

WYNDHAM COLLEGE

A partner within the Nirimba Collegiate Group of Schools
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WYNDHAM WHISPERS

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DECEMBER 2019

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Collegiate Deputy Principal

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DECEMBER

December 17th – HSC Results released by NESA

December 17th – ATARs released by UAC

December 18th – Morning tea for Year 12 class of 2019

December 18th – Last day for students

JANUARY 2020

January 28th – Staff return – School Development Day

January 29th – Year 11 commence school

January 30th – Year 12 commence school

FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

This is the final Wyndham Whispers for 2019, and is an opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding achievements and events that have occurred since the last newsletter.

I can proudly report that three of our students, **Zoe Batten**, **Hayden Johnson-De Silva** and **Sovann Callaghan** have been selected for *ArtExpress*. This is an outstanding achievement as 8,608 students submitted Visual Arts Bodies of Work for their HSC. 400 students statewide were nominated and 200 Bodies of Work were selected for Art Express and we have three from Wyndham College. Congratulations to Zoe, Hayden and Sovann and to our fabulous Visual Arts Faculty.

Our talented and dedicated HSC Dance students have also been acknowledged, with four students being nominated for inclusion in *Callback*. Nominated students include **Taylor Scott** and **Emily McKenzie**, **Ramt Trinidad** and **Erin Wilson**. These students deserve to be congratulated for their nominations and we wish them the best of luck while they wait to hear if their nomination has led to a successful inclusion in *Callback*.

Congratulations also goes to **Bradley Matthews**, who has been nominated for his HSC Design and Technology Major Project to be considered for possible inclusion in *Shape 2019*. We wish Bradley good luck as he waits to find out if his work has been included in *Shape 2019* final selection.

Another outstanding success has been the two students who received the Victor Chang Science Award. They are **Lindsay Bath** and **Rocklin D'Cruz**. Congratulations to both Lindsay and Rocklin.

FRIENDS OF WYNDHAM COLLEGE (FOW)

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

**Parents can join the
FOW at any time**

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

Another Science related success goes to **Zoe Morgan** who won a Bronze Award in the Young Scientist of the Year Awards for her Investigating Science Depth Study. Congratulations Zoe.

A reminder to the Class of 2019, the informal morning tea to celebrate HSC results is on **Wednesday 18th December at 9.40 am**. We hope to see as many Year 12 as possible.

Our Celebration Assembly for the Class of 2019 will be held on **Thursday 13th February 2020**.

We recently welcomed 320 year 10 (Year 11 2020) students to Wyndham and it was great to see so many parents at the Orientation Evening for the families of these young people. A reminder to our parents/caregivers that we are a uniform school and all students are expected to be in full college uniform from day 1 2020.

We recently celebrated the achievements of our current Year 11 at the annual presentation day. I was pleased to see so many outstanding results and also the many parents/caregivers who took time out of their busy schedules to help celebrate with us. This year we recognised several of our staff, with the Nirimba Learning Community Awards. These awards are open to all staff from Blacktown Boys, Doonside Technology, Mitchell, The Hills Sports, Quakers Hill, Riverstone and Seven Hills High Schools and Wyndham College. We had 3 staff successful recognised: Excellence in Educational Leadership - **Karen Smith**; Excellence in Early Career Teaching: **Gina Kalisperis**; and Excellent Contribution by SASS Staff: **Dave Parton**. Congratulations to all these staff.

Thank you to **Kellie Boyd, Wendy Birrell** and **Renata Brentin** and their team for organising the presentation day.

We are fast coming to the end of the year and I hope the Year 12 class of 2020 has started organising their assessment schedules/major works for next year.

Congratulations to Science teacher **Melissa Berry** who was selected from a strong field of candidates for the 2020 Lizard Island Coral Reef Study Tour. Melissa was selected as one of only two teachers across NSW to be included in the tour and was commended on her outstanding application.

Staffing 2020 – **Karen Smith** will be returning to her position as Principal at Wyndham College from her time as Relieving Director Educational Leadership for the Quakers Hill Network.

Some important dates to remember for 2020:

Tuesday	28th January	Staff return – School Development Day
Wednesday	29th January	Year 11 return
Thursday	30th January	Year 12 return

I would like to publicly thank and acknowledge the outstanding staff here at Wyndham. They are very committed and devoted to their students and teaching. As a community we are extremely fortunate to have such great staff.

