

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 and to celebrate the term.

14th September 2022

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Believe & Achieve

IMPORTANT DATES

From the Principal's Desk

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 dinner

School Council

Wyndham Central College works collaboratively with parents, carers and families as partners to improve the personal, social and learning outcomes for children. One of the ways in which this is practiced is via our school council and established committees. This enables a two-way path of communication between parents and the school. Parents can hear about the great work that the teachers do and broader Department of Education initiatives. It also gives opportunities to for families to ask questions, provide feedback and suggestions and raise any items. Parents/carers are invited to speak to your parent representatives at any time to provide them with your perspective and feedback on what happens at WCC. For further information and names of your representatives please contact the administration office. School council meets at least twice a term, and your input is always thankfully received.

Parent Surveys

An essential requirement for our future planning is the information provided by our parents which is gathered via the Parent Opinion Survey and parent focus groups. Whilst we haven't been provided with the feedback from the 2022 survey (closes this Friday 16th September), I would like to take the opportunity to thank the parents who have taken the time to complete the parent survey. The survey results highlight both positives and challenges for the college in the areas of learning and wellbeing. If at any time parents/carers feel their child's learning and wellbeing can be supported or enhanced further please do not hesitate to contact your child's Year Level leader or Tutor teacher. The college also provides many other areas of support via our student services team which can be contacted on a daily basis.

Student reports

As term three comes to an end our very talented students have excelled in many endeavours over this last term. Staff have finalised reports and students have completed the reflection process and parents will be able to collect these at the parent teacher interviews on Thursday afternoon 15th September (additional copies of all reports are available via Compass). Our reporting processes are yet another way to build on our parent/carer and school relationships and I would like to reiterate that a key part of the success of your son/daughter's education is the way families interact and work in partnership with the school. We hope to see all of our families attending the interviews and taking the opportunity to discuss students' achievements. Parents of year 7 and 9 students should have also received their individual information pack regarding the results from NAPLAN testing in May. Please contact the school if you haven't received your pack as yet.

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Parent Bulletin

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

Whilst acknowledging the work our students have achieved in their classrooms there have also been extracurricular opportunities and performances that our school is very proud of. This newsletter has provided many other highlights, student achievements and upcoming opportunities within the school and local community for the remainder of the term, over the term break and for when we return in October. I ask parents to take the time to read the reports provided by the Assistant Principals, Year level leaders for your child's year level and our program leaders.

Subject Selections for 2022

I thank families for their co-operation with completing their online Web Preference for 2023 classes. The online videos and resources on our Career Tools platform were very informative and the completion of student Career Action Plans are a very important part of this process.

These selections are used to determine classes that will run next year and this planning has begun for the 2023 school year. A reminder that during term 4 our students will again be interviewed during our goal setting interviews with the 2023 tutor teacher and parents/carers. Again, students will not have access to their timetable and step-up classes unless these meetings occur.

School expectations

Thank you to families who have been supporting their students to be in the correct uniform and being ready for learning. Again, it takes everyone working together to make improvements. We will continue with this focus when we return next term and students move into their summer uniform. If you require a copy of the uniform policy, please see the policy section for parents on Compass.

The two other non-negotiable reminders are for students to be at school on time for tutor groups and that mobile phones are not permitted to be used during the school day. This is a state government law and must be always applied in all schools. The following of our school uniform, mobile phone and attendance policies are fundamental to our values of respect and cooperation.

Again, I do appreciate everyone working together on these matters.

I would like to wish all members of the Wyndham Central College community a safe and restful term break. I will be taking leave for the first two weeks of term four and Mr Bryan Woollard will be acting in the role of Principal.

Leanne Gagatsis - Principal
Creating a Community of High Expectations

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY
Be at school on time, in uniform and ready to learn

PLEASE COMPLETE THE 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 closes on 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.

Uniform Reminder

Students begin to wear the summer uniform for Term 4. 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.



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 provide 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



IMPORTANT VICTORIA GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

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.

If your child cannot follow this process they are asked to leave their phones at home or hand them in to be looked after for the day.



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 4, 2022.

It is recommended that rapid antigen tests (RATs) are used by students and staff when symptomatic. Household contacts are required to test negative using a rapid antigen test on at least 5 out of 7 days if 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.

Any student or staff member who tests positive to COVID-19 must now isolate for a minimum of 5 instead of 7 days. If they are asymptomatic, they may return to school on day 6. If they are symptomatic, they must remain in isolation until day 7. If they have symptoms after 7 days, they are strongly advised to stay home until their symptoms have resolved.

As an additional risk mitigation, the Department of Health strongly recommends that you wear a face mask away from home indoors and outdoors when you cannot physically distance. If you are leaving isolation on day 6, wear a mask for 5 days but particularly the first 2 days. If you are leaving isolation on day 7, wear a mask for 4 days but particularly first 2 days.

Consider taking rapid antigen tests before attending a workplace, including schools, sensitive settings or visiting people at higher risk of severe illness. If you are positive, stay home.

