



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

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FEBRUARY 2021

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Brian Ewin (Relieving)

Collegiate Deputy Principal

Beth O'Connor

FEBRUARY

February 23rd – FOW Zoom Meeting
February 23rd – School Photo Day
February 25th – Celebration Assembly

MARCH

March 11th – Catch up photo day
March 16th – Open Night
March 22nd & 23rd – SRC Camp

FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Welcome and Welcome Back – As we begin yet another year together at Wyndham College, might I welcome all new parents of Year 11, and of course welcome back our parents of Year 12 students.

I am pleased to be able to report that we have commenced well, with Year 12 settling quickly into their work and with Year 11 successfully oriented into the College.

Last year ended up being a very productive year, which led to many successful outcomes. Significant progress was made by students in Year 11 (now Year 12) and some outstanding successes were the result of hard work.

Our HSC results for 2020 showed that our students are capable of great things. Considering the year we had, we are extremely proud to announce that **Guveer Singh** achieved 9th in the state for Investigating Science. Annually over 65,000 students sit the HSC. An outstanding achievement for Guveer. Congratulations also to **Guveer**, who attained an ATAR of **98.90**. Guveer not only was the Wyndham College DUX but was also an HSC All-Rounder. Congratulations also go to **Zoe Morgan** who similarly achieved the title HSC All-Rounder. This means Guveer and Zoe attained a Band 6 or a score of 90 and above in the 10 or more units they studied - an amazing achievement.

We also congratulate **Genevieve Bryant** for being selected for "Shape", a showcase of Industrial Technology, Design and Technology, and Textiles & Design students.

Arcelie Abenoja achieved acceptance into Art Express – congratulations to Arcelie.

The College had many students who scored ATARs in the 90s and achieved a Band 6 in the courses they studied. Whilst the academic results are not the only achievement we aim for, they are certainly important to us as a College and also, of course, to the individual students.

Celebration Assembly – this year our Celebration Assembly will be held on 25 February to recognise the achievements of the class of 2020. Many thanks to **Kellie Boyd, Julie Gough, and Sally Govett** for organising this event.

Thanks also to **Mark Vennard and Daniel Repeti** for organising the photo of merit students from 2020. Their achievements will be proudly on display in A Block Foyer.

College Numbers – Our student number this year is 629. We have several demountable classrooms on-site and in operation, and the trade school is now fully operational.

In 2021, the College has welcomed the following teaching staff members: **Michelle Bromley, Anjani Bachu, Helen Shandil, Loren Utterson**, and part-time General Assistant **Paul Scicluna**. A warm welcome to these staff members and **Virginia Breen** currently has the majority of their lessons at our junior campus.

The new school planning cycle 2021-2024 has begun. Our strategic directions are –

- **Student Growth & Attainment**
- **Making Connections**
- **Wellbeing**

Focus Areas for 2021 – During this year we will again focus on student engagement and motivation, connecting with learning and high expectations.

Our philosophy at Wyndham is all subjects are equally important and deserve our full attention in both teaching and resourcing. I believe our students have a fantastic opportunity that leads to success through what we provide. This year along with the senior executive, I am intending to interview all Year 12 students to monitor their progress. These interviews will begin soon. Ultimately, success depends on hard work so, might I say to all parents and caregivers, that hard work from the beginning of the year is the key. All students should be establishing a good routine. For Year 12, they are already nearly a third of the way through their courses with many assessment tasks already being undertaken. For Year 11, although it is obvious that their courses have just commenced, please encourage them not to “get behind”.

Another focus area in 2021 will be on College promotion and further creation of various programs of study to cater to our ever-growing and changing population.

The Collegiate will continue to work on the implementation of the recalibration. This year, some students at our collegiate partners have taken the opportunity to remain in their current 7-10 school and continue their stage 6 education there. Many chose to come to Wyndham College and some students have engaged in accessing one or two courses at the College. The recalibration of the Collegiate is expanding the opportunities for our students. It's an exciting time ahead for the College and the Collegiate. I will regularly update the Wyndham community on the progress of the recalibration of the Nirimba Collegiate.

The **health and safety** of our students and staff remain a priority at Wyndham College. We are continuing our COVID-19 safe practices of social distancing, sanitising, and cleaning. The school community will be advised of changing conditions and requirements as information and updates become available. These updates will be posted on our website, Facebook, and Instagram pages. Email will be the primary means of directly contacting parents and carers. It is vital the email addresses we have on record are kept up to date.

Karen Smith – College Principal

To all students, staff, parents, and carers, welcome to the start of the school year at Nirimba Education Precinct.

Standing on Darug land, the Precinct is home to four education providers:

- St John Paul II Catholic College
- Wyndham College
- TAFE NSW
- Western Sydney University – The College

The Partners collaborate to create unique learning experiences for students through shared facilities, joint education programs, activities, and events.

