the students working so hard to complete each of the tests to the best of their ability. I have been so proud of our students' persistence and determination to perform to their best potential. I think this reflects the hard work of our teachers and our families in preparing, supporting and encouraging our students. Thank you.

Education Week 22 May -28 May 2022

Victoria is celebrating Education Week 2022 from Sunday 22 May to Saturday 28 May 2022. The theme, '150 Years of Public Education', commemorates the past, celebrates the present and imagines the future of education in Victoria.

Education Week 2022 will provide an opportunity for Wyndham Central College, to showcase our journey in education and be a part of Victoria's education story.

To celebrate Education Week and the 150 years of education students will be participating in classroom activities to commemorate this wonderful milestone. We will also be holding a community event the WCC Education Week Morning Tea. Please refer to the invitation and letter attached to this newsletter.

EXAMS

Exams will be occurring again this year in semester 1 and 2. It is important for students to be prepared and to develop the skills needed to undertake exams in their senior secondary years and beyond. Year 7 and 8 students will have exams in English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities only. Years 9-12, exams will have exams in all of their subjects. Families will receive an exam timetable for their child in subsequent correspondence.

Exams will be held as during the following period:

- Year 12 Exams: 27th May – 2nd June
- Year 11 Exams: 27th May – 2nd June
- Year 10 Exams: 30th May – 2nd June
- Year 9 Exams: 30th May – 2nd June
- Year 8 Exams: 1st June – 2nd June
- Year 7 Exams: 1st June – 2nd June

Students will work on revising the Semester 1 work in the weeks leading into exams. It is important for student success that students develop good work and study habits. All students are expected to develop a homework and homestudy plan so that they revise on a regular basis and review knowledge and skills learned. Part of the homestudy program to support your child's learning must include the Cornell note taking system. The study timetable should be reviewed in the weeks leading to exams to ensure that it provides your child with the opportunity to be well prepared for the exams ahead. This will allow your child to experience success and build confidence in their learning.

CORNELL NOTES

Students are expected to continue to use the Cornell Note taking format and complete all steps of the note taking system. Completion of Cornell notes must be part of your child's regular homework and home study program.

Cornell notes are a proven focused note taking method for students to improve learning. When all steps of the note taking system are completed, students are guaranteed to increase their knowledge and raise their grades in any given class.

The Cornell note taking system includes:

- Topic, date and Essential Question at the top of the notes
- Notes in the right-hand side with key words circled and important information underlined
- Questions relating to the notes in the left-hand column
- A summary at the end of the notes

Students are expected to use the Cornell Note system and complete all steps using the 10- 24-7 method. That is, review and revise their notes 10 minutes or the night after they first receive the notes. Complete questions related to the notes 24 hours later and write a summary of the notes seven days later. The completion of Cornell notes must be part of your child's regular homework program. Parents can support their child by encouraging them to use the repetition strategies and review notes regularly as this will help them prepare for, and improve, their test and exam results.

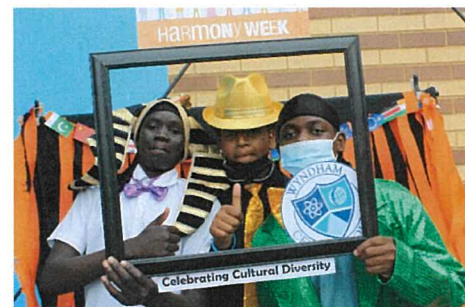
Homework club

A reminder that Homework club continues on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:10pm to 4:00pm in the Monash Building. Homework Club is supported by teachers and tutors at the College and is a valuable way for students to access additional support.

Connie Faranda – Assistant Principal – Teaching & Learning

STUDENT VOICE & POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT YEARS 7 - 9

There were several opportunities for student contributions to the College at the end of term 1 and will continue to be this term. From the 21st-25th of March, the College celebrated Harmony Week. This was a week to celebrate our College's diversity and foster students sense of culture and belonging. Activities during the week included students creating positive hand messages, face painting which included some of our Koorie students showing their culture, orange wrist ribbon tying to represent the colour theme of the week, and a photo booth. Students enjoyed the activities as you can see from the photos.



In the last week of term 1, all student leaders in the College (including all class captains, house captains, program leaders), were invited to attend a yLead leadership development experience which introduced students to what it means to be a leader, how to build skills as a leader, how to work with other leaders and how to lead others. This was an opportunity for students to work with other leaders at the College and across year levels. The day consisted of teamwork opportunities, a chance to collaborate with others in creating an action plan of an area in the College they felt they could have a positive impact on, and were also shown our 2021 Attitude to School Data so that they could be made data literate, and contribute student voice to the actions that could be taken to improve this data. Below are some photos of students participating in the various activities throughout the day.





Our Student Representative Council is currently busy mapping out further activities to build school pride and implement student voice at the College.

Throughout the next few weeks, all students will be completing the annual Attitude to School Survey. This will help us get direct input from students to help identify areas to continue to improve.

Students will also be completing PIVOT surveys this week, which is designed to collect feedback from students about how they feel being a learner in their classroom. These results will then be analysed by teachers, and in collaboration with the students they teach, look at strategies to improve the learning experience.

