

Senior News

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Principals Report

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Our College proudly commemorates both ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day each year. This year WSSC will commemorate Remembrance Day on Friday 10th of November with a ceremony at 9:45am at the flagpole. If weather is an issue this will be moved inside the Trade Training Centre foyer.

NEFLN a Finalist in State Award

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the staff of our Flexible Learning Network who were shortlisted for an Education Excellence award.

The gala ceremony was held last week in Melbourne. A link to the full Border Mail article can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2hhHGF8>

Year 10 and 11 Exams - 16th November to 23rd November

Year 10 and 11 students are reminded that the end of year exam period will commence on Thursday November 16th and will run to Thursday November 23rd. Throughout this time students are only required at school when they have an exam and are expected to arrive at the exam venue fifteen minutes before the commencement of their exam in appropriate, neat casual wear which includes enclosed footwear (no thongs).

Headstart Program - 27th November to 8th December

The Headstart period is an important part of preparation for 2018 and therefore important that you attend school during these weeks as it will set you up for a successful start to the following year. The two weeks of headstart will run until Friday December 8th.



Year 10 students getting hands on with technology as part of the Exploring Work Futures Through VET Program

Vern Hilditch
Principal

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**Monday 7th
November 2017**

Calendar

**Thursday November
16th - November 23rd**
Year 10 and 11 Exams

Friday November 24th
Wodonga Gold Cup -
Public Holiday

**Monday November 27th
to December 8th**
2018 Headstart Program

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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Dare to Dream Workshop

On Thursday the 5th of November, forty-five Wodonga Senior Secondary College students attended a Dare to Dream Entrepreneurial Workshop at Latrobe University in partnership with Project Gen Z.

The first motivational speaker was Ben Pettingill who spoke about the concept of 'limitless vision' and how you should not let your limits stop you from achieving your goals. Ben has a rare genetic condition (Lebers Hereditary Optic Neuropathy), and he is 98% blind. The second guest speaker was Liz Volpe, one of Australia's most prominent female entrepreneurs. Liz shared with us her experiences and goals leaving us with an empowering message to 'just say YES and learn how to do it later'. Before she came to Australia, she lived in a caravan and was working four jobs on top of completing high school.

The group activity was called 'The Apprentice Challenge'. This challenge required teams to create a company and allocate roles of responsibility such as CEO, CFO, the Marketing team, Production, and the Sales Presenter. The brief was to sell Project Gen Z pens. For this task, a 30-second advert, a logo, a slogan, a name for the object and company and short a sales pitch was required. This workshop was a great experience and loads of fun. It pushed everyone out of their comfort zones (teams were chosen at random) and helped students explore their inner creativity. If given the opportunity to do this workshop again, we would definitely recommend it to others



Jasmine Kellet
Year 10 Student

Caltex All-Rounder Award

Vern Hilditch of Wodonga Senior Secondary College today announced Year 12 student, Michael Willcox as the school's recipient of the 2017 Caltex Best All Rounder Award, one of Australia's most prestigious secondary school prizes.



Michael joins a select group of secondary students around Australia who have received a Caltex Best All Rounder Award for excellence in their studies, on the sports field and for their work in the community.

Throughout Michael's time at Wodonga Senior Secondary College, he has applied himself to all facets of school life. Michael represented the school in 2015 as part of the Year 10 Interschool Cricket Team. He has completed five Impact Projects over the three years of Graduate Program. Michael has been an integral member of the WSSC Kool Skools Band composing, arranging and recording songs every year, two of which are on a compilation album. In 2015, Michael participated in the production of a film for the CSU Environmental Sustainability Film Festival. In 2015, Michael organised a buffet for students and teachers, which featured foods from different cultures. He also helped organise activities such as African drumming, Students vs Teachers Soccer Match, Indigenous paintings and guest speakers for Multicultural Day.

Michael has represented WSSC at the Albury/Wodonga Eisteddfod as part of a Rock Band, which gained Highly Commended in 2016 and 3rd place in 2017. He has also assisted backstage at the Wodonga Arts Festival in 2016-2017 on audio and lighting. In 2016, Michael was a committee Member for the Red Carpet Youth Awards in Wodonga.

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