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JUNE

June 21st-25th – Celebrating Naidoc Week

June 22nd – Wynfest Day

June 23rd – Year 11 Parent Teacher Evening

June 25th – Last Day of Term 2

JULY

July 12th – School Development Day STAFF only

July 13th – All students return

July 13th-16th - Dance Trial HSC

July 19th - 30th – Year 12 HSC Trial Examinations

AUGUST

August 12th – Year 11 BSTREETSMART

FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Year 11 2022 & Collegiate Recalibration – 'Taster Days' offer Year 10 students an insight into senior school courses. After the successful completion of these days on Monday 24 May for Riverstone and Seven Hills High School students, and Thursday 27 May for Quakers Hill High School, we are moving towards the next and final stages of the processes involved in electing the school and subject selections for Year 11 2022. Once complete, we will finalise the transition into Wyndham College with an Orientation Day and Parent/Carer Evening on 24 November 2020, for all students who have applied to enrol at Wyndham College in 2022.

We will always enrol students from our Collegiate partners – Quakers Hill, Riverstone, and Seven Hills High Schools – and if places are then available we can enrol other students. The College is currently accepting Expressions of Interest from students outside the Collegiate partner schools. There has been extensive interest in the College and we believe it is due to the unique advantages Wyndham College can offer.

As part of the recalibration, the College will be offering 'travel lines' in the timetable. Travel lines mean some of our students will stay at their current collegiate school and access a course at Wyndham College.

FRIENDS OF WYNDHAM COLLEGE (e-P&C)

Next Forum – Term 3 3rd August 2021

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

Please contact the school and leave an email address

As has been the case in recent years, a 'waiting list' will be established for students seeking entry from schools other than the Collegiate partners, where the number of interested students exceeds the places available. The special enrolment policy developed for Wyndham College and the Collegiate still applies. Where the policy of local area access does apply, access to Wyndham is through our Collegiate schools. This means that if students from the local area choose not to attend the local DoE school, they will not then be able to expect to have automatic access to Wyndham College.

Attendance at Wyndham College – all students are required to attend every day. Students are permitted to arrive late or leave early when they do not have timetabled lesson. All students need to be present for Connect every day. If students do not have a timetabled class in the middle of the day, they must stay on College grounds. There are many spaces for students to sit and undertake study. These include the Library, the Hub, and break-out areas in the blocks. Our Canteen is open from 7.30 am until the end of lunch daily.

Exams & Reports – The HSC Timetable for 2021 has been distributed by NESA and the Trial HSC exams for Wyndham College will commence on Monday 19 July and be completed on Friday 30 July 2021. Semester 1 Reports for Year 12, were distributed from 3 May 2021

Semester 1 Reports for Year 11 will be available at Parent/Teacher Night on 23 June and from the Office thereafter. The end-of-course exams for Year 11 will be held in the last eight days of Term 3.

UWS Agreement - The University of Western Sydney has again signed off on an agreement with Wyndham and St John Paul II Catholic College which not only enables the continuation of special access of our students to the university but also guarantees significant scholarships up to \$20,000 per student over 5 years. Students who successfully complete a university unit during Year 11 or 12 receive an early offer of entry to the university. Students who achieve a distinction or high distinction are entitled to the scholarship for 4 years at university (\$5,000 per year) and also receive a cheque for \$500 to assist them during Year 12. A significant advantage offered in this agreement is that Wyndham College and its students will no longer have to pay the tuition fees of these courses. We are again very grateful to the University of Western Sydney for this magnanimous gesture.

We are well underway with the process for 2022. This year these courses will be delivered in both an online and on-site learning format. This UWS Agreement is an exclusive agreement with Wyndham College and St John Paul II Catholic College — a program of which we are extremely proud. The program has been very competitive and the College had 28 applications. The completed applications have been sent to the university. We are awaiting their decision as to who has been successful.

Uniform – now that the wet and cold weather has hit, we find that a small number of students are not attending in full uniform. Wyndham is, as our learning community determined, a 'uniform' school. We expect all students to attend in the full college uniform. We are aware that there are sometimes extenuating circumstances that could temporarily prevent the wearing of full uniform. All we require under these circumstances is a note of explanation from home. Most students, most of the time, do the right thing in this regard but I would ask that you support us if you are phoned by one of the college staff regarding this matter.

