



WYNDHAM COLLEGE

*A partner within the Nirimba Collegiate Group of Schools
and the Nirimba Education Precinct*

WYNDHAM WHISPERS

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AUGUST 2019

Principal

Karen Smith

Deputy Principals

David Macleod-Jones & Classa Martinuzzi

Collegiate Deputy Principal

Beth O'Connor

AUGUST

August 19 – SRC - RSPCA Cupcake Day

August 20 – FoW Parent Forum 7pm Conference Room
(Lower C Block)

August 26-30 – SASS Recognition Week

SEPTEMBER

September 2–Final date to order Year 12 2020 Jackets

September 4 – Year 12 Careers Expo

September 10 – Apprenticeship Expo @ Panthers 3-8pm

September 12 – Year 11 BeStreetSmart Excursion

September 16-27 – Year 11 Final Examinations

September 26 – Year 12 Graduation

FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Term 3 Focus – Consolidation and Conclusion – As you would be aware, Term 3 is the time that we at Wyndham have several conclusions. It marks the final stages for Year 11 who then, during Term 4 begin their study of the HSC curriculum itself. We actually have Year 11 go through transition and “sign out” procedures early Term 4 as they progress to the final stage of their secondary education.

For Year 12, this is the term where they complete all course work and assessment tasks in readiness for us to submit the detailed information to the NESA as required. Also during this term, those subjects which have a practical element are marked – many of them such as Music, Drama, Dance, IT – here on-site by NESA HSC marking teams, and some of them centrally, at the marking centre (such as Visual Arts and Textiles).

We celebrate the successful conclusion of Year 12 at their graduation ceremony (this year on Thursday 26 September 2019). Year 12 then undertake their HSC Exams during Term 4. HSC begins on Thursday 17 October 2019.

Library Agreement – I am pleased to report that we have signed an agreement with the Nirimba Education Precinct TAFE/WSU library that enables our students to not only use the library for research but to have borrowing rights. This gives a significant advantage to our students as the library has a wonderful collection which complements our own Wyndham/St John Paul II library resource.

Students interested in accessing this facility should see Sally Govett, our own librarian to complete the necessary documentation.

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**

**Next Parent Forum:
20 August 2019
7pm
Conference Room
Post School Pathways
Sue Beamer**

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

WSU Students – I am pleased to report we have had 12 students succeed in gaining entry into a university course which they are undertaking to study whilst here at the College. Between St John Paul II and ourselves, we have a total of 20 students engaged in the program. I would like to thank all the students who applied. We had many outstanding applicants and the decision for the university was very difficult. I wish our students the best of luck in their courses.

Attendance – Student attendance at school is important and it is a legal requirement for students who are of compulsory school age. The Education Act 1990 – Section 21B (3) states that:

“A child who completes Year 10 of secondary education but who is below the age of 17 years is of compulsory school age unless the child participates on a full-time basis in:

(a) Approved education or training, or

(b) If the child is of or above the age of 15 years – paid work or a combination of approved education or training and paid work.”

We have a small number of students who regularly miss school. If you know your son/daughter will be absent please contact the college.

Attendance is important to ensure students follow the course as delivered by the school. The session lengths mean that if a student is absent one day, they have missed many hours in the courses they are studying.

Year 11 2020 – students from our collegiate schools recently elected their subjects for 2020. I am pleased to say most of our courses will be running in 2020. A few courses due to insufficient numbers will not run next year. At this stage I envisage the college size will be similar for 2020.

E-News – ‘Wyndham Whispers’ is emailed home, placed on the website and Facebook. Spare paper copies will be available in the Admin office **only**.

On Wednesday 7 August the whole school was informed of the exciting news that the recalibration of the Nirimba Collegiate has been approved for 2021. I have attached the letter informing the school community for you to peruse.

Staffing – Term 3 – there has been some staffing changes for this term. In light of the significant amount of school infrastructure happening in the northwest sector, **Rick Seretis** (Director of Quakers Hill network) has been seconded to oversee much of the “builds” in this area. As a result, I have been seconded to oversee his network for the next 12 months at least. **Classa Martinuzzi** will relieve as Principal, **Brian Ewin** will relieve as Deputy Principal and the Head Teacher Teaching and Learning will be determined as soon as possible.

