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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. 2 November 2022

Education is a gift that no one can take away!

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

#### From the Principal's Desk

As we are nearing midterm and the end of our 2022 curriculum program with most year levels preparing for their final assessments and our examination period and most importantly getting organised for STEP-UP classes into the 2023 year level groups. You will find that each of the Assistant Principals and Year Level leader level reports within this newsletter and our weekly family bulletins will be outlining the important events and dates for all students. It is important to note down the dates for our re-enrolment and 2023 goal setting interviews with families. Again, the school will provide this opportunity for staff, parents/carers, and students to work in partnerships to achieve the best outcomes for all students.

We ask that parents/carers continue to also support the College processes by ensuring you attend these important

interviews but also by helping your children each day to get to school on time, in their summer uniform and with their school supplies 'ready to learn'. Please note our administration and student services teams are available to all families if any assistance is required to ensure these expectations are met and to support the necessary preparation for the 2023 school year.

It has been wonderful to see so many families attend various celebrations over this term. The Arts, Technology Awards night and Show, and our enrichment class productions and Music night to name only a few. Our students continue to impress the whole school community with their various talents, and it has been a privilege to celebrate their successes.

Invitations to our Annual Awards afternoon will be sent shortly and we will once again be able to welcome families to the school to celebrate student achievements. After two years of disrupted learning due to COVID we were very pleased with all our student's results, all of which showed improvement from 2021. This proves that our students take their learning seriously and we applaud their effort and commitment as they have returned to a full year (albeit disrupted) of one-site learning.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

1 November	Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup			
2 - 9 November	Year 11 examination period			
4 – 9 November	Year 10 examination period			
10 – 11 November	Goal Setting Interviews (Year 11 & 12 2023)			
14 – 25 November	Step Up (Year 11 & 12 2023)			
22 – 25 November	Year 9 examination period			
24 – 25 November	Year 7 & 8 examination period			
28 – 29 November	Goal Setting Interviews (Year 8, 9 & 10 2023)			
30 November –	Step Up (Year 8, 9 & 10 2023)			
14 December				
13 December	Grade 6 Orientation Day			
13 December	Parent Information Session 9am			
15 December	Awards Afternoon			
15 – 16 December	Goal Setting Interviews (Year 7 2023)			
16 December	End of year excursion to Adventure Park			
19 – 20 December	End of year program / clean up			
	2:30pm finish on 20th December			

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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

#### We farewell our Year 12 Cohort

This week also marks the start of the year 12 VCE examination period. The year 12 students have finished their formal classes and more significantly, the end of their secondary schooling. Students can sometimes feel overwhelmed but consistent effort, motivation and revision will assist them to be prepared and achieve their personal best. I thank the students for their dedication and commitment, and I also thank and applaud the significant contribution made by their teachers

During this term we were able to share some time with the Year 12 cohort at our whole school graduation assembly, the year 12 breakfast and of course our annual Year 12 Valedictory dinner.

Whilst it is sad to say goodbye to the students who have given so much to our school community - academically, musically, through their sporting achievements, their leadership and mentoring of younger students, and their daily contributions over their six years at Wyndham Central College - I can't help but be enthusiastic and optimistic about their future endeavors as we reflect on their achievements and growth as young adults. I hope that during their time at WCC each student has gained the lifelong learning strategies that will provide future success.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank our school captains; Ravneet Kaur and Joshua Cefala Lopez and our vice captains Catherine Ma'asi and Ciarna Duckett for their leadership and representation of the student body. They have led by example, shown outstanding commitment to their roles, organized many activities throughout the year and have really enhanced our school spirit. They have been exceptional role models and I could not have asked the student body to elect more appropriately qualified young adults to successfully undertake the roles and responsibilities of our College School Captain roles. On behalf of School council, the Principal executive team and our Year 12 students I would like to also take the opportunity to thank the following leaders, teachers and support personnel. Firstly our Year 12 Year Level Leader, Mr. Chad Cook and coordinator, Ms. Marie Milkovic with the support of Mr. John Lister, the Senior Years Manager Ms. Nicole Corsetti, the Year 12 Pathways leader Mrs. Kathy Karlovic, the Year 12 tutor teachers, educational support staff and our Senior Years Assistant Principal Mr. Bryan Woollard. Their outstanding educational leadership, dedication, hard work and the copious amounts of time and effort in providing the Year 12 students with the guidance and motivation necessary to successfully complete their final year of secondary education has been excellent.

To the parents. It has been a pleasure for the school to work with you so closely over the last 6 years. For those of you that are finishing your secondary education journey with the WCC School community please be aware that we are available to support your children into the future, especially with their pathway planning. Once a Wyndham Central College graduate your child becomes put of our alumni and we make ourselves available well into their futures.

On behalf of the College community, I wish the Year 12 cohort good health and academic success, both in their examinations, completion of VET and VCAL modules and in their future studies and careers. I am proud to be leading this College and am confident that the Year 12 students have the capacity to make a positive difference in their own lives, our local community and to society.

I thank each of them for their contribution to our WCC community and hope that they take the time to share their future journey with us.