I have explained to students that there is no excuse to be out of uniform without a note. Another major reason for our uniform is for us to be readily identifiable on the precinct. We are experiencing some intruder issues on the precinct and the uniform ensures the safety of all our students and staff.

College Website / Facebook / Instagram - Many thanks to Kumie Pather, Sally Govett, Nathan Hulands, and a team of staff for all their work with our social media platform. I ask everyone to take the time to review our social media platforms. We are very proud of these forms of communication. This an area we heavily populate to keep our community abreast with important information.

Learning Hub –It is a vibrant learning space and I know the students thoroughly enjoy the space. The space has been jointly funded by St John Paul II and Wyndham College. It is used constantly by both schools.

Term 2 Important Dates

- Year 11 Semester 1 Reports will be issued at Parent/Teacher Night, 23 June 2021 4-7 pm in the
 Library
- Bookings for Parent/Teacher Night are online a note has been sent and emailed to all parents/caregivers.

Term 3 Important Dates

- School Development Day Term 3 Monday 12 July 2021
- Students return for Term 3 on Tuesday 13 July 2021
- Trial HSC begins for all Year 12 on Monday 19 July 2021. The Trials will run for two weeks.
- Year 12 Graduation is on Thursday 16 September 2019.

Some outstanding achievements – I would like to congratulate our students in several areas:

- their contribution to the Precinct Reconciliation event held at WSU College;
- their performance at the Synergy Dance Festival held at Penrith Panthers;
- their representation at Zone, Regional and State level for all our sports;
- the selection of Riley Conlon for PULSE Drama
- the selection of Dance students for PULSE Mass Dance Troupe
- Rachel Lee, who is a finalist for the School-Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year with the NSW Trainee Awards conducted by Training Services NSW
- the performance of our students at the Nirimba Precinct Twilight event
- the selection of Jacqueline Attard for the next round as a featured artist for Schools Spectacular. We should know early in Term 3 if she is successful.

In each of the events, our students were a credit to the college. Well done and thanks.

Karen Smith – College Principal

FROM THE YEAR 12 DEPUTY

Year 12 – It's hard to believe that you are a little more than a term away from beginning your Higher School Certificate. Please ensure that you regularly check your Assessment Booklet and make sure that you meet all your requirements and obligations.

The Trial HSC Examinations are fast approaching. Trial HSC Examinations commence on Monday 19th July and finish on Friday 30th July. All students need to carefully check the examination timetable and ensure they are in attendance on time for each of their scheduled examinations.

Students who are unable to attend an examination due to illness will need to have a doctor's certificate indicating that they were too sick to attend the examination, and submit this with a completed Illness/Misadventure form as soon as possible and see David Ryan to organise a time to complete the examination.

All students are encouraged to develop a study plan to ensure they are prepared for the exams and can perform to the best of their ability. The Sydney Morning Herald published the 2020 HSC Study Guide for all Year 12 students, in the HSC Study Guide 2020 | The Sydney Morning Herald (smh.com.au). I have emailed this link to all Year 12 students, as it contains some helpful information for their HSC preparations.

Help! – If you are finding it tough going don't forget there are skilled and caring people who are prepared to help you. We all need help from time to time, so don't be reluctant to seek assistance. See Sue Beamer, Year 12 Advisors, the counsellor, or myself.

Uniform – Wyndham is a uniform college. We treat you as a young adult and expect you to model young adult behaviour which includes complying with all aspects of the uniform code as you would be obliged to do when in the workplace. The wearing of uniform during the HSC is compulsory.

Leaving the college grounds – The rule is very simple, DON'T! Once you are here you stay here. If you do leave then you are truanting and your absence will be recorded as such. Leaving the grounds also includes going to the shops or nearby fast food outlets. Use our canteen. If you have issues with our joint canteen please raise your concerns through your SRC. It is empowered to speak on your behalf if you think you are not receiving the service you think you should be.