I wish everyone a safe and restful time in the holiday season. I look forward to working together with everyone again in 2020.

Classa Martinuzzi – Relieving College Principal

FROM THE COLLEGIATE DEPUTY**Year 10 into 11 2020**

Wyndham College will welcome a new Year 11 cohort in 2020 who will be the last group to transition to Wyndham College under the original Collegiate model. The Orientation Day for these students was on November 26th and saw all students participate in workshops around maintaining their wellbeing, developing their resilience and time management strategies – all essential skills and capabilities for success in senior school. They had their first group photo (shown here).

Many thanks to the Wellbeing Team for coordinating a great kick-start to senior life for the Year 11 class of 2020.



We thank the many parents and carers who came to the Parent Orientation Evening on November 26th to hear about the College and how to assist their child through the rigours of Stage 6. The College's uniform shop, The School locker was inundated with orders – which bodes well for a new year group arriving in full school uniform!

The shop will be open during the school holidays on these dates:

- **Tuesday 14th January 2020 8 am-2 pm**
- **Thursday 16th January 2020 8 am -2 pm**
- **Tuesday 21st January 2020 8 am- 12 noon**
- **Thursday 23rd January 2020 12 noon – 4 pm**

Many parents have asked what students will need to come to the College equipped with next year. Each course will have different requirements and these will be communicated to students in the initial lessons. Students should definitely bring pens and one or more good sized notebooks to begin with, and their laptop or iPad.

Year 9 & 10 into 11 2021

The journey has begun for the Year 11 class of 2021 who are currently in Year 9 at Wyndham's collegiate partner schools. All students in Year 9 have spent 2 days sampling all the Stage 6 courses that may be on offer across the Collegiate. These days were held at Wyndham College as the space and staff were available as Year 12 have now left.

Early next year the first Nirimba Collegiate Senior Course Guide will be available to all Year 10 students and they can continue to explore their future curriculum options. This resource will be supported by careers and courses lessons at each of the schools during weeks 3 to 6 of Term 1. A Collegiate Stage 6 Information Night for parents will take place in Week 6 of Term 1 – more information to come early next year.

UAC and the ATAR – Collegiate Staff Professional Learning

Nearly 50 teachers from across the Nirimba Collegiate gave up their Monday afternoon on December 2nd to deepen their understanding around the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) and how it is calculated. This was valuable learning as staff often give advice about subject selection and the significance of marks and ranks in courses. Trudy Noller from the Universities Admissions Centre dispelled myths and

offered an engaging presentation that she repeated in the evening to a small group of parents. We will endeavour to run this program again at the Stage 6 Information Night in Term 1.

I am grateful for all the wonderful staff across the four schools who have worked with me to enable Collegiate programs to run, and in supporting the initial stages of the 'recalibration' process. 2020 will be a big year of innovation and change, but it is certainly a year to look forward to.

No matter how long or short your summer holiday may be, I wish you peace and happiness over the festive season and throughout 2020.

Bethany O'Connor – Collegiate Deputy Principal

WANTED

YOUR OLD SCHOOL UNIFORM

Hey Year 12 2019

**Please consider giving us your old uniform so
we can help others.**

Jackets especially!

**See Jason (staffroom) or Sally (Library) with
your donations**



THANK YOU 😊

Exploring Early Childhood



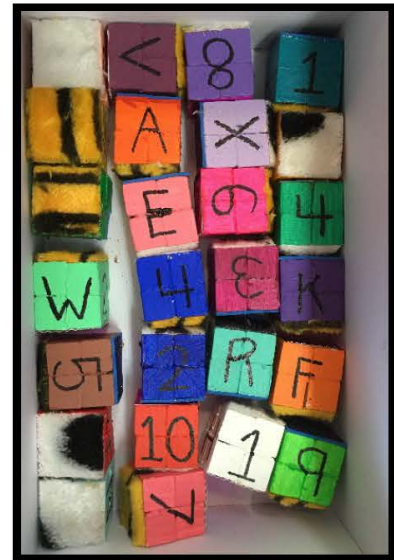
This term our new look Exploring Early Childhood class has been studying a unit on Play and the Developing Child. Play is often called the 'work' of children because it is a child's job to learn how to make sense of the world. Engaging in play provides children with opportunities to share, take turns and interact with others - all skills for life.

