



The Wyndham WAY

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Our aim is to keep parents informed of upcoming events and important dates to remember and to celebrate the term.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

From the Principal's Desk

I warmly welcome back current staff, students, families and members of our Wyndham Central College community and I extend an especially warm welcome to our new students and families from years 7-12 who have joined the College for the first time this year.

It was a pleasure to meet and welcome our new Year 7 cohort and their families late last year and we look forward to our Year 7 BBQ meet and greet afternoon.

All students have settled in very well this week and are feeling very comfortable back at school in their tutor groups, especially after our 'setting up for success' day on Monday.

I also need to advise you that I am currently needing to take some extended personal leave. During this time I am very happy to announce that Mr Bryan Woollard our current senior years Assistant Principal will be the Acting Principa. I thank the members of our school leadership team who have been leading and supporting the school and all of our programs this week as we start 2023. I know that as parents/carers and students that you will be able to contact the team at any time and they will be able to assist you.

Looking forward to being back shortly - **Leanne Gagatsis - Principal.**

Welcome to the 2023 school community, which is inclusive of all parents/carers, students and the local community. It is a pleasure to be leading and supporting the College as the Acting Principal during Ms Leanne Gagatsis's leave, a position that I have fulfilled on numerous occasions and that I will treat with commitment and enthusiasm. During this time, Ms. Rebecca Sandlant will be backfilling in my role as the Senior Years Assistant Principal and she brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge to be successful in support everyone in this position.

I would like to thank all staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth transition to the new school year. We thank you for the opportunity of making a positive difference to the education of your child.

A little progress
each day, adds up
to BIG results!

IMPORTANT DATES

14 February	Swimming Carnival
21 February	Year 11 & 12 Information Night (6pm – 7pm)
22 February	Year 7 Meet & Greet BBQ (5:00pm – 6:30pm)
2 March	School Photos
15 – 27 March	NAPLAN (Years 7 & 9)
31 March	Athletics Carnival
4 April	Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30pm – 6:30pm)
6 April	Last day of Term 1

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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

New Staff

Once again the college student population has grown as we are a school of choice by many in the Wyndham community. We welcome back our existing staff and we also must welcome many talented new teachers and educational support staff into the school. We welcome:

In the English faculty; Rachel Liu, Chris Kodikara, Julie Stewart

In the Science faculty; Tracey McPhail

In the Humanities faculty; Gabriella Siragusano, Patricia Walker

In the Mathematics faculty; Adam Tate, John Siranidis, Amandeep Kaur, Mahyar Bokaeeyan

In the Health and Physical Education faculty; Cameron Morrison

In the Arts (Music); Roby Corelli

We also have additional staff in our Student services area. We welcome Rosemary Joslyn.

Finally, we welcome back from leave Jessica Pine.

I extend my best wishes to the entire college community for a successful 2023 and in particular to our year 12 cohort who will be completing their final units of their VCE or senior VCAL certificate and who are preparing for their pathway to University, TAFE or Employment.

School Captains

Congratulations to our 2023 captains - Vedaant Patel, Norma Liki and our School Vice Captains Noah Finocchiaro and Jaswanth Kadagala.

Mr Rowe our student leaders Assistant Principal, and SRC support leader and I are very excited to be working closely with our Student Representative Council, School leaders and in particular our School Captains in 2023.

Compass

Parents/carers are always encourage to be an active partner with the college and to take up many opportunities over the coming year designed to support your children with their learning. A reminder that our Compass system will provide updates regularly. To support our communication strategies could all parents please update any address, telephone and email details that may have changed over January. This can be done via our front office or via Compass. If you need your Compass login details for 2023 please contact the college on 03 8744 8900 and speak to our tech support team via

itsupport@wyndhamcentralsc.vic.gov.au

Compass also holds important information and school policies.

School Council members

Parents have the opportunity to contribute to the school via the school council and council sub-committees. Our current School Council comprises of the following members:

President Mr Anthony Monaghan

Vice President Mr Darren Clifford

Treasurer Mr Matthew Rasmussen

Secretary Ms Michelle Guse

Elected WCC staff Representatives: Mr Byran Woollard, Ms Rebecca Sandlant, Mr Ashley Rowe, and Mr John Lister

Elected Student Representatives: Sonia Bitonde

Elected Parent Representatives: Prem Sadineedi, Charlotte Hughes and Jasmine Allen

Non-voting members: Ms Megan Taylor, Ms Connie Faranda

The School council plays a key role in the governance of the school and supports the principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. Some key functions are; to set the broad direction and vision of the school, develop long term planning documents, develop and review school policy, maintain the grounds and buildings and raise funds for school related purposes, and most importantly report to the school community and create interest in the school.

Our Parent representatives are available at school functions and via email if at any time you would like to discuss or share your ideas on any of the items listed above, or for just a chat about what the council is currently working on.

School council elections for 2023 are now open and will close at 4:00pm on Monday 13th February 2023.

Information and nomination forms for parents are available on Compass or from the Administration Office, and information/nomination forms for students are available from the Administration Office. Please consider if you would like to be a part of a future school council as a parent or student representative.

Ready to Learn

Our Uniform Policy is available on the school website and in student planners. The expectation for 2023 is that all students will come to school in full school uniform, which includes the blazer and tie, and should 'wear the uniform with pride' in line with our Schoolwide Positive Behaviours Matrix. Please refer to the policy to ensure you and your children are aware of expectations and appropriate combinations of items. Parents will be informed when uniforms do not meet the expected standard via our student management system, tutor teachers and Year level leaders.

Student AVID binders, Laptops and e-books, or text books are a daily school requirement. Please ensure your children are at school on time with their equipment and in uniform. This will help all students achieve their very best. Our tutor teachers, year level leaders, attendance officer and student support services are available to families if you required assistance with any of the above. I am looking forward to leading the college this term. We value your input, feedback and suggestions as we work together to continue to create a great school community for all students as they continue on their educational journey.

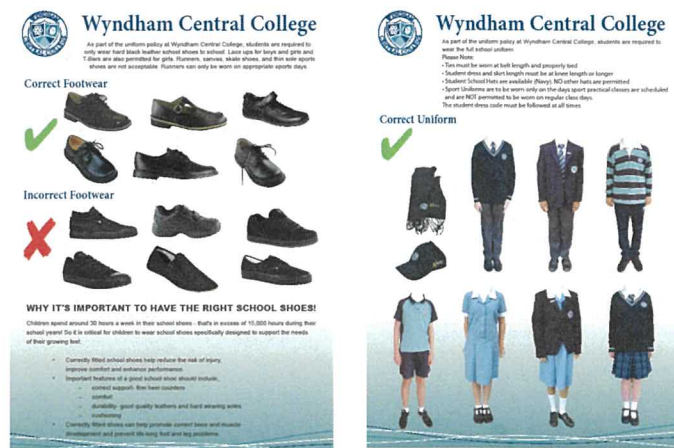
I would like to encourage all families of Wyndham Central College to work together with us to develop positive relationships, between students, teachers and parents/carers. We encourage an open and respectful, two-way partnership, between school and home, reinforced by clear and consistent communication which is vital for your child to reach their full potential with their education.