# Leanne Gagatsis - Principal Creating a Community of High Expectations

#### **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 in following the school's policy.





#### 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**

#### COVID-19 isolation requirements have changed

The Victorian Government has announced the end of the Pandemic Declaration and associated Pandemic Orders.

The following settings, based on advice from the Department of Health, will apply from 11.59pm Wednesday 12 October 2022.

It is strongly recommended that students:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days
- should not attend school after 5 days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school
- advise the school of the COVID-19 positive test result

Where students become symptomatic at school they should:

- be collected by their parents/carers
- undergo testing for COVID-19

#### Reporting positive COVID-19 test results

The Department of Health recommends that a person who tests positive for COVID-19 should inform those with whom they have recently been in contact, including their workplace, schools and household.

Parents and carers will therefore be asked to continue to report positive student COVID-19 cases using the VicED COVID Tool.

#### Face masks

Staff and students who wish to wear a face mask should be supported to do so, and schools should continue to make face masks available for staff, students and visitors.

The Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 when leaving home.

Additionally, the Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who has COVID-19, for at least 7 days after a positive test, when they need to leave home.

Schools will continue using air purifiers, external ventilation maximised and good personal hygiene is encouraged.

## Thunderstorm asthma — be prepared this pollen season

Grass pollen season, which runs from October to December each year, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of <a href="mailto:thunderstorm.">thunderstorm.</a> asthma. For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

Wyndham Central College will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe when the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases.

We have staff who are trained in asthma first aid, and we will monitor the Vic Emergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater level of risk.

#### How you can prepare

During pollen season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:

- If your child has ever had asthma: talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect your child from the risk of thunderstorm asthma, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.
- If your child has hay fever: see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing: it is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.
- Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.

Protect yourself this pollen season – managing asthma and allergies matters.

#### Remain vigilant for COVID-19

It is important for students to manage any hay fever or asthma symptoms, as these conditions can produce symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, and loss or change to sense of smell or taste, which are similar to COVID-19 symptoms.

If your child experiences these symptoms in different or worse ways to their usual hay fever or asthma symptoms, medical advice should be sought.

#### Find out more

For more information, visit your general practitioner (GP) or visit the Better Health Channel.

#### 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) direct
- Emailing the College at <a href="mailto:attendance@wyndhamcentralsc.vic.gov.au">attendance@wyndhamcentralsc.vic.gov.au</a>
  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 for absence.

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 <u>Schools' Privacy Policy</u>. (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): <a href="https://wyndhamcentralsc-vic.compass.education/Communicate/SchoolResources.aspx">https://wyndhamcentralsc-vic.compass.education/Communicate/SchoolResources.aspx</a>. (link)

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

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	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 <u>beginning of the school day will commence at **8.40am**</u>. 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 <u>medical plans</u> 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 texted 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

Term four is always a whirlwind as we prepare for the transition into the year above while finalising curriculum and assessment programs for the current respective year level. The Year 7 transition team has been busy going out to our local primary schools and meeting all the grade 6 students that will be joining the Wyndham Central Community in 2023. We are very excited to begin this part of our transition program and look forward to the planned events and activities that will occur between now and the end of the year.

<u>Tuesday December 13th</u> is the state-wide transition day where all children will be attending their first day at Wyndham Central. If you have a new young person that will be joining us in Year 7 next year, please be aware there will be a parent presentation in the gym at 9am on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Middle years students are all currently preparing for exams which will take place towards the end of November. The Year 9 exams begin on November 22nd while the Year 8 and Year 7 exams start on November 24th. We encourage all our students to prepare by revising, eating and sleeping properly and generally having a positive attitude about giving it their best shot. Year 7s and 8s only have exams in their 4 core subjects (English, Maths, Humanities and Science), while Year 9s have exams for all their subjects. While we expect all our students to aim for excellence, excellence sometimes is simply trying your hardest. Good luck to all Middle Years students as they embark on this process.

Following exams, we will commence our Middle Years transition program. All students will physically move classrooms and buildings (into their 2023 spaces) and they will have a two week 'Step Up' program where they begin their 2023 classes. Families will be invited in for goal setting interviews and be given important information for the year ahead. Should you need support with uniform or school resources, this can be discussed with the Tutor Teacher at this time.

As always, please contact the school via your child's Tutor Teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

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

### YEAR 7 REPORT

This month the Year 7 students began their final term of their first year at school. At the start of term we celebrated "Arts Week" at the college. It was amazing to see our talented students showcase their variety of artistic talents.

Our students chose between Spanish and Japanese as the language that they would continue learning in Year 8. It was great to hear the passion in the conversations around the Federation building about what language they are excited to continue learning.

In assembly in week 3, the Year 7's were lucky enough to see a performance as part of Eva Bricknell's enrichment project. The hard work the students put in to create the dance was appreciated by the cohort.

On Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, Year 7 students have their second round of Year 7 immunisations. Please ensure students are at school on time so they do not miss out on their immunisations.

Congratulations to our Student of the Week winners. These students went above and beyond to display our college values of respect, cooperation and excellence in their classes and in the yard. Well done!

