



SENIOR NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome all students and staff returning to Wodonga Senior Secondary College in 2014. Whilst the majority of students were present for headstart, I would also like to warmly welcome the many new students (and their families) who have transferred in from other schools, or newly arrived to the area over the holidays and enrolled at the College. In addition to our new Year 10 students joining us from the Middle Years College and the Flying Fruit Fly Circus School, we especially welcome those new to the College from other schools and the students who will study VET subjects throughout 2014, whilst completing their other studies in their home schools. Our enrolments have certainly been constant and strong leading up to the start of the school year.

I believe the Senior College has much to offer our students. Our curriculum offering is second to none; our choice of subjects is one of the widest on offer of any college in Victoria. The arts, humanities, sciences, and languages courses have been well catered to; our VET (Vocational Education and Training) and VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) programs are innovative and have already been acknowledged as one of the largest on offer in Victoria. We look forward to strong community links to maximise our opportunities for students.

I believe the results we are achieving can be attributed to the engaging curriculum offered to students, combined with high expectations of staff and rigorous student follow-up. Despite these very good results, every year is a new group of students and we will aim to continue to improve all of these areas of the school this year and beyond.

As with previous years, we will be setting high standards and expectations for all of our students. Our clear focus will be providing the very best options for students in the Senior Years of schooling. It is our expectation that students of the school achieve outstanding performance in their VCE, VET or VCAL studies. It is our hope that every student will strive to do her or his best and the school will support all students to attain these goals. It is our wish that students will participate in a range of community service and extra-curricular activities and contribute to make the school environment vibrant, tolerant and a positive place for all.

Staff Movements for 2014

The following staff are not returning to WSSC for 2014 or taking leave:
Nicole Jasinowicz & Vicki Northey – Long service leave for Semester 1
Scott Rowlings – Leave for 2014
Andrew Box & Jill Davidson – Retired
Seren Charlton-White – Contract at Tallangatta Secondary College
Brad Chitty – End of Contract
Jess Hynes – End of Traineeship
Julie Faulkner & Priya Singh – Moved Interstate

Staff Appointments/Returning Staff

I would like to warmly welcome new and returning staff members:
Lisa Cadman– English/Music Sarah Kilner– Student Engagement
Christine Sims– English Brooke Musgrave
Jenny Hanuska– VCAL/VET Sports Ngaire Briggs– Art
Hayley Roberts– Sports Trainee Jodie Thiel– VET Childrens Services
Paul Lempriere– Timber Studies

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**Wednesday 29th
January 2014**

CALENDAR

Wed 5th & Thurs 6th Feb
Year 12 Wollongong Trip

Thurs 13th Feb
House Swimming Sports

Wed 5th March
School Photos

Mon 10th March
Labour Day Holiday

Tues 25th March
College Athletics Carnival

TERM DATES

Term 1 - 2014
29th January - 4th April

Term 2
22nd April—27th June

Term 3
14th July—19th September

Term 4 - 2014
6th October - 19th December

YEAR LEVEL COORDINATORS

Year 10 Coordinators

Tim Lamb
Michelle Heintze
Tim Bridgeman

Year 11 Coordinators

Chris North
Simon Webb

Year 12 Coordinators

Matt Moylan
Paul McMullen

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Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; **uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationary.** You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways: Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; **or** Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; **or** Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual amount per student is:

\$200 for prep students

\$150 for students in years 1 – 6

\$300 for year 7 students

\$250 for students in year 8 – until age 16*.

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by **28th February 2014.**

For more information about the EMA, visit <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx>

*Vern Hilditch
Principal*



Commemoration of National Apology Day 2014



Welcome to Country
Flag Raising Ceremony
Traditional Dancers
Guest Speakers including members of the Stolen Generations
Reading of the Apology Speech
Presentation of the Apology Manuscript

All students and families welcome

Supported by:

Wodonga Aboriginal Network
Gateway Community Health
Wodonga Senior Secondary College

For more information contact:
Sue Bell at WSSC- 60437500
Jenny Murray (KESO)- 0477324116

Wednesday 12th February 2014

Wodonga Senior Secondary College
'Galvin Hall'

69 Woodland Street Wodonga

Commencing at 10.45 am and concluding at 11.45 am