I am looking forward to leading the college this term. We value your input, feedback and suggestions as we work together to continue to create a great school community for all students as they continue on their educational journey.

Bryan Woollard - Acting Principal Creating a Community of High Expectations

Uniform Reminder

Students are to wear the summer uniform for Term 1. 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.



School Parking

Please see below information from Connect with Us – Road Safety – Wyndham

We would like to remind all schools that we take a proactive approach to children safety around school zones, and we have put a number of strategies in place to ensure drivers doing the wrong thing are held to account.

Parking officers will be out on patrol and will be looking for parking offences such as stopped within 20 metres before or 10 metres after children's crossing, stopped contrary to a no-stopping sign, stopped on nature-strip, stopped double parked, stopped within 10 metres of intersection, stopped on footpath, stopped on or across driveways.

It would be of assistance if you could remind parents in your newsletters that parking patrols are conducted all-year-round every day of the week and that it is important to park legally to protect children and families around schools.



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 2023.

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

It is strongly recommended that::

- Parents/carers should complete the Student COVID-19 COVID Test Portal if a student tests positive to COVID-19 (via a PCR or rapid antigen test).
- Students who report a positive result are recommended to isolate for a minimum of 5 days and not attend school until their symptoms have resolved. Students who isolate as a result of a positive COVID-19 test will be supported in the same way as students with an extended absence due to illness or injury, with learning materials provided to support their continued learning.
- A student or visitor who is symptomatic should be recommended to undergo testing for COVID-19. Parents of students who are symptomatic should be asked to collect their child from school and to keep them home until they are no longer symptomatic.

Rapid antigen testing

It is recommended that rapid antigen tests (RATs) are used by students and staff:

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 infection, no matter how mild
- If you are a household or close contact of someone who has COVID-19
- If you are a social contact of someone who has COVID-19.

The Department of Health recommends that all Victorians should report their positive RAT result to the Department of Health online, or by calling 1800 675 398.

Face masks

Staff and students who wish to wear a face mask should be supported to do so, and schools will 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.

Ventilation

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

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.

Staying safe from mosquitoes

Recent wet and warm weather has increased mosquito breeding. Mosquitoes can carry diseases that may be passed on to people through mosquito bites. A range of mosquito-borne diseases have recently been detected in mosquitoes in northern Victoria. Mosquito-borne diseases can cause serious illness, including infections of the brain, with children particularly at risk.

The best way to prevent mosquito-borne diseases is to avoid mosquito bites.

In line with community health advice, families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- using insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin if outdoors when mosquitoes are observed, from October to March
- wearing long, loose-fitting clothing outdoors if possible if mosquitoes are around and covering exposed skin as much as possible. Summer school uniforms, including polos and shorts, can continue to be worn, but students should use insect repellent on exposed skin if mosquitoes are active
- limiting outdoor activity when mosquitoes are active.



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 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 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.

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

Student safety at Wyndham Central College is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

Before school: School grounds are supervised at 8.30am. The areas supervised are the basketball courts, Shaws Road gate (entrance) canteen area and external toilet block 1. Students are not to enter buildings without staff supervision and not enter the out of bounds areas.

After school: School grounds are supervised until 3.40pm. The areas supervised are basketball courts, bus stops on both Shaws Road and Market Road extension. Students are not to enter school buildings without staff supervision; this includes homework and break time clubs.

Students on school grounds outside these times will not be supervised (unless they are attending a before or after school program or supervised extracurricular activity).

Parents/carers are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times unless they are attending before or after programs, or a pre-arranged supervised activity (i.e. sports practice).

Families are encouraged to contact the Administration office to speak with the Year 7-12 Assistant Principals for more information about the before and after school programs available to our school community or if you would like any further information about our student supervision arrangements.

For a copy of our school's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy parents/carers can access a copy of the fully policy via the parent portal on Compass or by contacting the school administration office. This policy includes Wyndham Central Colleges' student supervision arrangements across the school day, including before and after school.

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 **3.40pm 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 7 REPORT

A big welcome to all of our new year 7 families and those families already at the College with a child in year 7 this year. We look forward to working with you all to ensure your child's needs are catered for, not just academically, but also socially and emotionally.

It was fantastic to see all year 7's smiling faces on the first day of school, many excited, some apprehensive being onsite for the first time, however we made sure to make the transition as seamless as possible by having an assembly to welcome students to the College, with the remainder of the day completing transition activities with their tutor teacher and other teachers your child will have. The tutor teachers are you and your child's first point of contact, and they see your child every morning at the start of the day to ensure they are set up for a successful day of learning. If they have not met you already, the tutor teachers look forward to meeting you during our Year 7 Meet and Greet BBQ on Wednesday 22nd February from 5-6:30pm.

The College offers a wide range of supports for families and students, including uniform support through our Student Services team for those families who have a Health Care Card. The uniform is something we take pride in and the expectation is that students are at school every day, in uniform and ready to learn.

I know during our orientation day last year and the start of this year there were many excited students about our break time clubs. This is something that starts this week and is another opportunity for your child to meet others in the College with the same passions as they have.

We look forward to the start of a positive relationship with students and families that will continue to build throughout their time at the College.

Ashley Rowe – Assistant Principal – Year 7

YEAR 7 REPORT

It has been wonderful to welcome such a respectful and eager group of year 7 students to Wyndham Central College. Students were able to spend their first day of school getting to know their tutor and class teachers, their way around their new school and new classmates. The rest of the first week students immersed themselves in their new high school subjects where they were able to meet all their teachers for the semester.

Your child's tutor teacher will be your go to person at school for any issues or concerns with your child. Our tutor team for 2023 is below.

7A: Audrey D'eau Sundanum
7D: Antonio Di Fabrizio
7G: Clarah Chiripanhura
7K: Milos Nastic

7B: Sue Butcher
7E: Shamini John Rose
7H: Rylie Stonehouse

7C: Alex De Leon
7F: Rachel Liu
7J: Stephanie Bell

Year 7's have the opportunity to nominate for a range of leadership positions for the year. Leadership opportunities include but are not limited to, House Captain, Class Captain and SRC representative. These students will help ensure all the voices of the Year 7 students are heard around the school.

As staff we are looking forward to working with you and your children to ensure a smooth transition to secondary school, reaching their full potential and celebrating their learning at Wyndham Central College.

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

Liam Clifford – Year 7 Level Leader

liam.clifford@education.vic.gov.au

YEAR'S 8 & 9 REPORT

Welcome back to all our students and families and welcome too if you are new to Wyndham Central College. We hope your relationship with Wyndham Central will be a rewarding one. The students have made the most of their first week of school and have enjoyed seeing their old friends and making new ones. Term one is certainly a busy time for us all, and we have several whole school events to look forward to.

For the first time in 3 years we will all be able to participate in our school Swimming Carnival held in Lara. This is truly a highlight on the school calendar and the students look forward to a day in the sun competing for house points in the pool and hanging out with their friends. Don't forget to check they've packed a hat and some sunscreen.

Should you have anything you wish to discuss with the school regarding your child please remember the first point of call is their Tutor Teacher. They can be reached by Compass email or by calling the school. If you don't have a Compass log in please contact the front office.

