



## WYNDHAM COLLEGE

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# WYNDHAM WHISPERS

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## SEPTEMBER 2019

### Principal

Classa Martinuzzi – Relieving

### Deputy Principals

David Macleod-Jones & Brian Ewin – Relieving

### Collegiate Deputy Principal

Beth O'Connor

### SEPTEMBER

September 16-27 – Year 11 Final Examinations

September 26 – Year 12 Graduation

September 27<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Term 3

September 27<sup>th</sup> – October 11<sup>th</sup> School Holidays

### OCTOBER

October 14<sup>th</sup> – First day of Term 4

October 15<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – Life Ready Days

October 17<sup>th</sup> – November 12<sup>th</sup> HSC Examinations

### FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

**Term 3 Wrap** – As we approach the end of term, we are pleased to celebrate the achievements of our students and staff:

**Visual Arts HSC 2019 Breakfast Exhibition** – Our hardworking HSC Visual Arts students and staff once again held an amazing exhibition of students' HSC Body of Work (BOW). The quality and variety of works were impressive, and the exhibition provided our students a final opportunity to show their BOW to their peers, parents and staff. I wish our students well for the HSC marking of their BOW and the Art Express selection process.

**HSC Design & Technology and Industrial Technology** – this term we also saw the wonderful showcase and talents of our D&T and IT students as they presented their HSC Major Works for submission. Many thanks to all our students and staff for their efforts and sharing their works with us.

**HSC Performance Examinations and Major Projects** – during this term our students completed the HSC Performance Examination components for Dance, Drama and Music. Personal Interest Projects were also submitted for Society & Culture. I can say that I am extremely pleased and proud of their performances and submissions. Every student has worked to their ability.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work, commitment and additional hours staff have put in to support students to meet their HSC deadlines, and would like to thank them on behalf of the students and the college.

**FRIENDS OF  
WYNDHAM  
COLLEGE (e-P&C)**

**Wyndham  
Whispers will be  
emailed to all  
members**

**Parents can join the  
e-P&C at any time**

**Please contact the  
school and leave an  
email address**

**Careers Day** – Our students were given an opportunity to be involved in our inaugural Wyndham College Careers Day & Expo. The day was designed to help Year 12 students with their post-school pathway planning. Year 11 students were invited to participate in the Expo so that they can start thinking about their future pathway. Many thanks to Sue Beamer and Sarah Johnson for organising the day and coordinating so many speakers and external providers to provide our students with valuable information.

**Timetable and Lines 2020** – We are currently in the process of determining courses and lines for 2020. I would like to thank Kellie Boyd, Sue Beamer and Deb Dunn who have been interviewing current Year 11 students and parents to ensure any curriculum change will meet the needs of students and their future pathways as well as the HSC and/or ATAR requirements. Once these interviews are complete, the timetable team will generate a Year 12 timetable, which students will receive in about Week 3, ready to commence in week 4. Thus, for the first 3 weeks all students must attend their Year 11 timetabled classes. Most subjects we have offered for Year 11 2020 will be staffed. The exception is the few subjects which had fewer than 13 students. We are expecting similar student numbers for 2020, so do not anticipate many staffing changes.

**Year 12 Holiday Tutorials** – There are many tutorials being conducted during the upcoming holidays for HSC students. Rohit Prakash will be coordinating the tutorial timetable and I hope that many students will avail themselves of the support being offered by staff through these tutorials. When the timetable is complete, students will receive a copy of the timetable and it will be advertised through our Facebook page. Many thanks to the staff who are giving up their holiday time to support our students.

**Farewell to Year 12 2019** – As this is the last Wyndham Whispers for the term, I would like to congratulate our Year 12 students prior to them leaving to undertake their HSC exams in Term 4. I am pleased to say that we have had a wonderful group of students, and I wish them good luck in the HSC exams.