I will still be involved in Wyndham College and will be back at school (as Principal) to see Year 12 graduate this year.

I know the college will be in good hands whilst I am gone for this period of time. (I have not relinquished my school – it is a temporary movement.)

Manie Moodley is away this term due to illness. **Valerie Tean-Hyrst** is replacing Manie during this time. We wish Manie a speedy recovery and look forward to his return.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Karen Smith – College Principal



Nirimba Collegiate

Widening horizons through innovative education.

6 August 2019

Greater choice of subjects coming soon

Dear parents and carers,

As the principals of the Nirimba Collegiate Management Group (CMG) we are **delighted to announce** that Quakers Hill, Riverstone and Seven Hills High Schools will commence offering senior courses, introducing Year 11 from Term 1 2021, and Year 12 in 2022.

This plan will enable our collegiate to offer **more subject choices** to meet individual needs and preferences and **improve the learning outcomes** for students across all the campuses while **supporting growth** for the future students of the collegiate.

We will now work towards implementation for Term 1 2021 and can confirm at this stage:

- Current (2019) Year 9 students will be the first cohort to be offered a choice of remaining at their current school or attend Wyndham College to complete Years 11 & 12 – it will be the student's choice!
- A broader range of subjects will be offered in the collegiate and a new model of curriculum delivery will be introduced
- Students can select to access the entire range of subjects by attending more than one campus
- Parents and carers will be invited to input throughout the program development
- Our local collegiate team will lead the collaboration and development of the model for our schools

We will keep you and your child/ren up to date as we continue with the planning and development of the program. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please email us, wyndhamcol-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

This is an exciting opportunity for students to grow and we look forward to working with you as we embark on this exciting new chapter in the history of the Nirimba Collegiate.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Skehan
Principal
Quakers Hill HS

Karen Downie
Principal
Riverstone HS

Greg Johnstone
Principal
Seven Hills HS

Karen Smith
Principal
Wyndham College

FROM THE YEAR 12 DEPUTY

It seems incredible that Year 12 students have almost completed their Wyndham experience. With the completion of the trial HSC examinations, it is now only the remainder of this term that these students have until they graduate and then sit for the HSC examinations.

It is absolutely imperative that students keep working to the best of their ability, in order to maximise their HSC outcomes. Any outstanding assessment material must be redeemed so that Wyndham College can supply assessment marks for the students that are as good as they can be.

David Macleod-Jones - Deputy Principal

FROM THE YEAR 11 DEPUTY

Term 3 is the final full term for Year 11 courses. Students have been reminded that they must meet the requirements of all six Year 11 courses (12 units) to qualify for their HSC. This will be a busy term for Year 11 as all courses will be completing course content in preparation for the final Preliminary course assessments. Students are required to attend every day and to be in each of their timetabled classes unless they are too sick to attend school. The final Year 11 examination period is scheduled for weeks 9 and 10 of this term 16th to 27th September. Students and parents are reminded that students are expected to be in attendance for all scheduled exams for their courses and so holidays should not be booked during this time. Early Term 4, students will be given exam results feedback.

On Wednesday 16th October, Year 11 will be involved in the My HSC Conference Day. This day has been designed to transition students from Year 11 to Year 12. The day includes sessions on Senior School Success, NESA Requirements for the 2020 HSC and students obligations for the successful completion of Year 12. Class attendance is the most important criteria for HSC success.

We will also present a Parent Information Session for parents of students completing the HSC in 2020. This will be held on the evening of Monday 4th November the library. More information about this session will be provided closer to the evening.

Both students and parents are reminded that Wyndham College is a uniform college. All students are expected to attend each day in full school uniform. This is particularly important as we are part of the Nirimba Education Precinct, and our students need to be identified as being Wyndham College students. It is also part of Work Health and Safety requirements that students wear closed leather (or leather-like) shoes.

Finally, Brian who is the Relieving Deputy Principal will be conducting an Academic Review of students who are not meeting Year 11 attendance and academic requirements during weeks 5 and 6 this term. Students who have low attendance **must** attend every day to complete course work. Students who have outstanding course work and/or assessment tasks and have been issued with N-Warning letters by their teachers need to complete the work and submit it to their teacher to have the N-Warning 'Resolved' in the next few weeks in order to meet requirements for their Year 11 Record of School Achievement.

