

# Senior News

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## Principals Report

### Child Safety Standards

Promoting and protecting the safety and interests of children is a top priority for our school and Wodonga Federation of Government Schools (The Federation). Our School, along with the others within The Federation, has a zero tolerance of child abuse.

The Victorian Government are phasing in new child safe standards for all schools and organisations working with children up to 18 years old. The standards are a direct response to the recommendations from the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and other Non-Government organisations. The standards require schools to have a child safety policy, child safety code of conduct, strategies to prevent child abuse and respond to suspected child abuse, recruitment procedures to minimise or remove risks of child abuse, and strategies to promote child participation and empowerment.

In implementing the standards schools must take into consideration the diversity of all children. The needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities, and children who are vulnerable must be a particular focus.

Our school is working with The Federation to have a common approach to preventing and responding to child abuse across the government schools in Wodonga. At our next school council meeting we will review the Wodonga Federation of Government Schools Child Safety Policy and Code of Conduct.

### 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>



**Vern Hilditch**  
*Principal*

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**Monday 22nd  
August 2016**

## Calendar

**Monday 22nd &  
Tuesday 23rd**  
WMYC Subject Selection

**Friday 30th September**  
AFL Grand Final Holiday

**Tuesday 18th &  
Thursday 20th October**  
Laptop Information  
Evening

## 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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## Go Girl, Go 4 IT

Go Girl, Go 4 IT has been a fantastic day for the 45 students from Wodonga Senior Secondary College and Wodonga Middle Years College where misconceptions and assumptions about careers in the IT industry have been smashed. "IT is not just a boys game" stated Sophie Blachford from Instagram. "It is an ever evolving industry where the rules and stereotypes are being rewritten." The event was held at Deakin University Burwood campus on Tuesday August 16th.

Through participation in a wide range of Workshops and Keynote Speakers, students were exposed to the many IT entrepreneurs shaping what it now means to #BeTheNerd.



**Michelle Heintze**  
*Multimedia & LOTE Teacher*

## Careers News

### 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/2bablf6>

### 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>

### La Trobe University - Hallmark Program:

Successful students receive a four-year scholarship, a guaranteed honours year, and participate in enrichment activities. To be eligible, you must receive the La Trobe Vice Chancellor's Excellence Scholarship, <http://bit.ly/1gogdfa>

**Jim Moylan**  
*Careers*

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