

WYNDHAM COLLEGE

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WYNDHAM WHISPERS

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DECEMBER 2021

Principal

Karen Smith

Deputy Principals

Classa Martinuzzi & Brian Ewin (Relieving)

Collegiate Deputy Principal

Jo Andrew (Relieving)

December

Dec 16th – Students last day Term 4

Dec 17th – SDD Staff Only

Dec 25th – Christmas Day

Dec 26th – Boxing Day

January 2022

Jan 1st – New Year's Day

January

Jan 26th – Australia Day

Jan 28th – Staff return – SDD

Jan 31st – Staff SDD

February

Feb 1st – Year 11 return

Feb 2nd – Year 12 return - **Week B**

Feb 24th – 2021 HSC Celebration Assembly

FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

This is the final Wyndham Whispers for 2021 and is an opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding achievements and events that have occurred since the last newsletter.

Our Year 12 2021 Graduation Ceremonies were held on Monday 6 December and, due to the need to comply with COVID-19 restrictions, parents, carers and extended families experienced the event via the College's inaugural live-stream. The students of Year 12 2021 are to be congratulated for their wonderful achievements and on meeting all the challenges this year has brought them.

On the evening of 13 December, the Year 12 Formal was held at Rosehill Gardens. Those attending enjoyed a fun-filled evening. The venue staff complimented our students on the outstanding behaviour and for complying with the COVID Safe Plans in place. We are very proud of all of the Year 12 Class of 2021.

**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**

I can also proudly report that one of our students **Renee Spasaro** has been selected for *ArtExpress*. This is an outstanding achievement as 9000 students submitted Visual Arts Bodies of Work for their HSC. Only 100 Bodies of Work were selected for Art Express and we can proudly say again Wyndham College has been successful students. Congratulations to Renee and to our fabulous Visual Arts Faculty.

Our talented and dedicated HSC Dance students have also been acknowledged, with a nomination for inclusion in *Callback*. The nominated student **Jasmine O'Dea** She deserves our congratulations on her nomination and we wish her the best of luck while she waits to hear if her nomination has led to a successful inclusion in *Callback*.

A reminder to the Class of 2021, HSC results will arrive on 24 January 2022.

Our **Celebration Assembly for the Class of 2021** will be held on **early in 2022**.

We recently welcomed 260 Year 10 (Year 11 2022) students to Wyndham for Orientation Day. For families of Year 10 students, we held an evening zoom meeting to provide information about the College. 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 2022.

We recently celebrated the achievements of our current Year 11 at the Annual Presentation Assembly. I was pleased to see so many outstanding results and also the many parents/caregivers who took time out of their busy schedules watch this live-streamed event.

This year we recognised several of our staff, with the Nirimba Learning Community Awards. These awards are open to all staff from Blacktown Boys, Blacktown Girls, Doonside Technology, Mitchell, The Hills Sports, Quakers Hill, Riverstone, and Seven Hills High Schools, and Wyndham College. We had 9 staff successful recognised:

- Excellence in Educational Leadership: **Karen Smith**
- Excellent Contribution to School Achievement: **Melissa Rielly & Kumie Pather**.
- Excellence in Teaching: **Antonio Assuncao & Rohit Prakash**
- Excellent Contribution in Early Career Teaching: **Anjani Bachu**
- Excellent Contribution by Temporary Staff: **Brett Rollo**
- Excellent Contribution by SASS Staff: **Renata Brentin & Rosemary Godbehere**

Congratulations to all these staff and thank you to **Kellie Boyd** and her team for organising the Presentation Assembly.

We are fast coming to the end of the year and I hope the Year 12 Class of 2022 has started organising their assessment schedules/major works for next year.

Staffing 2022 – Some staff are moving on at the end of this year. They are –

- **Daljit Bansal** will be a Head Teacher Science at The Ponds High School
- **Alaina Radzieta** is transferring to Glenmore Park High School
- **Karen Smith, Collin Morse & Beata Graham** are retiring
- **Sarah Johnson & Geoff Spotswood** will be at other schools
- **Antonio Assuncao** is transferring to Riverstone High School
- **Ronnie Saras** (SLSO) will be relocating to Riverstone High School
- **Michelle Brakell** (SLSO) will be relocating to Seven Hills High School

At the time of writing, replacement staff for 2022 will be –

- **Classa Martinuzzi** will be relieving as Principal for Term 1 2022
- **Brian Ewin** will be relieving as Deputy Principal
- **Kellie Boyd** will be relieving Deputy Principal for Term 1 2022
- **David Ryan** will be relieving Head Teacher Teaching & Learning
- **Kushman Narayan** will be co-ordinator of the Support Unit

We wish everyone all the best at their new location or ventures in 2022.

Some important dates to remember for 2022:

Friday	28 January	Staff return – School Development Day
Monday	31 January	School Development Day
Tuesday	1 February	Year 11 return
Wednesday	2 February	Year 12 return

NB: There are now two Staff Development Days (SDD) at the start of each year and only one at the end of the year. SDDs for Day one of Term 2 and Term 3 remain unchanged.

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 watching the College evolve in 2022.

Karen Smith – College Principal

FROM THE YEAR 12 DEPUTY

Year 12 in full swing!