**Year 12 2020 Assessment information** – we will be holding a Parent Forum on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 6:15 pm in the college library for parents of students going into Year 12 in 2020.

The Friends of Wyndham (FoW) meeting for Term 4 will follow the parent forum. All parents are invited to the FOW meeting.

**Classa Martinuzzi – Relieving Principal**

#### **FROM THE YEAR 12 DEPUTY**

I'm sure by now every student and their family has worked out when each of the HSC exams take place. Just in case, however, the timetable can be downloaded from the Board of Studies website at <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>. It is important that students arrive ahead of time, with all necessary equipment including their student number, and come prepared to stay for the duration of the exam.

Succeeding with exams requires adequate preparation involving effort, perseverance and strategically organised study habits. Inspiration and luck have very little to do with passing exams. Rather, attention needs to be paid to [time management](#), [motivation](#), [revision hints](#) and [exam reconnaissance](#). Effective preparation is the key to success.

In preparation, students could use some of the following strategies;

- Read, reread assignments, class notes, revision sheets
- Write multiple drafts of practice responses, proofread them carefully and obtain feedback.
- Form study groups -- meet often and talk not only about the content but about the technique of answering questions.
- Ask your teacher to review and edit written work; such activity is the norm here at Wyndham College and an important component of student life
- Participate in the review sessions

Exam preparation should involve the revision of work that has already been learned during the year. Revision strategies will be undermined if you have to begin your learning late in the semester.

Revision will also be easier if you have made notes in your own words. Having these notes in your own words will make it easier to [memorise](#) the key points. It will also mean that you will not have to re-read all the original material again. Rather, any such reading can be limited to 'brushing up' on what you have already learned.

Learn from your mistakes and strategies in past exams. Devote extra time and energy to the areas where you are experiencing the most difficulty. If your revision is stuck on something like this sort of problem, seek help from your teachers.

Keep an eye on your [concentration](#) level at all times. Do not work on until you are too exhausted to read or write. When your concentration starts to drift, take a break, and if necessary, schedule in an alternative study period. Remember that you need balance in your life and continuing to sit at your study desk when your mind is wandering is not effective.

### **Appeal due to Illness/Misadventure at the time of the H.S.C**

If a student believes that their performance in the examination is diminished because of circumstances beyond their control they can lodge an illness/misadventure appeal.

Appeals may be granted if:

- The student's performance in an exam has been affected by illness or misadventure suffered immediately before or during the exam period.
- The student was prevented from attending an exam due to illness and /or misadventure.

If the above occurs students **must** inform the College before the examination commences. It is important to attend the examination where possible, even in the case of illness/misadventure. If you are absent from an examination and the Board of Studies decline your appeal you will not receive a result for that course. This could mean that you become ineligible for the award of the Higher School Certificate.

The HSC Presiding Officer, Mr Robert Key must be informed at the commencement of the examination and he will issue the appeal form. This form must be returned to the Presiding Officer on the day of a student's last exam.

Students who wish to appeal must provide written professional evidence e.g. in the event of an illness a doctor's report. A note from home will **not** be sufficient.

An appeal **cannot** be submitted on the basis of:

- Difficulties in preparation or loss of preparation time as a result of illness during Year 12.
- Alleged deficiencies in tuition.
- Long term illness such as glandular fever– unless a “flare-up” or exacerbation of symptoms during the exam period.
- Misreading the exam timetables.
- Misreading exam instructions.
- Other commitments, such as participation in entertainment, work or sporting events.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Year 12 students for their achievements and wish them all the best for their final exams and for life after Wyndham College.

**David Macleod-Jones - Deputy Principal**

#### **FROM THE PLATINUM CLUB**

The successful applicants for the 2020 Platinum Program in Year 11 are participating in the Platinum Program Induction Day on Friday 20 September 2019 in the Library. Students will participate in 4 workshops that will be important for kick-starting their Senior studies:

Scholarships & the WSU Access Scheme

Research for Senior students

Critical Thinking & Trans literacy

Futures Planning

We look forward to meeting these aspirational students from Year 10 and getting them excited about the next stage of their education at Wyndham College.

