

Senior News

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Principals Report

College Transition Tours

To ensure a smooth transition process into the College, tours will be conducted on the following dates:

- Thursday September 7th
- Thursday October 12th
- Thursday November 2nd

The whole school tours will begin at 4:00pm at the front office with enrolment enquiries welcome. Book your school tour today using this link on the College website:

<http://www.wssc.vic.edu.au/?p=27214> For more information, contact the College transition coordinator Tim Bridgeman, phone: (02) 6043 7500.

Missed the Subject Information Evening?

The College held an open night on Thursday August 10th in the Trade Training Centre. This was an opportunity for parents and students to consult with Teachers and current students from across all subject areas about making an informed decision about subject preferences and career pathway development. If you had missed the event or would like more information contact the College on: (02) 6043 7500 and speak to David Whitehead, the Assistant Principal of Transition.

College Uniform

Students are reminded that it is an expectation that they should be attending school in full school uniform at all times. If you need support to access uniform, please contact Matt Moylan, Assistant Principal in charge of wellbeing. More information can be found on the school website: http://www.wssc.vic.edu.au/?page_id=2587

Byte by Byte - Digital Technologies Professional Development

To further support the implementation of the Victorian Governments Digital Technologies curriculum, a Professional Development session for staff in the region was hosted at the College. The event aims to provide staff a greater understanding of the curriculum, exposing every student in Victoria to coding concepts allowing them to thrive in the digital age.



The first day of the Professional Development is under way

Vern Hilditch
Principal

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**Monday 28th
August 2017**

Calendar

Monday 4th August
WFGS Arts Festival

Tuesday 5th September
Year 12 English and
Maths practice exams

Friday 22nd September
Last day of Term 3

Monday 9th October
First day of Term 4

Term Dates

Term 2
18th April - 30th June

Term 3
17th July - 22nd
September

Term 4
9th October - 22nd
December

Coordinators

Year 10
Tim Lamb
Cynthia McFarland
Tim Bridgeman

Year 11
Chris North
Naomi Wattie

Year 12
Brydie Hind
Paul McMullen

VCAL
Mark Smit
Sarah Maybury

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Embrace VCAL Project

A group of VCAL students organised an event, which included a screening of the documentary 'Embrace' and guest speakers from Life Intended. The film follows the journey of identity and discovery for Taryn Brumfitt.

Year 12 VCAL students Sophia Voss, Mikaela Moncrieff and Emma Reid organised the event for their peers, facilitating a supportive environment for the group to discuss positive body image, taking the first steps to embrace who they are.

The group of VCAL students would like to thank and recognise the businesses within our community who showed generosity and a genuine interest in the Embrace fundraiser day held earlier in the week.

All the donations went to a good cause, and we'd like to show our appreciation to Skin Logics Albury, Breathe hair studio, aZesty Health, The Wodonga Beauty room, Pout Albury, Little nest, Priceline Albury, The Buddha Shop Albury and Lorum lashes.

In addition to the 'Embrace' event, a whole school gold coin donation casual clothes day was organised, with all of the proceeds going to the Albury Wodonga Women's Centre.



Food for Thought

At Wodonga Senior Secondary College, we have a large focus on student wellbeing and providing a positive space for our students to achieve and contribute effectively to our region.

Current research has shown that 1 in 5 students in Australia go to school hungry due to financial and family issues (Cahill, 2015).

We know at the College that positive wellbeing increases the chances for students to have:

- Higher academic achievement and complete Year 12
- Better physical and mental health and more pro-social, responsible and lawful lifestyle
- Greater participation in the workforce
- More social inclusion (DEEWR, 2008)

This term we have introduced free fruit to our students. When the students arrive, they can pick up easy care fruit (bananas, mandarins, apples). The response from our students has been overwhelmingly positive.

We have been lucky enough to work in partnership with Woolies at White Box Rise, Coles at Birallee and the brand new Woolies on the corner of High Street and Elgin Boulevard who have generously donated the fruit for the benefit of our students.



Tracee Flynn
Wellbeing Coordinator

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