Brian Ewin - Relieving Deputy Principal

FROM THE YEAR 11 DEPUTY

Term 2 Wrap Up

Students are working hard towards the completion of their Year 11 courses. Most subjects have now completed 2 formal assessment tasks. Year 11 will be wrapping up at the end of Term 3 with the Year 11 End of Course Examinations in Weeks 9 and 10 – Monday 6th to Friday 17th September. This is the formal examination period for Year 11 and all students must be available for the exam period to complete examinations. An examination timetable will be released mid-Term 3.

On 15th June, we celebrated Year 11 student endeavor and achievement with the Principal's Morning Tea. It was lovely to celebrate with so many students who have been recognised for their hard work by their teachers. Well done Year 11.

I would like to remind students that to proceed to Year 12, they must successfully complete 12 units (that is, 6 x 2-unit subjects). So, I encourage all students to work hard to complete the requirements for all their courses. Students who may have received an N-Warning letter for non-completion of course outcomes or assessment must finish the outstanding work identified on the letter and submit it to their teacher to resolve the N-Warning. Failure to do so could result in non-completion of the course and may result in the student not being eligible to proceed to Year 12.

Reports & Parent-Teacher Interviews

Finally, Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews are on Wednesday 23rd June 4-7 pm. Semester 1 Reports will be issued on the night. I hope to see as many of our Year 11 Parents/Carers on the night. If you can attend, please make bookings with your young person's teachers via the Sentral Parent Portal. If you are unable to access the parent portal, please call the front office on 9208 7100, and the office staff will be able to assist you to make the bookings.

Classa Martinuzzi - Deputy Principal

Register now for a free NSW Parent and Carer mental health education session. (Penrith online session is 16/6/21)

Headspace National is hosting free mental health education sessions across identified regions in NSW, on ways to support young people when they are concerned about their mental health.

The session aims to:

- * Strengthen your understanding of mental health and the warning signs for suicide and self-harm.
- * Strengthen your understanding and skills in how to cope and where to find help.
- * Build awareness of local services and the various support services available.
- * Strengthen relationships between local area mental health services, local schools, headspace centres, and other community organisations.

Location: This session will be delivered by a webinar online. https://www.eventbrite.com.au/.../headspace-national...



Free, online workshops are now available to help parents and carers, across NSW, to support the mental health and wellbeing of young people.

The workshops provide;

- practical tips, strategies and skills to better understand and communicate about mental health.
- Advice about support services within the local community, and
- a forum to ask questions.

Funded by the NSW Government, the workshops will be rolled out by headspace over the next two years.

Careers@wyndham

The Careers Expo on the 18th May was a great success with Year 11 and 12 all accessing the hall for their Expo with the following groups available for individual discussions and sharing of resources

Commbank

MyGateway

TAFE NSW

ACU - Australian Catholic University

Macquarie University

WSU

Notre Dame University

NSW Police

Apprenticeships R Us

Apprenticeship Career Australia

Year 12 on the day participated in a variety of workshops to get them ready for their pathway from Wyndham. It is hoped they all respond to the email and evaluate the day.

Year 12 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. This is particularly important if you are applying for the SRS (Schools recommended Scheme) via UAC. I need to talk to you about this scheme.

Careers@wyndham classroom (code – **7ujke47**) has been joined by over 520 students which allows them access to relevant career information. This includes job opportunities including current apprenticeships and traineeships, TAFE, UAC, private colleges, University, and gap year information.

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 - available Monday to Wednesday <u>susan.beamer@det.nsw.edu.au</u>

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

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YEAR 11 'BSTREETSMART" YOUTH FORUM HOMEBUSH OLYMPIC PARK - HOMEBUSH

Year 11 will be attending an educational excursion to 'bstreetsmart' Youth Forum at Olympic Park Homebush Bay during Term 3 of Week 5 on Thursday 12 August 2021. The following website will provide further explanation - www.bstreetsmart.org

The 'bstreetsmart' Forum provides young people, who are most at risk of being seriously injured or killed by preventable road traffic accidents, a realistic experience of the trauma caused by road crashes. It will give them information and strategies in an attempt to reduce serious injuries and death.

The excursion forms a part of the mandatory Life Ready Program. This Program also delivers Elevate sessions, cybersafety information, and Life Ready days in Term 4 with sessions covering health and respectful relationships.

