

The Wyndham WAY

Respect, Co-Operation & Excellence

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

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

A good education
is the foundation of
a better future!

From the Principal's Desk

Term three continues as we ended term two – on a high note, where we are continuing to rebuild our 'Community of High Expectations', and where our students have continued to strive for excellence. This term our students have really focused on re-engaging with their learning and building of positive relationships at school. They have been demonstrating that they are respectful of themselves and others both in understanding and accepting of diversity and are co-operating and collaborating with each other both academically and socially.

In this edition you will be informed about our very talented students who have excelled in many endeavours over the first few weeks of semester two and will be provided with further information as to what is happening in term 3. Whilst our assistant principals and program leaders have acknowledged in this newsletter a couple of areas there have been many students' programs, opportunities and performances that our school community should be very proud of.

School Musical

You may have been a little confused by all of the Christmas decorations at the school when we celebrated Christmas in July (August) through the 2022 school musical ELF! For those of you that joined us in the school auditorium, over the three sold out nights, you would have also been as proud as I was to watch our student's performance. The set design, costumes, lighting and even the snow was a perfect backdrop to the amazingly talented students that were singing, dancing, and acting on stage. A huge thank you to the musical team lead by Ms Louise Walter for their commitment and focus to ensure that the 'show went on!' Students are already looking forward to beginning the audition process for next years musical.

Multicultural week

Over this past week our Student Representative Council led the whole school in our 5th multicultural week celebrations. I would like to thank our SRC members and our school captains for the outstanding program they ran this past week. I would also like to thank the students and staff who demonstrated a generosity of spirit as they built cultural understanding through their various performances and activities. It was a wonderful week of sharing of culture but also the building of our Wyndham Central College culture.

IMPORTANT DATES

24 August	Year 8 Web Preferences open
26 August	Wear it Purple day (gold coin donation)
30 August	Student Free day
1 September	Year 8 Web Preferences close
7 September	Gat - 9.30am -11.45am and 1.15pm - 3pm
15 September	Parent Student Teacher Conferences 3:30pm – 6:30pm
16 September	Classes as usual – last day of Term 3
3 October	Start of Term 4
3 - 7 October	Year 12 internal exams
18 October	Year 12 Funfields excursion
21 October	Year12 Valedictory

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Parent Bulletin

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

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

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

In this coming week we are excited to celebrate Science week, Book week and wear it purple day. We will be highlighting these school events in the next newsletter. Please encourage your children to be part of the school activities as school is more than just a classroom. We know how important it is to acknowledge and develop all children to reach their full potential and talents. A reminder that our breaktime clubs run every break, every day, where students can find 'like-minded' others who share their special interests. If a student would like to start a new club they are encouraged to see Assistant Principal Mr Rowe or their Year Level Leader.

Pathways Week

Our pathways team led by Mrs Kathy Karlovic have been working with our years 9-12 students in the first couple of weeks providing students with the opportunities to attend our annual Pathway expo's with over 60 different educational and pathway providers presenting to our students at the school. We also held our Tertiary event and VTAC information night for our year 12 students and families, a VCE, VCE-VM (replacement of VCAL), and VIP taster program for our year 10 students and a return to our subject OPEN EXPO for all students and families who were invited to the school to come and see what is on offer and to partake in activities provided by many of our subject areas. The school would like to take this opportunity to thank parents who attended during this week and supported our students, your children, in selecting their pathway choices for 2023. All student selections via our Web Preferences should have been submitted and are now overdue. (Year 8 students will begin this process shortly). The college will be working hard over the next few weeks in developing a well-rounded 2023 timetable and teaching program that caters for all students. Confirmation of entry into our specific programs e.g., AVID elective, STEM Academy, Spanish Immersion Program (SIP), Enrichment program, our newly formed Sports Football (soccer) Academy, and the new VCE-VM, and VCE Integrated (VIP) programs will be available to families by the end of term three and all subject selection confirmations will be sent home in the first two weeks of term 4.

Student reports and student results

A printed copy of the Semester one report was distributed to families on the last day of last term. If parents/carers did not receive their copy, I would like to remind you that all reports are available on COMPASS via your parent login. Students have all set learning goals based on their own learning journey. Families are encouraged to support students to achieve these goals by talking about learning and asking for help. The college continues to enhance our learning programs with the extension of homework club 2 nights per week, our year 12 subject tutoring service and an earlier Parent/Teacher interview opportunity for our Year 12 cohort. In semester two we have continued with the Middle Years Literacy and Numeracy program (MYLNS), Quicksmart and Enhancement literacy and numeracy support, as well as the state government funded Tutor learning Program that supports student who's learning was impacted due to the last two years of disruption due to the pandemic. Staff are already preparing five weekly checks for our senior classes and interim term reporting for years 7-12. This will be the last report for our year 12 cohort. Please note that a key part of the success of your son's/daughter's education is the way you interact with the school. We hope that once again we will see all our families at the parent-teacher interviews on Thursday 15th of September, but we also are available to all parents/carers to discuss and work with you in partnership to improve outcomes for all our students.

Your sons/daughters' teachers and tutor teachers are available to you via Compass email or telephone in the first instance.

NAPLAN results

Parents of year 7 and 9 students will also be receiving information regarding the results from the NAPLAN testing this term. Please make contact with the school if you have any questions, concerns or if you don't receive the NAPLAN package. As a reminder the college completed the test online in May 2022 and we are excited to see improved outcomes in Reading, Writing, Vocabulary and Numeracy outcomes as our students grow in their abilities between years 5-7 and years 7-9.

Student Voice – Attitudes to School Survey results.

Over the last week our staff have been working through the interim results from our student Attitudes to School Survey. It has provided some very positive data around students having a real understanding that high expectations improve results and the importance of coming to school every day. We look forward to continuing to work with student focus groups on improvement strategies and developing their leadership and student voice. Our Student Representative Council (SRC) will be sharing the data and forming improvement actions with their respective year level cohorts via year level assemblies and as focus groups during our pastoral program. We thank our students for completing the survey and then working on actions that continue to build the pride and belonging within our school community. We are very proud of their leadership.

Parent /Carer Surveys – your voice is important to us.

As I have mentioned many times it is extremely important that schools and parents/carer's work together to create the best learning environment for students. Our annual parent survey link has been distributed to all families and I once again encourage all families to please complete the online survey. This is a great opportunity to provide feedback or suggestions for improvement and to let us know how we are doing from a parent/carer's perspective. Please do not hesitate to call the school if you are having any difficulties in using the link or need support with the process.

Finally, we have noticed that during this winter our uniform has slipped a bit, where our students are not wearing the appropriate school jumpers, jackets and sometimes trousers. Can all families ensure your children arrive at school each day in full school uniform with their equipment so that they are 'ready to learn', and not having to deal with the consequences of being out of uniform. If families would like uniform support, please do not hesitate to contact the school, and speak to a member of our student services team or our Assistant Principals that will be able to support with uniform. The wearing of a school uniform is a safety matter but importantly it also builds pride and belonging to the Wyndham Central College school community. Please continue to help your children feel that they belong and are a part of this great school.