Week 2: Tereza Moo Blow 7K

Week 3: Xander lles 7B Week 4: Andy Paul 7C



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#### **YEAR 8 REPORT**

Our Year 8's are forging ahead with Year 9 now in sight!

It has been great to see how our Year 8's have taken ownership of the Year 8 assemblies this term – they have shown how well they can bring enthusiasm to school by planning, presenting and adding fun activities for all staff and students to enjoy.

A part of the Year 8 Assemblies we have been recognising students that have received a Positive Recognitions on Compass, this has been several hundreds, which shows how hard our Year 8's have been working as they approach the end of the year. We have been so pleased to see them working together positively and collaboratively. Our Year 8's have shown how thoughtful they can be by supporting their teachers for all of their hard work for World Teacher's Day last Friday 28th October.

#### **Arts Week**

During Week 2 of this term we had Wyndham Central College's ARTs Week. Many of our Year 8 students were praised for their amazing talents and their contributions to the school's expo. It was great to see how many of our community attended this event and was an amazing opportunity for our kids to celebrate each other's work!

#### **Australian Maths Competition**

This week, students were recognised for their Mathematical abilities. We were able to celebrate these students and show how our students can compete with the best in Australia.

As we move into the second half of term 4, our Year 8's have a busy term ahead. Exams and Goal Setting Interviews are quickly approaching with an Awards Celebration to end the year. Tutor groups have been building community by working hard i on a video which represents them as a group.

Victoria Webster - Year 8 Coordinator on behalf of the Year 8 team

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#### **YEAR 9 REPORT**

Our Year 9's have started the final term of 2022 with enthusiasm and energy. With exams fast approaching, our students have been hard at work preparing for their final assessments, with the aim of producing their best work of the year so far.

At the start of term we celebrated "Arts Week" at the college. It was amazing to see our talented students showcase their variety of artistic talents. A couple of stand out performances came from our Year 9's, which was amazing to see!

On Tuesday the 25th of October, our school lawyer April Voigt presented to the cohort, as part of our Cybersafety unit in the tutor program. April gave our students plenty of insight into the dangers of cyberbullying, as well as the legal ramifications of being unsafe online.

As a part of their Term 4 Health and PE curriculum, our students explored the Werribee Riverbend Historical Park, enjoying the natural surroundings.

As we move into the last 3 weeks of Year 9, our students are looking to finish on a high as they begin to transition into senior school for 2023 and beyond.

Congratulations to our Student of the Week winners. These students went above and beyond to display our college values of respect, cooperation and excellence in their classes and in the yard. Well done!

Week 1 : Shania Axiak Week 2 : Elvis Obed

Week 3: Aiden Chittleborough Week 4: Brody Thompson



Grant Puxley - Year 9 Level Leader

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YEAR'S 10, 11 & 12 REPORT

Step Up interviews

On Thursday 10th November and Friday 11th November, the College will be conducting compulsory Parent/Carer-Tutor Teacher course confirmation interviews for Year's 11 and 12 students (2023). Bookings for the interviews should be completed by Friday 29th October and if you haven't had the opportunity to do this could you please do so as soon as possible.

There will be no classes for the Year 11 and 12 students (2023) over the two days to facilitate the interviews.

The purpose of this meeting is for parents/carers to meet Tutor Teachers and to discuss important information for the following school year. Please note that this is a requirement for all students for re-enrolment for 2023.

Please note that further information will be provided later, for the Year 10 (2023) Step Up interviews which will be held on the 28th and 29th of November. The Step-Up timetable will commence on the 30th of November until the 14th of December.

#### Year 12 farewell

On Friday the 21st of October we celebrated the achievements of our Year 12 student's and wished them farewell at the Valedictory dinner. On the night, we celebrated with families and friends, the many achievements of the class of 2022 and students were acknowledged for their academic discourse and presented with subject and excellence awards. The night was a huge success and I would like to thank the Year 12 team for the successful organisation of the night and all the Year 12 teachers who contributed to the educational growth of the students to enable them to complete Year 12. I would like to thank the Year 12 students for their exemplary behaviour leading up to their celebration day, farewell assembly and the Valedictory dinner. Our students demonstrated the College values of Respect, Cooperation and Excellence all throughout this time by focusing on their education.

I hope all our Year 12 students have achieved their best with their studies and final examinations and I wish the Class of 2022 all the very best wishes for their future studies and/or employment and if we can ever be of any assistance then please do not hesitate to contact the College.

#### **Examinations**

The Year 12 externally assessed VCAA examinations commenced on the 3rd of October, beginning with Music Performance followed by the language exams and the remaining exams commence on Wednesday 26th October with English, followed by the rest of the exams which will continue until the 16th of November. Our Year 12 students have been preparing for these exams all year and most recently with the internal exams which has assisted with their preparation.

Year 11 exams commence on Friday 4th November until Wednesday 9th September and a letter with the exam timetable has been sent home outlining this.

Students will only be required to attend school to sit their timetabled exam's and are to remain home for study purposes at all other times.

- Exams are for VCE and VIP students and no normal Year 11 VCE/VIP classes will operate during the exam timetable.
- Year 11 VCAL classes will run as normal.
- Students are to refer to their VET Trainer to determine if any VET classes are running.