There will also be a Platinum morning tea for the current Year 12 on Monday 23rd September at recess in the Library to celebrate the success of these students and to wish them all the best for the final exams.

They have worked very hard over their time at Wyndham College and have made us proud.

**Sally Govett – Platinum Year Adviser**

#### **FROM THE LIBRARIAN'S DESK**

It has been wonderful to see so many students reading books in the Library over the colder months. The quiet area in the Library has been full of students taking time out of their busy timetables to read and relax. We have purchased 6 new book spinner shelves to display our new books on. These have proved a hit with lots of people browsing the spinners in lunch and recess breaks. We are currently taking requests from staff and students for new books to purchase and our collection is growing rapidly.

Well done to our students who recently attended the Research Excellence Awards evening presented by TAFE at Blacktown Library. Congratulations to Zoe, Yashvi and Malwa who were the Wyndham College recipients of this award.

Check out the Library on the new school website at:

<https://wyndhamcol-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-college/library.html>



Sally Govett – Teacher Librarian

**WELL-BEING UPDATE****Farewell year 12**

Our staff, particularly our Year 12 Advisers have been working very hard behind the scenes to allow a smooth transition for the end of schooling for Year 12. Many students have gained support with scholarship applications and early entry into university courses. I would like to personally thank Sally Govett, Daljit Bansal, Nitha Sewlall and Jason Ewing-Jarvie for all their hard work over the last two years with this year group.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 12 students a successful transition from Wyndham into the wider world after school. We look forward to seeing as many our students as possible on **17 December at 9-40 for Celebration Morning Tea** outside of the Science labs.

**Year 11**

They are very busy completing their examinations now and the first week back they will participate in a range of activities getting them ready for Year 12 and the HSC. They will complete the bulk of the remaining mandatory **Life Ready program** including –

1. **Monday, 14 October**, assembly time in session 2 with Elevate presenters – A Guide to Success
2. **Tuesday, 15 October from 8 am to 1 pm** – all students must attend the following sessions which will be on a rotational basis and include Household Finances; Car Buying; Sexual Health( presented by NSW Health professionals); Building Resilience workshops. Most of these workshops are presented by our amazingly enthusiastic staff here at Wyndham. The guest speaker for this day is Tom Reynolds from Independent Drug Education Australia who provides an enthralling presentation on Drugs & Alcohol – a must see for every teenager!
3. Normal classes in **Session 4 Tuesday**
4. **Wednesday, 16 October HSC Conference** – this includes important information about the transition into the HSC year, including the Assessment Book. Guest speaker will be Paul Wade, former Australian Socceroos captain to remind students that they have choices and it's their motivation and actions that create their results. The end of this day includes our annual Enduro – a fun afternoon for both staff and students
5. **Thursday** – normal lessons
6. **Friday, 18 October** – all students must attend from 8 am till 12-50 with rotating workshops on a range of activities relating to the Life Ready Program which include
  - Safe Sexual relationships – including how to use a condom; importance of consent; how to have conversations about sex; how to find reliable information about sex health
  - Looking after yourself – including sessions on Sleep; Teamwork (fun activities); Looking after your friends and careers – planning for the future

Most Year 11 students have paid their fee for the Life Ready program which was only \$30. Please ensure that is paid as soon as possible. If there are financial difficulties please see the year Advisers, myself or the front office for a form to alleviate any stress from this area.

Any concerns please feel free to contact the school.

**Sue Beamer - Head Teacher Well-Being**



**CAREERS @ WYNDHAM**

Congratulations to Year 12 on reaching the end of 13 years of education. The next leap will be exciting, scary and hopefully very rewarding. A reminder that careers support can be provided during Term 4 for those who would like to make an appointment whilst the HSC exams are happening.