Leanne Gagatsis - Principal
Creating a Community of High Expectations

PARENT/CAREGIVER/GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. We encourage all families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

While previously a random sample of approximately 30 per cent of parents/caregivers/guardians have been selected to participate, this year, all families are invited to participate in the survey. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 15th August to Friday 16th September**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Information with a link to the survey has been distributed to families via compass. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

What do ?
you think

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 sole sports shoes are not acceptable. Runners can only be worn on appropriate sports days.

Correct Footwear




Incorrect Footwear



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

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

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

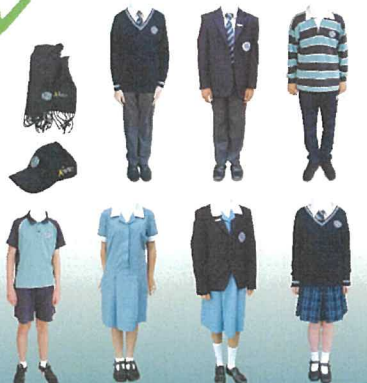
 **Wyndham Central College**

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

Please Note:

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

Correct Uniform



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
- Face masks recommended
- 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 testing

Free rapid antigen tests will continue to be available for all staff and students in Victorian schools in Term 3, 2022.

It is recommended that rapid antigen tests are used by students and staff when symptomatic. Rapid antigen tests are also required to be used for five days if a student or staff member is an identified close contact of a confirmed case, and they are attending or working at a school onsite.

If staff or students receive a positive test result at any time, they must report this through the Department of Health system (Rapid antigen tests | Coronavirus Victoria) 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 or by phone or written notification; this is so the school can record that they will be absent while in 7-day isolation, provide support and learning materials as needed, and let the rest of the school community know there has been a positive case onsite and that they should monitor for symptoms.

If a staff member or student has recovered from COVID-19, they are not required to get tested or isolate/quarantine if re-exposed to a case within 12 weeks of ending their isolation period.

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>.

Face Masks

The Victorian Department of Health strongly recommends that face masks are worn in indoor settings. As a result, we are asking all students and all staff to wear masks when in class (except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication) from now to the end of winter. Students won't be required or expected to wear masks when outdoors, and this expectation won't stop student participation in the full range of school activities, including music, sport and performances. We are asking for your support in explaining to your child or children the importance of this simple step that will help keep our schools as safe as possible. We also ask that you make sure your child (or children) takes a mask to school (and wears it if they are travelling on public transport) or collects a mask when they arrive at school.

Thank you to all families who have had their child vaccinated. Vaccination continues to remain the best way to protect students and staff in our school. Getting vaccinated is easy and bookings can be done via the coronavirus website. We also are offering vaccinations at our Pop-Up Vaccination Centre in the Community Hub, see details below. If you have any questions about the vaccines, I encourage you to speak to your health practitioner.

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.

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 or has tested positive, please notify the college immediately. Your child must remain home for 7 days.

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

While it is far from warm yet, as we edge closer to Spring the days are starting to get a little bit longer and the end of the year will be upon us before we know it. Term three has been all about career actions plans and choosing electives for 2023 in the middle years. Pathway planning is given high priority at WCC and we think it's very important students are thinking about their futures. We hope these discussions have also been taking place at home, and that you have had the opportunity to talk to your children about their options.

There has been a lot of celebration in the last month, celebration of culture and celebration of talent. In the second week of July we held a variety of activities to celebrate NAIDOC week. We have a large number of Koorie students at Wyndham Central College and many of these students were proud to take part in our whole school events such as our NAIDOC Assembly, break time and tutor time events such as Orche face painting. We also hosted a Department of Education program called 'The Campfire'. On this day the student participated in a smoking ceremony and spent time with Indigenous Leaders. In behind the scenes work that we do in this area we recently updated our Child Safe policies to reflect the need for cultural safety for our Koorie children.

Even though I'm sure this will be covered in other parts of the newsletter I would be remiss of me to not mention the fantastic student talent showcase that was Elf. I thoroughly enjoyed the production and thought the kids performances were outstanding. The year 7s were lucky enough to all see a 'highlights reel' of the show, and for all of them it was the first time they'd seen a performance in the Auditorium. A big congratulations to cast and crew on what was a highlight of the year for me.

Most recently we celebrated Multicultural week. The diversity of WCC is one of our core strengths and it is always a favourite spot in the calendar for many of us. To see students in their vibrant cultural clothes performing in front of their peers is a real privilege, and something that has been missed in the last two years of the pandemic. Each day over the week we had cultural performances and activities in both of the breaks. These were by and large coordinated and organised by the students, well done to you all.



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

YEAR 7 REPORT

Students in Year 7 have been taken part in a number of extra curricula activities this month including the school musical, sport and cooking classes after school and a skateboarding class at school.

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students who were part of the successful school musical "Elf".

-Ruby Schellhorn	-Olive Prespanoski	-Annabella Mesiti
-Eva Bricknell	-Maddison Wright	-Eliza Dann
-Bailey Decker	-Ewan Mcfarelane	-Emily Kaksa
-Iriska Burdett		



On the 18th of August the Divisional Athletics team represented the college with distinction with multiple students advancing to the next round. Congratulations to the following students.

-Uways Adem	-Krista Gadsden	-Tondan Nguyen
-Bella Rogan	-Bentley Veitch	

Finally congratulations to our student of the week winners who have gone above and beyond in displaying our school values.

-Luke Blight
-Annabella Mesiti
-Aisha Ali
-Mason Hambling.

Liam Clifford – Year 7 Level Leader

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YEAR 8 REPORT

Our year 8s have had a ripper start to the term, with the students engaging in several exciting events in recent times.

The Jobs and Pathways Expo had students exploring the many subjects and options available to them over the coming years.

On Wednesday the 20th of July, our year 8s were delivered a thoroughly entertaining and informative session around the dangers of alcohol and peer pressure by the wonderful team of SMASHD. Students were engaged throughout the presentation as the SMASHD team were able to deliver a serious topic in an engaging and humorous way.

It was great to see our year 8's participating in the musical the ELF which occurred August 3-5. Many of the major roles and behind the scenes roles taken by our year 8's. It was such a pleasure to see. A big congratulations to the Music and Arts department for all their hard work working with the students.

This week has been dedicated to celebrating the wonderful diversity within our community with Multicultural week. A standout activity was the fashion show where students were able to show off their heritage to the roars and cheers of staff and students.

We look forward to finishing our term with success and celebration. In the coming weeks we have science week, book week, wear it purple day and will finish of the term with parent student conferences. After all the lockdowns it is both a relief and a joy to see our students being free to have fun in a safe and supportive environment.

Allan Nilsen - Year 8 Level Leader

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YEAR 9 REPORT

It has been an action packed few weeks for our Year 9s, with the students engaging in a number of exciting events in recent times. Our term started with a great Pathways Expo on Monday 18th July, with students exploring the many options available to them over the coming years.

On Friday 29th July, our students were visited by the wonderful team of SMASHD, who delivered a thoroughly entertaining and informative session around the dangers of alcohol and peer pressure.

Two weeks later, we had the BE WISE team from the Pat Cronin foundation speak to our students about the dangers of the 'Coward Punch' and how we can influence and play a part in a more informative future. The students listened intently as they were told stories and educated on how to keep control of our emotions and make informed decisions when dealing with conflict. Throughout this busy term, students have remained engaged and connected to their studies, and look forward to finishing the term in the best way possible.

