

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.

New Staff to the College

Sophie Blake - Library
Daniel Burgess - Student Engagement Trainee
Mitchell Evers - Sport & Rec Trainee
Justin Cook - Computing/Dig Photography
Andrea Gwilliam - Library
Pam Heffey - OHS/Facilities
Jess Hibberson - Beauty
Steven Jawerth - Maths/Science
Michael Kenny - English/Humanities (Teach for Australia)
Allison Parmenter - Psychology/Legal (Teach for Australia)
Haylee Penny - P.E. (LT - Curriculum 7 to 12)
David Sands - English/Humanities
Emily Saunders - Library
Tinita Wilson - EAL
Olivia Woodburne - Humanities/Science

Changes over the Holidays

Besides the usual full clean of the college buildings and the ongoing maintenance of the grounds, preparations have been made for the establishment of an English Language Centre at the Huon Campus. It will be located in A Wing and will service the needs of all New arrivals K12 to Wodonga.

Thank you to all staff especially the Grounds, Cleaning, Office and Technicians who have worked over the holidays to ensure we can start the 2018 school year in such wonderful conditions at both colleges.



Vern Hilditch
Principal

Issue No: 1

**Friday 2nd
February**

Calendar

Monday February 12th
Students House Meeting

**Wednesday February
14th**
Swimming Carnival

Monday February 19th
National Apology Day
assembly

**Wednesday February
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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Students Start off on the Right Foot

To ensure that you are prepared for a successful start to the 2018 school year please ensure that you have acted on the following points if they are applicable to you.

Study off campus

For Year 12 students that have study periods or for students that are attending the College on a part-time basis, and wish to leave the school grounds during this allocated time must complete a study off campus form. These forms are to be collected from the house leaders office, filled out and then returned to your house leader as soon as possible to ensure that you have the appropriate permission to leave the College grounds.

Attendance

The College aims for all students to take great pride in their attendance, it is important that each student follows up after they have missed a class to ensure that they have updated their attendance via the school portal and completed the necessary work outlined on the LMS.

Book a Locker

It is a requirement that all student students have booked a locker and use this to store their possessions in during class time. You can book a locker via the School Portal: <http://sims.wssc.vic.edu.au/>



David Whitehead
Assistant Principal

Secondary School vaccinations

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose for year 7 students
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for year 7 students
- Meningococcal A,C,W,Y – one dose for year 10 students

Parents/guardians of year 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The City of Wodonga immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 28 February 2018 if you do not want your contact details given to the City of Wodonga immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au Additionally, the Commonwealth government is funding vaccinations for all children under 20 years who missed scheduled vaccines. If students have missed vaccines, either in childhood or adolescence, and require catch-up vaccines, they should speak with their immunisation provider. (ie. local council or GP).

Matt Moylan
Assistant Principal

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