Year 10 exams commence on Friday the 4th of November until 9th November and all Year 10 students are expected to be at school during the whole school day as exam preparation will occur before each exam.

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

#### **YEAR 10 REPORT**

In preparation for upcoming exams commencing on the 4th of November, Year 10 students took part in a seminar delivered by Elevate Education, encompassing study skills and strategies to assist our students' readiness to succeed in the exam period. Students were able to partake in the one-hour interactive seminar, develop notes on effective study techniques and were equipped with a bank of study resources that will enable them to best prepare for their last exams prior to Senior High School studies. From the feedback obtained, 86% of students found the seminar helpful and 92% students would recommend for peers, as is the importance of student feedback, Wyndham Central College has booked Elevate Education in for 2023 thanks to the effectiveness and accessibility for our Year 10 students of 2022.

Earlier this term, Wyndham Central College secured a sporting grant through Basketball Victoria, thanks to Ms. Sandlant, the College Assistant Principal. This grant enabled many Physical Education classes, including year 10 students, an opportunity to partake in a free Wheelchair Basketball lesson to promote inclusivity and diversity through Physical Activity and Education. The program aimed to raise awareness of the sport and the importance of inclusion and accessibility for people with disability or impairment in sport and recreation activities, giving the participants an opportunity to really experience Wheelchair Basketball. We thank Basketball Victoria and Ms. Sandlant for providing this opportunity for our students.

Key dates for the remainder of term:

- Exam period; Friday 4th of November Wednesday 9th of November
- Year 11 Goal Setting Interviews; Thursday 10th of November and Friday 11th of November
- Year 11 Step Up; Monday 14th of November Friday 25th of November

As Year 10 classes draw to a close, I would like to take this time to thank all the parents, carers and guardians who assisted throughout the year and made the home and school partnership enable their child's successes academically, socially and emotionally. Tutor and Classroom teachers, thank you for your efforts throughout the year and assisting all students to settle back into the school regime after two years of interrupted learning. I wish all students all the best with upcoming exams and future endeavours whether that be Senior High School, TAFE and/or work opportunities moving into 2023.

Ashlin Brown - Year 10 Level Leader

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#### **YEAR 11 REPORT**

Year 11 is officially coming to an end – Term 4 always seem to fly by quickly. There seems to be something different happening each week as the conclusion of student's first year of their VCE/VCAL Journey ends and the final chapter starts to commence as the cohort begin their Year 12 Step – Up Program. It is a journey for not only our students, but all family and friends who share the ups and downs with them.

A reminder that the 31st of November is a Student Free Day and the 1st of November is Melbourne Cup – A Public Holiday. The Year 11 Exams commence on the November 4th and conclude on November the 9th. I wish students the best of luck for the exams, we understand that it can be a very anxious time for many students especially when students have high expectations for them to achieve their best results.

Students have been provided exam revision, strategies and support by their subject teachers but if additional support is required they can contact their subject teacher via Compass and set a time for further revision. A reminder that students are only to be at school during their allotted exam times. Make sure all students take time for themselves during this time, as study breaks, exercise, nutritious food and sleep has proven to improve information retention.

Following the Exams will be the Goal Setting Interviews which start November the 10th and November the 11th. All students and their parents/carers are required at school to meet their Year 12 tutor teacher, receive their Step Up timetable and go through vital information. Please contact Ms. De Domenico at the Senior Years Administration office to book a time to come in or the students current Year 11 tutor teacher can support. Step Up will start on Monday the 14th of November to Friday the 25th of November. This time is imperative for a good start to their Year 12 studies. Students must attend 100% during these two weeks, as they start diving into year 12 content for their subjects.

Please be aware that on the conclusion of Step Up your child will have holiday homework to complete before the commencement of 2023 and it is important that they set themselves up for success, purchase the required materials and any other additional stationary your child may need to ensure success for their final year of school.

Finally, I would like to wish all the Year 11 students' good luck on their upcoming exams and the transition into Year 12 Step Up. It is important that each individual tries their absolute best for every exam and that preparation enables success, therefore use the time in-between exams and the night before to set yourself up.

Tayla Clayton - Year 11 Level Leader

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#### **YEAR 12 REPORT**

The end of the high school journey for our class of 2022. And a start to the next phase of their lives. How exciting for all Year 12 students!

I would like to thank and acknowledge the work of the Year 12 students who completed their VCE, VIP and VCAL studies over the course of the last two years. Much has been said about the hardships our students have faced, but we cannot deny the hard work and commitment they have shown to achieve success. Remembering, it was only last year we were on lockdown and dealing with the demands and issues that come from learning at home. Our class has had to contend with these issues in their lead up to year 12, and to overcome this is something they should be proud of.

Congratulations to these students who have worked hard over the last couple of years to achieve their Year 12 certificates and can now proudly call themselves Year 12 graduates.

Year 12 Exams are now well under way and many of our students have locked themselves in their study and are working hard to prepare for their upcoming exams, which finish on November 16th.

A reminder that teachers are still available during class time to support our year 12 students and are running study sessions and workshops during the exam period for any one who needs help in their studies.