Grant Puxley - Year 9 Level Leader

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YEAR'S 10, 11 & 12 REPORT

Daily school attendance is important for all students to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. Students who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health and employment outcomes across their lives. It is important that students develop habits of regular attendance at school. It's not okay for students to be away or late to school and it's important that students are only absent if they are genuinely ill.

Below are some easy-to-follow tips to improve attendance at school:

- ✓ Commit to sending your children to school every day.
- ✓ Make sure children arrive at school and class on time (you can check this on COMPASS).
- ✓ Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence.
- ✓ Students must catch up on missed class work.

The College promotion policy states that students must maintain a satisfactory attendance rate of 100% in all subject areas, unless ill. If senior students are absent on the day of a SAC, then they must provide a doctor's certificate to be able to sit the SAC for a scored assessment.

In the last newsletter, I wrote about teachers working with students to reflect on their semester 1 school report and putting a plan in place for improvement. I'm hoping that all students, with the support of their parents/carers are actually instigating this plan to assist with their academic improvement for this semester.

There are always opportunities for students to get support with their learning at the College. Every Monday and Wednesday, after school, we offer Homework Club for all students in the Monash Building. This is where students can get assistance with their class work in all subject areas, please encourage your son/child to make the most of this opportunity.

Classroom teacher's complete Progress Checks on COMPASS, approximately every 5 weeks, for students studying a Year 11/12 subject who have uncompleted class work and are at risk of not obtaining a satisfactory pass for a particular subject. Please discuss these checks with your son/daughter and ensure that the necessary work is completed and submitted to the appropriate teacher to ensure a successful outcome.

As our Year 12 students are approaching the homeward stretch, now is the time for them to put in their biggest effort and do their very best regarding their final year of schooling. School pressure starts to build when you fall behind with your work, so I ask that students assist their anxiety levels by being prepared and organised. Year 12 students, now is the time to get motivated and stay motivated, be organised and follow a routine with your work. Reflect on your school reports and the feedback given to you from your teachers and adjust your goals accordingly.

If there is anything that we can do to support you with your child's learning, then please don't hesitate to contact their Tutor Teacher for further assistance.

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

YEAR 10 REPORT

Year 10 students have continued to identify preferences for their Senior Pathway at Wyndham Central College by electing their preferred method of Year 11 study. Students have applied and interviewed for entry within the school VCE Vocational Major (VCE VM) and VCE Integrated Program (VIP). Through the application process, students were asked to consider why they were a suitable candidate for each program, how the program would benefit their senior pathway and which teachers would be able to advocate for their position in the program. Ms. Corsetti, Wyndham Central's Senior Years Program Leader highlighted through the interviews that 'It is extremely rewarding seeing the students in their interviews, identifying their strengths and hearing their aspirations following secondary school.' We congratulate our Year 10 students who have been accepted into VCE VM and VIP for 2023, and hope this is another steppingstone towards their future aspirations.

Following the interview process for VCE VM and VIP, students had an opportunity to partake in five subject tasters to enable them to decide on the subjects that would benefit their career aspirations in Year 11 for 2023. The subject tasters provided students with an insight into the key learning outcomes, assessments and study designs for their subject interests. At the conclusion of the tasters, students were able to select their subjects for 2023 through the VCE, VCE VM and VIP pathways. Students have now locked in their preferences for 2023 and will find out towards the end of the year what their learning schedule will look like for their allocated pathway.

On the 10th of August, Wyndham Central College secured a sporting grant through School Sport Victoria, thanks to Ms. Sandlant, the College Assistant Principal. This grant enabled all year levels, including 24 year 10 students, an opportunity to partake in a free skateboarding lesson to promote physical activity and outdoor adventure activities. Ms. Sandlant highlighted that 'It was amazing to see how many kids who have never skated before learn to skate, in a one-hour session! And also allow the kids who have fantastic skills to show off a little.' We thank SSV and Ms. Sandlant for providing this opportunity for our students.

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

Ashlin Brown – Year 10 Level Leader

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YEAR 11 REPORT

Welcome back to Term 3!

I would like to congratulate all the Year 11's in their ongoing commitment to their studies and resilience towards SAC's as the commencement to Unit 2 is well underway. This term has been filled with numerous whole school and year level celebrations in which I am excited to share with you.

Pathways Week

The week of the 18th of July was Pathways week and year 11 students had the opportunity to select Expo presentations from a range of institutes to gain further insights into what is available to them after school. They also had a presentation delivered from the Defence Force and Victoria Police on this day. During the week Year 11's had to put their web preferences in for next year, for most students it was about deciding which subjects to drop for next year. If there are any questions around course selection Mr. Cook is available to assist you.

Elevate, Fit to Drive and The Alumni Program

This term we had our last Elevate session in which they delivered their study skills program to support the students in how to prepare for upcoming exams and SAC's. We also have Fit to Drive late in the term. The Fit to Drive Foundation is a not for profit organisation dedicated to reducing road trauma in young people. They will be coming to the school to provide workshops that will focus on building competency of young people to make good decisions when faced with risky situations on our roads, whether as a passenger or a driver.

On the 16th of August we had two past Wyndham Central students present and answer any questions around their experiences at the college as well as their current professions and their journey once leaving the college.



Multicultural Week

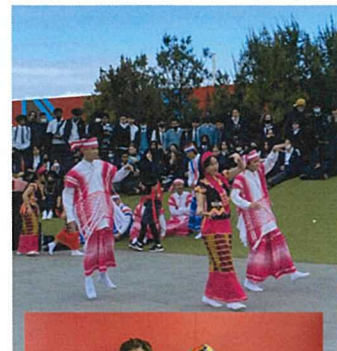
On the 17th of August was an Out of Uniform Day and it was so great to see our Year 11's seniors of the college wearing clothes that represent their Country of Origin or National Dress.

Reports and At Risk

At the end of last term, semester one reports were distributed. A reminder that if you have not seen these reports, that families can log in COMPASS and access them there. Students need to satisfy the unit requirements of VCE/VCAL and this first set of reports will give us an indication on how students are progressing. Students must pass English and then must have 9 units to complete Year 11. I have been in contact with families as to any concerns that I have, but I encourage families to contact tutor teachers and classroom teacher for any concerns that you may have.

Acknowledgement

We had our annual school musical and I would like to acknowledge the brave and outstanding efforts of Bradley Bottrell in his performance in Elf Jnr! Well done Bradley!



Tayla Clayton - Year 11 Level Leader

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YEAR 12 REPORT

The end of our Year 12's secondary school journey is fast approaching, and they have been working hard to get across the last of their course content before breaking for exams.

Careers Expo

In Week 1 the Year 12s ventured into Melbourne to attend the Careers Expo. They spoke to a huge range of potential employers and tertiary education providers and came away with lots of good ideas for their future pathways.

General Achievement Test (GAT)

On the 7th of September our students completing Unit 3/4 subjects and their final year of VCAL will sit the General Achievement Test. This is an important part of the process as we head into exams and their results will appear on their official transcripts from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority. It is vital that all students who need to complete the GAT attend on the day in uniform.

Wyndham Central College Exams

The school will be running internal exams for Year 12's ahead of the external VCAA exams at the end of the year. These will be facilitated by outside supervisors in full exam conditions to help our students become familiar with the exam environment they can expect at the end of the year. These will be running from the 3rd of October to the 7th of October on site. The final timetable will be distributed shortly, however families and students should be aware that some of the exams in this period will run to after 5pm so arrangements with employers and travel should be made in advance as the exams will need to take priority.