Here's hoping for a terrific 2023,

Megan Taylor – Assistant Principal – Years 8 & 9

YEAR 8 REPORT

My name is Allan Nilsen. I am the year 8 leader for 2023. This will be my 2nd year at Wyndham Central College as the Year 8 level leader. I look forward to supporting the year 8's this year, assisting them to achieve their best.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to see the year 8 cohort return to school. We have a great Year 8 team consisting of:

8A: Smitha Thomas	8B: Steven Stellini	8C: Gabby Siragusano	8D: Lily Zhou
8E: Aleia Becher	8F: Cameron Morrison	8G: Thomas Benjamin	8H: Troy West
8J: Janine Smith	8K: Nicole Smith	8L: Grace Hawke.	

Victoria Webster is the year 8 Coordinator and did a fantastic job in this role last year and I would like to thank her for her support. Sharon Hamilton is the year 7 & 8 Education Support Administration Assistant and she knows and cares deeply for our students and I would also like to thank her for the ongoing support.

Break time clubs will be up and running in the next four weeks. This is great opportunity to pursue interests such as choir, guitar, chess, science, K-pop, and get to know other students with similar interests.

Our SRC (Student representative council) expression of interest will go out next week. We look forward to supporting and mentoring students who wish to represent their fellow learners.

Our students are looking very smart in their Wyndham Central College uniforms. If for some reason you are unable to send your child to school in full uniform could you please provide a note in their planner and we could try to assist in getting uniform for them.

We value your contributions in your child's education so if you have any questions or suggestions about how to best support your child please don't hesitate to contact their tutor teacher, the school or myself.

Allan Nilsen – Year 8 Level Leader

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YEAR 9 REPORT

Our 2023 Year 9's have started their year in an enthusiastic manner. They were able to spend the first day getting familiar with their new classes and getting to know their peers and teachers. They have settled in their new learning spaces well and have begun their subjects for 2023. The students have also made a great start to the Elective classes for 2023, a new experience for all. It has been great to see students excited to participate in subjects outside the regular core subjects they have undertaken in previous years.

Below is the Year 9 team for 2023, these staff members will be your go to person at school for any issues or concerns with your child.

9A: Blagoj Bosevski
9D: Sarah Thomas
9G: Dan Robson
9K: Scott Lynch

9B: Anne Vlahos
9E: Vonda Tillig
9H: Ajay Shah
9S: Nigel Keyi

9C: Ray Sherriff
9F: Showji Ito
9J: Sheilah Matanda

As a staff we are looking forward to working with the new cohort of Year 9's and helping them strive to reach their full potential and enjoying their schooling at Wyndham Central College.

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

Grant Puxley - Year 9 Level Leader

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YEAR'S 10, 11 & 12 REPORT

Welcome back to Term 1 2023! I hope that all students and their families have had a wonderful break and are ready for the new school year. I am incredibly excited to be supporting Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their families this term, as they are working towards the completion of their successful secondary school education.

It is with high expectations, the building of a partnership between the College and families, with two-way communication, which will see the realisation of every student's hopes and aspirations.

We appreciated your attendance at the Step-Up Tutor Teacher conference meetings at the end of last year and a reminder that your first point of contact is your child's Tutor Teacher. I encourage you to contact the College if you have any concerns so that they can be dealt with in a timely manner.

As a reminder, I would like to remind you that in accordance with the departments Mobile Phone Policy issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at Wyndham Central College during school hours (8.50am-3.04pm), including break one and two.

It is also a great time to remind families about the College promotion policy and that students must maintain a satisfactory attendance of 100% in all subject areas, unless ill. If senior students are absent on the day of a School Assessed Coursework, then they must provide a doctor's certificate to be able to sit the SAC for a scored assessment. SAC resits must be completed in SAC resit times, which are held afterschool, details of times and nights will be publicised soon.

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

Lastly I would like to invite Years 11 and 12 students and their families to our VCE Information night on Tuesday 21st of February. An information letter has been sent home and we encourage you to please RSVP for your attendance via the form provided.

Looking forward to a successful Term!

Rebecca Sandlant - Acting Assistant Principal – Years 10, 11 & 12

YEAR 10 REPORT

The Class of 2025 have got off to a flying start for the year, with students spending their first day getting their binders organised and working in their tutor groups to set themselves up for success.

Our focus for the first half of the term is on organisational skills and being prepared to learn. We are working with students to make sure they are utilising their binders and student planners to keep track of their work. Parents and carers can help by encouraging their Year 10 student to regularly review their notes in their binders and check their planners for important dates.

This week we are inviting Wyndham Central College alumni Holly Darcy to talk in our assembly. We hope this is an opportunity for our Year 10s to get a fresh perspective on what senior school means for them, and what skills they can start working on ahead of their VCE journeys.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have worked hard to get their Year 10s what they need to start their senior school journey. A reminder that as the weather gets cold our Year 10s need to be wearing our light blue senior school jumper. If you need assistance in acquiring one of these jumpers, please contact reception at the school or send your student's tutor teacher an email.

John Lister – Year 10 Level Leader

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YEAR 11 REPORT

Wyndham Central College and the Year 11 Team would like to welcome all students and families to the 2023 school year.

Students across the cohort have settled in quite well throughout the first week, with opportunities to build rapport with their new classmates, tutor teachers and classroom teachers. The setting up for success day on day 1 was, as intended, a success. With smiles shared by students with their peers and an eagerness to take full advantage of the opportunities in front of them.

Particular mention to students who partook in our tutor challenge, where boats were created from a range of materials and then a relay race in those boats was completed around the school oval. Big shout out to Ms. Millard and 11D who demonstrated great creativity, team work and sportsmanship to win our 2023 Year 11 Boat Race.

This year, the tutor teachers comprise of the following staff members. These staff members will be your main point of call if any issues with your child arise. The Year 11 2023 team is:

11A: Dell Cutter	11B: Alasdair Morrison	11C: Angie Chan	11D: Virginia Millard	11E: Emily Bellin
11F: Tania Taylor	11G: Jesse Damjanovski	11H: Tran Vo	11J: Chris Walter	

In addition to our tutor teachers, we also have Year 11 attached staff who will also assist in supporting the Year 11 program, tutor teachers and students. The Year 11 2023 attached staff are:

- Navin Pratap, Lilibeth Lee, Shalika Sharma, Jessica Pine, Nicole Corsetti and Eddy Hatzis

In the coming weeks, students will have the opportunity to continue building rapport with their peers and tutor teachers. Year 11 students will be encouraged to self-nominate and deliver a candidate speech for a range of leadership opportunities, such as SRC representative, Class Captain and/or House Captain. These types of roles provide students with a chance to develop new interpersonal skills and be a voice for students within our cohort.

The Year 11 Team is looking forward to working alongside students and families in creating a shared partnership and vision of your child's success in 2023.

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

Ashlin Brown - Year 11 Level Leader

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YEAR 12 REPORT

Welcome to an exciting year to all from our Wyndham Central College broad community and extend a special welcome to all of our new students and their families. I would like to welcome all our Year 12 Students as they prepare for their final year of secondary schooling. I am very excited to work with this cohort again and look forward to supporting, guiding and ensuring each student is able to achieve to their best ability in their final years.

