



## Wodonga Senior Secondary College Year 9 into 10 Transition Program

Dear Parent/Guardian

Wodonga Senior Secondary College in partnership with Wodonga Middle Years College is implementing the following program to provide you and your child with extensive advice and guidance in choosing their Year 10 course of study for 2016.

Wodonga Senior Secondary College has the ability to offer an extensive range of subject choices for Year 10 students. The subjects on offer will run if a sufficient number of students select that particular subject. Also in some cases students may need to reselect due to a clash of class times. Students who have changes to be made as a result of this process will be notified during Term 4.

Attached is a timeline that includes all important dates and information sessions. Please ensure you read this carefully and mark the significant dates on your calendar.

NB: Students will need to have their draft selection form signed by:

- A parent/guardian
- Their A-team teacher (course advisor)

For further information please contact Tim Bridgeman (02) 60437500

Tim Bridgeman  
**Transition Coordinator**  
**Wodonga Senior Secondary College**

# Year 9 into 10 Transition Time Line

## Term 3

- Week 2      **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**  
Course selection handbooks will be distributed to all Year 9 students in their A-Team meetings (These handbooks should be retained for the next 2 years).
- Students will be provided with advice and guidance from their A-Team and other teachers in course selection over the course of this Term (Weeks 2-8). Senior College staff and students will visit the Middle Years Campus' to support this process.
- Week 3      **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 6:00pm Huon (Student and Parents)**  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 7:00pm Felltimber and FFFC (Students and Parents)**  
– Lecture Theatre, Wodonga Senior Secondary College  
**Parents and Students Information Night** – Parents and students are invited to attend a Year 10 Course Information Evening to gain greater information about the courses and pathways available. **See invitation included with this letter.**
- Week 4      **Academic Advancement Program** – Students wishing to choose the Academic Advancement program need to let their respective Year 9 Co-ordinators know by **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August**. This is necessary for upcoming testing and interviews.
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August – On Demand Testing**  
Conducted for students who are not currently enrolled in the SEAL program at WMYC and wanting to choose the Academic Advancement Program at WSSC.
- Week 5      **Subject Expo Night at Wodonga Senior Secondary College**  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of August 6.00pm at WSSC Trade Training Centre**  
Parents and students are invited to attend a Subject Expo Evening to interact with individual subject/elective teachers and learn more about the courses and offerings available. The Expo will begin at 6.00pm at the Trade Training Centre at Wodonga Senior Secondary College.
- Week 6      **Year 10 Student Presentations at WMYC – Huon**  
WSSC students travelling to WMYC to present to students information and the different aspects of life at WSSC.
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> August 3:30-5:30pm Academic Advancement Interviews**  
Parents and students who are involved in the SEAL program, or those that have previously indicated and therefore been tested and are hoping to gain entry into the Advancement program are invited to attend interviews with WSSC staff in the Seminar room at WSSC. Times will be individually communicated.
- Week 7      **Year 10 Student Presentations at WMYC – Felltimber**  
WSSC students travelling to WMYC to present to students information and the different aspects of life at WSSC.

Week 7      **Online course selection at Wodonga Senior Secondary College Library**  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August – Huon Students**  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August – Feltrimber**  
**FFFC students will have a WSSC representative attend FFFC School for subject selections.**

Students are to attend their scheduled A-Team session at the Senior College to enter their final course selections online. **Parents and Guardians are invited to attend this session** and meet with both Middle and Senior College Transition staff.  
**Students will need to bring their draft selection form signed by a parent/guardian to this session.**

## Term 4

Week 6      **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November (Huon) and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November (Feltrimber) - Second round tours of WSSC**  
Small transition group visits of WSSC for identified students.