VTAC Preferences

Our Acting Transition Leader Mr Cook has done a power of work with our Year 12s to prepare them for their applications to tertiary pathways like TAFE and university. All Year 12's need to register with VTAC and prepare their preferences for tertiary options ahead of meeting with Mr Cook in the coming weeks. More information on how to do this is available through our Careers Portal and if families or students have any questions, they can contact Mr Cook or myself.

Competitions!

Students arriving to school on-time have been given the opportunity to enter competitions for prizes. Last week we ran a 'guess the number of jellybeans' competition – with our winner Thalia Romero getting the closest guess. This week we are doing a 'guess the baby photo' competition, with the student who correctly guesses all the baby photos winning a prize. This is just a small way we are emphasising how important it is for our Year 12s to be at school on-time and ready to power through their day!

If families or students have any questions about Year 12 or need any assistance please don't hesitate to get in touch.

John Lister – Acting Year 12 Level Leader

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TEACHING & LEARNING REPORT

A Strategy for Success: Ongoing Revision and Cornell notes

As an AVID school, teachers support students to continue to build their ability to effectively complete all steps of the Cornell note-taking system. We ask parents and carers to support and encourage your child at home with completing the Cornell note steps using the 10- 24- 7 method. That is, reviewing and revising the day's notes every night, formulating questions the next night and creating summaries at the end of the week. This is a well know and well-researched method of supporting students to achieve success. It increases students' confidence and improves exam results.

Organisation is also important for success and students are required to ensure that they have a well- organised binder that they bring to all classes. This ensures that they have all equipment and work is kept together.

Homework Club

A reminder that Wyndham Central College offers Homework Club every Monday and Wednesdays in the Monash Building from 3:10 pm to 4:00 pm. Homework Club is facilitated by experienced classroom teachers and provides support to students who self- nominate to attend. Teachers support students who may be having difficulty with their classwork, assignments, homework or who like a place and space in which to work that is supported by teacher assistance if required. Please encourage your child/children to attend Homework Club and use this valuable resource.

Connie Faranda – Assistant Principal – Teaching & Learning

STUDENT VOICE & POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT YEARS 7 - 9

It has been a busy first half of term for our student leaders and there are many opportunities for students to participate in upcoming events.

At the end of last term, Tyrese Taula, Morrisham Teariki and Jessica Cooper travelled to AAMI Park to represent the College at the Melbourne Storm Youth Advocate Program. They had the opportunity to meet student leaders from other schools, and work together on their leadership skills, all three students got a lot out of the day.

We started off term 3 with school assemblies- something we have not been able to have as a large cohort over the past two years due to COVID restrictions. However due to the number of students we now have, the assemblies had to be split over two sessions as we no longer fit comfortably in the gym. It was a great opportunity to welcome students back and set a positive foundation for the term.



Throughout the term, the year 7-9 students have had presenters at assemblies addressing a range of social issues. This have given them a chance to hear from outside speakers and ask questions if needed. There are lots of events coming up for the remainder of the term to keep us all busy.

On Friday 26th August, we have 'Wear It Purple Day'. Students will have the opportunity to wear purple and rainbow colours to show their support for members of our LGBTIQA+ community. The theme this year is 'Still me, still human', and there will be a number of activities for students to participate in during break times. We also have the Humanities Department 'Night at the Museum' afternoon to showcase year 7 and 8 students' work in Humanities with members of the community on Thursday 1st September from 4:30pm-6:30pm in the gymnasium. All parents/carers are welcome. Continuing with events, we have R U OK Day on Thursday September 8th and The World's Greatest Shave in the last week of term. Students and staff will have the opportunity to participate, and the community is encouraged to get involved.

Please keep an eye out on Compass, in the parent bulletin and on our College Facebook page for further details of these upcoming events and how you can support each cause.

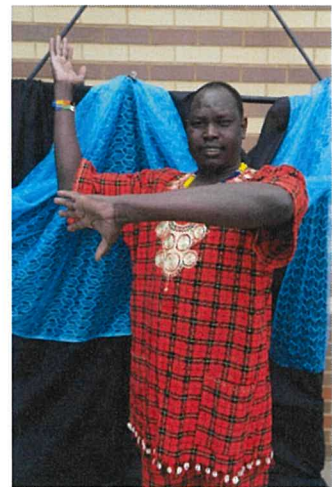
On Friday 2nd September, three of our SRC representatives will travel to Melbourne to participate in the VIC SRC Congress. This will give them the opportunity to work with other student leaders throughout the state, identify an issue in education and work collectively to come up with ideas to address the identified area.

Multicultural Week

What an amazing time we had at the College for our Annual Multicultural Week. We started the week off with assemblies, where we were lucky to have one of our 2017 College alumni Kano Ravalji speak to students about his experiences moving from India to Australia when he was young, and the challenges he had to overcome, and the message that it is ok to be yourself. The assembly ended with a smoking ceremony run by Mr West.

Following our assembly, throughout the week, staff and students had the opportunity to participate in a range of activities including an Amazing Race, henna face painting, dreamtime storytelling, ochre face painting, creation of a College multicultural playlist, a photobooth, indoor picnic, cultural colours face painting and student cultural performances including Indian, Karen, Karenni, Thai, Pacifica, KPOP, African, and an amazing fashion show on Wednesday on our cultural dress day. Student participation throughout the week was amazing, and students should be commended on the way they supported each other and embraced everyone's culture and diversity.

Here is a snapshot of photos from throughout the week.





Ashley Rowe – Acting Assistant Principal

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

There has been a lot going on at WCC since our last newsletter!!

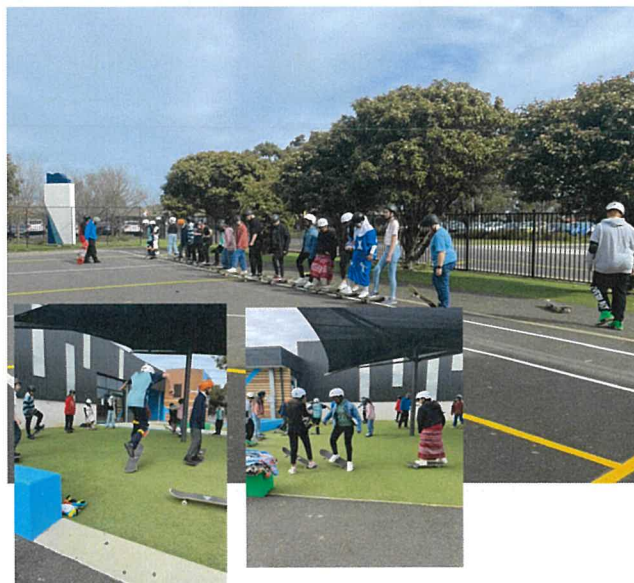
On the 14th of June I was invited to attend a Mental Health Seminar which was a joint project with Werribee Rotary, Beyond Blue and local Football Teams. The night highlighted the importance of good mental health and guest speakers spoke about their own journey. This project will be expanded next term, with a focus on promoting mental health and female athletes, and I look forward to having some of our student attend this forum.

