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OCTOBER 2020

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David Macleod-Jones & Classa Martinuzzi
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Collegiate Deputy Principal

Beth O'Connor

OCTOBER

October 20th – November 11th – HSC Exams

NOVEMBER

November 13th – Year 12 Graduation & Formal
November 24th - Orientation Day for 2021 students
November 25th - SRE Assembly
November 26th – SRC Merry Mufti Day

FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year we did not undertake our Graduation at the end of term 3. Year 12 2020 returned for one week in Term 4. I wish to congratulate all students who have successfully completed Year 12 this year. It certainly has been a different and challenging year. This year has highlighted the resilience of our students and staff. I am so proud of the whole College and we wish Year 12 the very best for the HSC and for an exciting future. As previously corresponded, Graduation for Year 12 2020 will now occur on Friday 13 November. Students need to be onsite by 7.30 am at the latest and the Ceremony will start at 8.30 am sharp.

The COVID Safe rules of 4 square metres apply and as such, **we are unable to have parents and caregivers at the Graduation Ceremony.** The College will be graduating 300 students on the day. The College has made arrangements to live-stream and record the Ceremony for our community. Kellie Boyd, Head Teacher Secondary Studies, is co-ordinating the graduation and will be sending correspondence to students about the organisation for 13 November.

A huge congratulations to our new student leaders for 2021 –

2021 Wyndham College Captains

Kyle Cavanagh & Haanee Khan

2021 Wyndham College Vice-Captains

Brooklyn Williams & Iluka Jelley

Traditionally, the student leaders are inducted into their positions during the Graduation Ceremony. As our Graduation Ceremony has been delayed this year, I intend to induct our new student leaders prior to our Graduation.

Year 12 students have now commenced their HSC Examinations. Students have been a little anxious, understandably, but are managing their exams well. The Presiding Officer has commended our students for their cooperation and behaviour throughout the exams. All students will have completed their HSC Examinations by 11 November. Then we will wait until NESA release their results on Friday 18 December. This year the Universities Admissions Centre will be releasing student ATARs on the same day as HSC results. Students will be able to access these from 1 pm.

The Year 12 Formal this year is at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse and I am sure it is going to be a great night. Many thanks to the Student Advisers, Rachel Kelso, Tim Macintyre, Brendan Hewitt, and Sally Govett for organising this event and for all their work supporting Year 12 students throughout the year.

Week 1 this term provided Year 11 with an opportunity to participate in a series of events, including a Study Skills Seminar, Life Ready Program the My HSC Conference, and the famous Wyndham College Enduro. This was an opportunity for students to prepare for their transition to Year 12. The activities allowed students to learn about their responsibilities as a Year 12 student and as a young adult, as well as the NESA rules and procedures for a successful HSC.

I would like to impress upon both our new Year 12 students and parents, the importance of attendance in every class. Good attendance is closely linked to successful achievement. During Week 1, students were issued with the **2021 HSC Assessment Booklet**, and students are encouraged to add to their diary or calendar when their Year 12 Assessment Tasks are due for each of their subjects. **All assessment tasks from this point will form part of the students' HSC Mark in 2021**, so it is important that students do their very best for each and every task. Many thanks to David Macleod-Jones, Sue Beamer, David Ryan, and Nathan Hulands and their teams for organising the days.

The College is trying to organise a zoom meeting for our parents and carers of the 'Class of 2021'. This meeting will outline the expectations and importance of the assessments throughout their HSC year. An invitation will be as soon and we are hoping as many parents and carers as possible can link in.

Karen Smith – College Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



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Classa Martinuzzi – Deputy Principal

FROM THE YEAR 11 DEPUTY**Year 12 has begun**

Students at Wyndham College have commenced the transition to Higher School Certificate courses. This means that HSC assessment tasks will begin this term and you are expected to complete them. Students are reminded that all Year 12 Assessment tasks will form part of the student's HSC mark – the school assessments form 50% and the HSC examinations make up the other 50% of their final HSC mark.

Attendance is an important part of completion for your HSC. Already there are a significant number of students whose attendance has fallen away. All students are expected to be in every one of their timetabled classes, on time and learning. Unnecessary absences and truancy are placing students into 'dangerous territory' and unexplained absences will be considered as evidence of someone being a non-serious student whose continuation at Wyndham may be questioned.