Ashley Rowe – Acting Assistant Principal

COMMUNITY & POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT YEARS 10 - 12

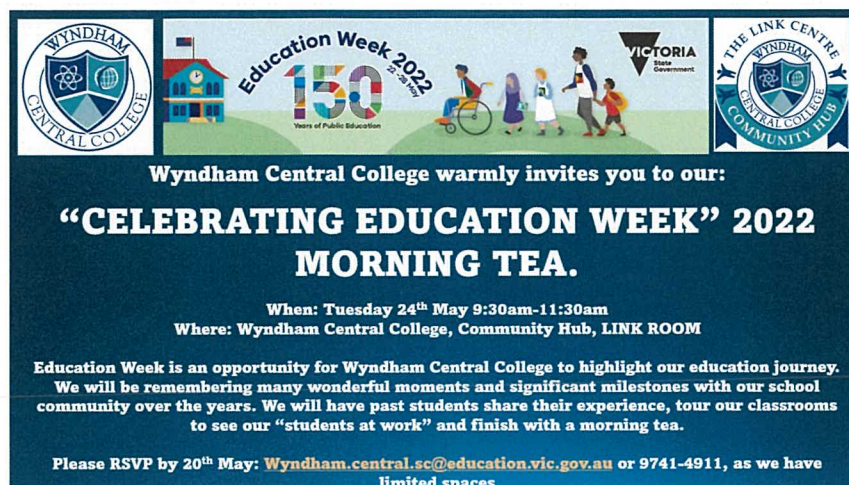
Welcome back to Term 2, and we are looking forward to a very busy Term 2!

I am very excited to announce in this newsletter, the new name of our Wyndham Central College Community Hub. After feedback from students, families, and staff, we have decided on going with the most popular choice, Wyndham Central College Link Room. Thank you to all who took the time to give us feedback. I can also present our new Link Room Logo!



We are thrilled to have this space for the school community and are very much looking forward to inviting families in over the year to see and use our new space. We hope to hold many events through the year so please watch this space! Currently the Link Room is being used for many groups from within the school and we are looking to build on this through the year. Please read the Community Engagement in Learning update in the newsletter below to find out more information.

We will be hosting a 150 Years of education Celebration on Tuesday 24th of May. This will be held during Education Week, and is an opportunity for Wyndham Central College to highlight our education journey. We will be remembering many wonderful moments and significant milestones with our school community over the years. We will have past students share their experience, tour our classrooms to see our "students at work" and finish with a morning tea.



Please RSVP by 20th May: Wyndham.central.sc@education.vic.gov.au or 9741-4911

For more details please see the invitation attached to this newsletter, or refer to the COMPASS posts.

Our Afterschool Sports program continues this term. Expressions of interests have been completed and permission notes have been handed out. I can confirm the program below

Boxing Fit: Mondays, starting 16th May for 5 weeks

Volleyball Club: Tuesday, starting 25th May for 5 weeks

Tennis Club: Wednesdays, starting the 17th May for 5 weeks

Soccer Club, Thursdays, starting the 19th May for the rest of the term

If your child is interested in joining any of these sessions, please feel free to see me.

Meetings with the School House Captains will continue this term, and I am looking forward to a few projects we hope to hold this term. We will be running a program for the Year 7's, Jump Rope for Heart which will get the Year 7's Learning about exercise, healthy eating and jumping with some skipping ropes! We are also looking to hold a Year 8 lunchtime basketball house competition.

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

Rebecca Sandlant – Acting Assistant Principal



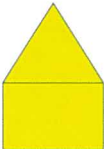



Please find attached Careers News

**SPORTS
REPORT**

It has been a busy start to the term with our WCC Athletics Carnival and our Years 7-9 participating in Cross Country. Well done to all students who participated in these carnivals and represented our College values. As we continue further into the term we are looking forward to coaching a number of sporting teams and seeing our amazing athletes advance into next rounds of athletics an cross country.

Athletics Carnival

The WCC Athletics Carnival was held on Friday the 29th of April. Students were provided with fantastic opportunities to participate in traditional track and field events, as well as having some fun with the novelty events. Well done to all students who participated on the day. Division athletics will take place in Term 3, students who have made the WCC team will be informed later in the term. Congratulations to YELLOW HOUSE who won this year's athletics carnival. Below are the house scores for the day.

YELLOW HOUSE	2,241 points				
GREEN HOUSE	1,347 points				
RED HOUSE	1,328 points				
BLUE HOUSE	1,257 points				



Cross Country

On Wednesday the 4th of May, the WCC Cross Country Carnival was held at Presidents Park. Students from 7-9 were given the opportunity to run or walk the 2km course on the day. Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 5 for their year levels:

Year 7 Boys

- 1st Hamish Nibloe 7J
- 2nd Campbell Butler 7H
- 3rd Gabriel Nabung 7C

Year 8 Boys

- 1st Joshua McIntosh 8J
- 2nd Jett Lioni 8L
- 3rd Eashaan Sharma 8G

Year 7 Girls

- 1st Krista Gasdsen 7B
- 2nd Annabella Mesiti 7B
- 3rd Bella Rogan 7H

Year 8 Girls

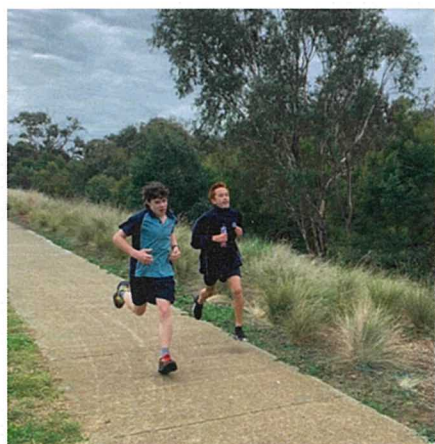
- 1st Aleisha Sinclair 8J
- 2nd Jordyn Reynolds 8D
- 3rd Alexa German 8D

Year 9 Boys

- 1st Nahom Fishaye 9A
- 2nd Elijah Bennett 9F
- 3rd Boston Ater Francis Akech 9A

All of the students above, along with the students listed below have made the qualifying time and have made it through to Division Cross Country. This will take place on Tuesday the 24th of May at Presidents Park.

Harley Nisbet (7D), Max Christopher (7D), Charlie Chamberlain (7A), Igor Bitonde (8G), Mathew Mai (8B), Sam Htoo (8K), Tyson Truong (8K), Bailey Scarpa (9A), Michael Ivanina (9D), Tony Nimi (9K), Jamie Lockwood (9K), Hayden Spall (9F), Rhys McIntosh (10S) and Jacob Pritchard (10D). Good luck everyone!



Sporting Teams

Below are the teachers that have volunteered to coach sporting teams this term, they will announce when training/try-out sessions will be soon. Students need to be aware of these announcements and attend all training sessions to ensure they can be a part of the team. All students must return their permission note to be eligible to play on the day. Sports coaches for Term 2 are:

Year 7 Girls Soccer	with Mr Robson
Year 7 Boys Soccer	with Mr Slater
Year 8 Boys soccer	with Mr Slater
Intermediate Girls Soccer	with Mr Bosevski
Intermediate Boys Soccer	with Mr Guarnaccia
Senior Girls Soccer	with Mr Bosevski
Senior Boys Soccer	with Mr Lunardi
Senior Boys and Girls Basketball	with Mr Barker & Mr Cook

Sports Reports

Towards the end of last term, we had a number of sporting teams represent the College.

Year 8 Netball

On the 1st of April, 9 Year 8 girls went to Eagle Stadium and participated in a round robin competition with 9 other local schools.

In the attacking end we had our shooting superstars in Amalani and Leen, bringing the ball down the court were Aspen, Bailey, Letisha and Fatai and defending their hearts out and putting their bodies on the line were Khloe, Xylah and Hana. We were placed in Pool A along with Baden Powell and Truganina P-9. Our first game was against Baden Powell, the girls came out strong and were consistent all match with the final score being 18-8. Our second game was against Truganina P-9. This was a more challenging game for the girls, with Truganina proving too strong and the final score being 8-13. The girls tied in 4th position overall, but with a higher percentage made finals! Unfortunately, in the finals match the girls fell short and went down to The Grange 6-22, who went on to become the overall winners on the day.

Well done to all of the girls for their efforts on the day, they represented the College with pride and demonstrated great sportsmanship.



Below are some photos of the Year 7 Girls Netball team and Intermediate Tennis team that went out late in Term 1.



Congratulations Amalani

Congratulations to Amalani Fauonuku from Year 8 for successfully making it into the School Sports Victoria Under 15's netball team! This is a massive achievement. Amalani will be representing the state of Victoria in the School Sports Australia Netball Championships on July 24th to 29th. Staff, students and the whole Wyndham Central community wish Amalani all the best at the Championships!



Yours in Sport – Rylie Stonehouse - Sports Co-ordinator

YEAR 12 ASPIRE Program



The Aspire program is designed to help reconnect Year 12 students with similar aspirations of attending University. We meet every fortnight on Thursdays break 2, and take part in workshops that are designed to suit our needs. Recently we created our goal wall which is a great reminder for us to visualise why we are working so hard for this year. As year 12 students we often forget to list down and strategise our steps in achieving our goals. This wall helps us all reconnect from our daily lessons and provide a glimpse into the variety of steps we must uptake to pursue these goals.

-Ravneet Kaur 12C



See flyer for this year's College's Musical



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Alumni Program News

Welcome back to our Alumni program in 2022! We have been so lucky to have Alumni attend two events in term 1 and we are getting ready to host Alumni for our Careers Expo and support our ASPIRE program in term 2. Thank you to Brenton Cox Class of 2016 and Kash Bryar Class of 2000 for coming back to speak to our Year 11 AVID students and, Brooke Baker Class of 2015 and Dean Nuske Class of 2014 for coming back to speak to our year 9 students at their Assembly. These were both fabulous events and our students really benefited from hearing from our Alumni Students, thank you for so generously giving back to their school community.

We are also excited to be bringing back more alumni in Term 3 for some future activities. Stay tuned for more updates on these events!

If you are a former student, please join us! See below for more about this wonderful program.

Pictures from our recent Alumni Events



To join our community and to get involved, please email us at alumni@wyndhamcentralsc.vic.au with your preferred contact details and a brief bio noting your graduating year or click the Alumni tab on the school's website.