Throughout the term the students undertook a range of paper-based children's activities including free drawing, tracing hands, creating street scenes and making 3-D models. They learned first-hand how these activities develop fine motor skills, assist language development and build social skills. Their creative work is proudly on display in our classroom (see above).



Engaging in the play activities in class gave the students lots of ideas for their first HSC assessment task - create an original child's toy or activity. Here are some of the very clever and beautifully presented tasks. I look forward to marking them.

Suzanne Szecsodi
TAS Faculty



UTS STEM Day

Last month, forty-seven Wyndham College students joined with hundreds of other students from all over Sydney to attend the annual STEM day at Ultimo. The event was hosted by the University of Technology and was designed to increase student awareness of the study and career opportunities available in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

During the day students took part in hands-on workshops, seminars and panel discussions with past and current UTS students, UTS teachers and professionals in the STEM industries.

During the hands-on workshops, students engaged in activities related to various fields of STEM from building and understanding the load bearing of a structure to working as a thinker who helps other faculties to solve their data and work-related problems (interdisciplinary faculty).

During the discussions and seminars, students learnt about a very wide range of career possibilities in STEM, including scientists who help space-researchers with their preparation for space travel, and a biologist who is developing technology that uses algae to make plastics and fabrics.

The UTS Stem Day was extremely interesting and very worthwhile for students interested in any area of STEM, and a wonderful day was had by all.





2019 END OF YEAR SPORT REPORT

With the year coming towards its eventual close, so must our sporting season. 2019 has been a great year for the Wolverines with a number of notable achievements by our amazing students. This year was also a big year for our Academy coaches helping to foster a strong relationship with NSWPSA by officiating at their state championships. On behalf of all the staff and coaches at the Wyndham Sports Academy we would like to thank our Wolverines for their commitment, passion, teamwork and skill over the past year, we would not have had these successes without you. A special thanks to the parents of our students who made time to make it to games or assist where possible and to our students who attended games in support of our teams – this is a true reflection of the Wyndham Way. Let's hope that we can go bigger and better in 2020!

Below is a summary of our achievements this year

Swimming	Patrick Cusack Sydney West 50m Freestyle (3 rd), 50m Backstroke (2 nd) NSWCHS Representative (5 th in both Freestyle and Backstroke)
Athletics	Tahlia O'Connell BZSSSA U17+ Female Age Champion (CHS Representative) Mitchell Fraser BZSSSA U17+ Male Age Champion
Cross Country	Tahlia O'Connell BZSSSA U17 Female Age Champion Zoe Morgan Sydney West and CHS Representative Patrick Cusack Sydney West Representative (2 nd place) CHS Representative
Boys Football	Open Boys Sydney West Knockout Semi-Finalists
Girls Football	Open Girls Sydney West Knockout Round 2
Rugby League	University Shield Regional Semi-finalists Mark Geyer Cup runners up
Boys Basketball	Open Boys Sydney West Knockout Round 3
Girls Volleyball	Open Girls Sydney West Knockout Round 2
Boys Volleyball	Open Boys Sydney West Knockout Round 3
Netball	Open Girls Sydney West Knockout Round 2
Girls Touch	Open Girls Sydney West Knockout Round 1
Boys Touch	Open Boys Sydney West Knockout Round 1
Chess	NSW Interschools State Chess Finals
Jayden Campion Selected to represent Blacktown Zone as part of the Sydney West Touch Football team that competed in Dubbo.	
Judy Roberts & Cecilia Bidois Selected in the Sydney West girls Rugby Union Team	
Kupa Puloka Selected in the Sydney West Rugby League and Rugby Union training squads	
The Wyndham Sports Academy Our coaches represented Wyndham as officials at the NSWPSA State Swimming and Athletics Championships and the National Selection Trials.	