Week 8      **Headstart – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November until the Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
All students who will attend the College in 2016 are expected to attend and complete the first two weeks of their 2016 program. This includes attending all the subjects students are enrolled in for first semester 2016. **All Year 9 students in 2015 are expected to come to the Senior College full time for the two week period.**

Week 10     **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
All parents/guardians and students are to be invited for scheduled interviews at the Senior College to discuss any concerns regarding transition. The interview will be with your students Graduate Program teacher and review course selection and head start. It will also be a chance to discuss any special considerations, bus passes, netbook acceptable use policy, locker issues, etc. **Your attendance during these scheduled interviews is greatly encouraged.**  
**Please Note: Students are not required to attend WMYC during the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of December and are only required at WSSC for their scheduled interview time over these two days.**



## Year 9 into 10 Parent Information Evening

### WODONGA SENIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE – LECTURE THEATRE

**6:00pm Huon (Parents & Students) Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

**7:00pm Felltimber & FFFC (Parents & Students) Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student,

You are invited to attend an information session on the structure of Year 10 and senior courses on offer to assist in student decision making for 2016.

Apart from the structure of a standard Year 10 course of study, we will further explain other options available to Year 10 students such as Vocational Education & Training Programs and the Academic Advancement Program which includes Maths, Science, English and Humanities.

Year 10 students are also able to undertake accelerated studies at the year level above with the approval of course advisors. This means Year 10 students may undertake early studies in VCE.

The establishment of the Senior College specifically focusing on the career and academic pathways of students in Years 10-12 has enabled the offering of a broader range of subjects, more intensive specialisation opportunities and greater access to excellence in teaching and learning facilities for all students.

Wodonga Senior Secondary College offers an extensive academic program, exemplary Performing Arts and Visual Arts programs, outstanding ICT & Technology programs and the broadest range of VCE and VET offerings in the region. Access to leadership and extra curricula activities including a wide range of sports and community service is an integral aspect of the College's focus on preparing young people for their roles as active and responsible citizens.

This evening is enormously helpful in providing information to prospective students and their parents/guardians. If you require any further information or assistance please do not hesitate to contact the Wodonga Senior Secondary College general office on (02) 6043 7500.

Regards,

Vern Hilditch

Principal

Wodonga Senior Secondary College

## Year 9 into 10 Online Course Selections

Dear Student and Parent/Guardian,

Students are invited to enter their Year 10 course selections for 2016 at Wodonga Senior Secondary College on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August. These will be done online with the support of our computer technicians. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend along with their child and have a look at the College.

Students have been allocated an appointment time with their A-Team group (see table below). At each session, the following staff will be available to answer any questions you may have about subjects or the course selection process:

1. **Your A-Team Teacher**
2. **Darren Clough / Darcy Eaton** - Year 9 Co-ordinators
3. **Mr Tim Bridgeman** – Year 9 into 10 Transition Co-ordinator / Year 10 Co-ordinator WSSC
4. **Computer Technicians** – WSSC

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August - Huon

Time	Library	
3:30pm	<b>A-Team A</b> Cherie Heintze	<b>A-Team B</b> Darcy Eaton
4:00pm	<b>A-Team C</b> Michael Smith	<b>A-Team D</b> Ben Jones
4:30pm	<b>A-Team E</b> Briony Henderson	<b>A-Team F</b> Maree Bannister
5:00pm	<b>A-Team G</b> Millie Derwentsmith	

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August – Felltimber / FFFC

Time	Room 306	Room TN3
3:30pm	<b>A-Team A</b> Lucy Widdup	<b>A-Team B</b> Miranda O'Shea
4:00pm	<b>A-Team C</b> Darren Clough	<b>A-Team D</b> Claire Stewart
4:30pm	<b>A-Team E</b> Kim O'Shea	<b>A-Team D</b> Emma Plunkett

All students will need to bring their **draft selection form** signed by:

1. **A parent/guardian**
2. **Their A-Team Teacher**

Students selecting to take a VCE or VET subject in 2016 will need to bring their **Year 9 Student Application for a VCE/VET Study in 2016** signed by

1. **A parent/guardian**
2. **Their A-Team Teacher**
3. **The appropriate subject teacher** (e.g. if selecting VCE Art your Year 9 Art Teacher needs to sign this form)

If you are unable to attend the appointed session, please contact Darren Clough (Felltimber) or Darcy Eaton (Huon) at the Middle Years College on 6057 9000.

Regards,



Tim Bridgeman  
Year 9 into10 Transition Co-ordinator WSSC