### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Every Student, Every Opportunity, Success for All

To All Parents, the College has recently been notified that one of our students has been diagnosed with Whooping Cough. The student is currently taking medication and will not return to school until they are well. If you are concerned about your child please consult your GP. We have contacted the appropriate people and have put some information on the College website: <u>http://www.wssc.vic.edu.au/?p=25273</u>

### **Student ID Cards**

The new gate next to Galvin Hall has been setup to allow students to use their ID card to enter and exit the school. **The College policy for leaving the school grounds has not changed and you must have written permission from a parent or guardian to leave the school grounds.** To enable your 2015 Student ID card to work, you will first need to enrol your card into the gate system, instructions on how to do this can be found on the College website: <a href="http://www.wssc.vic.edu.au/?p=25267">http://www.wssc.vic.edu.au/?p=25267</a>

If you have lost your ID card, a replacement can be printed at the cost of \$10, please see the front office to arrange this. If you have not received a card, you are entitled to one card for free, please ask at the main office to arrange this.

#### WSSC SLC Students at the DECA

Students from the Wodonga Senior Secondary College Student Leadership Council took part in a defensive driving course at the DECA (Driver Education Centre of Australia), located at Logic Centre Barnawartha.

Students were instructed about road rules, technology that was keeping them safe on the roads and how to use ESC (Electronic Stability Control) and DSC (Dynamic Stability Control). Throughout the day the students participated in various driving practical activities including steering and braking simultaneously at speed, braking with and without ABS engaged and experiencing first-hand the impact on your stopping distances when you reduce your speed by only 5kmh.

All students involved had a fantastic day at DECA, learning valuable skills that will assist them when driving on the roads in our community and we highly recommend it to other students.

The College will be running this program again next year, this will be open to WSSC students. For more information contact the College: (02) 60437500.



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## CALENDAR

Wednesday 9th September WSSC Trivia Fundraising Night

Thursday 17th September Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 18th September Last Day of Term

Monday 5th October First Day of Term 4

## **TERM DATES**

**Term 1** 29<sup>th</sup> January - 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Term 2** 13<sup>th</sup> April—26<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 3** 13<sup>th</sup> July—18<sup>th</sup> September

**Term 4** 5<sup>th</sup> October - 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Naomi Wattie Paul McMullen

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#### YEAR 12 ROCK & WATER

The Year 12 Outdoor Education class left for Canberra at 5am on a Wednesday wintery morning. The morning consisted of ice skating with many newbies, plenty of laughs were had and many falls with the most persistence award goes to Rhiannon McGrath with every fall she took we were wondering if she was crying or laughing! But the best stack award goes to Tim Smith right in front of the entrance for all of us to see.

Once we had lunch we went Indoor Rock cimbing. Students all worked together and had fun with many different climbs, rope climbing and bouldering.

Day 2- After a night at Goulburn we were off to Penrith to participate in White-Water Rafting. The students had many laughs, squeals and capsizes. The students had seven-eight people in each raft with most people falling in, the weather improved for the two hour experience. Once we finished we had lunch and most students experiencing a Krispy Kreme.

We then headed off the Wee Jasper for our final activity being Caving. We headed into the signature cave at 10pm where students found some challenges through the caves and played hide and seek in the area named 'Children's playground'.

Day 3-We packed up camp and headed for Tip Cave with a little problem happening at the entrance with the wire breaking but the students eventually got down and explored 'adults playground' we had many students trying the Laundry shoot and Leap of Faith. Once we were ready to leave we had to have our last Cave Rave by our own Patrick White breaking the moves in the Cave. We arrived back Friday afternoon, a big congratulations to the students in the participation in the activities, with some tears of fright but it was a great trip! Thanks to Alex for coming along and Mr Smith driving all that way.



Keely McLaren Sports Trainee

## **CAREERS NEWS**

**Information Technology Scholarships at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS)** Are you planning to apply for an IT degree at UTS to start in 2016? The second and final round of the Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT) Coop Scholarships are now open and close on 30 September. The scholarships are worth \$46,500 each, http://bit.ly/1LF067s

**Careers with Code** This website focuses on computer science and coding careers. You can take an IT careers quiz, research courses, and read profiles of young people working in IT. http://careerswithcode.com.au/



Worried you won't receive the ATAR to be able to attend university? Australian Catholic University, Canberra Campus has a new initiative called the "Special Admissions Program". This is for students who will receive a low ATAR or no ATAR due to circumstances beyond their control.

This program allows the school Principal to nominate students who have the capacity to achieve at university, despite not receiving an ATAR or receiving a low ATAR. Applications close Monday 19 October. For information on the program, phone the Canberra Campus on 02 6209 1100 or email: studentcentre@signadou.acu.edu.au

Careers Information contact: MOJ@wssc.vic.edu.au

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