Please also like us Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wyndhamcentralcollegealumni>

Jamie Kindt – Alumni Coordinator



Community Connections

With Kristy- Community Engagement Lead

Community Hub Space

We are excited to have our Community Hub facelift happen over the break. We have newly painted walls and furniture. We have a gathering circle that fosters people to connect with each other. We have chosen indigenous fabric. The large ottoman means 'spiritual connection' while the smaller stools mean 'coastal waters', 'connection to land', 'footsteps on country', 'bush medicine' and 'mangroves at night'.

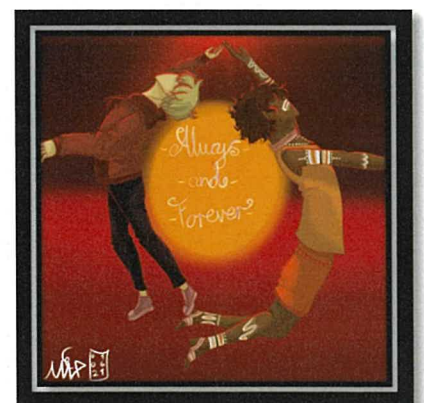
Families are welcome to book time in to use the computers, printing and internet or book an appointment to get support with things they need in the home such as food, paperwork and jobs.

Please contact Kristy



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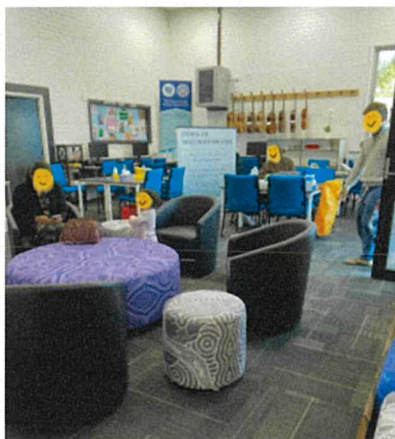
We gather here in this special place to continue our learning journey together. We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which our school meets- Bunurong Land of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging,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





Community Connections

With Kristy- Community Engagement Lead



English Language Classes Starting

Would you like to practice your English? Wyndham Central College and Wyndham Community Education Centre are joining up to deliver English Language Classes in Term 2 and 3.

If you are interested please message provide your name, contact and language spoken at home to 0427 099 841. You can also call the office and ask to speak to Kristy, Paw Ner Moo (Karen/ Burmese), Du Way (Karenni) or Nathaniel.



The Huddle and Youth Services Reach Out

Over the coming weeks The Huddle and Youth Services will be attending our school at break times, outside the community hub. They will be letting students know about their amazing opportunities in the community and playing fun games.



Fun with Rotary Interact

Rotary Interact works with our students every week on community project and activities. We had a lot of fun creating stress balls with Kim and Graham and our Interact leaders.





Community Connections

With Kristy- Community Engagement Lead

Soccer Program

Our after school soccer program has begun. This is an important partnership with Victoria Police, Wyndham Community and Education Centre, Youth Services and Youth Off the Streets. The program is in high demand, so please ensure you're child has returned their forms to attend.



Kristy.gray@education.vic.gov.au Mobile: 0427 099 841

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

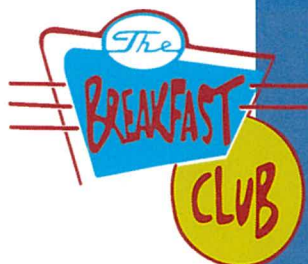
Warm cheese toasties, cereals, hot Milo, juices, fresh fruit
& friendly vibes

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

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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

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. 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 31st 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