A lot of acknowledgements were announced at Valedictory, and I would like to extend this again to all the Year 12 tutor teachers for supporting our students, to the families and school community that ride this roller-coaster with our students, to our Principals for their nonstop support of our students and to our students themselves. To see their growth and development over the years and to see how far they have come has been truly amazing.

Valedictory was held on 21st October at the wonderful venue, Grandstar Receptions. All who attend had a great night. A lot of gratitude communicated to staff, students and parents for their efforts and it was great to see the students able to gather together and celebrate what they have achieved. A special thank you to Ms De Domenico and Ms Milkovic for their work on the night.







Chad Cook - Year 12 Level Leader

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Term 4 is well underway along with students undertaking the process of finalising assessments and preparing for exams and then moving into step-up to prepare for the 2023 academic year.

#### Goal setting

Students are expected to continue to work towards the goals they have set themselves after reflecting on their Term 3 report. This will assist students to maintain a strong commitment and work ethic towards their studies. Goal setting is fundamental to long-term success. After all, it's difficult to get to a desired destination before you have clearly defined where that destination is. Goals help students to focus upon the journey, to a collection of set achievements, meaning they allocate their resources and time more.

Parents/ carers, please encourage your child to discuss their goals with you and how you can support them in achieving these goals.

#### **Learning Success**

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 binder.

#### **Homework Club**

A reminder that Wyndham Central College's Homework Club continues every 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

What a great end to term 3 we had with Crazy Hair Day and The World's Greatest Shave occurring on the last day of term. There were a range of activities throughout the day including students having their hair sprayed, staff and students having their hair cut/ coloured or shaved, and a BBQ. Thanks to all members of the college community for their support in raising \$5006.21. What a great effort! I would like to thank the following staff members and students for being brave enough to lose their locks for a good cause: Mr Damjanovski, Mr Rowe, Ms Schulz, Ms Bell, Mr Cavallo, Mr Siranidis, Ravneet Kaur, Brayden Lewis and Jordan Powell. Hopefully we can make this a yearly event and further involve the community in this great cause next year.

Here are some photos of our brave staff and students who took the chop.

















The SRC are continuing to work hard this term to represent their year levels and have the opinions of their year levels heard throughout the college. To add to this work, the year 8 leaders have also been working with a group of students at their year level to dive further into the Attitude to School data to be provided with further insights to support student learning and wellbeing. With middle years exams starting is less than a month, all students need to continue to work with their teachers in having a positive environment in their classroom to best prepare themselves.

#### Ashley Rowe - Assistant Principal

COMMUNITY
& POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT
YEARS 10 - 12

Term 4 has started off quite quickly, especially with the Festival of Fun and Fitness. Our Afterschool Sports program has been in full swing this term. Monday nights have seen a Basketball Club take place, the very popular Volleyball Club continued on a Tuesday night, Cooking Club has started on Wednesdays, and Soccer Club and Tennis on a Thursday night. All programs have spaces so please see me if you would like to join any of our programs.







I would like to take this opportunity to speak about our new cooking club program. Students have cooked 5 different recipes across the program, they have made pizza, pancakes, fried rice, donuts and nachos. We have developed a cookbook, all students in the program have a copy, but anyone in the community who would like a copy is welcome to reach out and I can send you one. I would to thank Vanessa our cooking instructor and Mr Lunardi who is supervising the sessions.







Last Term I had the pleasure of attending Reclink and The Huddle's Volleyball program that took place at Eagle stadium on a Friday night. It was open to all teenagers in the area, but most of the group consisted of WCC students. It was fantastic to see so many students participate in the program, and I encourage students to take up these opportunities as they come out. We have been very fortunate to have access to these opportunities, a big thanks goes to Reclink and The Huddle.

WCC was successful in an application for a sporting grant, which has allowed a week of wheelchair basketball delivered in PE classes. The sessions were full of laughs, giggles and fun, but students also got an appreciation for the challenges that present for people in wheelchairs.







Please make sure you have a read of the

"What's on in the Link Centre" monthly calendar, where we are sharing opportunities for the community to be involved in the school. There are many opportunities for families and communities to connect with the school over the coming months. Again, I would like to acknowledge and thank Relink who are providing support to the school in the afterschool sports program, providing our students with bikes and equipment for our PE and Sport programs. We appreciate your support! If you have any questions about anything mentioned above, please feel free to reach out to me at the school.

Rebecca Sandlant - Assistant Principal



Please find attached Careers News



Term 4 Alumni news- we have been so lucky to have Alumni come back to visit us this term. Thank you to Chris Gomez, Class of 2015 for speaking to our year 12's about his career journey, setting up a LinkedIn profile and tips for work and study after leaving school. It was a great session as we also welcomed the year 12's into the Alumni program. We also held a mentoring session with alumni Samuel Deng Malual Class of 2007, who came back to school to chat about his life, experiences, career journey and gave our students some valuable advice. Thanks Samuel for being so supportive of our school and community.

Finally at the end of year Awards ceremony this year we are excited to welcome back another wonderful Alumni to speak to our award recipients and families.