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>.

Attendance / Non Attendance Process – Reminder

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

- Calling the College on 03 87448900 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 03 87448900 (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 neighbours 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 3.34pm.

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 Leaders 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 03 87448900 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 5 days, but if symptoms continue, then please isolate 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 will 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

Who could believe it is the end of term 3?

We have continued our celebrations since our last newsletter including celebrating diversity on Wear It Purple Day, followed by R U OK? Day to support mental health and ask one simple question- Are you OK? The term will wrap up with our school's participation in the World's Greatest Shave. These events will be covered in more detail further in the newsletter.

With the weather hopefully heating up next term, it will be time again for our summer uniform. It may be a good time over the holidays to check the summer uniform is ready because many of our students in the middle school have certainly had growth spurts since they were last worn in term 1!

Well done to all students this semester, and especially to those who have been recognised as 'Student of the Week' or had 100% attendance and received awards in the year level assemblies each week. I hope all students have a well earned rest and get their batteries recharged for term 4, which will include exams, Step Up into their next year level, goal setting interviews and end of year activities.

Ashley Rowe – Acting Assistant Principal – Years 7, 8 & 9

YEAR 7 REPORT

Year 7 students had the opportunity to display their talents to the Wyndham Central College community in the second half of Term 3. It was great to see the Year 7 families attend The Night at the Museum to celebrate the students from Year 7 and Year 8's work that they put so much time and effort into.

Many Year 7 students have taken up the opportunity to attend homework club on a Monday and Wednesday to gain access to teacher support in their subject of need. Any students who would like any extra assistance with either their class work or homework is invited to attend homework club.

It was great to see so many Year 7 students getting into the activities on R U OK Day, including face painting and sharing positive messages with the school community.

A big thank you to all the Year 7 students and families who have supported The World's Greatest Shave for this Friday.

Finally, congratulations to our 'Student of the Week' winners who have gone above and beyond in displaying our school values:

- Eva Bricknell 7B
- Teresa Thaw 7F
- Jack Schofield 7A



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YEAR 8 REPORT

Year 8 students have had a really busy term! Very talented students from Year 8 were able to showcase their amazing talents to the Wyndham Central College community. Students were able to show their dancing and singing talents in Elf the Musical. Students from all different cultures came together to celebrate our many different cultures with many Year 8s performing in front of crowds during lunchtimes. Our daredevils learnt how to skateboard safely, they experimented with many different Science Week activities including Kitchen Sink Science, an Escape Room and a Giant Egg Drop. Year 8 students showed off their archaeology skills for Night at the Museum. It was great to see many families from our community enjoying the night. Year 8 students were able to reach out and ask "RUOK?" with another day of colourful activities for RUOK day such as face painting and making ribbons.

It is also great to see the many students taking advantage of the numerous lunchtime clubs every breaktime and homework club on Wednesday afternoons.

We would like to thank all of the families for their assistance with helping their children choose Electives for next year. We also would like to thank the many Year 8 students who have donated lots of VIVO points to the World's Greatest Shave and the many families that have donated to such a great cause. We can't wait to see Harrison Tippet (Year 8), Ravneet Kaur (Year 12), Mr Rowe, Mr Damjanovski, Ms Bell and Ms Schulz with shorter locks.

Finally, a huge congratulations to our Students of the Week winners who have gone above and beyond in displaying our school values:

- Max Borhillo 8B
- Elizabeth Jonah 8E
- Ezekiel Ngaumo 8F
- Igor Bitonde 8G



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YEAR 9 REPORT

Our Year 9s have been involved in a number of programs throughout this term. We have had an amazing skateboard incursion with the School Sport Victoria earlier in the term. The students enjoyed learning about a new hobby and skills.

In the first week of September the year 9s were involved in the Futurepreneur's program, run by the Smith Family. The students all enjoyed creating and designing a product. This aligned with the students Career Action Plan, completed throughout this term. Year 9s have also been busy celebrating their success and expressing their gratitude in our assemblies.

It has been great to see the things our year 9s are achieving and celebrating. We have also celebrated and recognised days such as "Wear it Purple Day" and "RU OK Day".

Looking forward to the Year 9's returning in Term 4 refreshed and ready to finish their year strongly.

Amelia Schulz - Year 9 Level Coordinator

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YEAR'S 10, 11 & 12 REPORT

Term 3 has been a time of celebration with our students getting involved in a wide range of extra curricula activities. We have celebrated Wear It Purple day, Multicultural week, Elf Junior The Musical and the Solo Instrumental Concert and students have demonstrated a wealth of talent in many areas; well done to all involved.

Our senior students, studying a unit 3 & 4 subject, sat the very first of a new General Achievement Test (GAT) which formed two sections this year, a Literacy and Numeracy and a General Knowledge and Skills test. The GAT plays an important role in the quality assurance of VCE assessments, it will now also provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate they have the literacy and numeracy skills expected of students completing studies at a senior secondary level. All students who sat the GAT need to be congratulated on their efforts on the day. With Year 12 internal and VCAA exams just around the corner, it's important that students be prepared and study and revise their class work to assist in achieving their very best results. Good luck with your upcoming exams.

IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY – Senior School Expectations

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 son/daughter 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.

Mobile phones must not be used at Wyndham Central College during school hours (8:50am – 3:04pm), including Break 1 and 2, unless an exemption has been granted by the Principal.

In the case of a student found using their mobile phone during the day, the following process will be followed:

- In the first instance, the student is given a warning, reminded of the policy and asked to put their mobile phone away in their locker, a reminder will be given stating that their phone may be confiscated if they continue to breach the policy.
- In the second instance, the phone will be confiscated and placed in a secure location.
- Students can collect their mobile phone at the end of the school day from the Melbourne Building, Attendance office. If a student has their phone confiscated more than once in a week, a parent/carer will be notified and will need to come to the school to collect the phone.

As we approach the end this term, parent/teacher interviews are an important part of gaining feedback on how your son/daughter is going in school. Please make the most of this opportunity and book an appointment to speak to their classroom teacher. Students will do their own reflection on their learning with their Tutor teacher this week and this will be made available with their school report.

Please contact your son/daughters Tutor Teacher if we can be of assistance with anything.

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

YEAR 10 REPORT

Year 10 students have continued working towards their end of semester one goals throughout term three. Many students have made important steps in achieving their academic, social and emotional and personal goals throughout term 3. Term 3 has seen many great whole school events that have celebrated and highlighted the diversity of our College, and term 4 will look to see students prepare themselves for end of semester examinations and 2023 Year 11 Step Up.

In week 6 of term, students celebrated the diversity of the College through our Multicultural Week festivities. Throughout the week there were many activities including mapping out students' heritage on a World map. Students were able to identify their own or ancestor's heritage and develop an understanding of the cultural diversity within their tutor group and Year 10 Cohort. The out of uniform day enabled students to dress in their Country of Origin or National Dress, many students displayed their national colours with pride and this provided a platform for discussion about the various nationalities within our school community.

Students completed a collaborative project in their Industry and Enterprise class, in small groups students decided on their enterprise project to run within the school community. The project had certain parameters including school appropriateness and approval from the School Operations Group, and submission of an activity proposal to the School operations board. This activity demonstrated the necessary steps and measures for successfully developing and implementing an initiative at a school level including financial budgeting, policy development and approval of a school board council. On the day of presentations, the Year 10 community embraced the experience and developed a well-run program that involved the whole school community, students created native food cuisines, Henna tattoos, and sporting competitions to highlight a few.

In early Term 4, students will be undertaking their second Elevate workshop. In term 1 the students undertook the Time Management Webinar which is an essential skill moving into Senior Secondary Education. In Week 2 of next term, students will take part in the Study Sensei Workshop which will develop skills in understanding the curriculum to frame study, structuring and reviewing organised notes, utilising revision time and practice exams, and the value of independent and collaborative learning. In recent weeks, there has been an increased expectation on uniform, arriving to school on time and mobile phones. The Year 10 team appreciate the work families have been doing at home, reinforcing the importance of the following in conjunction with the work being undertaken at school. Moving into term 4, it is important these expectations are still continually met and adhered too to enable students to focus more on their learning opportunities and upcoming exams.

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

Ashlin Brown – Year 10 Level Leader

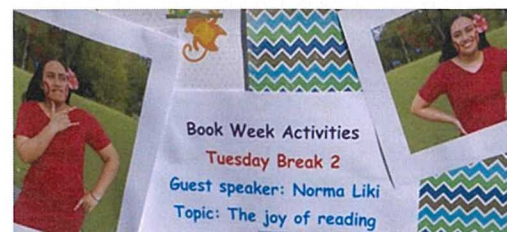
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YEAR 11 REPORT

Well done Year 11s on the completion of Term 3, it came with many challenges but also many wins that I am excited to share with you today. I would like to congratulate all students on their efforts and ongoing commitment to try their best in all of their subjects. I would like to wish you all a safe and restful break as you know Term 4 consists of the finalising of your Unit 1 and Unit 2 work as well as your final year examinations.

Book week:

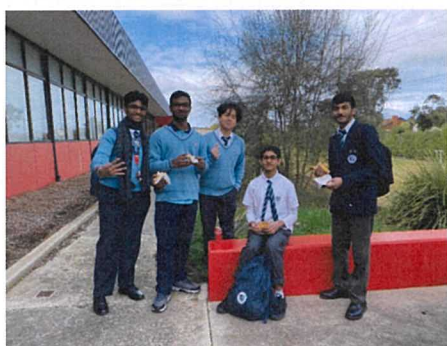
I'd like to acknowledge one student in particular Norma Liki (Year 11 SRC) For sharing her love for reading at Book Week that was held in our College Library during 20-26th of August.