Our Afterschool Sports program has been in full swing this term. Monday nights have seen a Rugby Club take place, the very popular Volleyball Club continued on a Tuesday night, Cooking Club is about to start on Wednesday the 17th of August, and Soccer Club on a Thursday night. Most programs have run at full capacity and anyone who has missed out this term can participate in Term 4.

Here are a few pictures from the programs.



WCC was successful in an application for a sporting grant through School Sport Victoria, which has allowed two days of free skateboarding lessons. It was amazing to see how many students who have never skated before learning to skate, in a one-hour session! And the program allowed students who have fantastic skills to show off a little!!



At the start of the term, we held a session for parents to attend to learn how to read school reports. Thanks to those who attended the session, the feedback from it was fantastic. We will hold a similar session later in this term. A flyer will be sent out with all the information, so stay tuned.

I hope you have had a chance to read the "What's on in the Link Centre" monthly calendar, where we are sharing opportunities for the community to be involved in the school. Please see the Link Centre Update, later in this newsletter for more information on "What's On!"

Lastly, as I mentioned in the previous newsletter, we have been working very closely with Reclink, and there are some exciting opportunities happening in the school and the outside community. I have been sending regular Compass posts but would like to highlight a few things starting soon.

- Students can attend a multisport program for free, on a Friday night 3:30-5:00pm ran by Reclink at Eagle Stadium.
- Reclink will also be supporting the creation of basketball club onsite in our afterschool program on a Monday night next Term
- Reclink will be joining the soccer program next term as well
- Any student interested in joining the "Partnership with Vic Health" Project team please let me know
- An exciting community project initiated by students at our school, Plodding, will commence in September so stay tuned to find out what this activity is all about!!!

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

CAREER NEWS

Please find attached Careers News

SPORTS REPORT

Western Metropolitan Region Cross Country

On Thursday June 16th, 10 students across Years 7 to 10 attended the WMR Cross Country at Brimbank Park. Students battled the less-than-ideal conditions to run the 3km and 5km courses. All students represented the College values and demonstrated great athleticism on the day. Well done to all students!



Year 8 Girls Basketball

Game 1: 36-4 (Loss) vs Good News Lutheran

Best players: Aspen B, Raquel G, Ella A

Game 2: 42-10 (Loss) vs Manor Lakes

Best players: Aspen B, Raquel G, Bailey W, Siham M

Game 3: 20-14 (Loss) vs Truganina P-9

Best players: Aspen B, Raquel G, Ella A, Bailey W, Siham M

All had a great day! Raquel was amazing on defence, always harassing and guarding! Bailey and Siham were strong defensively! Ella was working hard, always running up and down the court! Aspen shone with the ball, shooting from mid-range and from outside the arc. Very proud of all their efforts, intensity, and perseverance against some good quality teams.

Year 7 Boys Basketball

Game 1: vs The Grange

Result: WON (43-21)

Best Players: Harley N, Bentley V, Hamish N, Josh T, Gabriel N, Max C

Game 2: vs Truganina

Result: WON (41-20)

Best Players: Harley N, Hamish N, Bentley V, Josh T, Max C, Gabriel N

Game 3: vs Baden Powell

Result: WON (32-16)

Best Players: Gabriel N, Max C, Josh T, Bentley V, Hamish N, Harley N

Game 4: vs Werribee SC

Result: WON (42-15)

Best Players: Gabriel N, Max C, Josh T, Bentley V, Hamish N, Harley N

GRAND FINAL: vs Manor Lakes

Result: WON (22-21)

Best players: Gabriel N, Max C, Josh T, Bentley V, Hamish N, Harley N



Congratulations to the boys! Off to district basketball! An amazing achievement.

Intermediate Boys and Girls Basketball

On Tuesday August 2nd, 19 students across year 9 and 10 headed off to Eagle Stadium to participate in a round robin basketball tournament. All students represented the College with pride and demonstrated great leadership and sportsmanship. Rhys McIntosh captained the boy's team to 2 great wins over Werribee Secondary and Suzanne Cory. Indiana William captained the girl's team likewise to 2 great wins over Tarneit P-9 and Suzanne Cory. Both teams won their semi-final games before advancing to the Grand Finals, unfortunately both teams fell short going home runners-up. All students should be extremely proud of their efforts on the day.



Wyndham Division Athletics

Wyndham Division Athletics

On Thursday August 18th, 26 student represented Wyndham Central College at the Wyndham Division Athletics, at Victoria University Athletics Track. Our students participated in a range of track and field events and showed great athleticism on the day. Thank you to our sports captains Raquel Grey, Mariyah Kelly, Indiana William and Tanika Fry for attending on the day and assisting the teachers on events.

A massive shout out to Imogen Makin of 9S who broke the 2 records on the day. Imogen broke both the U14 Girls Shout Put and Discus records that have been in place since 2015, well done on this massive achievement Imogen!

Congratulations to the following students who won their events and have qualified for the Western Metropolitan Region Athletics which will be held at Keilor Park Athletics Centre on the 15th of September. Bentley Veitch (7G), Siueli Lavalu (8F), Michel Nimi (8J), Joshua McIntosh (8J), Imogen Makin (9S), Alex Davenport (10H) and Ashleigh Benson (12F). Good luck to all our athletes!



Yours in Sport – Rylie Stonehouse - Sports Co-ordinator

ALUMNI PROGRAM NEWS

Pictures from our recent Alumni Events

Our Alumni program has had a very busy term 3! We have been so lucky to have Alumni come back to visit us this term. Thank you to Ani Madhvapathy and Laxmi Singh Class of 2015 for speaking to our year 11's about their career paths and Dan Hooper Class of 1993 for coming back to speak to our Year 12 ASPIRE students about strengths and give tips on study and careers. We had our wonderful Alumni Kano Ravalji class of 2017 speak at our Multicultural week Assembly. Thank you to Kano for making this event so special.

Finally as part of our partnership with Ourschool (who run the Alumni Program) we were lucky to get an invite to visit the new Footscray hospital worksite. Our year 12 VCAL class were treated to a panel discussion about careers in the trade and then an onsite tour. What a fabulous day! Stay tuned for more updates on Alumni events in Term 4!

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

To join our alumni 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>

Jaimee Kindt – Alumni Program Leader



Emerging STEM for Women Program June 2022

On the 15th June ten Year 9 & 10 girls travelled to Ecolinc Science and Technology Centre in Bacchus Marsh to attend the 2022 'Emerging Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) for Women Program'. The day consisted of a guest speaker, a range of workshops and a 'STEM Careers speed-dating' session where the students got to meet, talk with, and learn from, a range of women in STEM fields, as well as a range of higher education providers who could outline career pathway opportunities and courses available for students in the STEM fields.

Students had a choice of participating in the workshop, 'Whale Snot: A Design and Engineering Challenge', where they built drones and then got to fly them to perform certain tasks. They could also participate in Ocean Pollution – Microplastic and bioplastic. Students watched the Science Show, 'Deep Blue' exploring what our ocean is like, how living things have adapted to it, and the threat that it's under. They viewed experiments demonstrating the crushing pressure of the depths, the wonder of bioluminescence and the peril of ocean acidification.

