

Senior News

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Principals Report

School Survey

The College is seeking the feedback of parents and guardians as part of our 2016 to 2019 Strategic Plan. Our College is seeking feedback from staff, students and parents/guardians which will help us work towards our accreditation as a High Reliability School. This feedback will assist the College to improve the work we are doing in three of our four school goals. More information is available on the College website: <http://bit.ly/2aHxgY6>

Celebrating What We Do

It is a time to reflect and celebrate on what we do for young people in Wodonga. As the only public providers of secondary education in Wodonga we are committed to providing an educational opportunity and pathway for all.

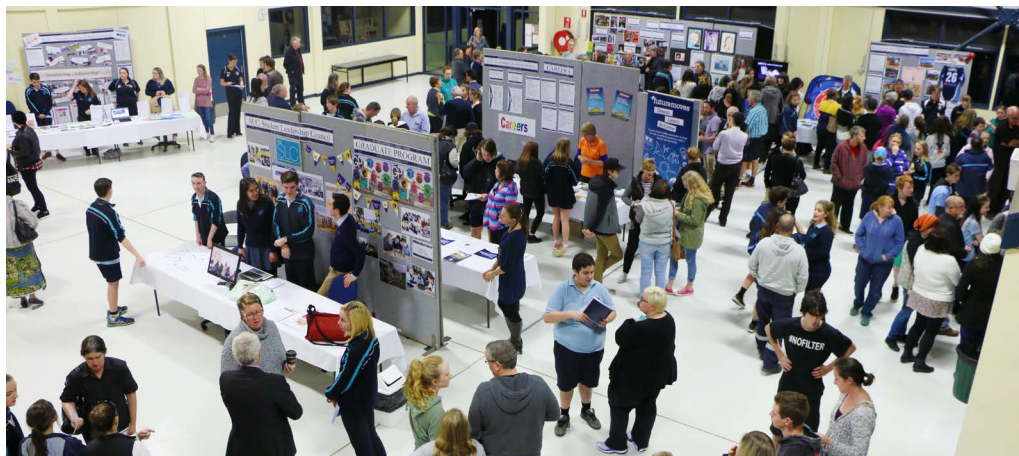
We cater for all and even though we encourage every student to aim high and keep their options open we celebrate and value the range of pathways and support we provide. From literacy support and SEAL programs to VCAL, VET and VCE we provide challenging programs where every student can be proud of what they achieve.

Home Stay

The College is seeking a family to home stay (Nick) SHI Deshuai a student from China. Please contact the College if you would like to apply. Phone: (02) 6043 7500. Take a look at what a home stay involves: <http://bit.ly/2aWBefF>

Subject Expo and Course Selection

Our annual Subject Expo was a great success, with most current Year 10 and 11 students have now completed Subject selection sign off. The Year 9 students and parents attended on Wednesday night and most were amazed at the depth and breadth of the subject offerings available.



Vern Hilditch
Principal

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**Monday 15th
August 2016**

Calendar

**Wednesday 17th
August**

Online Subject Selection

**Tuesday 18th &
Thursday 20th October**

Laptop Information
Evening

Friday 30th September
AFL Grand Final Holiday

Term Dates

Term 1

27th January - 24th
March

Term 2

11th April - 24th June

Term 3

11th July - 16th
September

Term 4

3rd October - 20th
December

Coordinators

Year 10

Tim Lamb
Tim Bridgeman
Naomi Wattie

Year 11

Brydie Hind
Alex Nelson

Year 12

Simon Webb
Sheri Parkhouse

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Youth Mental Health Forum

The Albury Wodonga Youth mental health forum was held at the Cube on Tuesday August 9th. The day was a collaborative work between Albury and Wodonga health services with a goal to empower and educate young people, and in turn, reducing the stigmas associated with mental health. We heard from Charlie Cooper, a representative from the national headspace youth voice committee. He spoke of his personal experiences with anxiety, and how he sought help and is now passionate about reducing the stigma of seeking help, particularly for young males.

We heard from students who had taken action in their own schools, Finley High School formed the STOMP team, a student team on mental health planning. Where they promoted national mental health initiatives, RUOK day and World Teachers day, where they appreciated their teachers. They have implemented blue as a colour for seeking help, and had blue day, and painted wellbeing doors blue to improve transition for incoming year 7s to easily identify where to seek help.

We decided that we would form a student led action team to work on wellbeing for students and raising awareness and in turn reducing the stigma of anxiety, depression and seeking help. We will be inviting other students to participate with us. Watch this space!



Jacqui Boehringer
*Defence Transition Mentor
& Groups Facilitator*

Careers News

Folio Information Evening at Deakin University:

If you are in Year 12 and are planning to apply for one of the following courses at Deakin, you will need to submit a portfolio: Animation and Motion Capture, Photography, Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design.

At the Deakin Folio Information Evening being run on 15 September at the Melbourne campus, you will be able to find out about the folio requirements and get tips and insights on how to submit an excellent folio, <http://bit.ly/2aHzMyP>

Are you a girl who loves computer science and coding?

The team at Code Like a Girl are running the following workshop for girls in secondary school: Creative Coding – an introduction to coding through digital art making. The event will be held on Sunday 2 October at The National Academy of Technology, Melbourne. For information and to register, go to: <http://bit.ly/2bwIXGx>

Interested in studying at Monash University? The Monash Guarantee is an equity program that sets a lower guaranteed ATAR for selected degrees for students who are eligible for one or more of the following categories:

- Live in a low socio-economic area
- Attend a Monash under-represented school
- Indigenous Australian
- Have experienced financial disadvantage.

For information, go to: <http://bit.ly/2aT09PP>

Jim Moylan
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