As a Year 12 team, we have made a positive start to the year and we have adapted quickly to the demands and rigors of Year 12. I would like to introduce the Year 12 Team which will be supporting your students through all the stressful times and celebrations that come with Year 12 2023. As always, your tutor teachers are your first point of contact with any questions you may have, and are more than happy to work with you to get the best of your child.

12A: Nidhi Sharma	12B: Harpreet Singh	12C: Karl Szulik
12D: Allan Bernardi	12E: Eliza Shearer	12F: Jay Nagan
12G: Taniska Singh	12V: Pina Siragusano	
Year 12 Co-ordinator	Harpreet Singh	
Year 12 Senior Years Assistant	Kerri De Domenico	

In 2022 Mr Woollard (Senior Years Assistant Principal) and myself went through a rigorous process of interviewing candidates for our School and Vice Captains. All students who interviewed put in an enormous effort and demonstrated many leadership qualities and I am proud of such efforts from all candidates. Our selected students provide leadership within the classroom and in the school community and are respected by both peers and teachers alike. Wyndham Central College staff and students look forward to working with the below students.

Year 12 School Captains

Norma Liki
Vedaant Patel

School Vice Captains

Jaswanth Kadagala
Noah Finocchiaro

On the 30th of January the students first day back, all year 12's participated in a range of team building exercises and readiness to learn activities to support them in the coming week. During session 3 students had to make a boat out of cardboard boxes with decorations and the ability to race 10 people within it. Below are some images from the day.



Please be sure to check your students uniform daily and that they are in full school uniform. Your assistance with this allows us to focus on their academic progress and supporting their education, not on their uniform.

A reminder that student attendance goals should be 100% attendance. If there is an absence, please be sure to contact the school and for your student to bring a medical certificate upon their return.
I look forward to seeing the students of this cohort continue to grow and reach their full potential.

Tayla Clayton –Year 12 Level Leader

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TEACHING & LEARNING REPORT

Welcome to the 2023 school year. I hope that all families have enjoyed a restful break with family and friends and that all students are ready for a successful academic year.

Teachers and students have started the year well. Teachers are planning lessons and units of work using student data, such as PAT tests and Victorian Curriculum levels and NAPLAN. This important data helps teachers to identify where students are at with their learning and assists their planning of lessons to support the learning of all students at their point of need and help the students grow as learners.

NAPLAN 2023

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australia do NAPLAN tests. From this year the NAPLAN tests will occur in March. The tests are adaptive which means that the test questions will get easier or harder, depending on how students are going in the test. Students do four different tests: Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. During the tests student will read some of the questions and listen to others with headphones, which the school will distribute to the students at the start of the NAPLAN period.

Students will complete tests questions on the computer. Teachers will help students get ready for NAPLAN tests and will do some NAPLAN practice in classes. NAPLAN is important teaching and learning data and teachers use NAPLAN results to support students in their future learning. Talk to your teacher if you have any questions about your child doing the tests. For more information on NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au

How can parents help their child feel more comfortable about completing NAPLAN?

One way parents can help is by practicing with their child on the NAPLAN Public demonstration site which can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site> This gives parents an understanding of what NAPLAN involves and the practice helps the students develop their confidence.



The public demonstration tests show the types of questions students will answer and the functionalities that are available in NAPLAN tests.

Students can do the standard tests or they can do a test with accessible alternative items:

- The visual alternative tests include some items with simplified images (numeracy and reading).
- The tests with audio alternative items have text-based items instead of audio dictation items (conventions of language).
- The colour theme tests have different coloured fonts and backgrounds (all domains).

If your child has a disability that requires an alternative format, please contact your child's Year Level Leader to discuss the best way for your child to access NAPLAN. Visit <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/accessibility> to learn more.

Try the demonstration tests by choosing your child's level and then a NAPLAN domain: writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) or numeracy.

Weekly Parent Bulletin Reminder

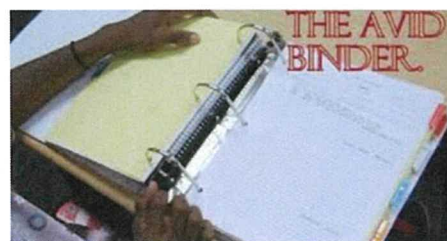
We would like to take the opportunity to remind you about the weekly Parent Bulletin, which provides important updates and information about school events and activities. The bulletin is sent out every Monday and is a valuable resource for staying informed about what is happening at school.

We encourage you to read the bulletin and attend the events and activities that are of interest to you and your child. If you have any ideas about improving the Parent Bulletin, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

AVID Binder

All students are supported in developing their organisational skills using the AVID Binder.

- The AVID Binder is compulsory for all students in Years 7- 10 and for the AVID Elective students at Years 11 and 12.
- All students were provided with the AVID Binder Pack and supported to organise their binder on day one.
- Students are expected to take their AVID Binder to all classes. It is stored in their lockers during break times.
- Parents, please check your child's AVID Binder is well maintained and organised



College Planner

The College Planner is an organisational tool. Students are expected to take the College Planner to all classes.

- Students in Years 7- 10 students will keep the College Planner in their AVID Binder.
- Students will write their homework in their planner each day. In addition, they will write due dates for upcoming assignments, and add important dates, exams or other events in their College Planner.
- If a student needs to leave class, for example, to go to the bathroom, they will be required have a note from their class teacher in their Planner and have their Planner with them at all times.
- Parents are encouraged to use the College Planner as a Communication tool with the College.
- Parents, you can support your child by checking your child is using the Student Planner daily.

Cornell Notes

Students are expected to continue to use the Cornell Note taking format and complete all steps of the note taking system.

- Teachers will support this process in class.
- The completion of Cornell notes must be part of your child's regular homework and home study program.
- Parents, please have a look at your child's work and Cornell notes and encourage and support your child to review notes regularly, as this will help your child to prepare for, and improve their test and exam results and therefore promote greater confidence in their learning.
- Examples of what students can do as homework each night using their Cornell notes is:
 - o Re-read their notes for that day and circle key words and underline important information.
 - o Re-read their notes and create questions in the left-hand column of their notes for notes they took the previous day.
 - o Create summaries for their notes from the previous week.
- Research indicates that this regular interaction with Cornell notes improves student confidence and success.

Homework Club

Homework club will be running again in 2023. Homework Club is held on Wednesday night from 3:10 pm to 4:00 pm in the Monash Building.

- It is an opportunity for students to receive extra support with all areas of their learning with expert teachers available to help students.
- Homework Club is for all students, Years 7-12.
- We encourage all students to take the opportunity to seek extra assistance from teachers

SORA eLIBRARY at WCC

There are many benefits of reading so it is important to get our students to read and to enjoy reading. WCC offers the Sora eLibrary. Students can access free ebooks and audiobooks from our Sora eLibrary from anywhere and at any time.

Follow the following steps to get Sora eLibrary:

- Step 1: Download the free "Sora app" from the Apple App store, Google Play Store or visit soraapp.com

Step 2: Click "My school is Australian Secondary eBooks Now"

Step 3: Search for "Wyndham Central College"

Step 4: Then sign in using your WCC email address and password

Step 5: Browse the Explore tab and borrow a book. Your book will open so you can start reading right away. Enjoy reading anytime, anywhere on a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Note: You can also access Sora eLibrary from the school's webpage under Student Links.