To keep up with what is happening on the Precinct in 2021, like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/nirimbaedp>.



FROM THE COLLEGIATE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Nirimba Collegiate

real connections, endless opportunities

2021 has seen all the design and planning work for 'Recalibration' over the past 2 years begin to come to fruition. On 29th January, over 400 Year 11 students started their journey towards the HSC at all four campuses of the Collegiate.

Students in Year 11 are undertaking a pattern of study chosen from 75 different subjects across the Collegiate – the broadest range of courses offered in Collegiate history. This year there are 30 students accessing courses at more than one campus, traveling on the Collegiate shuttlebuses.

On the afternoon of 11th February, the four Principals of the Collegiate welcomed 12 new teachers with an induction afternoon tea. It was wonderful to bring these staff together to meet each other and acquaint them with the structures and systems of our unique Collegiate.

The pandemic permitting, we are looking forward to reigniting cross-Collegiate programs and competitions for students this year to broaden the experiences and learning opportunities for all year groups.

Following on from the Collegiate School Development Day in Term 3 2020, Head Teachers and course coordinators across the campuses are meeting this term to crystallise their collaboration plans for 2021.

Sixteen staff networks based around Key Learning Areas and student support services will collaborate during the year around self-identified focus areas to enhance the capacity of staff and improve outcomes for students.

From this early standpoint, 2021 looks to be a very promising year in the Collegiate.

Four times the Opportunities.



In a changing world, you want to know that your child is accessing the best possible education opportunities. When they attend a Nirimba Collegiate school, they are able to engage with subjects, social activities, sports and teachers from across four schools.



Beth O'Connor – Collegiate Deputy Principal

FROM THE YEAR 12 DEPUTY

Welcome back to 2021 and what will be, amazingly, your last three terms at Wyndham College! These three terms will fly by and will be full of learning experiences.

I don't feel that I need to remind you of college expectations, but I will mention one; once in college, stay in college. If you don't have a scheduled class in Session 1, you must be here for Connect. Similarly, if you don't have a class in Session 3, you may leave early, but please remember to swipe out at the office. If you don't have a class in Session 2, however, you **MUST** remain on college grounds.

The Higher School Certificate will not be the most important experience in your life but it will be the most important thing you do this year. Ensure you are prepared for it.

This means:

- Attending all your lessons
- Completing and submitting ALL assessment tasks on time
- Submit drafts of assessment tasks to teachers for feedback
- Working to the best of your ability at all times
- Making good use of study periods
- Implementing a solid study plan that you can keep to
- Putting aside personal time
- Seeking advice from your teachers
- Taking advantage of tutorials e.g. in Science and Maths as well as holiday tutorials for most courses
- Looking at your shifts at work and maybe cutting back on one or two a week
- Cutting back on your social life
- Getting enough rest, relaxation time, and sleep
- Remaining positive

Below are some links to the College website which may help you remain connected and informed:

<https://wyndhamcol-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/portal.html>

<https://web2.wyndhamcol-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/register>

<https://web2.wyndhamcol-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal2/#!/login>

Brian Ewin - Relieving Deputy Principal

FROM THE YEAR 11 DEPUTY

Let me begin by saying welcome to all Year 11 students and to their families and friends who will support them on their new journey here at Wyndham College. As the Year 11 Deputy Principal, I look forward to taking this journey with you and experiencing all the highs and lows along the way. Most Year 11 students now have their Wyndham College student card, which is used to sign in and out of the college and as their Library card.

It will be exciting and it will be a little daunting at times as well, especially when the pressure is on due to assessments and exams. However, nothing is so insurmountable that we can't get through it together. Wyndham has a variety of staff supporting students here at Wyndham, including the Year Advisers and the Careers Advisers.

Face the future with the belief that you can do whatever you set your minds to with hard work and perseverance. Your journey will be one very exhilarating, thrilling, and rewarding ride!

Uniform

The uniform looks fantastic on everyone and while a few are still acquiring individual pieces of the uniform (Wyndham jumpers and jackets) generally we present as a fine collective of college students. Just a reminder that track pants or leggings are not part of our uniform and should not be worn to school. In colder weather, long black school pants (business pants) should be worn.

Students are expected to wear the full Wyndham College uniform each day. If you have sport, then you need to change into and out of your sports uniform, as sports uniforms are not permitted to be worn in all classes throughout the day.

College Grounds

The school grounds are buzzing again with lots of excitement and socialising since Year 11 arrived. Unlike some other schools, territorial areas do not exist here at Wyndham. Year 12 does not have any separate areas to Year 11 on the school grounds and as a community, there is harmony and acceptance. Students are reminded that there must stay in Wyndham College grounds, including the areas of shared facilities, during the school day. Students are not permitted to enter onto the grounds or in the buildings of St John Paul II Catholic College.