Fit to Drive Program:

The Year 11s participated in the program called Fit To Drive. The Program encourages and promote road safety to students ages 16-18. They gave students scenarios to act out and participate in, provided them with insights on how to be safe when getting into a vehicle whether they are the driver or passenger. The students also had Police and Ambulance talk to them about their experiences with road safety and shared their knowledge on how to be safe when in a vehicle.

After the Fit to Drive Program concluded the Year 11s had a BBQ as a cohort, where they were able to share food together and reflect on what they had learnt throughout the sessions. In the final session of the day students participated in a wellbeing activity of their choice for the remainder of the day. It was so lovely to see all students mingling together as a cohort.



Year 11 End of Year Examinations:

In term 4 the Year 11s will have their end of year examinations for all of their subjects. This is due to occur on the 2nd – 9th of November. These examinations will be held in the College Gymnasium and students will be provided an exam timetable shortly. As you are aware, examinations allow teachers to reflect on how each child progressed throughout the year and provides students to be exposed to an examination setting that they will be faced with in Year 12.

Lastly, I hope that you all have a lovely holiday and come back ready to enter your final Term as Year 11 students.

Tayla Clayton - Year 11 Level Leader

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YEAR 12 REPORT

The last full term for Year 12's is almost at an end, and students have been hard at work completing their last school-based assessments.

VCAL and VCE students successfully completed the General Achievement Test, with the group walking away confident that they gave it their best shot. Thank you to all the staff who assisted in the lead up to and on the day of the test.

In week 1 of next term Year 12 students will be completing our school-based exams. Students who are sitting VCAA exams are expected to attend all their school-based exams. These exams will be used by their teachers to help them revise for their VCAA exams, so it is vital that students attend the exams and do their best.

In week 3 of next term, we will be celebrating the end of our Year 12's time at Wyndham Central College. On the 18th of October students will be travelling to Funfields for a day of activities, year 12 assembly and on the 21st of October our Valedictory Dinner will be held to recognise their achievements here at the college. Tickets for the Valedictory Dinner are still available, so we ask that families make sure you book tickets soon and return the note as soon as possible to the school.

Finally, my time as Acting Year Level Leader for the Year 12s has come to an end. Chad Cook is returning to the helm as we steer the group towards the end of their schooling. Thank you to the students and families for your support while I have been in the role.

All the best to our Year 12's for the final weeks of school!

John Lister – Acting Year 12 Level Leader

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TEACHING & LEARNING REPORT

How quickly this term has passed, it has been busy, yet productive.

Year 9 NAPLAN:

NAPLAN results have arrived and have been distributed to all families. Wyndham Central College has continued to make steady and consistent improvement over that last five years. We are pleased to report that as a college we achieved our Numeracy and Writing targets for NAPLAN 2022. This consistent and steady improvement can only occur when there is a strong partnership with the parent/carer, teacher, and student.

In 2022, Year 9 students who achieved the highest band, Band 10, have been recognised with a Certificate of Achievement. Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded a certificate for achieving Band 10:

• Liam Power	Reading & Numeracy
• Has Del Mu Baw Ke	Reading
• Ishita Desai	Reading
• Alice Di	Reading
• Jannatpreet Kaur	Reading
• Shelby Preston	Reading
• Riama Rapana	Reading
• Brierley Smith	Reading
• Emerson Burgos Jankiewicz	Numeracy
• Florentino Juni Isleta	Numeracy
• Jai Lee	Numeracy
• Nicole Sarmiento	Numeracy

Due to the cancelation of NAPLAN in 2020, this year 9 cohort of students did not complete NAPLAN as year 7 students and subsequently relative and benchmark growth cannot be determined.

We thank all families for their contribution to this partnership and preparing and supporting their child in their learning journey. The NAPLAN provides teachers with valuable information about each student's skills, strengths and areas for growth. This, in turn, helps teachers to plan effective learning, teaching and assessment programs to help each child maximise their learning

Reports

Students have been working over this term and have now completed CATs and SACs as part of their learning program and teachers have evaluated the progress of each child.

Hard copies of the Term 3 Reports will be distributed to students to take home to parents on Thursday 15th September. On this day from 3:30pm – 6:30pm we will also be holding Parent Student Teacher Conferences at the College. We encourage parents to make interview times on Compass to discuss their child's progress.

Report Reflections and Goal setting

On Thursday 15th September, all students participated in a Term 3 Report Reflection aimed at assisting students to reflect on what is going well for them and areas for improvement. Students have also set goals for improvement in term 4. Parents/ carers, please support your child to discuss their goals with you and how you can support them in achieving the set goals.

Course Selection 2023

All students in Years 8- 11 have begun preparations for next year by selecting their 2023 program and course of study. Early in Term 4, Year 7 students will select their preferred language study for Year 8 in 2023.


Please contact your child's tutor teacher if you have any concerns around course selection.

