



WYNDHAM COLLEGE

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Collegiate Deputy Principal

Jo Andrew (Relieving)

December

Dec 3rd – Last day of HSC Written Examinations
Dec 6th – Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremony
Dec 8th - Year 11 Presentation Assembly
Dec 9th – Year 11 2022 Orientation Day
Dec 13th – Year 12 2021 School Formal

December

Dec 16th – Students last day Term 4
Dec 17th – SDD Staff Only
Dec 25th – Christmas Day
Dec 26th – Boxing Day

FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

There will be one last Wyndham Whispers for 2021 – in December. This edition is to let parents and carers some upcoming events that are happening early in December.

Our Year 12 2021 Graduation Ceremony will be held on Monday 6 December. Information pertaining to this event (see next page) has been sent to Year 12 families and students. To meet COVID Safe guidelines, we are splitting the Ceremony into two sessions. Those students with surnames beginning with A – L will be from 9.00am to 10.30am. Students with surnames beginning with M – Z will be from 12 noon to 1.30pm. Only two, fully vaccinated family members, over the age of 16 years can attend. Both sessions of the 2021 Graduation Ceremony will be live-streamed and recorded for other family and friends to share or enjoy at a later time. We are looking forward to this exciting event.

On the evening of 13 December, the Year 12 Formal will be held at Rosehill Gardens. There are COVID Safe rules attached to the venue, and we must always adhere to these at all times.

Year 12 of 2021 are currently completing their HSC exams. They are doing an amazing job and I am so proud of their resilience and continued commitment to their studies, in what has been an interesting year.

**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**

The 2021 Presentation Day for Year 11 will be on 8 December 2021. There will be some information sent out soon to parents and carers about this event.

We are planning to conduct an Orientation Day on 9 December for our new Year 11 2022 students. We look forward to welcoming these students to Wyndham College.

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.

Karen Smith – College Principal

FROM THE YEAR 12 DEPUTY

Dear Year 12 Students, Parents and Carers,

It is with great pleasure; we are able to invite family members to the 2021 Graduation Ceremony. As we move closer to this date - 6 December 2021 - I wanted to provide everyone with an update for the organisation of the event and to remind you that any future communication updates will be notified via official school email, school website, Facebook, and Instagram accounts.

To be allowed to have family members on-site at the College, we must comply with NSW Health and Department of Education Guidelines. To achieve this, we must limit the number of people in the School Hall, and we seek your assistance to keep everyone safe by adhering to the following -

- **Maximum of two, fully vaccinated, adult family members**, i.e., over the age of 16 years may attend. **No one under 16 Years of age, even if vaccinated, may attend.**
- **No other family members or friends are permitted on-site.** This special event will be live-streamed for the enjoyment of your extended family
- **Mandatory QR code Check-in and Proof of Vaccination** must be shown to school staff. QR Check-in codes will be set up on the approaches to the Hall. Proof of vaccination must be shown to school staff at the check-in station. Coloured stickers will be issued to two family members only who have been cleared and checked. These will allow entry to the Hall and must be clearly displayed on your clothing.
- **Mandatory mask wearing** inside the Hall
- **Remain in your allocated seats** at all times during the Graduation Ceremony
- Ensuring **social distancing** at all times
- Students and family members should **leave College grounds immediately after the conclusion of the Graduation Ceremony**

Due to the large number of Year 12 students and to allow for two family members per student to be present in the Hall, the 2021 Graduation Ceremony will be conducted in two sessions.

The Morning Graduation Ceremony

- **For students whose surname begins with letters from A to L**
- Family members of these students, once screened by school staff, will be ushered to allocated seats. There will be **only two seats set up for each student's family members** and they should be **seated 10 minutes prior to commencement time**.
- This **Graduation Ceremony will commence at 9.00 am** and conclude by 10.30am
- **Students A – L – collect your Graduation Gown from 8am**

The Afternoon Graduation Ceremony

- **For students whose surname begins with letters from M to Z**
- Family members of these students, once screened by school staff, will be ushered to allocated seats. There will be **only two seats set up for each student's family members** and they should be **seated 10 minutes prior to commencement time**.
- This **Graduation Ceremony will commence at 12 midday** and conclude by 1.30pm
- **Students M - Z – collect your Graduation Gown from 11.30am**

Both Graduation Ceremonies will be live-streamed and recorded. A link to the live-streaming will be emailed to families and Year 12 students prior to the date of the Ceremony. It will be sent again, along with the Graduation Program on the morning of 6 December 2021.