**THE WYNDHAM SPORTS ACADEMY
WOLVERINES**

THE
Wolverines
Wyndham Sports Academy
2019

**THE WYNDHAM SPORTS ACADEMY
COACHES**

FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT**The Greatest Maths Excursion in The World**

The title does sound a little bit bold but you were not there. I was there. I saw everything and I still do not believe it. Now I know that some of you are thinking that this is the only maths excursion we have ever attempted and therefore the heading is correct but this is not true.

The Nirimba Partnership, comprising of the University of Western Sydney, TAFE, St John Paul II (Catholic Education and Wyndham College (Public Education) have formed a Maths Group that meet on a regular basis with the goal of improving students' mathematical skills.

Earlier in the year we conducted an excursion with the emphasis on "Bricklaying" and this excursion was considered the Best Maths Excursion in The World until the 27 November 2019 when our latest excursion, that was themed "Health and Fitness," took the title. I have no doubt that each successive excursion will outdo the last and the progression will continue with the crown being handed on to the next successor. I just love a series, one of my favourite topics in mathematics. Although, that is a lie. I do love them all equally. Get it equally from "Equations." Oh, I am a funny guy. I make myself laugh.

Anyway, where were we? That's right. Many students at TAFE and University are highly motivated but their mathematical abilities limit their success with their chosen courses. The purpose of this excursion was to motivate students to improve their mathematical problem-solving skills. To allow students to be successful with their chosen career path that may require a level of mathematics.

The students from Wyndham College and St John Paul II were formed into two groups that navigated their way through three activities. One of the activities was an individual assessment of the students' mathematical abilities. The students jumped on the computers in one of the computer laboratories from TAFE and accessed an amazing computer program that provides the students with mathematical assessment questions that calculates the students' level of ability. The outcome or level of grading indicates whether a student would be successful with a particular course offered at TAFE. However the story does not end there. The students will be able to continue accessing the program to upskill themselves. The clever computer program understands what level the student is currently performing at and adjusts the questions to that level and just above continuing to climb as the student correctly answer questions and declines in difficulty if the student is not being successful with their answers. Students can continue to access to the program after our amazing excursion to continue to upskill themselves.

The second phase of the excursion involved a practical presentation by a TAFE teacher illustrating the use of mathematics in the analysis of an individual's fitness and how to evaluate their progress throughout a program that you may have designed to improve their fitness. Various formulae were used to calculate these findings again illustrating the importance of mathematics. Some students were wired up and performed several physical activities and their heart rate was monitored to check their exertion levels to calculate if more or less exercises were needed to be performed to raise their fitness level. The combination of mathematics and the use of technology displayed a wonderful illustration to measure an individual's fitness level and heartrate performance.

The third activity was a presentation from a university lecturer who discussed a particular mathematics course designed to improve students' problem-solving skills and develop their basic mathematic skills in their first year of university. The course is offered to those students who are not quite ready for more intense mathematics courses but quickly develops the students' skills to "catch up" to other students and then they can attempt second year mathematic courses with success. Students were shown parts of the mathematical course and worked through various exercises. We also had the privilege to sit in a lecture theatre experiencing a snippet of university life.

Lunch was provided by TAFE with the Penrith TAFE making the buns that were delicious, but the sausages were extremely tasty, and they were provided by the Granville TAFE. There was an abundance supply of sausage rolls and water although some of our boys did try to eat them all. The winners were Rocco Truini and Lee Nakauta. Congratulation boys. Although there was no prize you deserve a high commendation for your efforts.

It was good to see that a large proportion of the group were females and all students provided a very high evaluation of the excursion. Well, it was after all the best maths excursion in the world. Thank you to everyone who attended, and we look forward to the next maths excursion, probably around June 2020.

Denis and Kirtana



The lecture theatre



Health and Fitness mathematical theory

FROM CAREERS

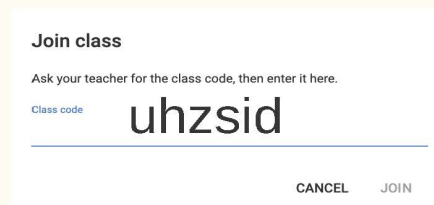
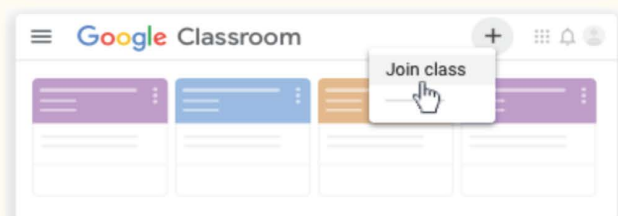
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JOIN OUR GOOGLE CLASSROOM

On the Google Classroom you will find a huge range of information, such as vacant jobs and available apprenticeships, TAFE and university information and information about any careers events we will be running.