It was wonderful to be able to celebrate the achievements of our students at the Year 11 Presentation Assembly on Wednesday 8th December. This was our first opportunity to meet together onsite as a group since June. Whereas the presentation acknowledged the achievements of a group of students, I would like to acknowledge the success and resilience of all Year 11 2021. They all survived and conquered one of the strangest years on record, but also seamlessly transitioned into their Year 12 studies while *Learning From Home* and then back onsite without the usual fanfare associated with this transition point.

Students have now completed the first term of their Year 12 studies and their HSC Assessment Task 1 for each of their subjects. The next 3 terms will pass by at lightning speed and before you know HSC examinations, Graduation and Formal will be upon you. Try to keep in touch with your studies over the summer holidays so that your start back isn't too difficult.

Driving to the college

Many students will be receiving driving licences over the Summer break so parking will again become an issue. All students who drive and park on the Precinct must register their cars with the College using a form available from the front office.

Returning to the college in 2022

All Year 12 students return to Wyndham College in 2022 at **8.00am on Wednesday 2nd February. Please Note – This will be Week B**

We will be starting with an assembly in the Hall to outline changes and expectations for the year. Students will be also given notice of any timetable changes that have been made.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday. Take some time to rest, connect with family and friends and I look forward to seeing you all back in 2022.

Classa Martinuzzi – Deputy Principal**FROM THE YEAR 11 DEPUTY**

Now that we close the longest HSC year ever, I would like to again congratulate our students for their hard work and resilience throughout the past two years. The end of school Graduation and Formal events have been a pleasure for our staff to be involved in celebrating the success of our students.

The students will be looking forward to receiving their ATAR on 20 January followed by the HSC results on 24 January. Good luck and I hope that all your hard work will be realised in these results.

I send my best wishes to those all students who have now moved on to beginning their employment, chosen careers and the next stages of their life journey. For our students who now have holidays, enjoy your well-earned break.

Wishing our students and families a safe and Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Brian Ewin - Relieving Deputy Principal

12CAFS HELPING THE HOMELESS

The HSC Community and Family Studies course includes the study of marginalised groups such as Youth, People with Disabilities and Homeless People. Throughout second term, students explored diversity within the groups, prioritised specific needs and investigated the services required by each group to facilitate equity.

We were fortunate to have our very own Sue Beamer give a presentation about her volunteer work at Mama Lana's Community Foundation (MLCF). This organisation is wholly not-for-profit and is dedicated to helping the often-forgotten homeless and underprivileged community in the greater Penrith region. The foundation offers hot meals six nights a week, supplies food and toiletry packs, as well as clothing, sleeping bags, swags and blankets to keep the homeless and underprivileged warm during cold Penrith nights.

After Sue's presentation, our Year 12 CAFS students were motivated to donate to this very worthwhile cause. They set about assembling toiletry items in bags, back packs, handbags and tote bags. Some of the packs included scarves, beanies, note pads and pens and some included a note decorated by Alaina's daughter. All of these items are things we may take for granted but they are essential for meeting our basic needs, and especially important for people experiencing homelessness.

Now that lockdown is over, these generous donations can be delivered to Mama Lana's. Well done 12CAFS. You don't just talk the talk, you walk the walk.



Suzanne Szecsofi and Alaina Radzieta
TAS Faculty



FROM WELL-BEING

As with a lot of school activities COVID-19 has had a huge impact on our Year 12 as well. We had to change the date three times and organise all payments, table allocations and collection of information on dietary requirements had to be done online. Despite all the hiccups we managed to have our Year 12 Formal on the 13 December 2021 at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse. It was a fun filled night full of energy and positive vibe. It was a delight to see all students getting on the dance floor and enjoy the precious moments of being together with their classmates. Students displayed the best behaviour and were commended by venue staff for being so respectful and courteous. Once again Year 12 made us feel proud.

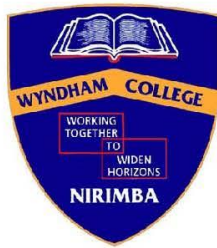
I would like to thank all the students and their parents/guardians for their efforts towards making this event a huge success. We could not have done this without your support.

Year 11 have been involved in the Life Ready Program this term. The focus this week has been a wide range of activities including Digital Citizenship, Safe Sexual relationships, looking after yourself, Careers, household finances, buying a car and building resilience. Students also participated in Elevate session and Goal Hub activities earlier this term.

We wish all our students and parents/carers a safe and relaxing holiday.

Sue Beamer/ Daljit Bansal - Head Teachers Well-being





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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 ☐

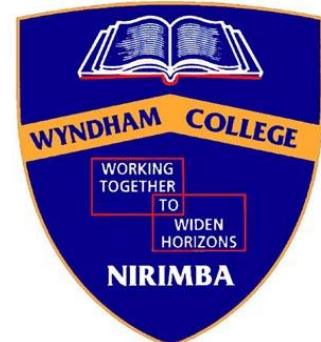
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My child is _____ in year _____

My name is _____ My email address is _____



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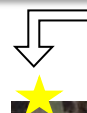
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UNIFORM SHOP –

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



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

From the Wyndham Office

To the Wyndham College community, our best wishes for the festive season and the New Year. We look forward to serving you again in 2022.

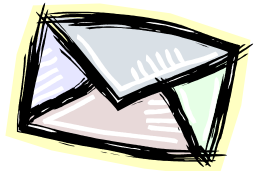
Thank you – Administration



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