Car Parking

Many students will be receiving driving licences over the Christmas break so parking will again become an issue. All students who drive to school must register their cars, using a form available from the front office. Please be aware that the first bay is reserved for Wyndham staff, the second for John Paul II staff, and both Wyndham and John Paul II students can use the two most northerly bays on a 'first in, first-served basis'. Do not park in staff reserved areas nor the parking spaces reserved for the Tradewynds Cafe'.

Uniform – Is Santa bringing you black shoes for Christmas?

Thank you for keeping up the standard. Some of you are slipping, particularly in the area of footwear. Our uniform code states that black leather shoes are the uniform, so if you are buying new shoes or placing an order with Santa, remember black leather shoes! Foot safety is a WHS issue therefore you can expect restricted entry into science and other practical subject areas.

David Macleod - Jones Deputy Principal



2021 Wyndham College Bell Times

Week A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Session 1 8.00 – 9.40	Line 1	Line 2	Line 5	Line 1	Line 6
Recess 9.40 – 10.10					
Connect 10.10 – 10.20	Connect	Connect	Connect	Connect	Connect
Session 2 10.20 – 11.10	ASSEMBLY	Line 7	Line 7 10.20 – 12.00	Line 6	Line 2
Session 3 11.10 – 12.50	Line 7	Line 3	Lunch 12.00 – 12.30	Line 4	Line 3
Lunch 12.50 – 1.20			Line 6 12.30 – 2.10		
Session 4 1.20 – 3.00	Line 5	Line 4	Staff Meeting 2.15 – 3.15	Line 2	

Week B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Session 1 8.00 – 9.40	Line 7	Line 2	Line 5	Line 4	Line 6
Recess 9.40 – 10.10					
Connect 10.10 – 10.20	Connect	Connect	Connect	Connect	Connect
Session 2 10.20 – 11.10	Line 3	Line 1	Line 7 10.20 – 12.00	Line 5	Line 4
Session 3 11.10 – 12.50	Line 1	Line 4	Lunch 12.00 – 12.30	Line 1	Line 3
Lunch 12.50 – 1.20			Line 6 12.30 – 2.10		
Session 4 1.20 – 3.00	Line 5	Line 3	Staff Meeting 2.15 – 3.15	Line 2	

FROM WELL-BEING

Year 12 2020 have now started their HSC examinations. We continue to provide support for all our students during this time. Please feel free to contact the year advisers, deputy, or myself if students are not coping during this time. We look forward to seeing the year group at the Graduation and Formal on the 13 November.

Other sources of support at this time include:

<https://au.reachout.com>

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/> and phone contact **1300 22 4636**

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/> and phone contact **1800 55 1800**

Year 12 for 2021 completed their Life ready Program as they had their first Life Ready session on Monday during a long connect with the Elevate presenters focusing on A Guide to Success which was highly successful as 97% of students would recommend this to others. That week at the HSC Conference day we had Tom Reynolds present an interesting and engaging session on Drugs & Alcohol. The following week on Monday 19 October included sessions on Sexual health; Car Buying; Budgeting – Household Finances & Building resilience. Then finally on Thursday all students participated in workshops on Safe Sexual relationships (use of condoms, consent, importance of communication, and using accurate websites for information), Careers, Sleep, Looking after your friends, and teamwork. An important day, that provided a variety of interesting and informative sessions, which hopefully lead to many interesting discussions at home as a follow up to the diverse sessions covered on the day. Students are now asked to check their school emails and complete two online surveys to provide us with valuable feedback about these events.

Please remember that all school fees need to be paid in order to attend the Year 12 Formal in 2021, this includes the \$30 Life Ready Program fee. If there are financial difficulties parents/ students are encouraged to complete the student assistance form now to work out a plan to assist with payments. Year Advisers have these forms or ask at the Front office.

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.



Term 4 live parent webinars + Q&A with Elevate Education

Elevate presenters recently visited Wyndham College to speak to our students and give them advice and tips about organisation, motivation, and studying.

