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Collegiate Deputy Principal
Jo Andrew (Relieving)

November

Nov 4th - 2022 HSC Assessment Parent Webinar –
Thursday 6.00 -7.00 pm.
Nov 9th – Dec 3rd HSC Written Examinations

December

Dec 6th – Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremony &
Year 11 Presentation Assembly
Dec 13th – Year 12 2021 School Formal
Dec 16th – Students last day Term 4
Dec 17th – SDD Staff Only

FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 4. What a year! Probably an understatement. Last year I constantly mentioned that 2020 was a year like no other. However, 2021 has definitely surpassed 2020. It certainly has been a different and challenging year. This year has definitely highlighted the resilience of our students, staff and families. I am so proud of the whole College and wish Year 12 2021, the very best for the upcoming HSC exams and for the exciting future that lays ahead of them.

HSC exams conclude on 3 December and the Graduation Ceremony will occur on 6 December. At this stage, the Department of Education has COVID Safe Rules in place and we are unable to include parents and carers at the Graduation Ceremony. As we very successfully did for last year's Graduation Ceremony, we will again live-stream and record the event for our community to view. Kellie Boyd, Head Teacher Social Science & LOTE, will be sending correspondence closer to the event.

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

Next Forum –

To be advised

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

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

A huge congratulations to our new student leaders for 2022 –

2022 Wyndham College Captains

Logan Ezzy & Zacharie Zoleta

2022 Wyndham College Vice-Captains

Jaqueline Attard & Kristen Stebbing

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 will commence their HSC Examinations on 9 November 2021. Students will be informed about the latest COVID Safe HSC Examination plans in the next few weeks. All students will have completed their HSC Examinations by 3 December. Then we will wait until NESA release their results on 24 January 2022. This year the Universities Admissions Centre will be releasing student ATARs 22 January 2022.

The Year 12 Formal this year is at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse on 13 December 2021, and I am sure it is going to be a great night. Many thanks to the Student Advisers for organising this event and for all their work supporting Year 12 students throughout the year.

I would like to impress upon both our new 2022 Year 12 students and parents, the importance of attendance in every class. Good attendance is closely linked to successful achievement. Our new Year 12 students will be issued with the **2022 HSC Assessment Booklet** when they return the face-to-face learning. Students are encouraged to add the due dates for their Year 12 Assessment Tasks for each of their subject to their diary or calendar. **All assessment tasks from this point will form part of the students' HSC Mark in 2022**, so it is important that students do their very best for each and every task. Many thanks to Classa Martinuzzi and David Ryan for organising the Assessment Booklet.

The College is organising a zoom meeting for our parents and carers of the 'Class of 2022'. This meeting will outline the expectations and importance of the assessments throughout their HSC year. The date for this is 4 November 2021 at 6pm. An invitation will be sent to families very soon and we are hoping as many parents and carers as possible can link in.

Staffing News - Update

At the start of this term, I announced to the staff of Wyndham College, that I will be retiring at the end of the year, after nearly 40 years of service with the Department of Education. I started teaching in 1982 and was appointed Principal of Wyndham College in 2011. It has been a very difficult decision but I am looking forward to spending time with my family. I have loved Wyndham College and there is no other school I would like to be at. I will have more to say (with tears) as the term goes on. I would like to thank the Wyndham community for support and commitment you have shown me.

Karen Smith – College Principal

FROM THE YEAR 12 DEPUTY

As our students prepare to sit their HSC written examinations it is important, they maintain that focus and work ethic demonstrated so far through to their last exam. I send my best wishes to those students who may not have HSC examinations and have moved on to beginning their employment and chosen careers.

We are currently working tirelessly to investigate opportunities that would best involve our community in the Year 12 Graduation ceremony. As we move closer to December 13, we will be able to make an informed decision based on the guidelines provided to us by the Department of Education and NSW Health on how we are able to proceed.

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.

Brian Ewin - Relieving Deputy Principal

FROM THE YEAR 11 DEPUTY

Welcome back!