Learning Success with Cornell Notes and the AVID Binder

As an AVID school, teachers support students to continue to build their capacity to effectively complete all steps of the Cornell notes taking system. Parents/ carers please 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 is known to increase student confidence and improve exam results. This will be vital for upcoming exams. 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. Please support your child to develop their Cornell notes and keep a well-organised AVID Binder.

Connie Faranda – Assistant Principal – Teaching & Learning



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

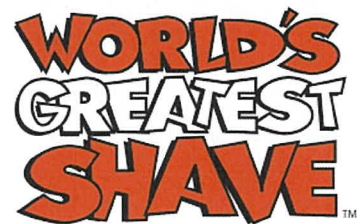
The opportunity for students to participate in College events has continued during the second half of term 3. Wear It Purple Day was held on August 26th, an event to foster supportive, safe, empowering and inclusive environments for rainbow young people. Students dressed in purple or rainbow colours to show their support. There was face painting, bracelet making and a fashion show held during break times on the day.



Two weeks ago, students were also involved in RU OK? Day, which is a day to open up awareness and discussion around mental health and the importance of checking in on our family and friends to make sure they are OK. Activities held for students and teachers during the day included writing positive messages on our RU OK? Day banner, tying yellow ribbons on students' wrists, and face painting.

Last week, we had two of our year 7 SRC representatives travel to Melbourne to participate in the VIC SRC Congress day. Thanks to Annabella Mesiti and Tondan Nguyen for representing the College and also continuing to work on their leadership skills.

On the last day of term, the College will hold Crazy Hair Day in conjunction with the World's Greatest Shave. Students are encouraged to come with a crazy hairstyle for a gold coin donation. There will also be fundraising activities on the day including coloured hairspray, a BBQ for students to buy sausages and drinks, and some of our staff and students shaving/ cutting/ colouring their hair. All money raised will be donated to the World's Greatest Shave.



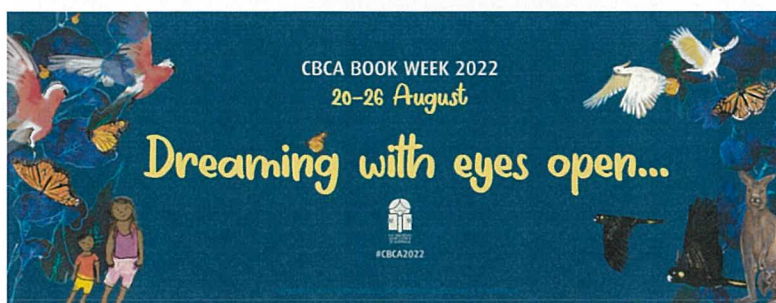
There will be many opportunities in term 4 for students to use their voice and contribute across the College.

Ashley Rowe – Assistant Principal



Please find attached Careers News

COLLEGE NEWS



The Children's Book Council of Australia is a not for profit organisation that was established in 1945. The CBCA aims to engage the community with literature for young Australians. Each year books and reading are celebrated during book week. This year's theme was: Dreaming with eyes open.

At Wyndham Central College we celebrated book week with a variety of activities.

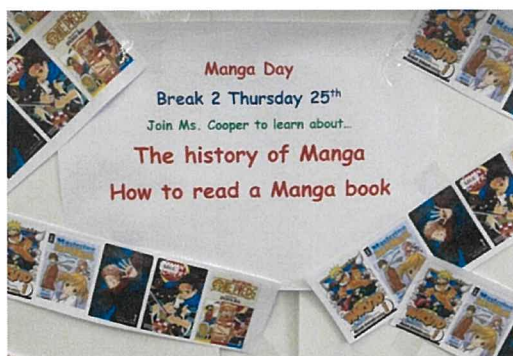
Monday 22nd August: Making Bookmarks



Tuesday 23rd August: The Joy of Reading: By Norma Liki (Year 11)



Thursday 25th August: The history of Manga - How do you read a Manga Book?



Friday 26th August:
A Cup of tea and quiet reading



A big thank you to Mr Lister and Ms Cooper for your great work. Happy reading !!

Del Cutter - Learning Resource Manager



On Thursday 1st of September, Night at the Museum was held in the gymnasium. It was an amazing evening where year 7 and 8 Humanities students were able to celebrate and showcase some of the fantastic work they have completed so far this year in Humanities. The museum exhibits created were second to none and it was great to see the enthusiasm and engagement this event created. Students are commended for the wonderful work produced. We had volcanoes erupting, manor houses revealing the secrets of medieval Europe, tasty treats in various shapes and forms whilst all trying to avoid the plague patients roaming the gymnasium. We had models reflecting dreamtime stories, colosseums with gladiators, water scenes and various replicas of landmarks from Ancient Rome, China, Spanish Conquest and Polynesia. A range of certificates, prizes and vivos will be given out in upcoming assemblies. Thank you to all the parents and students attending and contributing to this wonderful afternoon.