We're excited to announce that parents of Wyndham College students have exclusive access to Elevate Education's Parent Webinar Series: **Empowering Parents to Reinforce Study Skills at Home.**

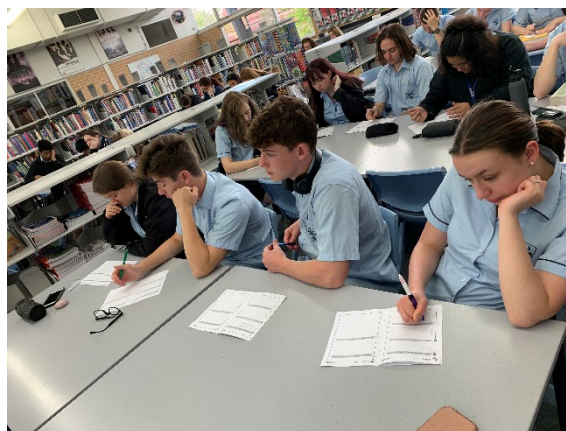
Topics Covered:

- **Wednesday 21st October – Independent Learning:** How to know that your child is focusing on the right kind of work that gets top marks.
- **Wednesday 4th November – Stress & Wellbeing:** Understanding your child's stress triggers, symptoms, and a toolkit for stabilising during tough periods.
- **Wednesday 18th November – Exam Preparation:** Developing a pre-exam roadmap with your child to maximise their chances of success and keep overwhelm at bay.
- **Wednesday 2nd December – Technology:** Understanding the impact of technology on your child's habits and how to develop techniques for responsible device use.

Register here: <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/au/register>

Webinar Format: The webinar will run **online** from **6 pm – 7 pm**. The webinars are live, where the Presenter will share Elevate's key research and skills, plus answer questions so parents can get the specific tools they need.

To contact Elevate directly you can: Call 1300 667 945, Email auscoaching@elevateeducation.com, or head to <https://au.elevateeducation.com>



Sue Beamer - Head Teacher Well-being

FROM CAREERS

Careers@wyndham classroom (code – **uhzsid**) has been joined by over 535 students which allows them access to relevant careers information. Particularly important for year 12 to join up using a personal email and they can then access this next year. A great resource with 24/7 careers advice on hand. It includes job opportunities including current apprenticeships and traineeships, TAFE, UAC, private colleges, University, and gap year information.

Year 12 2020 students – please feel free to email or come and book a careers interview during one of your study periods to make a plan for your successful transition from Wyndham College in 2021. So pleased that so many of our students have gained early entry into university. Please email me and let me know what you have been offered!

Year 12 2021 students have been coming in for career interviews to discuss their future. It is always good to start early and ask questions and find resources.

Lunchtime career talks start this week demonstrating how to use the jobjump website to find a career. Great for those students who have no idea.... These lunchtime workshops will continue each week highlighting different areas of interest for students. They will be advertised in the careers@wyndham classroom and also on Sentral notifications. Make sure you stay informed and come to the events that interest you.

The careers office is available to all students at the top of D Block. Parents & caregivers feel free to call the College with careers related concerns about your student.

Sue Beamer & Karen Tuynman - Careers Adviser

Email - susan.beamer@det.nsw.edu.au



UTS STEM DAY
19 November

An excursion to the University of Technology for all interested students
[NB. Pending the lifting of COVID-19 school excursion restrictions]

This one-day event provides an opportunity for students to explore different areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Design. Students take part in hands-on workshops, presentations and discussions with current students and people in STEM industries. Learn all about possible study and career options plus get an inside look at life as a student and professional in STEM.

[See Melinda or Rohit for more information](#)

**"AFTER A LENGTHY LAYOFF DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS,
THE WYNDHAM SPORTS ACADEMY
IS HAPPY TO INFORM STUDENTS THAT SCHOOL SPORTING
OPPORTUNITIES ARE RETURNING SOON."**



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WYNDHAM COLLEGE CLASS OF 2020 **ADVERTISING FEATURE**

Cohort rises to challenge

WHAT began as a promising final year for the class of 2020 at Wyndham College changed quickly as the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic set in. Valuable face-to-face course time was lost due to the lockdown plus a brief stint in isolation for 120 students bringing further disruptions to trial exams, practical performances and major works.

But despite these obstacles the 2020 cohort, guided by their committed teachers, persevered to attain some amazing achievements. Twelve students were awarded \$20,000 scholarships and early entry into Western Sydney University as part of the WSU Access Program, a significant advantage for students wanting to undertake tertiary study.

Several of these students were hardworking members of the College's Platinum Club program. Alongside this achievement, 32 additional students received offers for early entry into a university course for 2021, with a number receiving unconditional entry and scholarships. "It's fantastic to see so many stu-



WELL DONE: Wyndham College's class of 2020 cohort persevered to have great success in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic during their final school year. Photo: Supplied

dents looking to the future and being rewarded for their hard work," careers adviser Sue Beamer said.