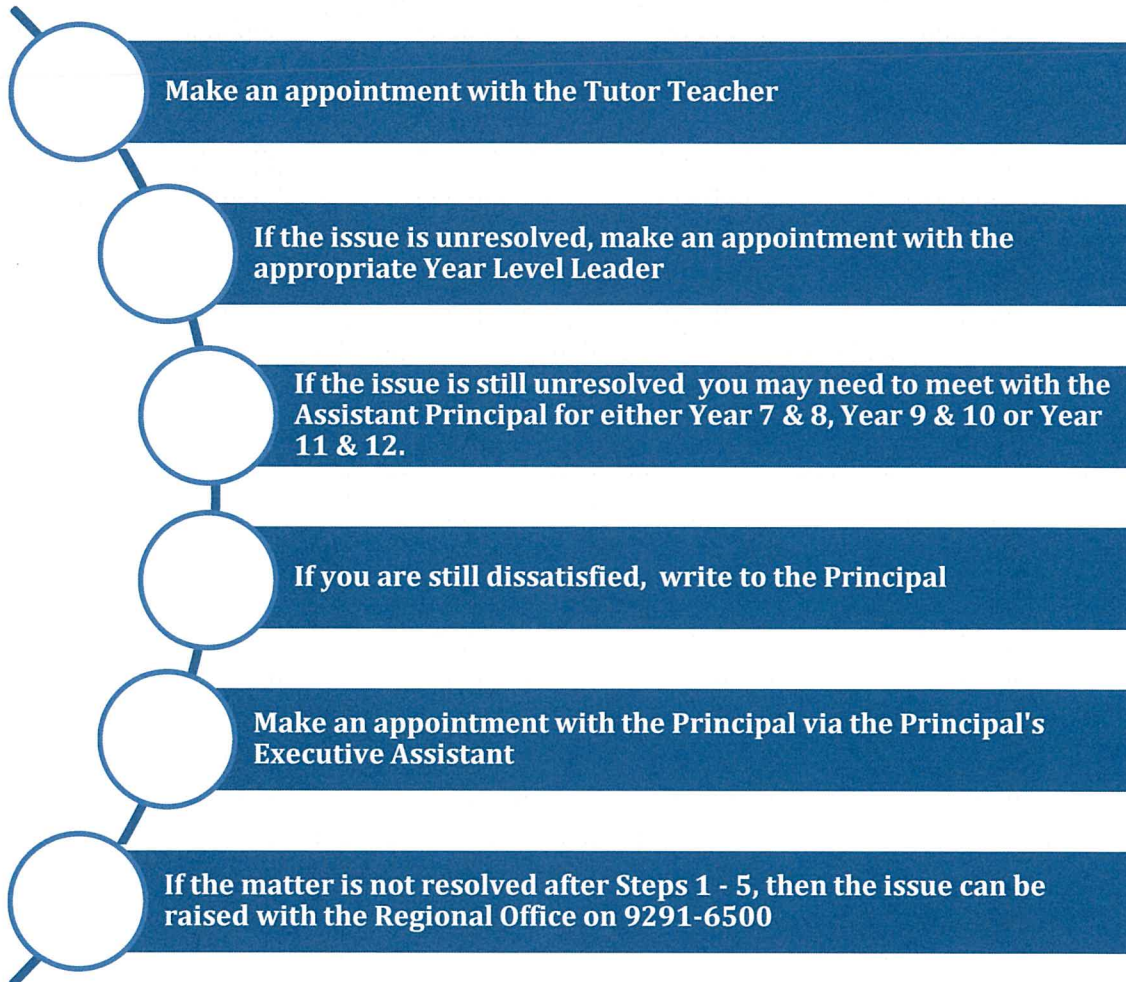
If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment, parents are required to send their child with a note in their planner advising the reason and time they need to leave. The student must take the note to the Attendance office (located next to First Aid) in the morning to receive an early leaver's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



Wynspeak Final - an Invitation – see attached 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.





Wyndham Central College Career News

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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 to assist students with the momentous decisions facing them this year have concluded. Year 10 & 11 Pathways Meetings with a qualified Careers Practitioner have commenced this 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, 9, 10 & 11 Careers Program have commenced and will be implemented during tutor time. Letters have gone out outlining the program. The Year 8 Careers Program will commence in the next few weeks. More information to follow shortly.

Important Dates

- Year 7, 9, 10 & 11 Pathways Program have commenced. The Years 8 Pathways Program will commence next week.
- WRICA Careers Expo for Year 10, 11 & 12 Students:
Thursday 19th May, Session 1: Year 10 Students
Friday 20th May, Session 2: Year 11 & 12 Students
- Jobs Expo for Year 7 & 8 Students: Wednesday 25th May, Sessions 2 & 3

YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Apply for University Now!

Australia National University

Applications close for the Australia National University direct entry program on 23 May.

You could receive a guaranteed offer by September

www.anu.edu.au/study/apply

La Trobe University

Applications for the La Trobe University Aspire Early Admission Program are now open and will close in September

www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire

Charles Sturt University

Round 2 applications for the Charles Sturt Advantage Program will close Friday 24 June. You could secure a guaranteed offer by late July



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<https://careernews.click/advantage>

University of New England

Applications are now open and close in September. Selection is based on a recommendation from your school

<https://careernews.click/uneeearlyentry>

Swinburne University

Applications open for the Early Entry Program this month and close in October

<https://careernews.click/swinburneearlyentry>

RMIT University

Applications open for the Early Offer program this month and close in September

<https://careernews.click/rmitearlyoffer>

Medicine and Dentistry

UCAT ANZ

Applications for the UCAT ANZ (University Clinical Aptitude Test) will close Tuesday 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

ALL STUDENTS

Career Expos

Victorian Careers Show 2022

The Expo is being held between Thursday 12 – Saturday 14 May at the Melbourne Show Grounds, Ascot Vale. To purchase tickets, visit www.victoriancareersshow.com.au

RMIT Future Careers Expo

The RMIT Future Careers Expo is a virtual event designed to help you take the next step in your education. Register now to attend live events, take part in panel discussions, access course information, explore study options and chat with current students and career advisors.

The Expo will run between 17 – 19 May, <https://futurecareers.rmit.edu.au/>



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Year13 Careers Expo

The Year13 Expo lets you find a career you're genuinely passionate about without even having to get out of bed. Over the course of the week, you'll hear from experts, chat with influencers and explore all of your post-school options at this digital careers expo. There will be five stages packed with content where you can learn about the different aspects of the future:

- Main Stage – get inspired by stories of successful people who are killing it in their careers and understand the path they took to get to where they are today.
- Pathways Stage – find all your post-school options in one place across many different areas, including jobs, courses and travel experiences.
- Future of Work Stage – it's hard to know which careers are still going to be around in a decade or two. Suss out all the info we have about ensuring your passion is future-proof.
- Life Hacks Stage – when it comes to being a successful adult, there's a few tricks of the trade we have to share, from financial literacy to nailing a job interview and heaps more.
- Year13 Academy – learn all the skills you wish you were taught in school, and get rewarded for doing it! Suss out the cash rewards and prizes that are up for grabs.