Elena Woloszczenko – Humanities Leader



WCC Science Week- 22Aug-26Aug

WCC had another successful 2022 Science week where students enjoyed by participating in various Science activities! Below are some photos showing the enthusiastic participation of the students.

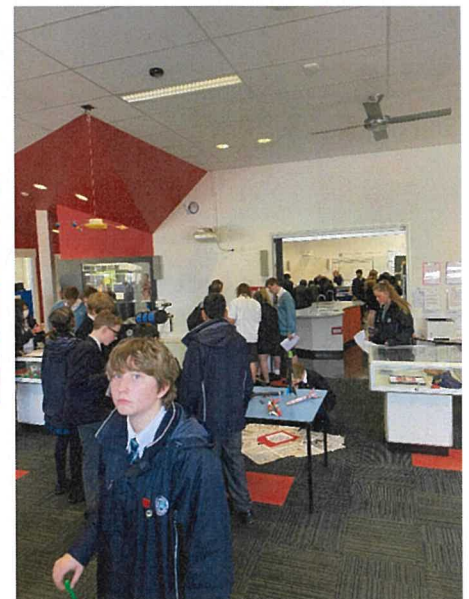
Psychology- Brand Tasting Session



STEM – Making Robots

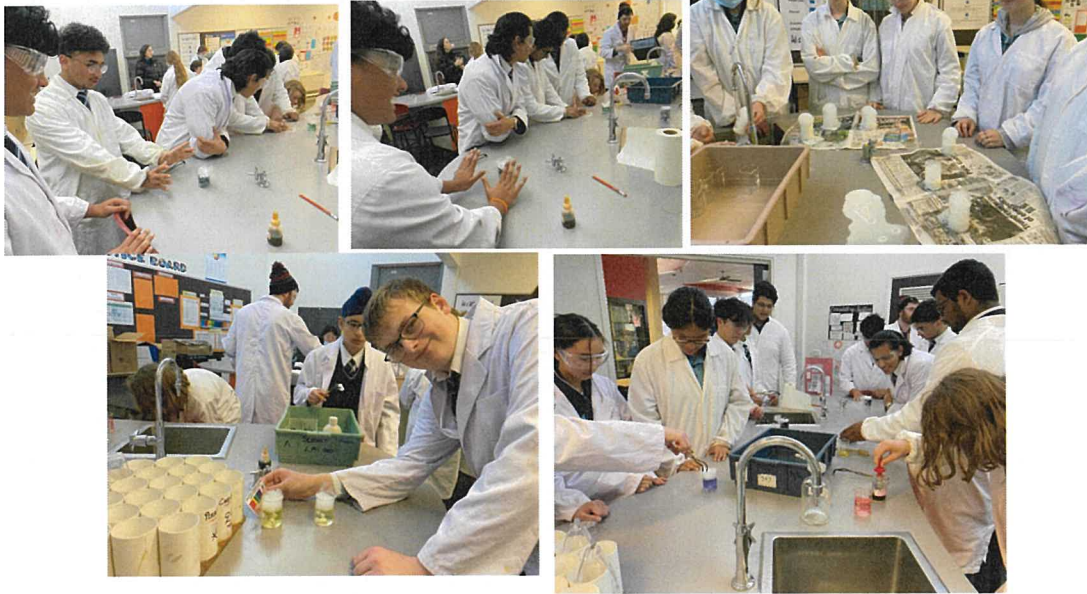


Biology- DNA Extraction



Escape Room

Dry Ice Rainbows



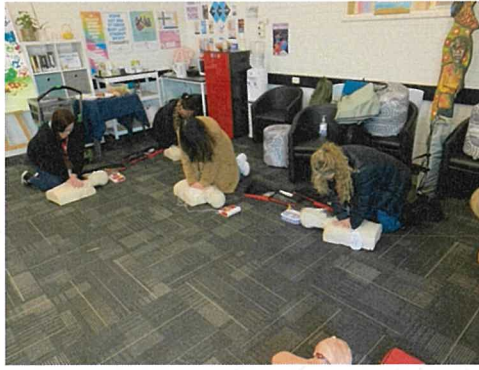
Flame Show



Egg Drop



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Last week 17 of our parents and carers spent a day in the Community Hub upskilling themselves in order to support their employability and life outcomes for their families. Multiskills Training delivered a First Aid (with CPR) course. It was a positive group and encouraging connections were made across the day.

We also started our sewing classes in partnership with Werribee Rotary and Interact. We are supporting the Alfred Hospital Psychiatric Ward as part of our community service project. Care Bag and Clothing Project takes place every Friday at 12pm to 1.30pm in the Textiles Room- thanks Kate for hosting us!



The care bags are a welcome gift given to all inpatients on their arrival for a stay at the psychiatry ward. Inside the bags are items suggested by the wards nurses and social workers to make the inpatients stay more comfortable. Items include hair brush, moisturizer, lip balm, water bottle, notebook, pens and more.

Please promote the sewing to your families, we have room for a few more.

