

# Wodonga Senior Secondary College

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## Principals Report

### School Council Nominations

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Our College has been accepting nominations to form our 2018 school council, please see our website for more information: [www.wssc.vic.edu.au/?p=27573](http://www.wssc.vic.edu.au/?p=27573)

### 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

You are then 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.

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.

### National Apology Day

On Monday our College commemorated National Apology Day with a whole school assembly in Galvin hall. The apology made by Kevin Rudd on February 13th 2008 to the people known as the Stolen Generations and to their families who have suffered is commemorated each year at the College with this year's event made possible by the partnership between our school and the Wodonga Aboriginal Network.

I would like to thank our Koori coordinator, Sue Bell for organising this year's event and student representatives Felicity Gillam, Liam Carroll Pamela Li and Jye McBurnie.



Vern Hilditch  
*Principal*

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**Monday 19th  
February 2018**

## Calendar

**Monday February 19th**  
National Apology Day  
assembly

**Wednesday Feb 28th**  
School Photos

**Monday March 12th**  
Labour Day Public  
Holiday

**Thursday March 15th**  
Subject Info Evening

## 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

**Wanumurra (Red)**  
Mark Smit  
Cynthia McFarland

**Nangwiya (Green)**  
Naomi Wattie  
Sarah Maybury

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## Graduate Program (GP) - Social Enterprise

My Social Enterprise GP class are doing some really exciting and very impressive things. The purpose of this class is to set up and run a business, with the profits at the end of the financial year going to a charity of their choice. I have multiple different groups who will be operating different business for different charities.

Group 1 is Sun Moon Truth Inc is running a custom designed t-shirt printing business with the profits to go to The Cambodia Charitable Trust Inc, a 100% not for profit organisation that supports children with a focus on schools and improving education for Cambodian children.

All of these groups aim to utilise online shopping platforms so will have their own websites and paypal platforms.

Group 2 is Give Over Take Inc is running a fundraiser aimed at schools in the local area. This business model is two pronged, they will offer the opportunity for schools to raise money through custom printed mugs, tea towels and phone cases etc. The idea is to use images selected by the students or parents, so could be photos or student art work etc, which will be uploaded onto the order form on line and then printed and delivered to the schools. The profit that this group make will be given to the UNHR which spends 86% of its available money on directly helping refugees through things such as missing persons and refugee camps.

So all in all a lot going on in Graduate Program time. These students will gain real world experiences and skills which will enable them to be outstanding contributors to society and successful and sought after graduates of WSSC. There are currently a limited number of spaces (5) available for Year 10 students to join this ground breaking group. If this sounds like you please contact Ms Yap to discuss your involvement.

**Fiona Yap**

*Graduate Program Teacher*

## Careers News

Making the most of your time at school: If you have just started back at school and you are not feeling motivated or engaged, the staff at Australian Apprenticeships Pathways have written an article with great advice about how you can become more connected with your learning and your career development. The article covers school subjects, VET subjects, school based apprenticeships, work experience and paid work. You can read the article here: <http://bit.ly/2FjY5Rm>

They have also written an article just for parents and families called 'opening the door to new opportunities for your child'. You can access it at this link: <http://bit.ly/2B113PR>



University of Melbourne new partnership with the Goulburn Valley Equine Hospital: The Goulburn Valley Equine Hospital has been purchased by the University of Melbourne to enhance clinical experience in equine medicine, surgery and reproduction for students completing the internationally recognised Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program.

Veterinary students will gain experience in all aspects of equine practice by undertaking rotations with leading specialists and veterinarians at the Goulburn Valley Equine Hospital, <http://bit.ly/2omz1RA>

**Merrill Farmer**  
*Careers Coordinator*

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