Few faculties were hit as hard as Creative and Performing Arts, as progress on

practical performances and major art works suffered following numerous disruptions. Yet, the talented dancers and artists of Wyndham College overcame every obstacle to maintain

the longstanding tradition of students rewarded for their hard work with two nominated for Dance Callback and three students nominated for Art Express. "I am very proud of their fantastic work ethic

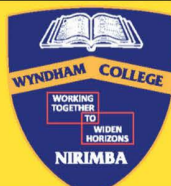
and resilience throughout these challenging times ... the quality of work produced was excellent and a true reflection of their dedication," dance teacher Sarah Minol said of her students.

Extra-curricular activities also felt the impact of the pandemic, after the early decision to suspend all sporting events brought the College's Extra-Curricular Athletic Program (E-CAP) to a close only weeks after beginning.

However, Wyndham's numerous sporting teams, better known as the Wolverines, still managed several key victories - most notably the boys open water polo team who finished runners up in the NSWCHS Sydney West Knockout Final. "There were some outstanding athletes in the program this year and they each played amazingly. It's a shame the year 12 students had their final season cut so short," sports co-ordinator Nathan Hulands said.

According to principal Karen Smith, the Wyndham College class of 2020 will always be remembered as the cohort who persevered through the most challenging of years to complete their educational journey. "I am very proud of each and every student this year and wish them all the best in the HSC and their future endeavours," she said.

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THIS YEAR YOU ACHIEVED:

- Surviving online learning and isolation
 - 12 WSU Access scholarships
 - 32 Early entries into University
 - Runners-up in boys regional Water Polo Final
 - Outstanding practical performances and major works
- and so much more....**

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My Hospital Journal - Ashlee Whitehead

Posture Awareness Device –
Labiba Arshad

2020 12 Design and Technology MDP

In what has been an extraordinary year, the students of 12DT have maintained their focus to produce an amazing range of innovative Major Design Projects, accompanied by well-presented folios documenting their creative process. They are all to be congratulated for their perseverance, tenacity and commitment to the development and realisation of their MDP. Well done 12DT!

Suzanne Szczesodi
TAS Faculty

Multi-purpose Outfit – Rona Elayan

Outdoor
Solar
Shower -
Samantha
Sakeld



Convertible Shoe –Nikaela Barraga



Boot Hanger – Clayton Blyth

12DT MDP

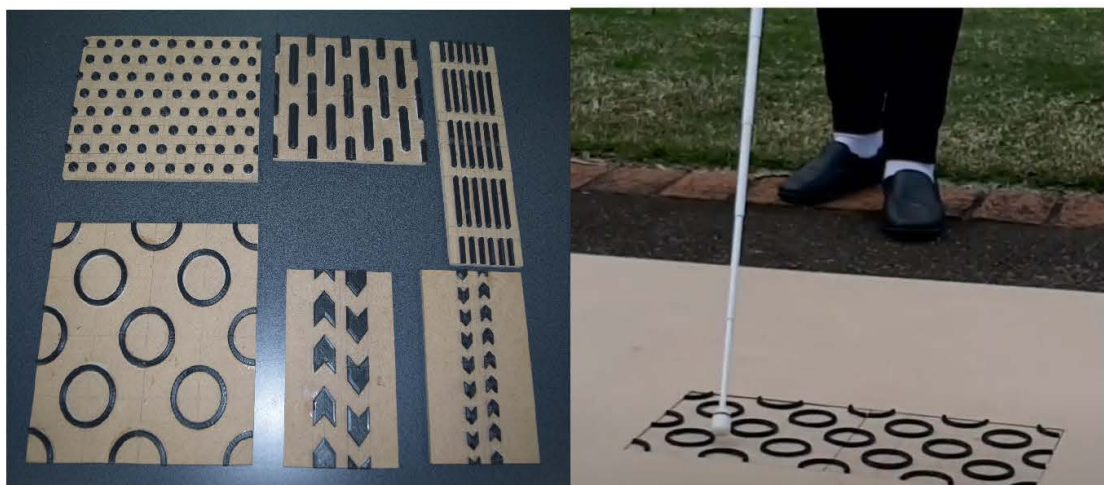
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Hiking Apparel -
Alexander Goncharov



Apartment
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Dining
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Tahnee
Smith