We look forward to working with you and your child to ensure a successful and productive year.

Connie Faranda – Assistant Principal – Teaching & Learning



Free Books with Sora!

STUDENT VOICE & POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT YEARS 7 - 9

Student voice and agency is something that we value at Wyndham Central College. We have many students from many different backgrounds able to offer us many different perspectives. That's why there are multiple opportunities for students to be the voice in different areas of the College. One of these is as an SRC (Student Representative Council) member. Over the next few weeks, Year Level Leaders will be working with their respective cohorts to nominate, conduct speeches and have all students vote for their preferred candidate at their year level. The successful students will then work with the representatives of the other year levels as a team to represent the opinions and voice of the others in their year level.

During term 1, students also have the opportunity of being elected as a class captain, or house captain to lead and be the voice of their house colour at their year level.

While it is important for students to take up leadership positions, it is also important to build their skills as leaders. All student leaders throughout the College will have the opportunity to participate in a whole day leadership development day on Wednesday 8th March. This is a great opportunity for students to meet with all other student leaders throughout the College to come together to plan what student voice looks like for 2023 and how they can lead others at the College.

Ashley Rowe – Assistant Principal

COMMUNITY & POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT YEARS 10 - 12

Again, welcome back to the new school year.

I would like to start off by looking back to the end of 2023. During the end of year activities we offered last year, students had the opportunity to attend an excursion to Adventure Park, and another day of fun at the Werribee Pool and Lawn bowls. Both days were well attended, and was a great way for students to celebrate the end of the school year. I would like to thank the staff who supported the organisation and supervision on the day, We all had a great time.





I am delighted to announce we have been making plans for our "Festival of Fun and Fitness" students. For those who are new to the school, this is an opportunity for students to access a free afterschool sport program. Each night we offer different sports such as Tennis, Volleyball, Soccer and Swimming that students can take part in over a five-week block. Sport has many benefits for students. It improves physical fitness, teaches important life skills and increases students educational outcomes. This program was very popular last year, please refer to the letter has been sent home to families, and the COMPASS post!

Our community space, the LINK Centre is off and running this term. This space is a place that all of our College community—students, families, staff and community partners can access for a variety of programs. Our work aims to support the school and community to work together in a planned, strategic and evidence informed way. It's a space that is inclusive and culturally safe for all of the WCC community.

This term will be a busy one for student engagement. We have our swimming carnival, tennis program, cheerleading program and wheelchair basketball that will be back this term. I am looking forward to letting you know about these in the next newsletter!

Looking forward to a fantastic year!

Rebecca Sandlant – Assistant Principal



Please find attached Careers News



Please find attached to this Newsletter our latest Canteen menu, together with information on the online via the Qkr! App. Brown paper bag ordering is available at the canteen also.

SPORTS REPORT

Welcome back to the new school sports year which will be jam packed full of competitions, especially this term.

Below are the College's sporting carnivals this year. This is a great opportunity for students to represent their house colours in a range of events and have the opportunity to advance to the future rounds of competition. Please ensure carnival and medical notes are brought back to your child's tutor teacher in order to attend on the day.

Swimming Carnival- Tuesday 14th of February

Athletics Carnival- Friday 31st of March

Cross Country Carnival- Wednesday 3rd of May (Years 7 to 9)

Teachers have already volunteered to coach the sports listed and they will announce when training/try-out sessions will be. Students need to be aware of these announcements and attend all training sessions to ensure they can be part of the team. All students must return their permission slip note and make payments to be eligible to play on the day.

Term 1 Sports Coaches are:

Year 7 Boys and Girls Volleyball

Year 8 Boys and Girls Volleyball

Intermediate Boys and Girls Volleyball

Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball

Year 8 Boys and Girls Tennis

Intermediate Boys and Girls Tennis

Senior Boys and Girls Tennis

Year 7 & 8 Girls Netball

Intermediate Girls Netball

Senior Girls Netball

Miss Stonehouse & Ms Hills

Mr West & Mr Robson

Mr Barker & Mr Ito

Mr Brown & Mr Ito

Ms Thompson & Mr Szulik

Mr Ito & Mr Guarnaccia

Ms Thompson & Mr Guarnaccia

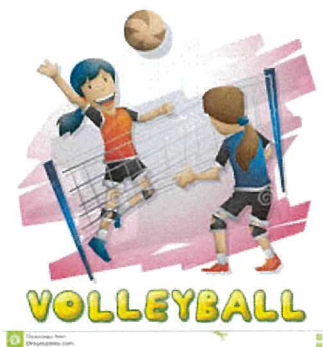
Miss Bell & Ms Henderson

Mr Morrison & Mr Barker

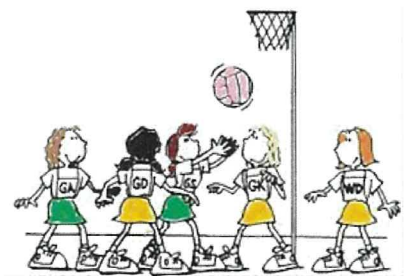
Mr Lynch & Mr Damjanovski

We are really excited for the year ahead.

Yours in Sport- Rylie Stonehouse & Nicole Smith – Sports Co-ordinators



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LINK CENTRE COMMUNITY HUB NEWS



LINK CENTRE COMMUNITY HUB NEWS

Welcome back to a new year at the Wyndham Central College Link Centre Community Hub.

This is a physical space within the school that provides learning opportunities for our families. We partner with Wyndham organisations to deliver programs that support families with:

- Learning- Short courses and information sessions
- Support to understand what is happening in our school and how you can help as a parent
- Connection to organisations that support you in the home (e.g., parenting support, housing, government organisations and refugee support)
- Access to resources such as computers, printing and internet
- Connection to culture and a space to connect
- Student support for LGBTQIA+, Aboriginal Torres Strait Island, families of Africa and Karen

Meet the team!



Kristy Gray (she/her) - Community Engagement Lead

Kristy has been at Wyndham Central College since June 2020. She has worked with families in Wyndham for over 20 years, supporting adults, young people, and children to learn, connect and celebrate our diverse community. Kristy leads the partnerships and coordinates the Community Hub opportunities. Kristy works directly with leadership, staff and families to connect our multicultural school.

Paw Ner Moo (she/her) – Multicultural Aide

Paw Ner Moo has been at Wyndham Central College since August 2017. Paw Ner Moo is from Burma and speaks S'gaw Karen and Burmese language. She has been building a safe space for our families and students of refugee and migrant background, so they can settle into our school and community well.





Nathaniel Nhial – Junubi Youth Worker

Nathaniel has been at Wyndham Central College since 2021. Nathaniel works in partnership with Junubi Wyndham. He was born in South Sudan and can speak four languages- English, Sudanese Arabic, Kiswahili, and Dinka. Nathaniel is here to work with our students and families from different countries of Africa to ensure they have everything they need for their education, as well as to help our teachers connect to the community.