Pictures from our recent Alumni Events





If you are a former student of Werribee Technical School, Galvin Park Secondary College or Wyndham Central College, please join us! See below for more about this wonderful program.

To join our alumni community and to get involved, please email us at <u>alumni@wyndhamcentralsc.vic.au</u> 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



# **2022 Australian Mathematics Competition Awardees**



On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 44 students participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition with a success rate of 95.5%

Congratulations to the students below on a wonderful effort!

# **HIGH DISTINCTION**

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# DISTINCTION

Lincoln BRICKNELL, Kauri HENNESSY, Alexander ILES, Mathew MAI, Ewan MCFARLANE, Jett ROBINSON, Loche STEWART, Niya VINAYACHANDRAN and Oliver ZILM

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# COMMUNITY

#### **English Language Classes**

Classes have continued again in the Community Hub in partnership with Wyndham Community Education Centre. This class is people who would like to learn and practice their oral language skills. Every Tuesday at 9.30am to 11am. Below are some of our parents enjoying a session.

### **Volunteer Sewing Project**

We also started our Sewing Classes in partnership with Rotary Club of Werribee - VIC Australia and our Rotary Interact Club. Thanks to Miss Whitten for hosting us in the textiles room. 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.

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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 hairbrush, moisturizer, lip balm, water bottle, notebook, pens and more.

If you would like to join us, please text Kristy 0427 099 841



#### The Smith Family Drop In

Natalie and Jake from The Smith Family will be in the

Community Hub every Thursday from 9.30 to 11.30am to answer any questions you may have about your scholarship or meet and greet with families. Please sign in for Kristy in the admin building or arrange your appointment directly with The Smith Family, Family Partnership Coordinators.



#### Give and Take Stand

Do you have things to donate, or would you like to receive free items that are helpful in your home? The Give and Take Stand is designed to help families upcycle or recycle their household items such as clothing, homeware and bathroom products.

Please reach out to Kristy Gray, Community Engagement Leader

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#### **Community Hub Support**

The Link Centre can provide opportunities and connections that help with:

- Digital Access- Internet, computers and printing
- A learning space for programs
- A Yarning Circle lounge area for a catch up and cup of tea
- One on one support with employment, citizenship, Centrelink support, school forms and more...

You may have an idea for a project or would like to volunteer at our school community. We want to hear from you. Feel free to sign in for Kristy at the front office on Friday mornings or call/email 0427 099 841 kristy.gray@education.vic.gov.au





Kristy Gray - Community Engagement Lead

# Homework Club





- 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.





# 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 – 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.

End of year school holidays – the administration office will be closed from 2:00pm Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and reopen again on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 from 9:30am – 3:30pm for book collection day. Normal opening hours (as above) will resume on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

#### **PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS - REMINDER**

You may have recently received a reminder regarding 2022 parent payments. 2023 arrangements will be sent out shortly. These sheets are available on the school website (<a href="https://wyndhamcentralsc.vic.edu.au/parents/payments-payment/">https://wyndhamcentralsc.vic.edu.au/parents/payments-payment/</a>) or 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.

#### **BOOKLISTS**

2023 booklists will be sent out shortly. These sheets will be available on the school website (<a href="https://wyndhamcentralsc.vic.edu.au/parents/parent-payment/">https://wyndhamcentralsc.vic.edu.au/parents/parent-payment/</a>) or at the administration office. The Resources (including the Print and Digital bundle and HPE Digital Resource) are to be ordered online, with the remainder of the booklist being able to be ordered online or by returning the form to the administration office prior to Monday 12 December 2022. Book Collection Day is on Friday 27 January 2023 from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Campion will be available at the college on Thursday 8 December from 9:00am to 4:00pm to support families to place orders.

### **LAPTOPS**

From 2022 onwards, Wyndham Central College has implemented 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.

# **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.

Make an appointment with the Tutor Teacher

If the issue is unresolved, make an appointment with the appropriate Year Level Leader

If the issue is still unresolved you may need to meet with the Assistant Principal for either Year 7, 8 & 9 or Year 10, 11 & 12

If you are still dissatisfied, write to the Principal

Make an appointment with the Principal via the Principal's Executive Assistant

If the matter is not resolved after Steps 1 - 5, then the issue can be raised with the South West Regional Office on 9291-6500



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

The Wyndham Central College Career Newsletter will be published weekly to keep students informed of events relating to their career pathways. It will include information regarding tertiary pathways – University & TAFE – as well as employment/industry pathways. The Careers Centre, in the Monash Building, is a resource centre for our students with current institutional handbooks and brochures at their disposal. Students are invited to visit, browse and question. An open door policy is provided to ensure students make informed decisions about future pathways.

Year 10 & 11 Pathway Meetings will be continuing this term.

# **Important Dates**

Closing date for change of address and payment to receive ATAR statement by mail: Tuesday 6 December 2022 (5pm)

VCE results and ATAR scores will be available online from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7am. Change of preference close – 14<sup>th</sup> December

VCE results and ATAR scores (the paper documents) should be in the post: date TBC.

