



SENIOR NEWS

Every Student, Every Opportunity, Success for All

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Help shape the Education State

Dear Parents, and Members of the Wodonga Community

The most important thing that we can do as a school community is to make sure we give each and every student a great education and a great start to life.

I know from speaking to many of you that you have great ideas for how we can improve the education we provide our students at school, and more broadly how we can improve our school system as a whole.

I also regularly hear ideas from our staff, our school council, our local businesses and others in the community on how we can make our education system even better.

The Victorian Government has committed to making Victoria the Education State and has recently begun a consultation process – asking for us to share our ideas and experiences, our challenges and solutions – to help us improve our education system across the state.

This is an opportunity for all of us to have our say and play a role in shaping what our education system will look like in the years to come.

I will be thinking about how I can contribute my ideas to this consultation and I will be asking our staff to participate as well. I invite you to join in the conversation, because your ideas and insights – as parents of children currently in our school system – are critical to making sure we get the vision right for our state to become the Education State.

You could also use social media to encourage your family and friends to join the discussion – education impacts everybody, and everyone deserves the opportunity to have their say.

The best way to get involved is to go to educationstate.education.vic.gov.au where you can join in the online conversations or register to attend one of the sessions running across the state throughout June and July. May I also invite you to a Public Meeting on “Shaping Education in Victoria” to be held at the **Performing Arts Centre at Wodonga Senior Secondary College** which is accessible off Woodland Street Wodonga at 5.30pm on **Tuesday 28 July** where your ideas will help us shape the future of Education in not only Wodonga but also Victoria.

As always, I invite you to share your ideas with me on what is working well and what we can do better.

*Vern Hilditch
Principal*

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July 2015

CALENDAR

Wednesday 22nd July

Trade Careers Day

29th July to 7th August

WMYC transition tours

Thursday 30th July

Year 9 to 10 transition
information evening

Friday 7th August

Deb Ball

Wednesday 12th August

WSSC Subject Expo

TERM DATES

Term 1

29th January - 27th March

Term 2

13th April—26th June

Term 3

13th July—18th September

Term 4

5th October - 18th December

YEAR LEVEL COORDINATORS

Year 10 Coordinators

Tim Lamb
Brydie Hind
Tim Bridgeman

Year 11 Coordinators

Chris North
Simon Webb

Year 12 Coordinators

Matt Moylan
Paul McMullen

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We want to hear from you, so to have your say go to:
educationstate.education.vic.gov.au

SCIENCE ROADSHOW

Our science students at WSSC put theory into practice today, thanks to the Victoria University Science Roadshow, WSSC alumni, and Victoria University PhD candidate, Aida provided students with a glimpse into the variety of careers that relate to chemistry. Year 12 Chemistry students used university level analytical equipment to investigate aspirin in analgesic tablets, caffeine in energy drinks and sugars in honey. The Year 10 Advanced Science class experienced what it is like to 'be a chemist' through experiments on how oil can be removed from sea birds, how liquid batteries work, and what coloured ink is made of. Thanks to all involved for a fantastic experience!



*Michael Rosenbrock
Science Coordinator*

FRIENDS OF WILLOW PARK

Since the start of this year, Wodonga Senior Secondary VCAL students have been volunteering with the organisation Friends of Willow Park. The aim of this is for Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) students learn a range of skills and to contribute to the community.

Friends of Willow Park are part of the Wodonga Urban Landcare Network and work towards improving their park. They also focus on educating and involving the community in protecting, preserving and valuing parklands.

VCAL students have been involved in numerous activities, including mulching, planting seedlings and refurbishing picnic tables. In this experience, the students have been able to use angle grinders, drills and many more power tools.

Students have been organising a Schools National Tree Day on the 24th of July, involving St Monica's grade 3 and 4 students. The VCAL students will be providing the primary students with a barbecue on the day, teaching them how to plant, assisting with the planting and giving them an opportunity to give back to nature.

The community is invited to come to National Tree Day, on Sunday the 26th July from 10am to 2pm at Willow Park. There will be a barbecue, coffee and cake stalls, sustainability workshops, children's tent, information and displays and an opportunity to help in tree planting. VCAL Students have appreciated the experience of working in a local park. We have also gained valuable skills and looked at a range of career options.



VCAL Students