The Expo will run between 16 – 22 May. For information and to register your place, go to <https://careernews.click/yr13expo>

Explore Your University Course Options

Many universities offer the opportunity for prospective students to speak directly with course advisers via Zoom or a phone call.

The following are examples of universities offering this service:

Australia National University (ANU)

<https://careernews.click/clara>

University of Wollongong (UOW)

www.uow.edu.au/study/ask-a-student/

Charles Sturt University

<https://study.csu.edu.au/contact-us/consult>

Monash University

www.monash.edu/y12hub/book-a-call



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RMIT University

<https://careernews.click/rmitchat>

Apprenticeship and Traineeships

Australian Apprenticeship Pathways

You will be able to undertake apprenticeship aptitude tests, find local apprenticeship and group training centres, and learn about different trade occupations

www.aapathways.com.au/

Careers in Business & Commerce

The following are three business career areas you may not have considered:

Insurance

As one of the biggest, most diverse industries in the world, insurance has more roles than you'd imagine – including ones that are perfect for you.

<http://careersininsurance.com.au/>

Economics and Econometrics

<https://careerswithstem.com.au/read-it-here/>

Actuarial Science

www.actuaries.asn.au

Interested in Studying Business?

Did you know that several universities offer a year of industry experience as part of their undergraduate business degrees?

The following are three examples:

Victoria University

At least 40 weeks of paid industry experience through the Cooperative Education program (competitive entry)

www.vu.edu.au

Swinburne University

A guaranteed year of paid industry experience through the Bachelor of Business (Professional) degree

www.swinburne.edu.au



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RMIT University

A guaranteed year of industry experience through the Applied program for Marketing, Economics and Finance, Information Systems, International Business, and Logistics and Supply Chain Management
www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/business

Careers with the Australian Federal Police

A career with the AFP can lead to working with the community, across the country or around the globe.

Whether in a non-policing support role, investigating transnational crime, combatting terrorism and people smuggling, investigating crimes against the ACT community and patrolling its city and suburban streets, providing high visibility protection to commonwealth infrastructure sites and establishments, or heading overseas to liaison posts or capacity building missions, you'll be on the frontline, contributing to keeping the Australian community safe.

There are three main employment pathways:

- Entry Level Sworn Recruit
- Lateral Police Recruit
- Professional (Non-Policing) Role

Recruitment requirements

Visit the Application and Recruitment Process page for detailed requirement information
www.afp.gov.au/careers

Natural Health Courses

Have you considered natural health? The following two colleges are located in the Melbourne area:

Endeavour College of Natural Health

visit www.endeavour.edu.au

Southern School of Natural Therapies

www.ssnt.edu.au

TERTIARY ADMISSION CENTRES

State-based Tertiary Admission Centres process course applications on behalf of universities, some TAFE institutes, and some private providers. You can research courses, prerequisites, selection criteria and ATAR profiles for the 2023 intake.



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Courses for the 2023 intake will be updated mid-year but you can use the current information as a guide. Websites are listed below.

AUSTRALIA WIDE SEARCH

Course Seeker is a fantastic website that enables students to be able to explore courses for each state in the one website.

You can research courses, prerequisites, selection criteria and ATAR profiles for the 2023 intake.

www.courseseeker.edu.au/

TAFE

MySkills is the national directory of vocational education (VET) organisations and courses.

You can search for courses or occupations and use a location search.

You can also browse courses and occupations by industries such as health & community services,

State	Tertiary Admission Centre	Website
Victoria	Victoria Tertiary Admissions Centre	www.vtac.edu.au
New South Wales & Canberra	(VTAC) Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)	www.uac.edu.au
Tasmania	University of Tasmania	www.utas.edu.au
South Australia & Northern Territory	South Australia Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC)	www.satac.edu.au
Queensland	Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC)	www.qtac.edu.au
Western Australia	Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC)	www.tisc.edu.au



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High Achiever Scholarship Programs (Year 12)

University of Technology Sydney

The University of Technology Sydney co-op scholarship program is now open for the Bachelor of Accounting and Bachelor of Information Technology for the 2023 intake.

For information and to apply, go to www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au

UNSW

The UNSW Co-op Scholarship program is now open for high achieving students who plan to study in 2023 at the University of New South Wales. The scholarships are worth almost \$20,000 per year

www.coop.unsw.edu.au

You can watch videos showcasing Co-op Scholarship alumni via <https://bit.ly/3fbrjnA>

Regional University Centres

Regional University Centres help students in regional and remote areas access higher education without having to leave their community.

For information, visit <https://careernews.click/unicentres>

Parent Information Session

As parents/carers, you are the greatest influencers of your child's career decision making. This online event is for parents who would like guidance on how to support your child/ren with career advice. The event will be held on Thursday 26 May between 8pm – 9pm.