Classa Martinuzzi – Deputy Principal

WELL-BEING UPDATE

Term 3 is going too fast and so much is happening.

Year 12 have just completed their Trial exams and as always the fear and anticipation of the HSC and leaving school are all the more real now that the end is in sight. To assist in this transition a number of activities are planned for the year group and it is essential that students attend to maximise the benefits.

Two long connect sessions are planned to provide a focus on **Positive Well-being** and **Ace Your Exams** which Elevate presenters will lead to inspire and remind students that they can do so much to make a positive difference in the time left before their HSC. Our Formal assembly this term will focus on the importance of **promoting safety, equality and respect** for ourselves and each other with a guest speaker, Brett Murray from makebullyinghistory.org presenting.

Students in year 12 need to check **daily notices** on **Sentral** to ensure they stay informed about important information. Final organisation for many events are occurring the most important being signing the final **Confirmation of entries** for the **HSC NESA** paperwork. **Formal tables** will be organised shortly, with all Formal payments now finalised. **Graduation** organisation had begun and students are reminded that they must be in full school uniform to graduate. A **Careers Expo** on **4 Sept** is being organised for year 12 – see the careers report for more details.

Year 11 are near the end of their courses with final exams in the last two weeks of this term. The **BeStreetSmart excursion on 12 Sept**, is part of the **Life Ready program** into Driver/passenger safety and permission notes need to be returned promptly. Thanks to all the parents/caregivers who have paid their mandatory \$30 fee for the Life ready program which included the payment for this excursion.

Our Social Worker student from WSU, Elizabeth is running our **free Breakfast Club** at recess from Monday to Thursday. Toast, cereal, juice and hot drink are available to those in need.

A reminder to parents and students to please keep us informed about changes to your circumstances eg phone numbers, addresses, emergency contact people, health issues, major life changes eg significant illnesses or deaths in families etc. It is imperative that we keep up to date records to ensure a supportive school community. Your assistance is essential.

As always we look forward to another productive term.

Sue Beamer - Head Teacher Well-Being

CAREERS @ WYNDHAM

A very busy term ahead for careers particularly for **Year 12 students** as they look at their post-school options. Many students have been coming to the Careers office to access information, book appointments, read the noticeboards and I would encourage this to continue.

Year 12 have been surveyed in Week 1 of this term and then planning for a **Careers expo** is being organised for **4 September** which will be a full day of events and I highly recommend that students don't miss out on this opportunity to really think and plan about gaining employment, either casual, part-time or full-time for 2020. Students will be asked to **dress for success** and come ready for a job interview. Students will be given workshop sessions on resume writing, interview skills, career planning, job-seeking and TAFE. Also, there will be a lunchtime expo with many different universities, colleges, apprenticeship

groups providing information and answering questions. Guest speaker will be Paul Wade who I have been lucky enough to have heard his presentation on a number of occasions and can highly recommend him. *Paul Wade, Australian Socceroo Captain - The challenges and triumphs he faced as the captain of the Socceroos, as well as with his own personal struggles in dealing with epilepsy has given Paul a unique life experience.*

Paul is a gifted, highly entertaining speaker, who incorporates fun into all his presentations. Paul is one of the most highly experienced and sought after speakers in the industry, and with 118 appearances for the Socceroos, the 1988 Olympic Games, two world cup campaigns, two National Soccer League championships and the NSL player of the year in 1988, offers a unique insight into the world of professional sport, and how the principles he learnt can be applied to everyday life.

Posters, Facebook notices, daily notices and updates in the careers@wyndham classroom will ensure students are informed about this upcoming event.

Students are encouraged to join the google classroom 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.

Resume Workshops – recess Tuesday and Thursday in the library – Sue and Sarah are happy to assist students in the development of their resumes. They are a working document (which hopefully they have saved as a google doc. So it can't be lost).

Careers Workshop Talks at lunchtime for this term will focus on going to University. Year 12 students who completed the survey will receive invitations in their Connect classes to the following:

- Going to University – introduction to the UAC guide
- More information on the UAC guide
- University preferences – how to change these using UAC

Year 11 are welcome to attend any of these sessions.

University Open days – a must-do if you are thinking of going to university in the future – year 11 are also encouraged to attend.