Students are encouraged to join the google classroom called **careers@wyndham** to keep updated about all the information regarding careers that comes across my desk. The code is **uhzsid**. This includes information about apprenticeships, traineeships, universities, TAFE courses, careers expos, HSC study days and any presentations that have been given to students at my Careers workshop.

Year 11 attended the **School Careers Expo** in the hall on 4th September and gained some useful information. More activities will take place next term, such as lunchtime careers talks which will be advertised in the careers@wyndham classroom.

Congratulations to all those students who have attended special programs this term, such as YES Carpentry at Nirimba TAFE and Job Ready at Blacktown. It is great to see students take up opportunities and improving their skills.

A special event is being organised for the 14 November called the **Inspiring Women's afternoon** and all female students will be invited to attend and this will include speed dating with women who are working in a range of career areas, many of them male dominated. More information will follow.

The male students will not be left out...a careers event will be organised for the same time...details will follow early next term...watch this space!!

**Sue Beamer – Relieving Careers Adviser**

**FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT****Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac Awards 2019**

The 2019 Australian Maths Competition was held on Thursday 08<sup>th</sup> August, 2019. It is an internationally acclaimed competition with students from more than 30 countries participating. Students are asked to solve 30 problems in 75 minutes. The problems are designed to test mathematical thinking without a calculator and the questions get more difficult so by the end they are challenging the most gifted students.

This year **ZOE MORGAN** and **LINDSAY BATH** were awarded **Credit** certificates and **NASHWAN YOHANA** received a **Proficiency** certificate.

Congratulations to all our students for accepting the challenge of entering this competition.

**Beata Graham – Maths Teacher**

## Year 11 EXPLORING EARLY CHILDHOOD

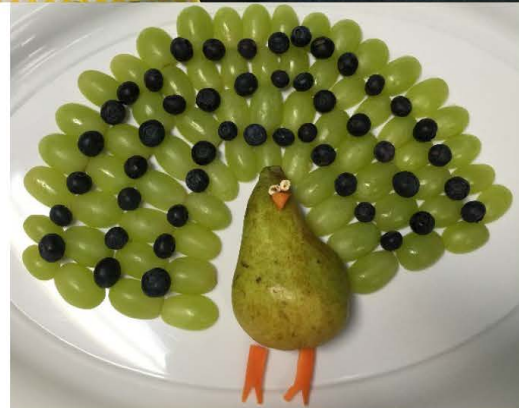
In our sessions this term, Year 11EEC students focussed on Child Health and Safety and Food and Nutrition. We studied a range of safety topics including how to keep young children safe through hygienic practices, 'baby-proofing' the home and when using public transport. In relation to the nutritional needs for the developing child, we investigated home-made versus commercial baby foods, tips for fussy eaters, catering for special occasions as well as managing specific nutritional needs.



Students were assessed on their research into the dietary requirements for 3-4 years and their ability to design a children's party that catered for a child with a peanut allergy while also being low in sugar.

Their efforts yielded well-presented parties, with imaginative themes such as Alice in Wonderland, bumble bees and animals. They produced a variety of colourful decorations and creatively prepared food. Have you ever seen a peacock made from grapes? The students thoroughly enjoyed dressing the room for their parties and sharing their food with their class members.

Suzanne Szecsofi  
TAS Faculty





**PERFORMING ARTS****DANCERS PERFORM AT BLACKTOWN FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**

On Monday 9th September the Wyndham College Dancers performed at The Blacktown Festival of the Performing Arts held at Wyndham College. The students involved were, Alina Bernećic, Rachael McDermott, Emily McKenzie, Taylor Scott, Ramt Trinidad, Chole Webster & Erin Wilson. The students performed a piece titled La Revancha Del Tango which engaged and entertained the audience. The students involved represented the College wonderfully and were professional in all aspects of their performance. Congratulations to the students involved on a fantastic performance.

