

Wodonga Senior Secondary College

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Principals Report

Welcome Back

Welcome to the 2018 school year. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break and are now ready to face the challenges of what will be an exciting year at both colleges.

Attendance CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund)

If you have a child currently enrolled at Wodonga Senior Secondary College and you or your child currently hold one of the following:

- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans Affairs Gold Card

then you are eligible to receive \$225 under the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund announced by the Victorian Government.

Completed forms must be returned to the front office along with a copy of your concession card (Health Care, Veterans Affairs, Pensioner) by the end of Term 2. Copies can be taken at the front office at this time.

Funding payments will be paid direct to the College and placed on the student account to be used for any camps, sports activities or excursions they are involved with. Application forms can be collected from the College front office.

2018 Book Lists

Students and parents are reminded that the 2018 subject book lists can be ordered via the School Portal: <https://sims.wssc.vic.edu.au/>

It is important that every student has placed their order to ensure that they have the correct resources available to them from the beginning of the school year ensuring that they can maximise their opportunity in class.



2018 Sporting house captains assembled before their first meeting of the year

Chloe Butters & Xavier Cannizzar (Yellow) Jovana Bukvic & Anthea Waldergrave-Knight (Blue) Claire Lumby & Stephanie Lee (Red) Chelsea Styan & Ryan Franolic (Green)

Vern Hilditch
Principal

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**Monday 5th
February 2018**

Calendar

Monday February 12th
Students House Meeting

Wednesday Feb 14th
Swimming Carnival

Monday February 19th
National Apology Day
assembly

Wednesday Feb 28th
School Photos

Term Dates

Term 1 2018
29th January - 30th
March

Term 2 2018
16th April - 29th June

Term 3 2018
16th July - 21st
September

House Leaders

Gawungwa (Yellow)
Chris North
Simon Webb

Wagarra (Blue)
Brydie Hind
Lachlan Pinder

Wanamurra (Red)
Mark Smit
Cynthia McFarland

Nangwiya (Green)
Naomi Wattie
Sarah Maybury

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Open Water Learning Experience

EAL (English as an Additional Language) students participated in a water safety workshop at Noreuil Park, Albury today. The event hosted by Life Saving Victoria was held on the banks of the Murray River and gave students the opportunity to learn water safety and basic life saving techniques, ensuring that they are equipped with the necessary knowledge and training to swim safely in these unpredictable environments.

The morning session covered many aspects of water safety and provided a great lesson on the dangers that can be hidden beneath the water's surface.

Georgia from Life Saving Victoria said, "We hope that these basic skills that the students are learning here today will help them enjoy our waterways safely".

The event was held as part of the Respect the River campaign covering CPR, the use of life jackets and some basic rescue strategies that they could use if they find themselves in trouble in the water.



Subash Bhattarai, Georgia and Hamid Subedi by the Murray River at Noreuil Park

Teju Chouhan
EAL Assistant

Teen Mental Health First Aid

WSSC is conducting TMHFA training, which gives teenagers the skills they need to recognise and help with mental health problems and crises in their friends, and to get the help of an adult quickly. All Year 10 students will be doing the course during term 3 in their English or VCAL PD class.

Young people will often turn to each other when stressed or upset, and try to help each other, taking too much on. This course teaches them not to try to take on these problems alone. The course discusses suicide. You may wish to discuss this with your child, if there is a risk they will find it distressing.

This course has not been introduced because of any specific problems at the school. Mental health problems are very common in adolescents. If there has been a student suicide in the school, be aware this specific suicide will not be discussed, nor will any individual student.

For immediate online help for teenagers

- kidshelp.com.au
- eheadspace.org.au

For further information visit the following useful pages:

- mhfa.com.au
- youthbeyondblue.com
- Livingisforeveryone.com.au

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Assistant Principal

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