Brian Ewin - Relieving Deputy Principal

FROM THE YEAR 11 DEPUTY

Year 12 has begun

As in most schools, Wyndham College Year 11 has commenced Higher School Certificate courses. This means that HSC assessment tasks have begun this term and students 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 successful 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.

Wellbeing Day for Year 11 Monday 6th December

Monday 6th December will be classified as a Wellbeing Day for Year 11. No formal classes will be held on that day and students will be given the time to work on upcoming assessment tasks from home. The College will be open only for the Year 12 2021 Graduation ceremonies, being held in 2 sessions throughout the day.

Signing in to the college

Students with a timetabled session 1 class are expected to be in class on time at 8.00am. If they are late, they need to sign in late at the front office before proceeding to class. Students are reminded that Connect is our official roll marking for the full day. All students need to be in Connect promptly when the bell rings at 10.10am. Lateness to Connect may lead to incorrect roll marking as teachers have quite a bit to get done in this time, including reading out the student notices.

Finally, if students have completed their timetabled classes for the day prior to the end of the school day, they are permitted to leave if they have signed out through the front office. This ensures that we are aware of who remains on site in the case of an emergency.

Uniform

Thank you for keeping up the standard. With the wet and cooler weather recently, some students 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.

Please note that students are not to come to school in track pants or leggings. Students continually in inappropriate clothing, that is, clothing that is not the official Wyndham College uniform, will be sent home to change and/or issued with a Formal Caution of suspension.

Completing your financial responsibilities

If you took subjects that had a cost attached to them, you would have done so knowing what the costs were. Materials have been purchased for you and paid for on your behalf, now it's your turn. Please complete your obligations very soon.

Many courses are completing more practical work this term since we have been back onsite to make up for lost practical time during *Learning From Home*. This is another reason why it is important for students to be in class every timetabled session.

Classa Martinuzzi – Deputy Principal

FROM WELL-BEING

Mandatory Life Ready Program –

Focus for the **Life Ready Program** this term will be in Week 11 with a wide range of activities including Drugs & Alcohol, Digital Citizenship, Safe Sexual relationships, looking after yourself, Careers, Household finances, buying a Car and Building resilience. Staff are working behind the scenes putting together useful resources to assist students in navigating many aspects of their life. Information relating to times and locations will be provided to students on Sentral, through their connect teachers and via email.

Students have created goals for this term using the online format, Goalhub. They will also be taking part in workshops relating to Success in the HSC in Week 9.

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.

Sue Beamer/ Daljit Bansal - Head Teachers Well-being**CAREERS@WYNDHAM**

Careers@wyndham classroom (code – **7ujke47**)

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



The Nirimba Arts and Film Festival

Celebrating the works of the students from the Nirimba Education Precinct:

- St John Paul II Catholic College
- TAFE NSW Nirimba
- Wyndham College
- WSU – The College

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24 November – 3 December 2021

<https://www.facebook.com/nirimbaedp>



FROM THE LIBRARIAN'S DESK

During lockdown the Library was refurbished with new carpet and LED lighting. Staff and students have commented on how much lighter and brighter the library is and how it has improved their study conditions greatly. Although the numbers are limited to 100 students at a time in the main area of the Library due to COVID19 restrictions, we have found that many students have taken up the opportunity to work in the Library during study periods and get back into a good routine on campus. Classes have also resumed in the Library with JPII and Wyndham students social distancing in separate areas of the Library and wearing masks.

Year 12 students have been using the HSC study guides over the past few weeks as they come into school to study and complete exams. Many students have come in to return their library books and say their final farewells as their exams finish. We will miss them greatly and wish them well on their future journeys.