**Sarah Minol – Dance Teacher**





**Blacktown City Council**

**Diwali LIGHTS COMPETITION**

Entries open 23 Sept - 18 Oct  
For more information visit [blacktown.nsw.gov.au/diwalilights](http://blacktown.nsw.gov.au/diwalilights)

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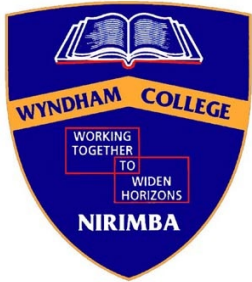
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## **UPDATED YEAR 12 2019 FORMAL**

Dear Parent / Caregiver

We invite all Year 12 students to join us together to celebrate the conclusion of their HSC.

The Year 12 2019 formal will be held at:

**Rosehill Gardens Racecourse  
Grand Pavilion Level 2 South A  
James Ruse Drive Rosehill 2142  
Ph-02 9760 6200**

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The formal will be held on Friday **15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 commencing at 5-30 pm and finishing at 10-30pm SHARP**. The total cost of the formal will be **\$130.00**.

PLEASE NOTE: **Transport to and from the venue is the student's responsibility.**  
**This is an alcohol free event. Random breath testing may occur.**

You are welcome to pay for the formal in stages with a deposit (minimum of \$40) and the final payment must be made by **Wednesday 3rd July 2019 (Term 2 Week 10)**

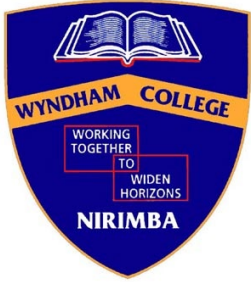
As this is an optional event, all **MANDATORY course fees** must be paid in full, before payment for the Formal will be accepted.

A professional photographer will be available on the night of the formal. They will take photos of the guests at the tables and on the dance floor. These photos will then be available free of charge online within the week. Additionally, there will be a studio photo booth available for the students to access on the night. This will print their photos immediately at no extra charge. Dietary needs will be catered for.

Due to the nature of the large cohort involved and security issues, this formal is **only for Year 12 2019 Wyndham students**.

Kind Regards  
Daljit Bansal, Nitha Sewlall, Jason Ewing-Jarvie  
**Year Advisors**





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## The e-P & C MODEL (FOW)

Wyndham College has been operating as an eP&C (FOW) for all of 2018 and will continue with this model in 2019. This model is designed to both consult and inform as many parents and the school community as possible.

The Senior Executive will email issues as they arise to seek parent advice. Replies are to the email lists of parents who are financial members of the e-P&C. Parents on the e-P&C list are not obliged to respond to every issue.

### Meeting schedule

Two parent meetings will be held in a year

Term 1 Welcome reception and AGM – 26 February 2019

Term 4 Parent Forum – HSC Assessment/Information evening - TBA

### The e-P&C (FOW)

eP&C will be advertised each year to parents via email and newsletters.

Following the Welcome Event and AGM, the membership list will be compiled and the group formulated by the college computer coordinator. A welcome message will be sent.

At the AGM volunteers are then called for, to take the roles of President, Vice President and Treasurer. A \$2 annual membership fee exists to enable financial members to vote on issues.

### Issues for consultation

Sometimes issues arise throughout the year, extra meetings maybe necessary to address these issues. However at least once a year the e-P&C will need to review income they generate and allocate this progressively to the designated school projects that are established this will probably occur at the term 4 Parent Forum. E-P&C will also provide parents for interview panels, and community representatives on projects the College are involved in.

### Join the e-P&C

Parents are invited to join the e-P&C. This is a group email of e-P&C parents by which the Senior Executive can seek parent advice on issues that require input from our school community. These issues will periodically be emailed to you with no obligation to respond.

