

Senior News

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Principals Report

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all students and staff. As you would be aware a great deal needs to be achieved in a very short time as we bring 2017 to a close. Over the study break, Year 12 students completed a series of practice exams to assist in the preparation for their VCE end of year exams later in the year. The last day of school for Year 12 students is Wednesday October 25.

Year 12 Students Last Day - Wednesday 25th October

Wednesday the 25th of October will be the last day of formal classes at Wodonga Senior Secondary College for the Year 12 class of 2017. Arrangements for the day are as follows:

Period 1:

Formal whole school assembly, followed by Year 12 assembly, in Galvin Hall. Year 12 students are to be seated in the centre of Galvin Hall before 8.55am. Late arrivals will not be admitted. Students must be in full, non-altered, school uniform and in a fit state to attend school.

This will be followed by an assembly run by the Year 12s. At the completion of the Year 12 only assembly, the students will be required to clean and pack up Galvin Hall ready for use by PE classes period 3.

Lunchtime, Period 3 and 4: No classes.

Students are to leave the College and go home at the completion of the assemblies. Students who wish to remain at school to study may do so in the Year 12 Study Centre. Students not doing this will be asked to go home.

While it is a time for celebration at the conclusion of your child's studies prior to their examinations, we would like to take this opportunity to reinforce the College's expectations regarding behaviour and conduct on this day. Students are reminded that all normal school expectations and policies need to be adhered to. These can be viewed on the College website.

Any student who does not adhere to clearly defined College behaviour policies, or fails to follow the directions of any staff member during the day, will be asked to leave the school grounds immediately and may incur further consequences, such as:

1. Being banned from the Year 12 Valedictory Ceremony
2. Having to sit the exams in a venue other than WSSC.

Vern Hilditch
Principal

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**Monday 9th
October 2017**

Calendar

Monday 9th October
First day of Term 4

Friday 20th October
Kaleidoscope Exhibition

**Wednesday 25th
October**
Last Day Year 12

Friday 27th October
Year 12 Valedictory

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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Solar Car Challenge

Students from Wodonga Senior Secondary College are gearing up for the 2017 Albury/Wodonga Solar Car Challenge event. With the event held later this term, the students are currently working through the process of designing, constructing and testing their solar car, to ensure that it is competition ready on race day.

Year 11 student Thomas Krant said "working through this project, I have developed lots of new skills and learnt how each of the various components operate that go into building a solar car".

Each competing team paired up with an industry professional, providing an opportunity for students to gain an insight into their industry working alongside them throughout this project. Over the past couple of months, the College team has been working with Matthew from Broad Spectrum to complete their car.



VCAL Student Report

I am Josh, a Year 10 VCAL Student and I have just completed Literacy intermediate this term. I aspire to be a Fabricator or a fitter and turner through an apprenticeship, as I really enjoy making things from metal. VCAL has given me an opportunity to do a two and a half year work placement at Visy Board Wodonga every Thursday and I really enjoy working there. I have learnt so many new things at Visy and I am sure I will continue to do so.

Along with VCAL allowing me to do my work placement at Visy, it has also allowed me to work at Wodonga Primary School, where I was doing chemical registry. It was not my forte but it was interesting to learn about. Also last weekend I was a part of helping a VCAL student with their Personal Development Project through the Rotary Markets, this was held in Albury at the Wilson Street Carpark. I was glad I was able to assist them by lending a hand cooking on the BBQ.

To be a successful VCAL student, I believe you have to be determined and willing to get in there and get the work done. One of the things that drives me to be a successful VCAL Student is the goal I have set myself throughout the VCAL Program. This is to be able to get an apprenticeship in my preferred trade and the pathway VCAL has allowed me to take.

My last piece of advice to be a successful VCAL student would be that if you are determined enough to finish the work, even with a busy schedule outside of schools hours, getting in the classroom and just doing the work or simply asking the teacher for help when you are not so sure. You will succeed in school and you will gradually see the benefits of what you have accomplished. Everything will be worth it once you receive that certificate of completion!

Josh Herrmann
Year 10 VCAL Student

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