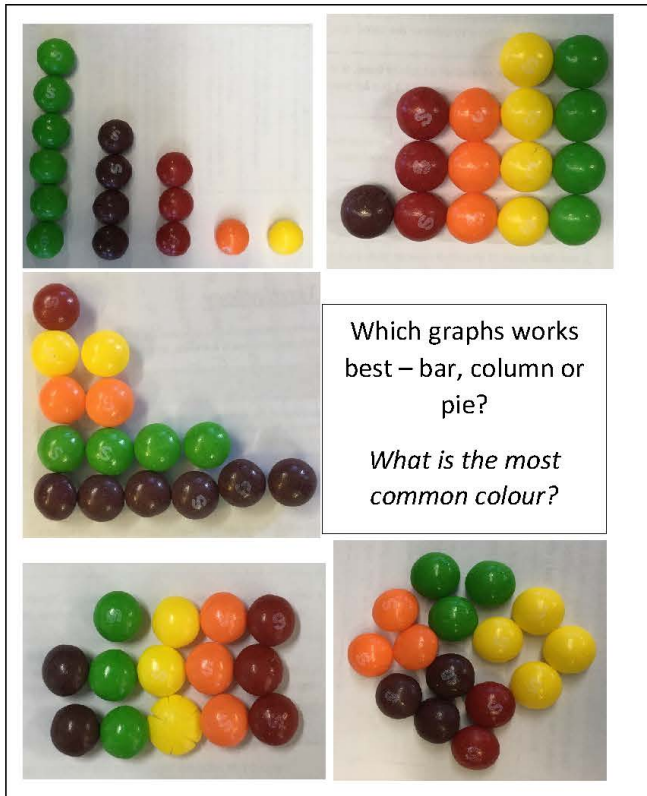


Tactile Ground Surface Indicators for the visually impaired – Genevieve Bryant

12 Community and Family Studies

This term, CAFS students will be completing an Independent Research Project (IRP) as part of Core 1: Research Methodology. They will learn to formulate a research question/hypothesis, collect primary research data, graph their findings, analyse their results, draw conclusions and more.

In class, with the help of Skittles, we have been practising some of these skills. Each student proposed a research question – *What is the most common colour? / What flavour is the most preferred?* - or hypothesis – *Red is the most common colour/Each packet contains the same amount of Skittles*. The students then set about collecting quantitative primary data by counting the contents of their individual packet, tallying the results, converting tallies to percentages with the help of calculators, creating graphs with the skittles (see right) and then making comparisons between their results and the results of the whole class.