Opportunities coming up- stay tuned for details 🤗



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



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 & Food Bank



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

These sheets are available on the school website (<https://wyndhamcentralsc.vic.edu.au/parents/payments-payment/>) or at the administration office. The college offers various payment options including cash, EFTPOS, BPAY (details provided on request), CompassPay, 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

These sheets are available on the school website: <https://wyndhamcentralsc.vic.edu.au/parents/parent-payment/>

LAPTOPS

Wyndham Central College implemented a Managed Device program for all new laptops and involves a partnership with Learning with Technologies. Details about this program are available at the administration office.

CAMPS SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

Please note that if your financial circumstances have changed and you now have a Health Care Card you may be entitled to the Victorian State Government funding to families of up to \$225 that can be used towards costs associated with camps, excursions and sporting events. These funds will be paid directly to the college and can only be used for these types of events/activities.

Eligibility Criteria

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) application forms are available to an applicant with one of the following on the first day of Term 1 (30 January 2023) or Term 2 (24 April 2023):

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

Application forms (available from the administration office) must be completed and returned to the office with a copy of your eligible card for submission prior to 23 June 2023.

Families who applied at our college for this in 2022 will NOT need to complete a new form.

New applications are required in the following situations:

- If a family has a change to their financial situation and are now eligible
- If you are a new family to Wyndham Central College and are eligible
- If you are an existing family who has a new child starting in 2023

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

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

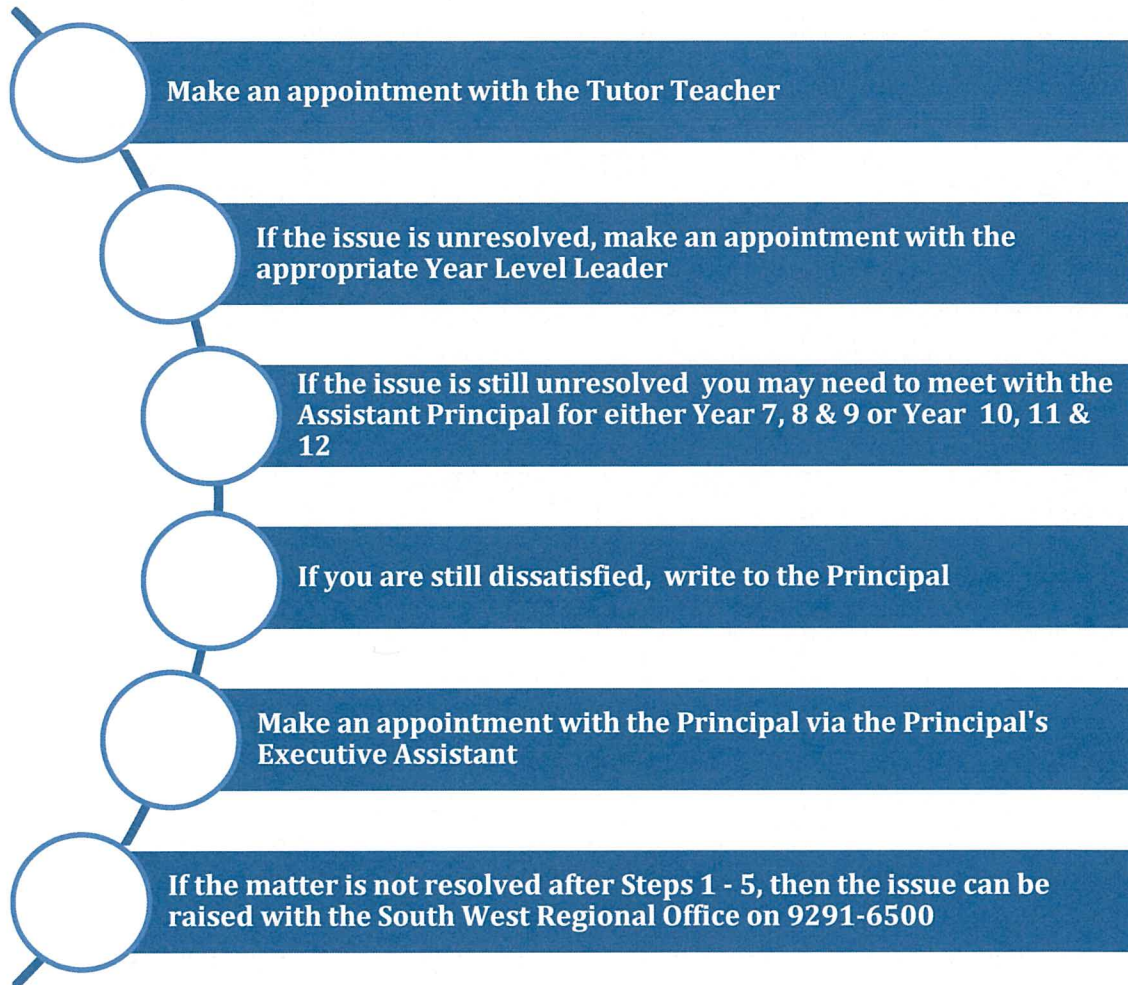
For the safety of staff and students, all visitors to the school must report to the administration office (including parents/carers) and log into Compass. In case of an emergency, we need to be aware of who is on site.

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.





Wyndham Central College Career News

No. 01: 06 February 2023

WHAT IS 'CAREER NEWS' ALL ABOUT?

Career decisions are some of the most important ones of your life, so getting help in making those decisions is vital.

Career News is one source of information available to you.

Career News will be published regularly throughout the year, providing information about how to **choose a career**, about **information sessions** being held on various courses and careers, **Open Days** at institutions where you might want to study, **Career Expos**, insights into a number of **careers**, and where you can get help.

Students who do their research during Year 9-12 usually find it easier to make some career decisions at the end of Year 12.

CAREER TOOLS: ONLINE RESOURCE...

RE: wcccareers.com – the comprehensive online careers resource

Wyndham Central College has provided its students and their parents/guardians with a 'School Careers Website'. You can find 'Career Tools' on the Pathways Portal under Student/Parent Links on the College Homepage.

It is a "One Stop Shop" for students' needs with their Career Planning, Information, VCE, Post School Options and much more.

Students can also use it to create and save their resume.

The site is also designed with the parent/guardian in mind, to provide both students and parents/guardians with all the information needed about the students' Career/Pathway Planning and post school options – and the information is constantly changing in these areas.

The Careers Centre, in the Monash Building, is a resource centre for our students with current institutional handbooks and brochures at their disposal. Students are invited to visit, browse and question. An open door policy exists to ensure students make informed decisions about future pathways. Initial Year 12 interviews will take place shortly to assist students with the momentous decisions facing them this year. Parents/guardians are welcome to take advantage of the services provided. Appointments can be made to discuss the future pathways of their children.

HOW CAN I CHOOSE A CAREER?

Many people say that they would like a job they **enjoy**, with the possibility of earning a reasonable **income**.
So how do you choose that job?

Firstly, keep in mind that there is not just one perfect job for you. There are several jobs that would suit you well, so you need to **explore the possibilities**.

First, think about what you **enjoy doing**.

For example, is it sport-related, scientific, reading/writing-related, helping people, information technology-related?

What do you enjoy **doing in your spare time**?

What **subjects** do you excel in at school?



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How important is it that you earn a lot of **money**?