Apprenticeship Expo – 10 September at Panthers from 3-8 pm

Year 11 – would you like to take part in a one week **YES (Youth Engagement Strategy) program** run through TAFE? You can only do one YES course in your school life. Courses include I.T., Gaming, Music & Entertainment, early Childhood, Community Services, Leadership, Building & Architecture and Carpentry. Checkout the **careers@wyndham** classroom or the noticeboard for details

If students would like to book a careers appointment come to the Careers Office, top of D Block near the kitchens.

Sue Beamer – Relieving Careers Adviser

SRC**Monday 19th August – RSPCA Cupcake Day**

Please support the SRC by bringing in baked goods on the day, such as cupcakes, cookies, cake pops and muffins. Baked treats that are safe for four-legged friends to eat will also be appreciated.

Remember to bring money to raise funds for fighting animal cruelty.



Dimitri Papanis and Melissa Berry – SRC Co Ordinators



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www.facebook.com/WyndhamCollege

ORDERS – must be in by September 2nd

HOW TO ORDER

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FORM.

Wyndham College



STEP 1

VISIT THE FOLLOWING LINK: shop.reformclothing.com/join/5t4886

STEP 2

Create an account using your email address and set a password of your choice. Then log in.

NOTE: Please set up the account under the name of the person who will be wearing the garment, to make it easier for the group organiser to hand out on delivery.

STEP 3

Carefully follow the online steps to place your individual order.

Note: Nickname/s will be printed exactly as typed, so check spelling and upper/lowercase carefully. You will be able to log back in and change your size and order details up until your order deadline date.

As your garment is completely customised, we do not offer exchanges or refunds.

STEP 4

Pay for your order online using a credit or debit card.

If you have any issues please see your group organiser or call Reform Clothing Co. on 1300 885 927 8:30-4:30 M-T and 8:30-4:00 Friday AEST.



FREE PLANTS FOR COLLEGE

At this particular time of year, the college has the opportunity to apply to Blacktown City Council for a free plant allocation to beautify our grounds.

We have been informed by the Council that we can seek the assistance of families to donate their free allocation of 2 plants to the school.

If you would like to partake in this, could you please complete the form below and return to the office by 30 August 2019.

We would like to thank Blacktown City Council for their continued generosity and all parents who donate their allocation to enable us to further improve and beautify the college grounds.

Karen Smith
Principal

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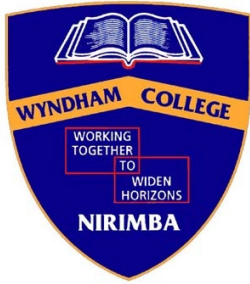


I of

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(Address)

Have **NOT** collected my 2 free plants from Blacktown City Council this financial year and would like to donate them to **Wyndham College** for planting in their school grounds.

Signature.....Date.....



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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 **15th 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.

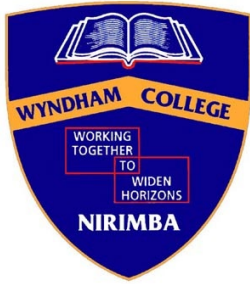
A professional photographer will be available on the night of the formal. They will take photos of the guests at the tables and on the dance floor. These photos will then be available free of charge online within the week. Additionally, there will be a studio photo booth available for the students to 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 or by sending her this form.

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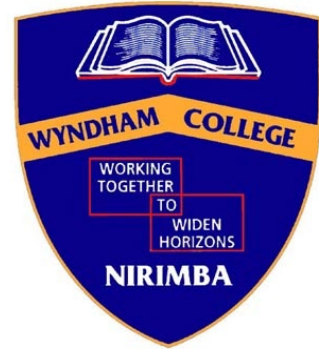
I am interested in the e-P&C

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

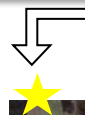
Working in partnership with your school.

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 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**.

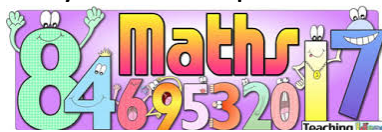
Email is **not** the most effective point of contact.

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**.

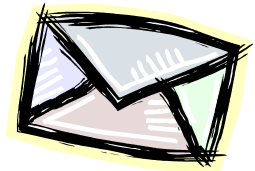
There are also free pancakes on Wednesday mornings before class.
Join us for pancakes and a chat.



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