For information and to register, visit <https://careernews.click/7ab15b>

Monash University Updates

Business Explorer program

Year 11 and 12 students are invited to the Monash Business Explorer taster session to learn more about the study areas and careers available across business on Wednesday 29 June

<https://careernews.click/aa84a0>

The Monash Design Prize

All aspiring designers in Year 10 to 12 can submit their design that addresses a challenge and be in the running to win an internship with our experts, \$1000, and a trophy to acknowledge their outstanding design.

Entries close 1 June, <https://careernews.click/design>

Dates For Your Diary



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Monash University

Course Information Sessions

Monash is running on-campus course information sessions between May – August.

Register early as sessions may book out.

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 |
| 26 | Radiography & Medical Imaging, Radiation Science, Psychology |
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June

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| 1 | Advanced science degrees |
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July

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| 4 | Bachelor of Business |
| 7 | Engineering degrees |
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Information Evenings

The University is hosting information seminars for prospective students at the following locations in **May**:

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| 25 | Shepparton |
| 26 | Bendigo |
| 31 | Mildura |
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For information and to register your place for the course information sessions and the information evenings visit www.monash.edu/discover/events

Federation University

Mid-Year Information Evening

Prospective students and their families are invited to attend an information evening at the Gippsland, Berwick and Ballarat campuses on Wednesday 1 June

<https://careernews.click/f17be4>

Upcoming Webinars in May

Check out these fantastic webinars running during May

<https://careernews.click/430735>

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| 11 | The real life Law and Order? Your career in criminal justice |
| 24 | In the mind of a narcissist: the dark side of personality traits |
| 25 | Exercise/ International Sports Management / Elite Athlete Program |

The University of Melbourne

Focus on Melbourne

The University of Melbourne is hosting the following course information seminars for prospective students in May and June.

May

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| 11 | Engineering |
| 12 | Commerce |
| 23 | Design |
| 25 | Science |
| 25 | Fine Arts |
| 26 | Agriculture |
| 26 | Law |
| 31 | Biomedicine |



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31 Teaching and Education

June

- 1 Vet Sciences
- 1 Arts
- 2 Music
- 7 IT & Computer Science

For information and to RSVP, visit <https://careernews.click/focusonmelb>

Meet Melbourne

The University is hosting information seminars for prospective students at the following locations in May and June:

May

31 Warrnambool

June

- 1 Horsham
- 7 Bendigo
- 8 Echuca

For information and to RSVP, visit <https://careernews.click/meetmelb>

Swinburne University

Mid-Year Study Expos

Get a head start before Open Day and check out Swinburne during May!

<https://careernews.click/6636f2>

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- 24 Courses at the Hawthorn campus
 - 25 Trades and apprenticeship courses
 - 26 Courses at the Wantirna campus
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Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE)



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Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Open Day on Sat 14 May 2022. AIE's campuses in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Adelaide will be open for you to meet our teachers, staff and students.

Register via <https://aie.edu.au/>

RMIT University

Discover What's Next

As part of their annual Discover What's Next initiative, RMIT is running the following webinars about their courses for prospective students and their families:

May

12	Fashion
17	Architecture
19	Design
24	Social Science
26	Media & Communication
31	Property, Building & Trades

June

2	Education
7	Flight Training & Aviation
21	Health Science
23	Biomedical Science

For information and to register your place, visit www.rmit.edu.au/events/discover-whats-next

Information Sessions

The University is hosting information seminars for prospective students at the following locations in June, www.rmit.edu.au/events

1	Bendigo
2	Shepparton

The Hotel School Melbourne

The Hotel School is running an information evening for prospective students on 24 May. At this event you can explore how you can create an exciting global career within hotel and tourism management. Venue: Level 3, 399 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.



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

Deakin University

Deakin University is running a virtual open day for prospective students and families on Sunday 5 June. This is a fantastic opportunity to get information about Deakin courses from the comfort of home.

Register via <https://openday.deakin.edu.au/>

Australian Defence Force

The following information sessions are running in **May**

www.defencejobs.gov.au/events

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| 11 | Virtual: Army Officer |
| 24 | Swan Hill: Defence Careers |
| 31 | Virtual: Army Careers |
| 31 | Melbourne: Army Careers |

University of Wollongong

The University is hosting an information session for prospective students and their families at Albury on Wednesday 25 May and an online information session on Tuesday 14 June.

Register via www.uow.edu.au/study/events/

Australian Catholic University (ACU)

The University is holding an online information session about application processes and pathways for prospective Year 12 students and their families on Tuesday 24 May, 6pm – 6.30pm,

www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events

The Santos Science Experience

Year 9 and 10 students are welcome to apply for amazing 3-day science programs running at different locations across Victoria, NSW and Canberra. These events are not to be missed. Research dates and locations via www.scienceexperience.com.au

MYSci, Monash University

MYSci is a three-day science program specifically designed for students who are in Year 11 and 12. The program will run 28 - 30 June at the Clayton campus. Cost: \$110 per student. This is a fantastic event!

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



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Victoria Police

Learn about careers in the Victoria Police at an information session. Sessions are running in May and June at Moonee Valley, Bendigo, Bundoora, Horsham, and Box. An online session is being run on 23 June.