The cost of the Life Ready Program is \$30.00 and covers the cost of all planned activities during Years 11 & 12. This cost would have been included on Statements of Account issued earlier in the year. If you have already paid this fee, you do not need to make another payment. If you have not already made this payment, you are encouraged to do so prior to the 'bstreetsmart' Forum.

COVID Safety Plans must be followed and students are not permitted to take a bag/backpack into the venue & cans are not permitted.

Mona Kamel - Year 11 Adviser

FROM DANCE

ELECTRIFYING SYNERGY PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday the 2nd & 9th of June the Wyndham College Dance Ensemble represented the school at the SYNERGY Dance Festival held at Penrith Panthers. SYNERGY Dance Festival is created to provide public school students with the opportunity to perform a dance in a professional theatre environment. The festival is inclusive of all ages, genders, experience, and schools to showcase Dance as a performing art. Wyndham College performed a work title 'Circuit Breaker' Choreographed by Sarah Minol and the students of Wyndham College. Inspired by Circuit Breakers, this work explored the flow of electricity and how an electrical current flow is interrupted when a fault is detected. The electricity is initially disjointed and not flowing correctly. Once the circuit breaker is reset the electrical current can flow smoothly once more and resume normal operation.

Congratulations to all the students that participated in the SYNERGY Dance Festival. Their performance was highly entertaining and well-rehearsed. The students are also to be congratulated on their dedication and commitment to the extra-curricular rehearsals.

The students involved were: Meg Galey, Angelique Gialamas, Chloe Harman, Ellie Hindmarch, Carlie McCleod, Teneal McDermott, Alyssa Milojevic, Hunter Mitchell, Jasmine O'Dea, Adam Pernjek, Jordan Slack-Smith, Tayla Webster, Tarah Thorburn

A big congratulations to Sione Kaufusi and Abigail Nelapati who were the comperes for the performance.









Tiny Dancer Twinkles at Tiny Toes

Throughout Term 2 Chantelle Davison took part in a 35-hour work placement at Tiny Toes Ballet as part of the Assistant Dance Teaching Certificate III qualification. Chantelle learned valuable lessons about how to engage professionally with parents, encourage student engagement, attention, and creativity in 3-5year olds, how to manage and teach a dance class to young children, as well as the importance of using imagery, props, little rhymes, and games that teach the fundamentals of ballet & dance. Chantelle received wonderful praise from her work placement supervisor. Thank you to the Principal of Tiny Toes Ballet Rebecca Kidner for this wonderful partnership with Wyndham College.











Sarah Minol – Dance Teacher

FROM THE ENGLISH FACULTY

Old Manual Typewriters Needed

The English Faculty is looking for some old, manual typewriters to be used in an ongoing writing program at the school. Six are needed, but a few more would be good.

They would need to be in working order - manual or old electric - and we can try to source inked ribbons. (Although ribbons too if you've got some.)

If you have one sitting there gathering dust at the back of the garage ... drop it in at school for the English Faculty.



David Ryan - Head Teacher Teaching and Learning (Rel.)



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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.

at Wyndhamcol-h.school@d	senting parents in this way please et.nsw.edu.au or by sending her	this form.	
	&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	



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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

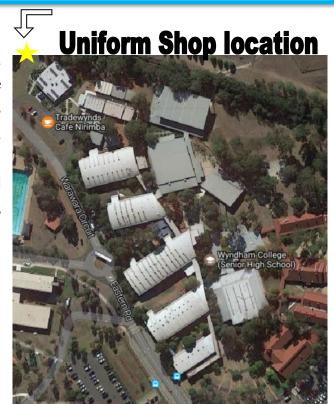
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The Uniform Shop is open on **TUESDAYS 7.30 am-10.30 am and THURSDAYS 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm. Online purchases available www.theschoollocker.com.au**

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



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From the Wyndham Office

End of Financial Year Arrangements

As we need to meet the Department's end of financial year requirements, <u>no cash</u> (or cheques) can be accepted as payments at the Office after 1.30pm Thursday 24 June 2021

Alternate Carers

If and when we are finally able to travel again, we would be grateful if parents & carers could remember to advise the College of alternate carers for students in their absence. Child protection guidelines require staff to contact the people listed as the parent/carers, on the enrolment application form, regarding any matters surrounding student. If you will be away and not contactable, please supply, in writing, the names and telephone numbers of those we are permitted to contact in your absence.