HOW TO JOIN:

1. Go to classroom.google.com.
2. At the top, click Add and then Join class.
3. Enter the code: uhzsid and click join.
4. Done! That's it!



BLACKTOWN AREA COMMUNITY CENTRES INC. (BACC)

YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

SUMMER FEST

(Water based activities / Movie Night)

TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY

3pm - 7:30pm

Marayong House
(64 Falmouth Rd, Quakers Hill)

Lunch Provided

FREE

SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK AQUATIC CENTRE

FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY

9:30am - 5pm

Meet us at Blacktown Train Station at 9:30am
Bring your opal card, lunch and/or money!

POOL ENTRY: \$6



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Registration closes: 16th December 2019



BACC
Blacktown Area Community Centres Inc.



Family &
Community Services

Sue Beamer – Relieving Careers Adviser and Sarah Johnson – Careers Adviser's Assistant

DANCE CALLBACK NOMINATIONS 2019

Congratulations to the following Year 12 students for their HSC Dance Callback nominations:

Erin Wilson - Core Performance and Major Performance
Ramt Trinidad - Core Composition and Major Composition
Taylor Scott - Core Composition
Emily McKenzie - Core Composition

Callback is a selection of outstanding performances and projects from Higher School Certificate dance students in NSW. These students are to be congratulated on this amazing achievement. They will now go through a further selection process to be possibly included in the showcase next year.

A special thanks also goes to their Year 11 dancers who gave up their time to perform the compositions in the HSC. These students were:

Tylah Sta-Ana
Chloe Webster
Georgia Phillips

Well done to all dance students who represented Wyndham College at dance festivals, performances, examinations and assemblies throughout the year. It has been an extremely successful 2019.



Sarah Minol – Dance Teacher



Hello everyone,

Who hates Christmas shopping???

First you have to decide what shopping centre you are going to bravely drive to.....then the hassle of finding a car parking spot.....then fighting the crowds, ugh.

Well forget that!

You can now, from the comfort of your lounge with a smart phone in your hand, purchase an Entertainment Book digital version as a Christmas present for your family and friends.

Any purchase from now, will be valid for 12 months from date of purchase.

What a great idea!!!

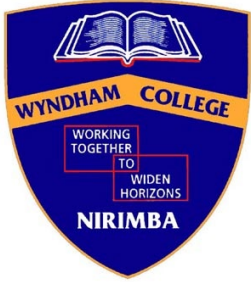
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Click on the above link to take you to the Wyndham purchase page.

Wyndham receives 20% of each book sold.

Thank you for your support.

Naomi Vaughan – SLSO



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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 or by sending her this form.

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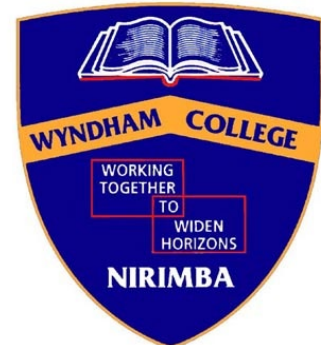
I am interested in the e-P&C

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

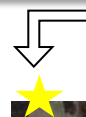
Working in partnership with your school.

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

Wyndham College is a uniform college and students are expected to be in full college uniform from day one 2020. 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**.

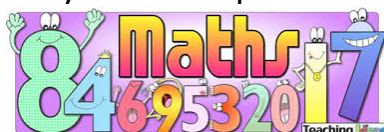
Email is **not** the most effective point of contact.

Thank you

Administration

FREE -MATHS TUTORION

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**.

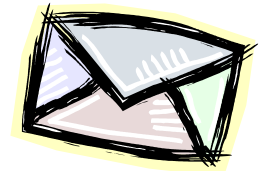
There are also free pancakes on Wednesday mornings before class.
Join us for pancakes and a chat.



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