<https://careernews.click/police>

JMC Academy – Open Day

The institute is running an open day on Saturday 14 May. You will be able to tour the Park Street campus, participate in information sessions, watch live events and demos, and speak to course advisers.

For information and to register, visit <https://careernews.click/jmc>

Mrs Kathy Karlovic

Pathways & Transitions Leader/VET Coordinator

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About Us

State Schools' Relief is unique. No other Australian state or territory has a similar organisation.

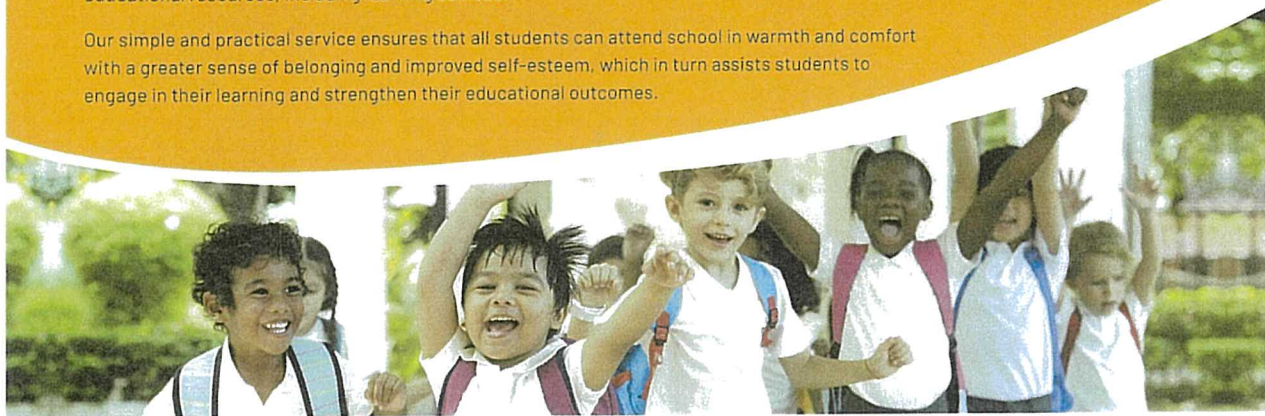
Since 1930, State Schools' Relief has been providing anonymous support so that students receiving our assistance can do so with dignity. It's our belief that every student deserves the opportunity to participate in their education without barriers.



Who are we?

State Schools' Relief is a Victorian not-for-profit organisation that supports the needs of disadvantaged government school students by providing new school uniforms, school shoes and a host of other essential educational resources, including learning devices.

Our simple and practical service ensures that all students can attend school in warmth and comfort with a greater sense of belonging and improved self-esteem, which in turn assists students to engage in their learning and strengthen their educational outcomes.



How we help

Issues such as poverty, neglect, unemployment, health issues/ illness, financial hardship, bereavement, domestic violence, homelessness, and natural disasters continue to affect many Victorian families. We work side by side with all Victorian primary, secondary, specialist and language schools to ensure that any students facing hardship have the necessary items they require for school.



Do you need assistance?

State Schools' Relief provides support to any Victorian student attending a government school, on the advice of the school.

If you are a parent or carer and you need financial assistance with your child's government education, please make an appointment with the school principal, assistant principal, or welfare/wellbeing coordinator to discuss your situation.

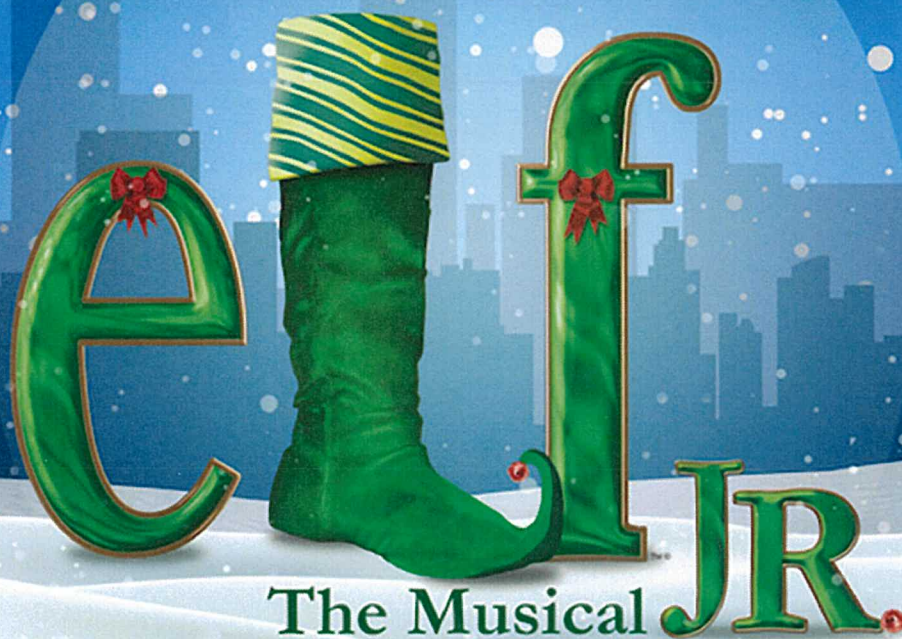
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LYRICS BY
Chad Beguelin

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**Final of the 2022
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