There are many areas where students can sit throughout recess, lunch, and study sessions. However, I need to remind all students that the basketball courts and ovals are only used by students actively engaged in playing sports when there is a teacher on supervision. These areas are ACTIVE areas and are not spaces for students to be sitting around chatting or eating.

Study Habits

Year 11 students are still familiarising themselves with the structures and routines of the College. While some students are enrolled in TAFE courses that take place elsewhere and at other times, there's no such thing as a 'free' period here at Wyndham. All students who are not in a timetabled lesson are expected to use that time to the best of their advantage. Assessment tasks are beginning to be issued and it is vital that students complete all tasks on time and to the best of their ability. The library is a wonderfully bright and stimulating environment and the librarian is eager to see students utilise the facilities offered there. I encourage students to explore the library and see what it offers.

Arrival and Departure

Students and parents are reminded that students are required to be in all their timetabled sessions for the full session. So, if students have a class timetabled session 1, they should be at the College before 8.00 am. Students are also responsible for moving promptly to class after breaks.

Students arrive **once** and leave the college **once** per day. Students are permitted to arrive late only if they do not have a timetabled session 1. If this is the case, students are expected to be at the college by 10.00 am in time for Connect to have their attendance recorded. If a student does not have a timetabled session 4, then they are permitted to leave the college after their last timetabled class **only after** they have signed out through the front office.

I look forward to an exciting and rewarding time over the next 2 years.

Classa Martinuzzi – Deputy Principal**CAREERS@WYNDHAM**

All students received an email to their school email account this week 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, universities, and gap year information.

Careers interviews – many students have already come in for appointments to discuss many career-based issues. It is always good to start early and ask questions and find resources. Please email to book a time.

Recess and Lunchtime careers talks start this week. First is demonstrating how to Get a Job!

Wednesday 17 Feb at recess in the Conference room.

The jobjump website will be demonstrated to create a resume, know how to complete a successful interview, seek work, etc....

These 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. Students make sure you stay informed and come to the events that interest you.

Year 12 2020 students – please feel free to email either one of the careers advisers and let us know what you are doing in 2021. We create a destination survey and would appreciate you contacting us soon.

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

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

Sue Beamer & Karen Tuynman - Careers Adviser

FROM WELL-BEING

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2021.

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/ caregivers, 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.

Year 11 Advisers

A - G – Alaina Radzieta

H - O - Rachel Kelso

P - Z – Mona Kamel

Platinum - Sally Govett

Deputy – Classa Martinuzzi

Year 12 Advisers

A - G - Jason Ewing-Jarvie

H - N - Gina Kalisperis

O - Z - Daljit Bansal

Platinum - Sally Govett

Deputy – Brian Ewin

Principal - Karen Smith

Counsellors - Anna Jakymin and Lisa Boktor

Chaplain - Tim Gleeson

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

We also have a student from WSU doing their Social Worker placement with us for terms 1 & 2 Shilpa has already started to support our students and staff in ensuring we provide every opportunity for our students to thrive.

Mandatory Life Ready Program - for year 11 & 12

Focus for the **Life Ready Program** this term has already started with our School Liaison Officer Ally Watts highlighting the importance of Cybersafety for all students at our first assembly. Our website has resources available for students to access at any time (use the student tab, well-being tab, scroll to bottom of the page to find useful links).

Health Issues

Year 11 students with serious health conditions have been provided with paperwork that must be completed and returned urgently. It is essential that staff and students are prepared appropriately for these medical conditions and students bring their correct medications each day eg EpiPens, glucose testing kits, etc. Year 12 students updated their plan last term. If changes need to be made please contact the relevant year advisers.

All **asthmatic** students will receive paperwork that must also be completed and signed by doctors, parents, and students and returned to either their Connect teachers or the front office. It is essential that students bring their puffers with them each day to ensure easy access to this important medication.

Coronavirus information has been accessible on our website and thankfully we have not been directly impacted.

Year 12 Formal

Information regarding this major event will be provided at the Week 5-year assembly for Year 12. Please ensure mandatory fees are paid so that processing of year 12 Formal payments can proceed without stress or strain on family budgets.

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, addresses, and emergency contacts.