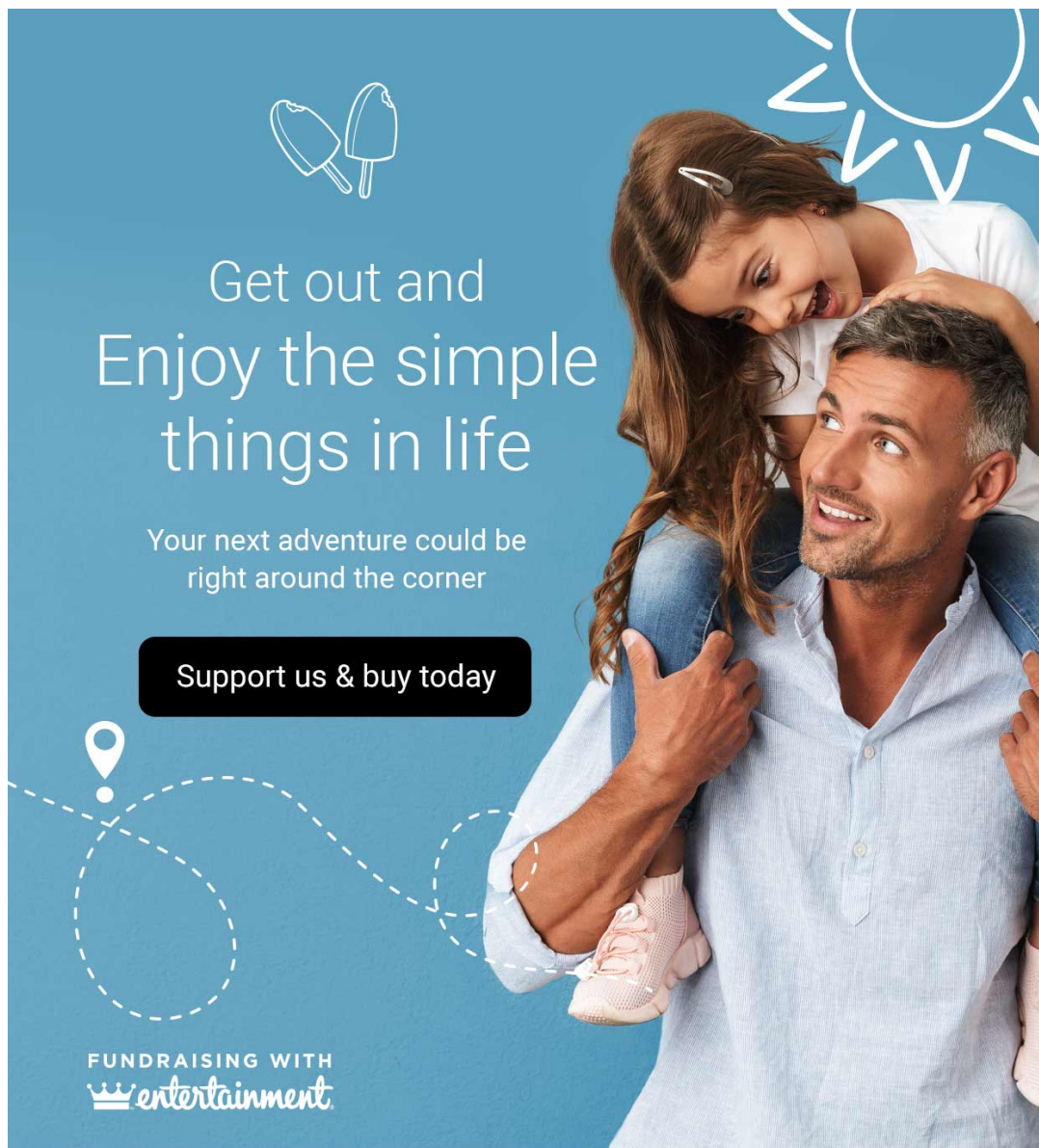


Then came the all-important qualitative primary research, conducted via a taste test. Students sampled the Skittles – one by one - then nominated their preference and gave an explanation for their choice.

What did we discover? Our research showed that, while there were differences between the number and colours in each individual pack, overall the colour distribution was quite even – demonstrating that sample size is an important factor when conducting research. *As for the favourite colour?* Our results were inconclusive and will require further research to be carried out.

During this term the students will further develop these skills as they devise a topic area and follow the research process to complete their IRP. Looking forward to reading the final product.

Suzanne Szecsodi
TAS Faculty



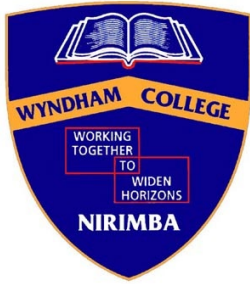
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The e-P & C MODEL (FOW)

Wyndham College has been operating as an eP&C (FOW) for all of 2018 and will continue with this model in 2020. 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 – 25 February 2020

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 may be 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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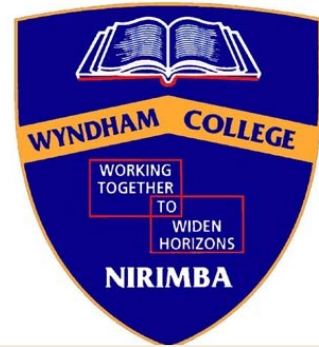
I am interested in the e-P&C

My child is _____ in year _____

My name _____ my email _____



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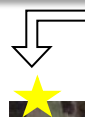
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STUDENT INFORMATION



OFFICE PROCEDURES

FROM THE OFFICE

Statements of Account

As our Year 11 students move into their HSC courses, we will be updating Statements of Account to reflect the course fees associated with these courses. As soon as the transition to Year 12 has been completed, we will issue these Statements to you. We are very conscious of the financial impacts COVID-19 continues to have in society. Please do not hesitate to contact the College should you be affected. All enquiries are strictly confidential.

Student Absences

Each day, the College sends parents & carers SMS texts to indicate students who have been marked absent in Connect session or arrived late to school. We encourage you to respond to these messages as soon as possible. It is important the College knows you are aware of your child's absence or lateness - a response also changes these from unexplained to explained.

Thank you – Administration



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

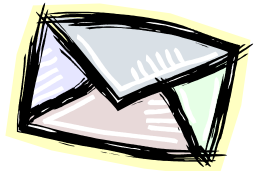
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See Jason (staffroom) or
Sally (Library) with your donations

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