Answering questions such as these will set you on a path to making some decisions.

If you like science, what type of science do you prefer – physics, chemistry, biology?

If you are creative, what is your speciality – music, drama, art, design?

If it is geography, perhaps you could be interested in urban planning, mapping or surveying.

If it is health, perhaps it is nursing, nutrition or public health.

If it is physics and maths, perhaps engineering.

Do not look too far ahead – you are not deciding on a life-time career. You will have several careers.

WHAT IS A CAREERS EXPO?

As a rule, career expos have representatives from **Universities, TAFE's, Independent Training Providers and Employer Groups** (eg Defence Force) in attendance to provide information and an opportunity to ask your questions. There are a number held throughout the year, some large ones running for a few days (eg the **VCE and Careers Expo 2023** Thursday 4 May, Friday 5 May and Saturday 6 May, @Caulfield Racecourse, Melbourne), while others are **smaller regional expos** Career Expos are of a **general nature and are a good starting point for some career exploration** - more information later.

WHAT IS AN OPEN DAY?

Universities, TAFE's and some Independent Providers open their doors, usually once a year on Sundays in August, for the public to **see facilities, attend information sessions, talk to staff and current students, and to check out clubs and societies**. These are useful for obtaining a **more in-depth experience** of a particular institution and its courses. Dates will be published shortly (for your diary).

WHAT IS A CAREERS SEMINAR, AND WHY ATTEND?

Many institutions run **seminars about particular courses or careers**, often on weeknights or in school holidays. For example, **Monash** and the **University of Melbourne** run **evening seminars** on particular courses, while RMIT, La Trobe and Deakin run school holiday programs about their courses (note: this list is not exhaustive). In addition, seminars on studying **psychology, sport related careers**, and on **occupational therapy** have been run for many years. These programs give an in-depth picture of courses and career outcomes, and provide an opportunity to ask your questions. More information in later editions.

HOW CAN I ACCESS UNIVERSITY COURSES?

Many courses accept Year 12 graduates on the basis of their **ATAR** (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) and meeting any **prerequisite subject requirements**. Some courses, however, have **additional requirements** (eg an audition, a folio presentation, completion of a selection kit, attendance at an interview, testing). You are advised to check these out on the **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)** website (www.vtac.edu.au). Applicants for courses apply on the VTAC website, commencing in August each year. Up to eight courses can be applied for.



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Casual Employment

You can sign up for employment opportunities at the following websites:

Coles	https://bit.ly/383OETN
IGA	https://bit.ly/382p4yw
KFC	https://bit.ly/33N7mM1
Woolworths	https://bit.ly/2RptgTp
Hungry	https://bit.ly/2qkwIU8
Jacks	
Kmart	https://bit.ly/2Y8U2Rd
Target	https://bit.ly/2qZ76MZ
McDonalds	https://bit.ly/380Uvtb
Bunnings	https://bit.ly/2LfB2Ls
Donut King	https://bit.ly/2YbqYly
Boost Juice	https://bit.ly/2P36v4l
Red Rooster	https://bit.ly/2Lf35Le
Myer	https://bit.ly/2sHiEov
Cotton On	https://bit.ly/2LjebPj
Sportsgirl	https://bit.ly/2RfT2cC
Officeworks	https://bit.ly/361GkCp
Apco	https://bit.ly/33F09xz

Job Seeking Resources: For excellent job seeking tips, and resume/cover letter templates, check out the resources at the following two websites:

Skillsroad - www.skillsroad.com.au

Youth Central - www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au

Rights and Responsibilities: Know your rights and responsibilities when starting a new job:

www.fairwork.gov.au

Tax File Number (TFN): If you do not have a TFN, you will need to apply for one via the Australian Tax Office - www.ato.gov.au

Job Options: also, check out job options at the 'Explore Careers' website - <https://explorecareers.com.au/>



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ADF Careers

Australian Defence Force (ADF)

Work Experience: students who are keen to explore Defence Force careers may be able to apply for work experience: www.defence.gov.au/WorkExperience/

Cadets: students may also be able to apply for the Army, Navy or Air Force Cadets program.

Visit www.cadetnet.gov.au

Parents/Carers – School to Work Resources

Supporting your child in preparing for the world of work after school can be a challenge.

The Australian Government has developed resources to support parents through the Future Ready Career Education Portal.

To access the resources, go to <https://schooltowork.dese.gov.au/>

Start the School Year by Setting Goals

The HopeFull Institute has developed a set of free worksheets for students covering a range of topics such as:

- digital detox
- examining stress
- goals (general and athletic)
- gratitude

To download the worksheets, visit www.thehopefullinstitute.com/free-worksheets/

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Wyndham Central Cafe by

2023



Breakfast

- Egg & Bacon Toastie 3.5
- Ham & Cheese Toastie 3.0
- Ham, Cheese & Tomato Toastie 3.5
- Croissants Cheese & Tomato 4.0
- Hash Brown (Oven Baked) 1.5 v

Recess Selection

- Cheese & Spinach Roll 4.0
- Dim Sims 1.3
- Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap (Warm) 5.0
- Homemade Pizza Slice 3.0
- Beef Pie (Salt Reduce) 4.0
- Nacho with Salsa, Tasty Cheese 4.0 v
- Chicken Burger w Lettuce, Mayo 5.5
- Chicken Sub w Lettuce & Mayo 6.5
- Angus Beef Burger with Cheese, Tomato Sauce 5.5
- Hot Dog 4.0
- Noodles Assorted Flavours 3.5
- Falafel Wrap with Hummus, Lettuce & Tomato 5.5
- Veggie Burger with Lettuce & Mayo 5.0

Lunch Selection

- Homemade Pasta of the Day 5.0 v
- Beef Pie (Salt Reduce) 4.0
- Chicken Burger w Lettuce, Mayo 5.5
- Chicken Parmagina Sauce & Cheese 6.5
- Pastizzi 1.5
- Spanakopita 2.5
- Angus Beef Burger with Cheese, Tomato Sauce 5.5
- Dim Sims 1.3
- Homemade Pizza Slice 3.0
- Tasty Meatball Sub with Sauce & Cheese 5.0
- Hot Dog 4.0
- Noodles Assorted Flavours 3.5
- Monday Special: Pasta of the Day (See Canteen) 5.0
- Tuesday Special: Fried Rice (See Canteen) 5.0
- Wednesday Special: Meatball Subs 5.0
- Thursday Special: Lasagne 5.0
- Friday Special: Shepherds Pie 5.0

Wednesday & Thursday Sushi Special Term 1 & 4

- 2 Rolls from 6.5
- Chicken Teriyaki, California, Tuna & Avocado.