We are preparing for Christmas and the decorations are up in the library. We are also giving away some older books that we have culled from the library collection to make room for brilliant new and updated resources. With many students interested in gathering together their reading for the holidays, these books have been popular.



There are a lot of new books arriving on the shelves every day at the moment so drop in and see what you can find to suit you.

Sally Govett – Teacher Librarian





Sunday 21 November 2021 saw a reunion of an ex-student of Wyndham College and some itinerant teaching staff together with myself.

Sivaram Pragashpathi (blind and a severe hearing impairment) born in Malaysia, migrated to Australia in 1985.

He was a pathways student, accessing both mainstream and life skill courses here at Wyndham College for 3 years, graduating 2004. Being a student within the collegiate, Riverstone High School, transitioning was done on a large scale with the assistance of The Royal Blind Society (as it was known then) and ourselves. The school did not have tactile plates in those days, so we relied on rote learning, counting and memory to recall access around the school. Krystina Moore was the Itinerant Teacher Vision, Jock Robinson Itinerant Teacher Hearing and myself, Maria Lowenstein, as the aide (used to be called Teacher's Aide Special – now School Learning Support Officer).

Siv would like to thank everyone at Wyndham College with whom he associated with, he had a great time at the school and learnt a lot.

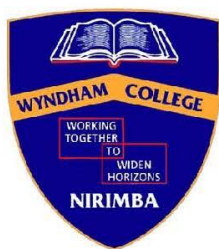
Siv has a passion with radio – he would listen to it all day, if possible, he follows John Laws, but he has a flare to mimic voices John Laws, John Howard, Allen Jones to name a few. During his time at school, he had exposure to and work experience with radio stations like WOW FM, Hope 1032, 2KY, 2CH.

So, it has been 17 years since he left school, since he saw the team he worked with and a reunion was initiated. Thank you, Jock for insisting on this and for everyone to be accepting of the idea. It was a great day and one we will have to continue.

Maria Lowenstein - School Learning Support Officer

Used Uniform's WANTED

*Please Donate
your pre loved
uniforms to
Wyndham
College,
to be much
loved again.
Thank you
(Drop off to front
office)*



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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.



I am interested in FOW (e-P&C) and / or attending forums.

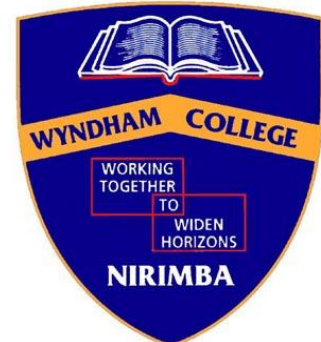
I will be attending the zoom meeting 23/02/2021 @6pm yes no

My child is _____ in year _____

My name is _____ My email address is _____



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

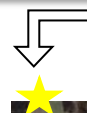
Working in partnership with your school.

UNIFORM SHOP –

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

Statements of Account

Statements of Account for students commencing their 2022 HSC Courses have now been posted to families. When making payments, we would encourage you to use the Parent Online Portal (POP) attached to our website. This is secure payment method hosted by Westpac Bank. You will need either a credit card or debit/credit card to use this facility. Alternately, payments via cash or card can be accepted at the School Office up to 1.30pm Monday to Thursday and until 1.00pm Friday.

Student Emergency Contact Detail Report

Accompanying the Year 12 2022 Statements of Account is a copy of the 'Student Emergency Contact Detail Report'. Please carefully check the information it contains is correct and current. If changes need to be made, please show the amendments on the Report, initial the changes and return to the College Office as soon as possible.

Thank you – Administration

Note to the current

Year 12 Advanced and Standard English cohort ~

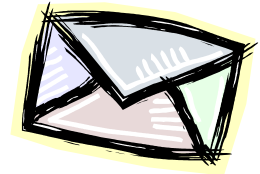
Please do not forget to return your Advanced and Standard English texts, we desperately need them for the next cohort. Thank you in advance and best wishes for the remainder of your exams!

Liljanai Ristevski - for the English Faculty

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