We are excited that our families are taking up these opportunities. It's a good example to use when encouraging your families to complete the Parent Opinion Survey.

We are currently targeting groups of families who need support or English as an additional language families to ensure they have a voice and opportunity to give feedback about our school. If you would like support on how to reach out to families, please let me know.

<https://research.orima.com.au/parent/pages/View.php?source=ParentsLanguage>

Kristy Gray – Community Engagement Lead

CLUBS

Homework Club

Every
Wednesday
3:10pm – 4:00pm

Monash Building
M9 – M14

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



In
T1

BREAKFAST CLUB

Every Tuesday and Thursday

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

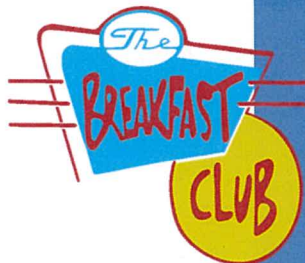
Warm cheese toasties, cereals, hot Milo, juices, fresh fruit
& friendly vibes

Everybody is very welcome

Colleen Brown – Breakfast Club Co-ordinator

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

Let's Feed



ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

ADMINISTRATION OPENING HOURS

Wyndham Central College Administration is open:

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

College phone number – 8744 8900 (new number)

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 - REMINDER

A reminder will be sent out shortly regarding parent payment arrangements. These 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 Device 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. This program involves the school choosing 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.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

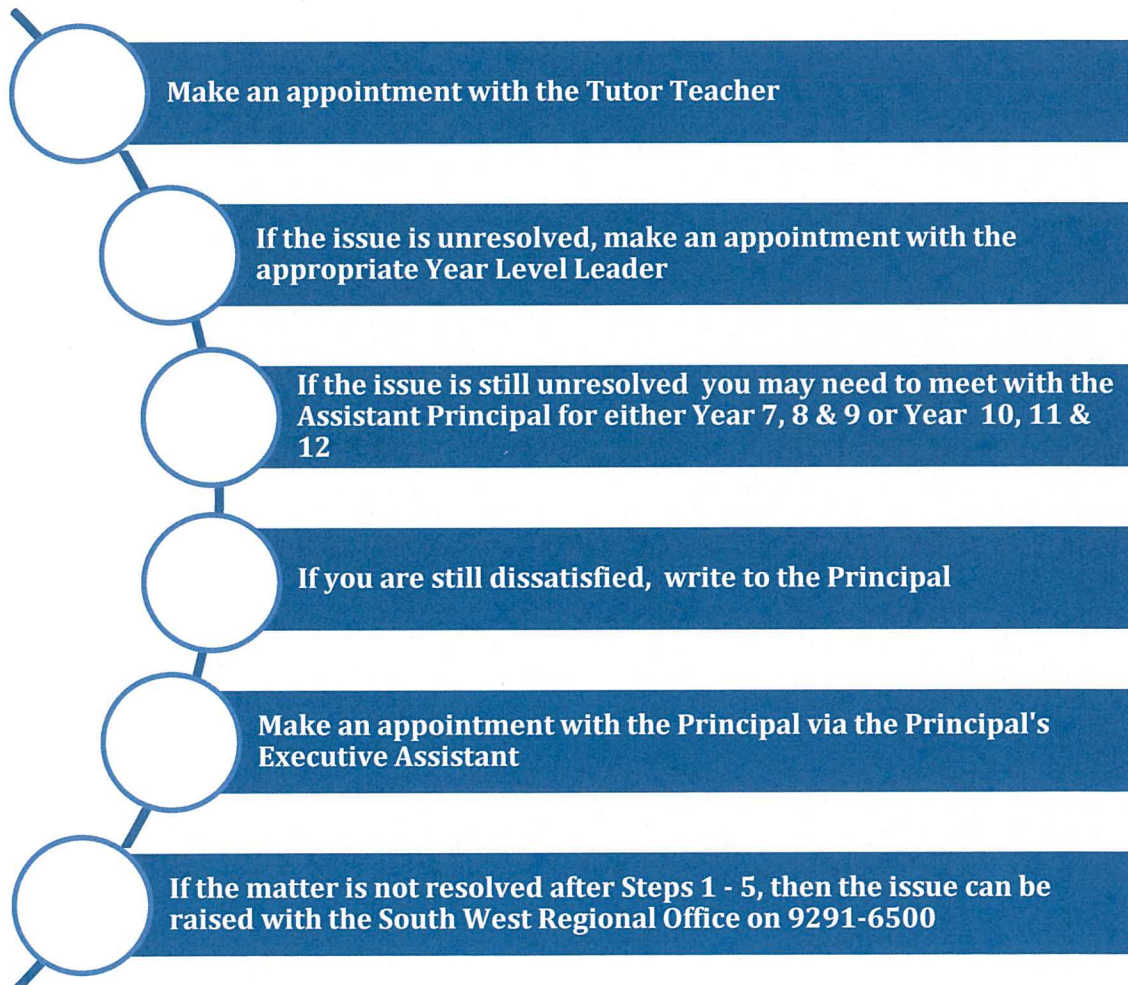
Come along to Own it!
(Headspace Werribee)

Active Holidays & This Girl Can do It
(Wyndham City Active Wyndham / Vic Health)

Join the Champions
(Western United Football Club)

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.