All the girls represented our school with pride and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Christine Henderson - (Science / STEM Teacher)



'Night at the Museum' at Wyndham Central College



'Night at the Museum' is an event where we showcase the work of students in humanities in years 7 and 8. Students will be presenting a museum exhibit of a topic studied in humanities which could be an exhibit on Aboriginal studies, Ancient Rome, Ancient China or Water in the World for year 7s. The year 8s will showcase exhibits associated with Medieval Europe, Spanish Conquest, Polynesian Expansion or Landscapes and Landforms. You are invited to join us on Thursday 1st September from 4:30 – 6:30pm in the gymnasium to experience our very own 'Night at the Museum', and vote for the exhibit that is best on show. For more information see Ms Woloszczenko.

Elena Woloszczenko – Humanities Leader

VCAL NEWS

The 2022 VCAL class has participated in some highly engaging activities over the past few months. As a class we have participated in a variety of exciting and well-planned events and outings. Some of these activities included Melbourne Waters and The Huddle coming into our class and showing us what it's like in the real world and what it's like getting a job.

On Monday the 8th of August 2022 12D finally got to see first hand what it's like being in a work environment when our teachers arranged for us to go onto the construction site, for the currently in progress Footscray hospital. On the site the company set up a panel where we could ask questions about what it's like in the field and about their everyday lives. On the site we got to learn what they are planning for the hospital and how much work actually goes into building something so big.

During the Q&A's we got to meet a girl who was the first female construction worker in her company, and she explained to us what she went through, when she first started and how it's been since then. Many of the crew on site were interested to get more girls onto the job site and wanted to boost the number of females in construction workers from 1% to at least 3% overall job sites. Many of the panel members told us what they did in school and how their schools helped them and what they did when they were in year 12.

Many of the workers, when asked told us that when they were in year 12, they had no clue what they wanted to do or be, when they graduated. One of the ladies on the panel said she was studying to be a paramedic and the other wanted to be a scientist.

Andre Bernardi – VCAL teacher



WCC Science Week- 22Aug-26Aug

The week of the 22nd to 26th of August is **WCC SCIENCE WEEK !!!!!**

2022 National Science week THEME: **GLASS-More than meets the eye**

National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of Science and Technology. Running each year in August, it features more than 100 events around Australia including those delivered by universities, schools, research institutions, libraries, museums and science centers.

To celebrate this week at Wyndham Central College the Science Faculty is offering a range of activities for students in break times during the week. We suggest you to encourage your child/ren to read scientific books, articles, magazines and watch scientific documentaries or shows at home.

Please encourage your child to sign up for the following activities to develop their interest in science and to be able to build on their scientific, critical and problem solving skills which is the demand of present and future. Planned activities for the week are following and there are prizes to be won.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break 1	Kitchen Sink Science	Science Movie Show	Science Movie Show	Science Movie Show	Science Movie Show
Break 2	Psychology Drinks Brand Tasting STEM (Making Robots)	Fun Science Escape Room	Biology WCC Flame Show DNA Extraction	Chemistry Dry Ice Rainbow	Physics The Great Egg Drop

Shalika Sharma – Science Faculty Leader

BOOK WEEK 22 – 26 AUGUST



Day/ time	Staff	Activity	Location
Monday 22 nd Aug Break 2	Mrs Cutter Mr Lister	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making bookmarks- mindful colouring Book swap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource Centre Outside if weather permits J
Tuesday 23 rd August Break 2	Mrs Cutter and NormaLiki 11K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Guest will be speaking about her love of reading and her favourite books. 	Resource Centre and M2
Thursday 25 th August Break 2	Ms Cooper and Mrs Cutter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History /Origin of Manga Read a Manga book 	Resource Centre and M2
Friday 26 th August Break 2	Mr Lister and Mrs Cutter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Afternoon tea and a good book- quiet reading 	Resource centre/ M2 and outside if weather permits

ASPIRE program

On Thursday 4th August, year 12 ASPIRE students participated in Collaborative Study Groups (CSGs). The students worked in small groups to complete past VCAA exam questions. Through discussion and questioning the students helped each other to clarify points of confusion and to write solutions to questions from Maths Methods, Health and Human Development, Chemistry, Legal studies and Biology. It was great to see our year 12 students helping each other to get a head start on revisions.

Ms. Corsetti and Mrs. Cutter



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

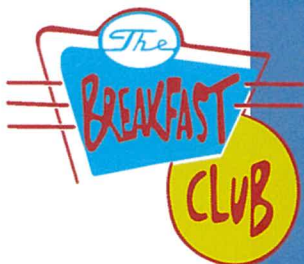
Wyndham Central College Breakfast Club - All students are welcome
Tuesdays & Thursdays between 8am - 8.30am at T1

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



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 or 8744 8900

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, 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) by 24 June 2022 and attach a copy of your eligible card which must be valid as of 31 January 2022 or 26 April 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 administration office (including parents/carers) and log into Compass. In case of an emergency, we need to be aware of who is on site.

STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment, parents/carers 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 to the Attendance Officer to be signed out. Parents/carers are to collect their child from the administration office.



Reclink Australia – Multisport
See flyer attached

Strategies for supporting stressed out teens
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DATE AND TIME: Wed, 7 Sep 2022 - 6:30pm - 8:30pm

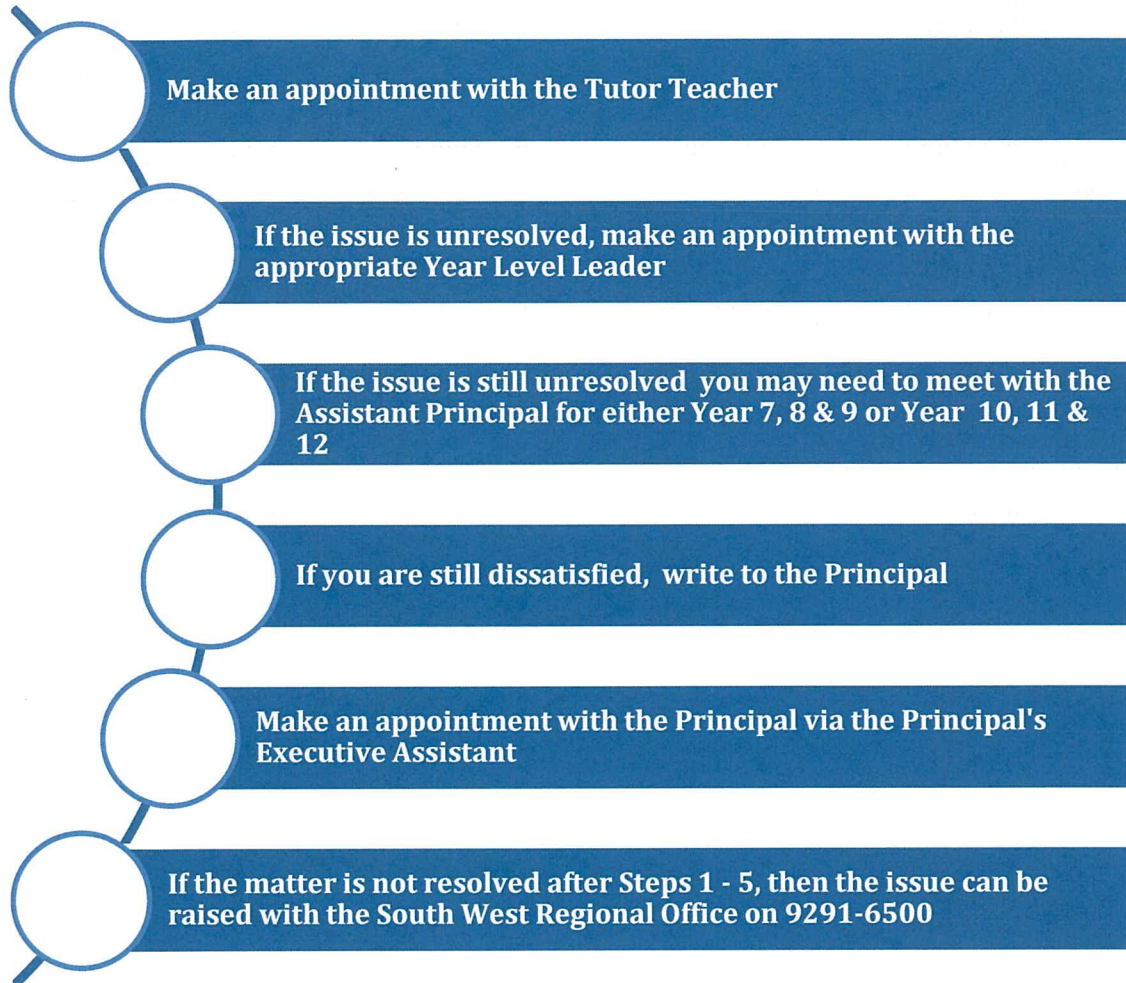
LOCATION: Youth Resource Centre - 86 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing
ORGANISER: Wyndham Youth Services Counselling Team