This week we welcomed back Year 12 2022 onsite. It is so great to be back here at Wyndham and to have our students back. Our college now looks and feels like a school again.

Year 12 2022

Students have now commenced their Year 12 studies. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions we have not been able to run our usual *My HSC Conference* to transition our students from Year 11 to Year 12. We will try to embed activities that are usually part of this program throughout Connect and Year Meetings (when we can run them again). Students will be issued their Year 12 Assessment Booklets in Connect on Monday 1st November. I encourage all students to add their Year 12 Assessment dates to a 2022 Calendar/Planner. This will help them to monitor and plan for upcoming tasks.

As HSC classes and learning has now commenced, 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. 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.

HSC Assessment Webinar for Year 12 2022 Parents and Students

We will be holding a Year 12 2022 HSC Assessment Parent and Student Webinar to explain the HSC Assessment process, HSC marks and surviving the HSC. The details to access the webinar have been emailed to parents and students. Please use the Zoom link and password provided in the email. You will be able to ask questions through the Q&A function in Zoom.

When: Thursday 4th November 2021 from 6.00 – 7.00pm

Where: Via Zoom

Car Parking

Many students will be receiving driving licenses over the Christmas break so parking will again become an issue. All students who drive to school **must register their cars** here at the college, 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 at Tradewynds Cafe'. Further student parking is available in the rear carpark near the playing fields. School students are not permitted to park in the University or TAFE parking areas.

Classa Martinuzzi – Deputy Principal

FROM WELL-BEING

Well-being is our focus at Wyndham College, and we ensure every student is known valued and cared for and we do this through our hard working, caring staff, close contact with parents/ care-givers and a dedicated team. Our Well-Being team is a large diverse group of staff to ensure students are provided with support for their mental health and well-being. Please reach out if students need support.

Year 11 Advisers

A - G – Alaina Radzieta

H - O - Rachel Kelso

P - Z – Mona Kamel

Platinum - Sally Govett

ATSI – Brendan Hourigan

Deputy – Classa Martinuzzi

Counsellor - Anna Jakymin – Mon, Tues & Friday

Well-Being & Engagement officer- Juanita McMillan -Wed & Thurs

Head Teacher Well-Being - Sue Beamer (Mon- Wed) and Daljit Bansal (Th-Fri)

Mandatory Life Ready Program -

Focus for the **Life Ready Program** this term will be in Week 11 with a wide range of activities including Digital Citizenship, Safe Sexual relationships, looking after yourself, Careers, Household finances, Buying a Car and Building resilience. More information will be provided closer to the date.

Students will also access Elevate presentations and Goalhub resources over the next few months to help equip them with the move into the HSC year.

Health Issues

A reminder to both students and parents that students with serious health conditions have a current Health Care Plan in place (some will need an ASCIA plan also).

It is essential that staff and students are prepared appropriately for these medical conditions and students bring their correct medications each day e.g. EpiPens, glucose testing kits, puffers etc. If changes need to be made, please contact the relevant year advisers.

If you need a health care plan created, please ensure you contact Daljit Bansal asap.

Open Pantry

To ensure our students are cared for the Chaplain co-ordinates an Open Pantry that students can access at recess or lunch via their year advisers at the top of B Block. Basic snack foods are available if needed.

Student Assistance

If financial difficulties are creating pressure in terms of being in school uniform and paying fees then a student assistance form can be collected from either the front office or year advisers.

Student details

Student details need to be updated regularly by parents/caregivers if things change at home so that staff can contact the correct people when needed. Items that need to be updated can include mobile numbers, address and emergency contacts.

Please contact a member of our team if you have concerns.

Daljit Bansal & Sue Beamer HT Well-Being

CAREERS@WYNDHAM

Welcome back to on site learning!!

It's great to be back and wonderful to see so many students coming in for face-to-face support.

All students receive a fortnightly email to their school email account with a careers update. Please take the time to have a look and access the information provided.

Careers@wyndham classroom (code – uhzsid)

A great resource with up-to-date information all in one central location. It includes job opportunities including current apprenticeships and traineeships, TAFE, UAC, private colleges, University and gap year information.