Cold Deli Selection

- Garden Salad with Italian Dressing 4.5
- Add Chicken Breast 5.0
- Coleslaw 4.5
- Jelly 1.5

Coffee

- Latte, Cappuccino, Hot Chocolate, Tea etc.
- Small 3.5
- Medium 4.5
- Large 5.0

From The Bakery

- Assorted Gourmet Pies 4.5
- Sausage Roll 3.5
- Assorted Muffins 4.0
- Assorted Slices 4.0
- Vegetable Pastie 4.0 v

Sandwiches

- Made to order
- Assorted Breads
- Salad - Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Beetroot 4.5
- Salad add Ham 5.0
- Salad add Chicken 5.0
- Salad add Cheese 5.0
- Egg & Lettuce 4.5
- Tuna, Lettuce & Tomato 5.0
- Chicken Lettuce & Mayo 5.0
- Chicken, Avocado & Cheese 5.5
- Ham, Cheese & Tomato 4.0
- Cheese & Tomato 3.5
- Add .50 for Rolls or Wraps
- Add 1.00 for Focaccia

Drinks

- 250ml Coke-no sugar, Sprite 2.5
- 500ml Ice-Tea Varieties 4.5
- 750ml Pump Flavoured Water 4.5
- 600ml Water 3.0
- PowerAde Varieties 4.5
- 300ml Oak Milk Flavoured 3.0
- 250ml Up N Go 3.0
- 500ml Ice Break 4.5
- 600ml Oak Flavoured 4.5
- Harvey Fresh Juice Varieties from 4.0

Ice Creams

- Assorted Paddle Pops 2.2
- Mini Callippo 2.0
- Icy Twist 2.0
- Frozen Yoghurt-Gluten Free 2.5

Snacks Options

- Delites 1.0
- Red Rock Deli Chips 3.0
- Assorted Muffins 4.0
- Assorted Slices 4.0
- Cookie 3.0
- Smartie Cookie 4.0

All chicken is Halal certified



VISA MasterCard eftpos \$3 minimum



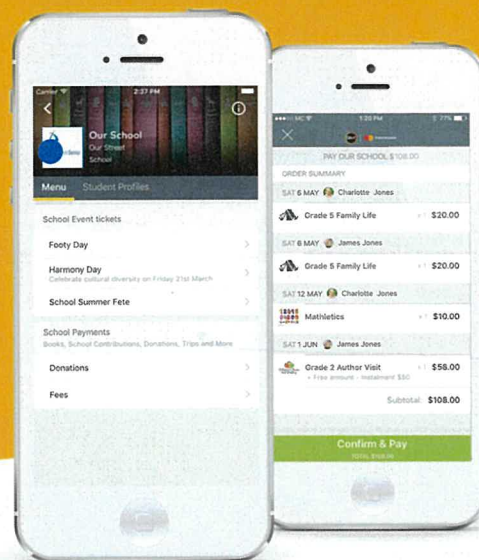
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For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:

- Order and pay for your child's lunches, reducing the need to bring cash to school;
- Pay for a variety of school items;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

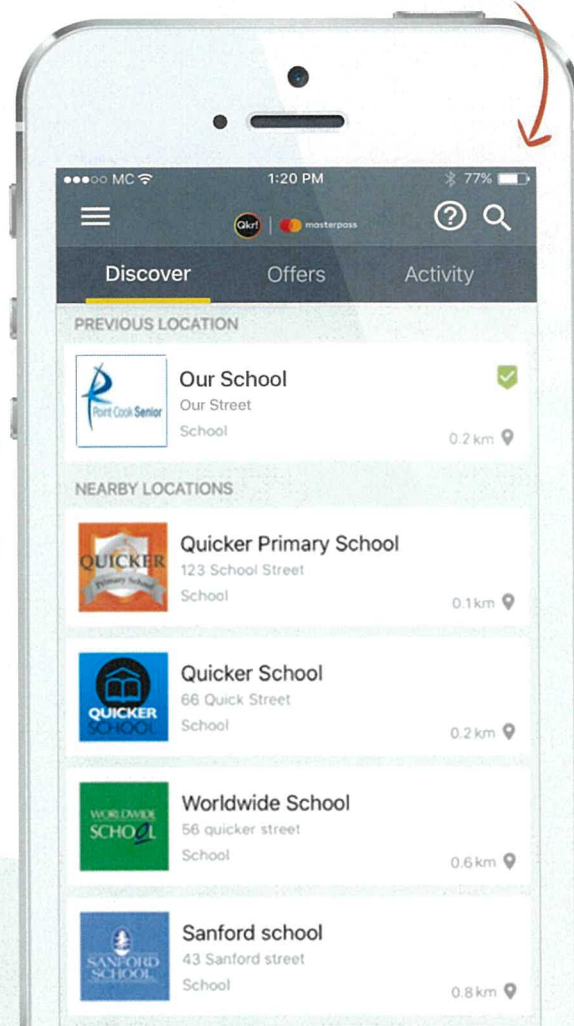
Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

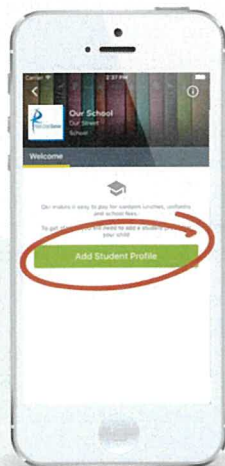




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Add your children's details in Student Profiles

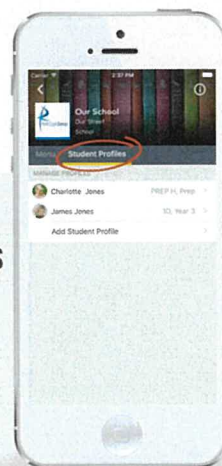
Select
'Add student profile'



Add each
child's details

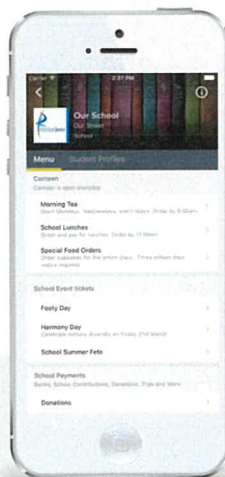


Manage each
child's details in
Student Profiles



Order meals

Select a menu
from our canteen

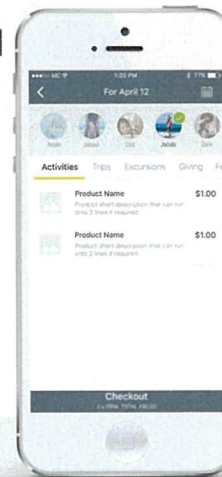


Tap the green
box to view
your receipt
or to cancel
an order



Select a date
for a child and
order a meal

Tap 'Repeat
order' to
copy all paid
orders from
one week to
the next



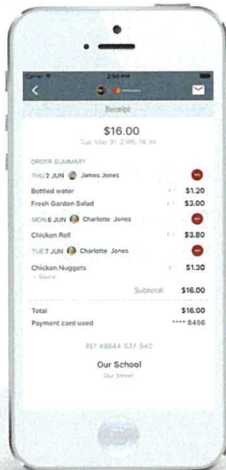
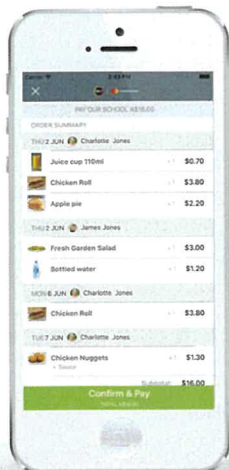
Tap to change
the date you
are ordering for

Tap to change
the child you are
ordering for

Tap 'Checkout'
then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you
can continue to the home page, or
view your receipt.