Sue Beamer and Daljit Bansal - Head Teachers Well-being

FROM THE TAS DEPARTMENT

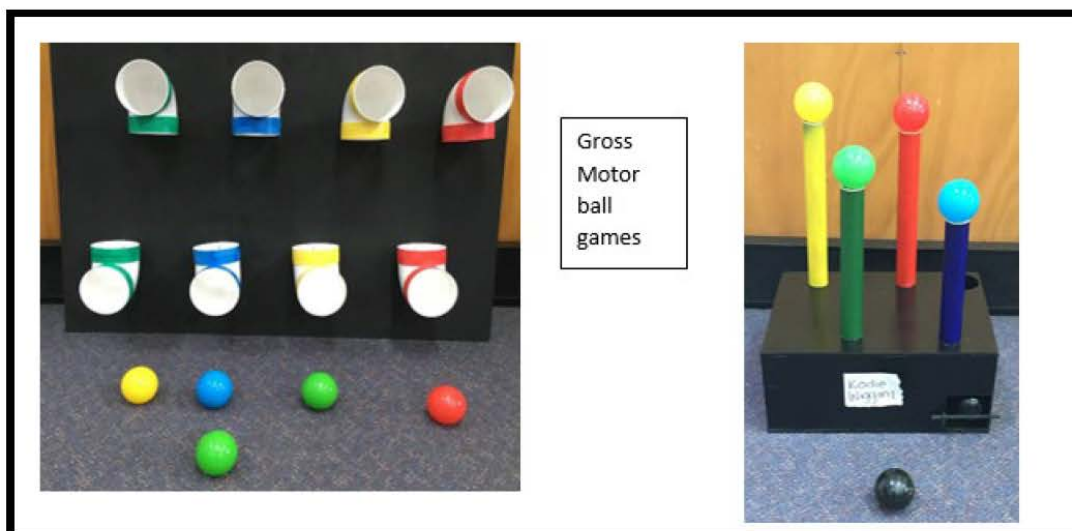
12 EXPLORING EARLY CHILDHOOD

Exploring early Childhood students completed their first assessment task late last year. The task required students to design and create an activity or toy for a child between the ages of 0 and 12 years. The class produced an excellent range of creative ideas, resulting in well executed, educational products. Associated theory work was completed to a high standard. A great start to Year 12.

Well done everyone!

Suzanne Szecsofi

TAS Faculty



Textiles based activities – match the alphabet and fun with fruit and vegies



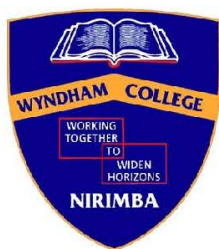
Activity boards to encourage interaction and develop fine motor skills

A variety of puzzles



Memory matching games, Tic-tac-toe and sensory bags and bottles to aid child development





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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 ☐

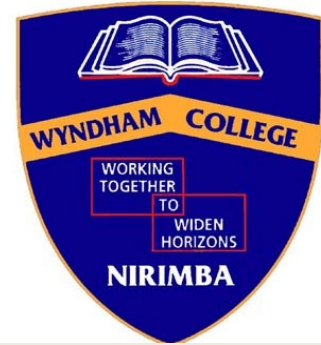
no ☐

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 –

The Uniform Shop is open on **TUESDAYS 7.30 am-10.30 am** and **THURSDAYS 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm**. 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>

STUDENT INFORMATION

OFFICE PROCEDURES

FROM THE OFFICE

Leaving Early??

If your son or daughter needs to leave school before the end of their timetabled day, perhaps for a medical appointment, please provide them with a note to bring to school.

This note should include –

- your child's full name
- the date
- the time they are allowed leave school
- the reason for leaving early
- and your signature

Before their scheduled departure time students ask one of the Deputy Principals to countersign the note. The note then allows the student to leave their class and come to the Office to be signed out of school.

Payments for Course Fees & School Activities

Families will soon be receiving Statements of Account for 2021 course fees etc. In the interest of security, we encourage you to make your payments via the POP (Parent Online Payment) option located in the 'Make a Payment' tab on the home page of the Wyndham College website. This tab links to a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Any school related payments can be made using this link. It is really important to be specific when describing the item being paid e.g. Visual Arts fees or the name of the excursion or activity.

We are no longer able to process credit card payments over the phone. If you wish to pay via credit card and are not able to visit the School Office, please use the POP option as described above.

If you decide to make a payment at the School Office, we will be happy to accept these during the following hours –

Monday to Thursday – 7.30am – 1.30pm

Friday – 7.30am – 1.00pm

As we hold only minimal funds to allow for change to be given for cash payments, it would be appreciated if the correct money could be tendered.

Excursions and other activities will still require completed Permission Notes. Please check to payment deadlines on the Permission Notes, as the last date for payment via POP is earlier than the last date for payment via the School Office.

Please remember - School Locker, our school uniform supplier, is a private company and completely separate to Wyndham College. Payments for School Locker must be paid directly to School Locker and not to via the Wyndham College POP option.

Thank you – Administration



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

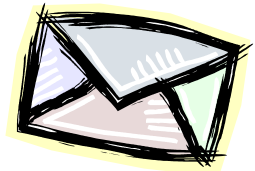
JACKETS ESPECIALLY!

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