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- available Monday to Wednesday - susan.beamer@det.nsw.edu.au

Karen Tuynman – available Thursday- Friday - karen.tuynman@det.nsw.edu.au

From the Wyndham Office

Statements of Account

As our Year 11 2021 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 2022 has been completed, we will issue these Statements to you. We are very conscious of the financial impacts COVID-19 continues has had 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

2022 Yr12 Japanese Beginners Nihongo Tanken Centre Incursion

On Wednesday 20th October, Yr 12 (2022) Japanese Beginners students participated in an online Introductory Japanese Speaking Workshop with *Sensei* from the Nihongo Tanken Centre, Kirrawee. Students engaged with native speakers of Japanese for the first time and were challenged to recall grammar and vocabulary in real time.

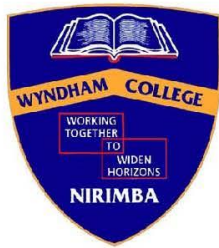
All participating students received useful tips on how to improve their speaking style for the HSC Oral Examination which will be held in August/ September 2022.

みなさん、おつかれさまでした！ (*minasan, otsukaresama deshita*- Thanks for your hard work)

The following is a reflection on the day by Year 12 student Jessica Marks.

"The Nihongo Tanken Centre incursion was a really great experience. It really gave me an insight on the requirements of the HSC and what I need to do to be ready for the oral exam. It was also a really great way to listen to people that were fluent and experienced in speaking Japanese, which helped with my listening skills. My speaking skills were also greatly challenged. The feedback that was given to me after the two speaking sessions was really helpful as I was also told how I could improve on my speaking and listening skills and what I need to do to do well in the HSC. Overall, I am grateful for this opportunity and experience as I think it has really helped me academically, while also being a fun and engaging interaction."





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Friends of Wyndham FOW (e-P & C) MODEL & FORUMS

Wyndham College has been operating as a FOW (e-P&C) since 2018, a modified version in 2019. In 2020, the college operated Zoom meetings due to COVID. 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 FOW. Parents on the FOW list are not obliged to respond to every issue.

Meeting schedule – Four parent meetings/forums will be held in a year

In 2021, due to COVID restrictions the College will conduct the

Term 1 meeting via Zoom – 23 February 2021 6pm. This will be the AGM and welcome meeting.

The link will be emailed to parents. Please RSVP below.

Term 2 Week 5 – Tuesday 18 May 2021 6pm

Term 3 Week 5 – Tuesday 3 August 2021 6pm

Term 4 Parent Forum – HSC Assessment/Information evening – Tuesday 26 October 2021 6pm

The FOW (e-P&C) Meetings & Forums

FOW will be advertised each year to parents via email and newsletters.

Following the Welcome meeting 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. The meetings/forums scheduled in term 2 & 3 are to address these issues. However at least once a year FOW 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. FOW will also identify parents representatives for interview panels, and community representatives on projects the College is involved in.

Join FOW and / or attend meetings / forums

Parents are invited to join FOW and/or attend the forums. This is a group email of FOW 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 FOW (e-P&C) and / or attending forums.

I will be attending the zoom meeting 23/02/2021 @6pm

yes ☐

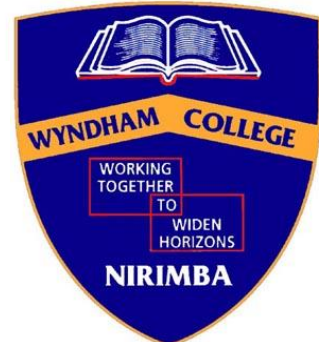
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My child is _____ in year _____

My name is _____ My email address is _____



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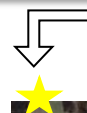
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UNIFORM SHOP –

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

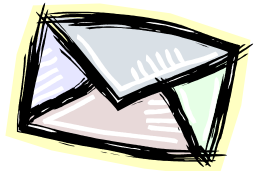


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CHANGE OF DETAILS

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