December Offer Round: Offers Released Wednesday 21 December 2022(VTAC account 2pm)

January Offer Round: Offers released Friday 13th January 2023 (VTAC Account 2pm).

#### Year 12 Morning Tea:

All Year 12 students are invited to a morning tea in the Careers Centre on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 10am till 12:30 pm.

This will assist students to wind down after the rigours of Year 12, to discuss their results, change preferences and pathway options and make an appointment to see Mrs. Karlovic.

#### **YEAR 12 STUDENTS**

### **Tertiary Reminders**

#### **Early Entry**

There are a few early entry programs open. The following are examples:

#### **CQUniversity**

Principal's Recommendation Scheme Victorian, NSW and QLD courses Applications close 1 December 2022 www.cqu.edu.au



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#### **Federation University**

Early Offer Program
Victorian courses
Applications close 12 December 2022
www.federation.edu.au

#### **Deakin University**

Regional Access Scheme Victorian courses Applications close 4pm, 14 December 2022 www.deakin.edu.au

#### **Torrens University**

Early Entry Program
NSW, QLD and SA courses
Applications close – TBC
www.torrens.edu.au

#### **Scholarships**

If you're planning to study at TAFE or university next year you have probably been searching for scholarships. For a list of examples of 'external' tertiary scholarships, visit https://slmcareerresources.edublogs.org/

#### **Australian Defence Force**

### **Gap Year Program**

It not too late to apply for the Gap Year Program. There are still roles open in the Navy, Army and Air Force. The Gap Year program offers students a fantastic opportunity to work for the ADF for 12-months, meet people from all over Australia, develop skills in team work, initiative and leadership, and earn a high wage.

Apply via www.defencejobs.gov.au

# **YEAR 11 STUDENTS**

## **Exciting News!**

# La Trobe University Aspire Program - Year 11 Conditional Offer

La Trobe University has recently launched a new early entry program for Year 11 students.

The program is a great option for students who are looking to lock in their future by securing a spot in their dream course at La Trobe.



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This pathway unlocks more than 150 courses at La Trobe (e.g., nursing, criminology, social work, engineering) and is the perfect way to take the stress out of year 12. You'll be eligible to apply for a conditional offer if you meet the following criteria:

- You're in Year 11 or 12
- Your Year 11 results are 65+

It's a requirement of your unconditional offer to study at La Trobe that you successfully complete year 12 and meet the minimum requirements for prerequisite studies.

Want to find out more?

Participate in an online webinar about the Aspire program on Monday 24 October, 5.30pm. Register via https://bit.ly/3MLQeyv

#### How to apply

Speak to Mrs Karlovic to see if you're eligible

If you are, apply via this link - www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire

Let your Year 11 Coordinator know you've applied

They will complete the school endorsement forms.

### **ALL STUDENTS**

# **Understanding Skills Shortages**

We've all heard the term 'skill shortages' and how we need more skilled workers in certain industries, but what jobs are in-demand?

Elaine from Explore Careers has written a fantastic article about the 2022 Australian Skills Priority List. She breaks down the following:

- How knowing about in-demand jobs can help with your career planning
- How to interpret the skills priority list data
- What industries and jobs are in high demand.

The top 5 industries she discusses are:

- 1. Construction and engineering
- 2. Teaching and education
- 3. Healthcare and nursing
- 4. IT and cyber security
- 5. Skilled trades

Read the article via https://bit.ly/3s1nMiq



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### **Australia National University**

#### **Mathematics Requirement**

From 2024, applicants will need to have completed at least Unit 1 or Unit 2 of Mathematics (any) to be eligible for admission into all courses. Some courses will require advanced Mathematics.

#### **Music Careers Guide**

The Australian Institute of Music (AIM) has developed a career guide for people passionate about pursuing a career in the music industry. The guide features over 75 occupations!

You can access the guide via https://aim.edu.au/aim-music-careers-guide/

Check out music courses at AIM and register to participate in an upcoming experience day at the Melbourne campus, <a href="https://aim.edu.au/">https://aim.edu.au/</a>

## **Study Climate Change**

Turn your passion for the environment into a career

The following three universities offer excellent undergraduate courses in climate change:

#### **University of Newcastle**

Bachelor of Climate Science and Adaptation www.newcastle.edu.au

#### University of Technology Sydney

Bachelor of Marine Science and Climate Change www.uts.edu.au

#### La Trobe University

You can study climate change as an open access major in several Bachelor degrees, <u>www.latrobe.edu.au</u>

Explore climate change careers by reading this fantastic article written by Louise Meers at Careers With STEM, <a href="https://bit.ly/3g5tAVu">https://bit.ly/3g5tAVu</a>

## **Top Universities for 2022/2023**

The results are in!

The Good Universities Guide has released their ratings for 2022/2023. Whilst world rankings tend to focus on postgraduate research, these ratings focus on undergraduate courses – so these rankings are the most relevant to you.