CONTACT: Rosie Barbara - Youth Counsellor
8734 1355 rosie.barbara@wyndham.vic.gov.au

Website: <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/strategies-supporting-stressed-out-teens>

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.



Important Dates

University Open Days are under way – please check **the VTAC site for the OPEN DAYS page** and don't miss out of these opportunities. **Also refer to attachments.**

Year 12 VTAC Interviews started on Tuesday 9th April – All year 12s **MUST** book in to see Mr Cook **to discuss & commence their VTAC & other applications (direct entry, apprenticeships, etc)**
Student & Parent VTAC Briefings have been held this past week

Subject Preferences are still ongoing – please check with your Year Level Leader for help.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Considering tertiary study?

If you're in Year 12 and you are keen to apply for tertiary courses, this is an exciting time!

You can apply for courses to start in 2023 and for most courses, you can defer your offer until 2024. Applications are now open for:

- All early admission programs
- All direct entry programs.
- TAFE courses at some institutes.

Victorian courses

Students can apply for courses via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

Download guides on the following:

early entry and direct entry programs

key application dates

how to apply for courses via VTAC in 6 steps

special consideration

scholarships

Applying for university courses via VTAC?

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) processes course, special consideration, and equity scholarship applications on behalf of Victorian based tertiary institutes.

Students applying for the Bachelor of Nursing at Victoria University will need to register for and sit the CASPer test by 13 November for December round VTAC offers. You can book the test via <https://takealtus.com/>

Applying for a teaching degree?

You may need to complete the CASPer test by 13 November for December round VTAC offers. You can book the test via <https://takealtus.com/>

Applicants who qualify under SEAS in the following categories will be guaranteed entry into courses with lower ATARs, providing they meet course prerequisites and preference the courses via VTAC correctly.

- Resident of a regional or remote area
- Disadvantaged financial background
- Recognition as an Indigenous Australian

Please see Mr Cook ASAP regarding the sitting of CASPER.

ALL STUDENTS

Focus on Open Days

If you are considering studying at TAFE or university after school, it is crucial that you attend Open Days.

Throughout the year tertiary institutions open their doors to the public and showcase their courses, accommodation, scholarships, pathway courses, student services and their 'point of difference'.

Please refer to the OPEN DAY Calendar.

Australian Defence Force

Students can apply to undertake work experience in the Army, Navy or Air Force. Check this link for information and to browse upcoming work experience opportunities,

www.defencejobs.gov.au

OPEN DAYS

Please see below dates for Open Days.

If you require any further assistance, please contact me in the Pathways Office

Thank you

Chad Cook

VICTORIA | TASMANIA

The following are examples of open day events running at Victorian institutes. Click on the name for information

Australian Catholic University

Melbourne	Sunday 7 August
Ballarat	Sunday 14 August

La Trobe University

Melbourne, digital	Sunday 7 August
Mildura	Wednesd. 10 August
Shepparton	Saturday 13 August
Albury Wodonga	Sunday 21 August
Bendigo	Sunday 28 August

RMIT University

Melbourne	Date TBA
Bundoora	Date TBA
Brunswick	Date TBA

Swinburne University

Hawthorn	Sunday 31 July
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Marcus Oldham

Geelong, online	Sunday 31 July
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Charles Sturt University

Albury Wodonga	Sunday 21 August
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The University of Melbourne

Parkville	Sunday 21 August
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RMIT University

Melbourne	Date TBA
Bundoora	Date TBA
Brunswick	Date TBA

William Angliss

Saturday 13 August	Melbourne
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JMC Academy

Melbourne	Saturday 13 August
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Monash University

Peninsula	Saturday 6 August
Clayton, Caulfield	Sunday 7 August

Deakin University

Geelong campuses	Sunday 7 August
Warrnambool	Sunday 14 August
Burwood	Sunday 28 August

The University of Tasmania

Hobart	Sunday 11 Sep.
Cradle Coast	Sunday 18 Sep.
Launceston	Sunday 25 Sep.

Victoria University

Footscray	Sunday 21 August
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Longerenong College

Longerenong	Sunday 14 August
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Federation University

Ballarat	Sunday 14 August
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Academy of Information Technology

Melbourne	Saturday 6 August
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Torrens University

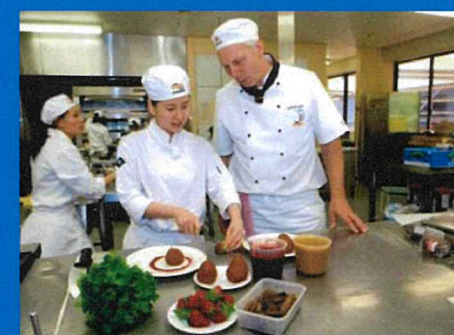
Melbourne	Saturday 6 August
Virtual	Tuesday 16 August

SAE Creative Media Institute

Melbourne	Saturday 13 August
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Collarts