CAREER NEWS

Important Dates

VTAC Applications are now open – timely applications close - 29th September

SEAS applications close – 7th October

ATARs released – 12th December

Change of preferences close – 14th December

Breaking news!

The Victorian Government recently announced a new scholarship scheme for students starting undergraduate degrees in nursing or midwifery in 2023 or 2024. Information - www.premier.vic.gov.au

Year 12 Revision Lectures

Make sure you check out the Unit 3 and 4 VCE Lectures over the Term 3 holiday break. These are excellent sources of information to better prepare your students for the upcoming exams, and often free.

ACU are running free Year 12 VCE and HSC Revision Webinars in September in a wide range of subjects.

Register via

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

Year 12 events

All parents and students are welcome to come and see me at the Pathways and Transitions Office, you just need to book an appointment.

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) process course applications on behalf of most tertiary institutes in Victoria. VTAC staff are running the following live webinars to assist students and families with applications:

- 12 September: Applying for courses
- 13 September: understanding special consideration (SEAS) & scholarships.

To register for an upcoming session, visit <https://www.vtac.edu.au/events>

Swinburne University of Technology

Swinburne is running the following initiatives to assist Year 12 and families with the VTAC application process:

1 – 29 September: book a one-to-one course application and course consultation.

Information and registration via <https://bit.ly/3QNq1Ah>

Campus Tours

The following are examples of universities running campus tours for prospective students and families in September.

La Trobe University

Register via www.latrobe.edu.au/events

Deakin University

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

RMIT University

A Day at RMIT, Melbourne campus, <https://bit.ly/3ea1g3x>

Monash University

Register via www.monash.edu/discover

Missed open days?

Don't stress! The following universities recorded their sessions so you can watch them on demand from the comfort of home:

Victoria University: watch recorded sessions via <https://study.vu.edu.au/open-day-2022>

Deakin University: watch recorded sessions on demand from the virtual open day in June via <https://openday.deakin.edu.au/>

RMIT University: on demand sessions are only available for a limited time, <https://openday.rmit.edu.au/>

Chad Cook

Acting Pathways and Transitions Leader



Come along to Own It!

headspace Werribee will be hosting Own It!, a festival exploring all things sexual health!

The day will have live performances, a visit from the **Street Surfer Bus**, info sessions on sexual health and a chance to chat with a GP about what a sexual health check is actually like!

Visit the link **TO REGISTER:**
<https://bit.ly/3CKba6a>

Come along to learn about what 'sexual health' actually means, sex, sexuality, how to keep safe, healthy boundaries and everything you need (and want!) to know!

When

12-5PM on Wednesday the 21st of September 2022 (first Wednesday of the school holidays)

Where

headspace Werribee

(Shop 5/13 Duncans Rd, Werribee VIC 3030).

Contact

If you have any questions, you can contact us at



Looking for something for the kids to do these holidays?

Wyndham City Council's Active Holidays program offers FREE activity sessions for kids and young people. From Athletics to Softball, Football, Table Tennis, Disc Golf and more there's lots for kids to join in these school holidays, running from Saturday 17 September to Sunday 2 October. See the program and take a note of the different booking opening dates for each week's activities at www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/activeholidays. Why not try something new these holidays?

"There are 100 reasons to exercise and trying to look a certain way doesn't have to be one of them."

- Natasha




This Girl Can week celebrates what women can do, supporting women to be active wherever, however, whenever they choose.

From Monday 12 to Sunday 18 September, we want to celebrate that Wyndham Girls Can through encouraging Wyndham girls and women to try out a new activity or something they haven't done for a while. There's Tennis, Table Tennis, Cricket, Exercise Classes, dance classes in the dark, Motor Cycling, Walking Netball and an Active Living Forum to learn ideas to motivate you and share solutions followed by an indoor cycle or stretch class. (Please note some activities require booking). Visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/thisgirlcan to see activities that you can join.

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JOIN THE CHAMPIONS

FROM THE WEST FOR A DAY OF
FAMILY FUN IN WERRIBEE!

Meet the players and coaches from the A-League Men 21/22 Championship and see the Championship Trophy. PLUS for the first time, meet some of our new A-League Women squad!

There will be loads of fun for everyone including face-painting, football activities for kids, food trucks, entertainment and more!

FREE EVENT | WYNDHAM PARK
SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2022, 12PM - 3PM

Entry to Wyndham Park is via Wedge St Piazza, Watton St Werribee. There's loads of free parking and it's just an eight-minute walk from Werribee train station. Enjoy all Werribee has to offer with plenty of local cafes, restaurants and take-away food options close by.



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