Parent Online Portal Payments

In the interest of safety and security, we encourage you to make your payments via the POP (Parent Online Payment) option via the 'Make a Payment' tab on the home page of our website. This tab links to a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Any school related payment may be made via this link but please be specific when describing the item being paid e.g. Visual Arts fees.

<u>Please remember</u> - School Locker, our uniform supplier, is completely separate to Wyndham College. Payments for School Locker must be paid directly to School Locker and not via the Wyndham College POP option.

Receipts

Receipts are automatically issued when payments are made at the Office. If our system is offline for any reason, a handwritten receipt will be provided. To simplify future enquiries, and as proof of payment, everyone is asked to please retain all receipts.

We Are Here to Help

Wyndham College Administration Staff are always available to assist our school community, either via telephone or in person. We completely understand your child and your enquiry is of the utmost importance to you and should be dealt with accordingly. However, at times, teachers will not be available at the time of your call or visit due to teaching a class or other commitments; you have not received an agreeable answer to your enquiry; we may not know the answer to your question and need to refer you to those that do – whatever the reason, it would be greatly appreciated if your interactions with the staff answering the telephone or providing face-to-face service at the School Office, could always be polite and respectful and thank you in advance for observing this request.

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			

2021 STUDY TIMETABLE FOR YEAR 12 HSC TUTORIALS DURING THE JUNE/JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 28 th June	Monday 5 th July			
9 – 10 Maths Standard 2: Algebra Beata	C04	10 – 11:30 Paper 1 Standard & Advanced E05		
10:10 – 11 -10 Maths Std 2: Measure Beata	C04	Tim		
11:20 – 12:20 Maths Std 2: Finance Beata	C04	12 – 3 pm Dance Sarah PWS		
9 – 11 Maths Advanced Kirtana & Rohit C08				
9 – 3 pm Industrial Technology Dallas & Brendan	C03	Tuesday 6 th July 10 – 3 pm Society & Culture: PIP Workshop C10		
8 – 3 pm Textiles & Design Mona	C05	Sarah Johnson		
9 – 2 pm Design & Technology Alaina [10 – 11:30 am The Castle Tim E05			
Tuesday 29 th June				
9 – 10 Maths Standard 2: Statistics Denis	C04	12 – 3 pm Dance Sarah PWS		
10:10 – 11 -10 Maths Std 2: Probability Denis	Wednesday 7 th July			
11:20 – 12:20 Maths Std 2: Networks Denis	C04	,		
8 – 3 pm Industrial Technology CO3 Dallas & Brendan				
8 – 3 pm Textiles & Design Mona	C05	Thursday 8 th July		
9 – 2 pm Design & Technology Alaina	D07	10 – 11 Kitchen Operations Brendan Hewitt D04		
9 – 1 pm Mathematics Extension 2 Satendra	C08	9 – 3 pm Drama Elena PWS		
9 – 12 Economics Yatesh	C06			
12:30 – 2 pm Module C Reflection Tim	E05	Friday 9 th July		
10 – 11:30 PD/H/PE Content Review & Exam	9-1 pm Dance Sarah PWS			
Questions Shannon & Mel R Conference I	The school is being painted over the holidays and there may be some constructed scaffold restricting entrance into some rooms. At this present time, we do not know the restrictions, if any, that may affect the rooming of the holiday tutorials. When we become aware of any problems we will notify students of any room changes that need to be carried out. Thank you for your understanding.			
Wednesday 30 th June				
10 – 1 pm SDD Kumie ONLINE TUTORIAL				
9 – 3 pm Modern History Daniel Moss 10 – 1 pm Ancient History Gina 1:30 – 3 pm Extension History 9:30 – 12:30 Biology Daljit				
Thursday 1st July				
Friday 2nd July		GOOD LUCK YEAR 12 WITH YOUR STUDIES, YOUR TRIALS, YOUR HSC EXAMINATIONS, AND YOUR FUTURE.		