Melbourne	Saturday 27 August
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Academy of Information Technology	Melbourne Campus	Visit AIT website to find out about Open Days and info sessions. more info
Academy of Interactive Entertainment	Melbourne Campus	Sunday, 14 August 2022 Saturday, 19 November 2022 more info
Australian Catholic University	All campuses	For information on all events visit the ACU website more info
Australian Institute of Music (AIM)	Melbourne	Saturday, 3 September 2022 more info
	Sydney	Wednesday, 27 August 2022 more info
Box Hill Institute	Box Hill - Elgar City Lilydale Online	Every day is Open Day more info
Cairnmillar Institute	Hawthorn East	Saturday, 20 August 2022 more info
Charles Sturt University	Albury-Wodonga	Sunday, 21 August 2022 more info
Collarts (Australian College of the Arts)	Collingwood - Cromwell Street Collingwood - Wellington Street Fitzroy - Brunswick Street Fitzroy - George Street Online	Saturday, 27 August 2022 more info Tuesday, 30 August 2022 more info
CQUniversity	Virtual Open Day	Saturday, 27 August more info
Deakin College	Geelong Waterfront Campus Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus	Sunday, 7 August 2022 more info
	Melbourne Burwood Campus	Sunday, 28 August 2022 more info
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	Melbourne Burwood Campus	Sunday, 28 August 2022 more info
	Warrnambool Campus	Sunday, 14 August 2022 more info
Elly Lukas Beauty Therapy College	City	Campus tours, Course Observation and Information sessions are held every Monday to Friday at 10am. Information sessions are also held on selected Saturdays at 11am. more info
Endeavour College of Natural Health	Melbourne City Campus	Endeavour regularly host both on-campus and online events for prospective students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Future of Wellness Month: 1 – 30 September 2022 – live webinars, guest speakers, Q&As and natural health session ● On Campus Open Day: Saturday 15 October 2022 ● Virtual Open Day: Wednesday 26 October 2022 more info
endota Wellness College	NSW, Qld and Vic campuses	Discover where the beauty and wellness industry can take you at one of our campus open days. more info
Federation University Australia	Berwick Camp Street Gippsland Mt Helen (Ballarat) Wimmera Online	Sunday, 14 August 2022 more info
JMC Academy	Melbourne campus	Saturday, 13 August 2022 more info

Kent Institute Australia	Melbourne campus	Any weekday is an open day! Contact us to book an appointment or campus tour. more info
La Trobe University	Melbourne campus	Sunday, 7 August 2022 more info
	Mildura Campus	Wednesday, 10 August 2022 more info
	Shepparton campus	Saturday, 13 August 2022 more info
	Albury-Wodonga campus	Sunday, 21 August 2022 more info
	Bendigo campus	Sunday, 28 August 2022 more info
Marcus Oldham College	Waurin Ponds (Geelong)	Sunday, 31 July 2022 more info
Melbourne Institute of Technology	Melbourne	Campus tours available weekdays 9am to 5pm. Call (03) 8600 6700 or email enquiries@mit.edu.au
Melbourne Polytechnic	Preston	Visit our website for Open Days and Info sessions more info
Monash College	Peninsula campus	Saturday, 6 August 2022 more info
	Caulfield campus Clayton campus	Sunday, 7 August 2022 more info
	Parkville campus	Sunday, 21 August 2022 more info
Monash University	Caulfield Clayton	Sunday, 7 August 2022 more info
	Parkville	Sunday, 21 August 2022 more info
	Peninsula	Saturday, 6 August 2022 more info
Oxford Institute of Higher Education	Melbourne	Saturday, 13 August 2022 Additional tours available during weekdays, contact us today to book your virtual or on-campus visit! more info
	Virtual tour	Wednesday, 21 September 2022 Additional tours available during weekdays, contact us today to book your virtual or on-campus visit! more info
Northern College of the Arts and Technology	Northern College of the Arts and Technology	Information Evening Tuesday, 2 August 2022 more info
Photography Studies College (Melbourne)	Melbourne	Sunday, 14 August 2022 more info
RMIT University	Bundoora	Sunday, 7 August 2022 more info
	City / Brunswick	Sunday, 14 August 2022 more info

	Online	6 - 31 August 2022- Digital Experience more info
SAE Creative Media Institute	SAE Melbourne	SAE Melbourne has various events throughout the year more info
Swinburne University of Technology	Hawthorn	Sunday, 31 July 2022 more info
	Online	Tuesday, 30 August 2022 more info
Torrens University	Flinders St campus	Saturday, 6 August 2022 more info
	Online	Tuesday, 16 August 2022 more info
University Of Melbourne (The)	Parkville	Sunday, 21 August 2022 more info
Victoria University	Open Day	Sunday, 21 August 2022 more info
Victorian Institute of Technology	All campuses	Personal tours can be arranged by appointment more info
William Angliss Institute	Melbourne campus	Saturday, 13 August 2022 more info



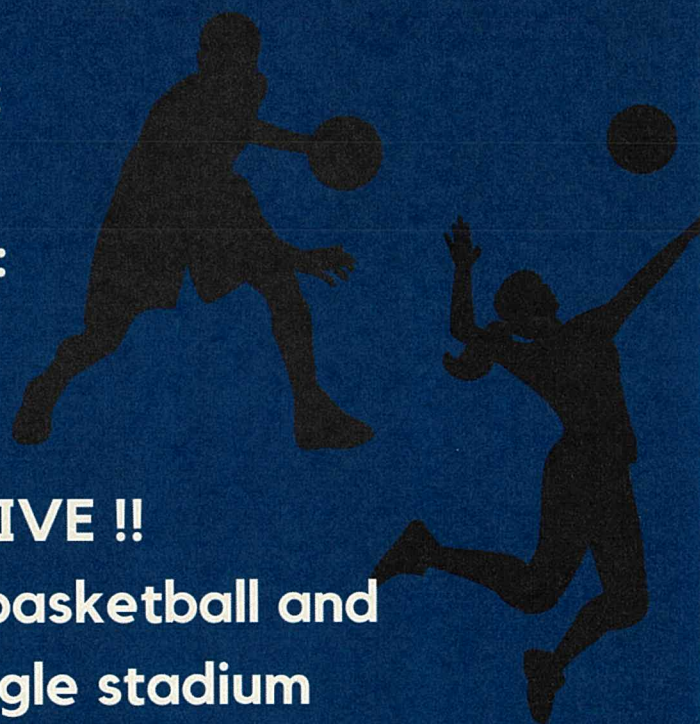
Multisport

**EVERY FRIDAY FROM
19th August - 16th September
2022**

**Volleyball will be running at:
3:30 - 4:30 PM 19/8-26/8**

**Basketball will be running at:
4:00 - 5:00 PM 2/9-16/9
at Eagle Stadium**

**FREE OF CHARGE,
no entry fee required**



GET ACTIVE !!

**Join us for some basketball and
volleyball at eagle stadium**

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**Contacts: Brendan -
Reclink
0412 728 096**

**EAGLE STADIUM / 35 BALLAN RD, WERRIBEE VIC
3030**



FREE
EVENT

Strategies for Supporting Stressed Out Teens

Stress is a normal human experience that is experienced by everyone. When we experience changes or challenges, our bodies produce a mental and physical response to help us adjust. Stress becomes problematic when we feel overwhelmed or it continues for prolonged periods of time.

In this information session, attendees will have the opportunity to learn strategies for supporting stressed out teens.

- Learn more about how stress impacts our mind and body
- Learn evidence based techniques to reduce stress and help support your teen when they are feeling overwhelmed by stress
- Learn to apply these strategies and techniques in all areas of your teens life which include, social, emotional, academic, exam and work related stress.

This amazing interactive information session will be conducted by **Anthony Hurst** (Psychologist and Lecturer) and will equip you with knowledge and practical ways to apply these strategies and techniques into practice.

The information session will go for 1.5 hours with an additional 30 minutes for questions.

Light refreshments provided

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER - 6:30PM - 8:30PM

WHERE: YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRE
86 DERRIMUT ROAD, HOPPERS CROSSING

Booking via: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/strategies-supporting-stressed-out-teens



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