If you are interested in representing parents in this way please provide your email address to the principal at [Wyndhamcol-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Wyndhamcol-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or by sending her this form.

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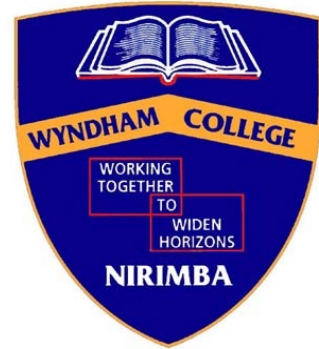
I am interested in the e-P&C

My child is \_\_\_\_\_ in year \_\_\_\_\_

My name \_\_\_\_\_ my email \_\_\_\_\_



The School Locker is proud to partner with Wyndham College



## The School Locker

Our goal is to provide great shopping experiences for families and our retail stores are centered around a single great idea: one store with everything you need for school.

The Wyndham College uniform range is available online at: [www.theschoollocker.com.au](http://www.theschoollocker.com.au)

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### UNIFORM SHOP –

The Uniform Shop is open on **TUESDAYS 7.30am-10.30am** and **THURSDAYS 1.00pm - 4.00pm**. Online purchases available [www.theschoollocker.com.au](http://www.theschoollocker.com.au)

**Wyndham College is a uniform college and students are expected to be in full college uniform from day one 2019. This includes pale blue shirts with the college emblem and fully enclosed black leather shoes.**

For information about uniform items and prices, please refer to School Locker's website



### Uniform Shop location



<http://theschoollocker.com.au/catalogsearch/result/?q=Wyndham+College>



# STUDENT INFORMATION

**CHANGED ADDRESS? VERY IMPORTANT to notify the office as soon as possible!**

## Student Early Leavers

If you require your child to leave school before the end of the day, please send them with a signed note stating their name, date, time and reason you would like them to leave. This should be brought to the front office upon arrival at school, then an early leaver's pass will be issued, allowing the student to leave the classroom at the correct time.

**OFFICE  
PROCEDURES**

**If this procedure is not followed, the student may not be allowed to leave the classroom.**

## Absences

If your child is absent from school or you know they will be absent on a certain day please contact the front office by phoning **9208 7100**.

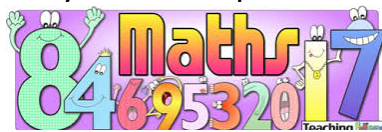
Email is **not** the most effective point of contact.

**Thank you**

**Administration**

## FREE -MATHS TUITION

**YEARS 11 & 12** are invited to join the free Maths tuition held in **C8** every Monday from 3.00pm to 5.30pm. Be there!



## FREE -PHYSICS TUTORIALS

**YEAR 11** – Mondays - 3pm-4pm



**YEAR 12** – Wednesdays -3pm-4pm  
In **B1**

## FREE - CHEMISTRY TUTORIALS

**YEAR 11** – Fridays -1pm-2pm

**YEAR 12** – Thursdays -3pm-4pm

In **B1**



## CHRISTIAN GROUP

All students are invited to join the Christian Group at **recess** in **B2** on **Wednesdays**.

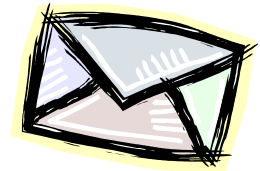
There are also free pancakes on Wednesday mornings before class.  
Join us for pancakes and a chat.



# CHANGE OF DETAILS

**CHANGED ADDRESS? VERY IMPORTANT to notify the office as soon as possible!**

To keep student records as up to date as possible please complete the slip below if you have changed address or changed phone numbers, and return to the front office.



Student Name .....

New Address .....

Home Phone .....

Mobile Phone -Mother..... Name.....

Mobile Phone -Father ..... Name.....

Signed ..... Date.....

# EMAILS



So we can keep you informed and up to date, please complete the slip below if you have recently changed your email address and return it to the office:

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please print carefully*