You can filter the results for certain courses and also by state. Happy reading! Explore the ratings via www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au



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### **Dates For Your Diary**

# **Endeavour College of Natural Health**

Endeavour offers courses in the following study areas:

Naturopathy

Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine

**Acupuncture Therapies** 

Chinese Medicine

Complimentary Medicine

The College is running a virtual open day on Wednesday 26 October between 9am – 6pm. Information and registration, www.endeavour.edu.au/events/

#### Medicine and Dentistry

The following companies are running information sessions, webinars and workshops on the UCAT and also interview preparation sessions for Year 12 students who may be shortlisted for an interview:

NIE, www.ucat.edu.au

MedEntry, www.medentry.edu.au

#### Victoria Police

Victoria Police are running career information sessions at various locations across Victoria until the end of the year. For information and to register your place, visit <a href="https://www.police.vic.gov.au">www.police.vic.gov.au</a>
Australian Defence Force

#### Interested in a career in the Army, Navy or Air Force?

Check the amazing career information sessions running across the country and online: www.defencejobs.gov.au/events

#### **Australian Catholic University**

Interested in studying exercise science or physiotherapy in the future? Tune into the virtual 'talk with exercise scientists and physiotherapists' webinar running on Wednesday 19 October at 6pm.

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

#### Interested in Forensic Science?

Afterlife is a web series that explores what goes on behind the doors at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine and the Coroners Court of Victoria. Join Meshel Laurie and Catherine McClements as they interview Melbourne's real Silent Witness and meet some of Australia's top forensic and legal experts, including

forensic pathologists



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- anthropologists
- toxicologists
- odontologists
- molecular biologists
- physicians
- coroners

https://bit.ly/3Tva3w9

#### **Forensic Science Careers**

Explore careers in forensic science and study pathways at <a href="www.vifm.org/about-us/careers/">www.vifm.org/about-us/careers/</a>

#### Do You Love The Outdoors?

Have you considered studying outdoor education or outdoor recreation? You can study outdoor recreation at TAFE institutes, private providers and via a traineeship at outdoor education centres such as Camp Coolamatong, Victoria and Outward Bound, NSW. You can also study outdoor education and outdoor recreation at university. The following are examples of courses you can explore:

#### **Victoria University**

Footscray Park
Bachelor of Outdoor Leadership <u>www.vu.edu.au</u>

#### La Trobe University

Bendigo
Bachelor of Outdoor and Sustainability Education
www.latrobe.edu.au

#### **Federation University**

Ballarat and Gippsland Campuses:
Bachelor of Outdoor and Environmental Education
<a href="https://study.federation.edu.au/">https://study.federation.edu.au/</a>

# Would You Like To Help People With Eye Disorders?

#### You may like to study Orthoptics

These allied health professionals play a crucial role in the early detection and treatment of eye diseases in children and adults.

They can specialise in areas such as the following:

- Children's vision/paediatrics
- Eye movement disorders



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- Low vision care/rehabilitation
- Cataract care and retinal disorders
- Neurological vision disorders
- Laser eye surgery and corneal conditions
- Driver vision and sports vision

You can study orthoptics at La Trobe University, Melbourne.

For key information about this occupation, visit the Orthoptics Australia website, www.orthoptics.org.au/

### You may also like to consider Optometry

Often the optometrist is first point of contact for people and they can make referrals to orthoptists. They are health care professionals who can diagnose eye diseases, detect changes in the visual system and prescribe corrective lenses.

In Victoria you can study optometry at Deakin University and The University of Melbourne.

For key information about this occupation, visit the Optometry Australia website

https://bit.ly/3iOYSeV

Download a course guide for Orthoptics and Optometry via <a href="https://slmcareerresources.edublogs.org/">https://slmcareerresources.edublogs.org/</a>

## **Train To Become A Flight Attendant**

Flight attendants (also known as cabin crew) ensure the check in and out of passengers on domestic and international airlines. They provide exceptional customer service and give clear guidelines to passengers about safety processes. They also provide food and beverage services to passengers and work closely with the pilot/s.

To become a flight attendant, you don't need formal qualifications, however some workers have completed the Certificate III in Aviation (Cabin Crew).

William Angliss Institute offers the Certificate III in Aviation (Cabin Crew).

To find out about the course, go to www.angliss.edu.au

### Requirements for flight attendants:

Search flight attendant jobs on www.seek.com.au to learn about employment requirements for different air carriers.

#### Common requirements include:

- Excellent health and fitness
- Able to swim 50 meters fully clothed
- Able to reach 180cms on flat feet
- 18 years +
- Security check
- Responsible Service of Alcohol
- First Aid certificate
- Experience in customer service



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- Have a passport
- Can work a 24/7 roster

### Did you know?

You can work as a cabin crew professional in the Air Force? You can also apply to complete a gap year in the Cabin Crew role. Information, <a href="https://www.defencejobs.gov.au">www.defencejobs.gov.au</a>

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#### **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.

# **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.

Make an appointment with the Tutor Teacher

If the issue is unresolved, make an appointment with the appropriate Year Level Leader

If the issue is still unresolved you may need to meet with the Assistant Principal for either Year 7, 8 & 9 or Year 10, 11 & 12

If you are still dissatisfied, write to the Principal

Make an appointment with the Principal via the Principal's Executive Assistant

If the matter is not resolved after Steps 1 - 5, then the issue can be raised with the South West Regional Office on 9291-6500