

# WYNDHAM COLLEGE





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#### AUGUST

Aug 5 – Trial HSC Finishes Aug 10 – Yr 11 & 12 Japanese Beginners Excursion Aug 17 – UNSW Gateway Workshop Aug 29 – HSC Art Breakfast <u>SEPTEMBER</u> Sept 12 – Yr 11 Final Exams commence

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Sept 21 – Yr 12 Graduation Rehearsal Sept 22 – Yr 12 Graduation Ceremony Sept 23 – Last day Term 3 <u>OCTOBER</u> Oct 10 – Term 4 staff and students return Oct 12 – HSC Examinations commence

## FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

#### Trial HSC

I want to acknowledge the HSC class of 2022 for the way in which they have approached their examinations over the past two weeks. Formal exams, such as the trial HSC can be a time of significant stress and uncertainty, however, our students have managed remarkably well. Each morning they have settled in well and demonstrated a great degree of focus and determination. The staff at Wyndham are now incredibly busy marking the papers in order to provide timely and informative feedback to the students in the run-up to the HSC examinations.

#### Graduation

Many of you would be aware that the graduation assembly is fast approaching, with a scheduled date of **Thursday 22 September at 9:30am.** We anticipate that the celebration will run until approximately 11am. We hope that this advance notice may assist you in making your plans to attend.

FRIENDS OF WYNDHAM COLLEGE (e-P&C)

August 16

Parents can join the e-P&C at any time Please contact the school and leave an email address

Sept 22 Year 12 Graduation Ceremony Owing to our space limitations within the hall, each student will be permitted to bring **two guests** only. If any young children are in attendance, they may sit on the lap of a guardian. We are planning to livestream the event also; this will allow for additional family members and friends to be part of the ceremony, albeit remotely.

#### **Education Week**

This week is Education Week, and whilst many of our students have been focused on examinations, it is still an important time to reflect on the wonderful outcomes of our students, in addition to those in public education across the state. Yesterday the SRC (Yr 11) were involved in a Country/City Alliance initiative, which involved a video conference with students from MacIntyre High School (Inverell), St Ives High School and Aurora College (a virtual school). It was wonderful to hear all of the students share what they love about their schools and their community. We look forward to continuing this network.

#### **Focus Groups**

It is very important for educators to capture (and act on) student voice. Each year the students at Wyndham participate in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) survey, which provides very valuable data and insight into the student experience. This week, I commenced student focus groups to share the findings with them and gain additional insight into what they value in education and what improvements we might need to consider. At the completion of this initiative, I will share the findings with the school community. I will also be requesting parents to complete the parent TTFM survey.

## Carolyn Lasker – Principal



## FROM THE YEAR 12 DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

**Path to the HSC** – Year 12 students have now completed their Trial HSC examinations. This will provide them with an idea of the expectations and standards in the HSC for each of their courses. It is important that students keep working to the best of their ability to maximise their HSC results and achieve their personal best. I encourage all students, even those who have been given 'early entry' to university, to work hard to achieve the best HSC result they can.

I would like to commend Year 12 on the way they managed their Trial HSC Examinations. Attendance, punctuality and behavior, during the examination period, have been exceptional. This has been fantastic, especially as these have been the first formal examinations many of these students have experienced.

It is between now and the start of the HSC exams that students will achieve the greatest improvements in their knowledge and understanding of subject content and skills, as well as their ability to analyse and express their ideas effectively, in written examinations. Thus, attendance and effort in all classes is imperative.

The Wyndham experience is almost complete for our Year 12 students. This will be their final term of classes and school activities, culminating in the **Year 12 Graduation Ceremony** on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. Please note that all students will need to be in full College uniform to participate in the Graduation Ceremony. For boys, this means long black business pants, not shorts.

**University entry** – All 2023 university courses from UAC's (Universities Admissions Centre) participating institutions should be available on UAC's <u>website</u> in early August. Students should get their applications in before Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September to avoid the price increase from that time. Once your application is in, you can go back in and change your course preferences as many times as you need.

UAC also have a number of <u>scholarships and schemes</u> to assist students to enter university by providing financial or other assistance. Students and parents are encouraged to visit the UAC website, for more information.

## Classa Martinuzzi - Deputy Principal



## FROM THE YEAR 11 DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Term 3 is the final full term for Year 11 courses. Students have been reminded hey must meet the requirements of all six Year 11 courses (12 units) to qualify for their HSC. This will be a busy term for Year 11, as all courses will be completing course content in preparation for the final Preliminary course assessments. Students are required to attend every day unless they are sick and to be in each of their timetabled classes.

The final Year 11 examination period is scheduled for weeks 9 and 10 of this term, beginning on September 12th. Students, parents and carers are reminded that students are expected to be in attendance for all scheduled exams for their courses and so holidays should not be booked during this time. Early Term 4, students will be given exam result feedback.

If students are unable to attend a scheduled examination documentation is required eg Doctors Certificate, NSW Health COVID notification SMS stating isolation period or in the event of an emergency/accident please contact the school on 9208 7100.

On Monday, October 10th, Year 11 will be involved in the *My HSC Conference Day*. This day has been designed to transition students from Year 11 to Year 12. The day includes sessions on Senior School Success, NESA Requirements for the 2023 HSC, and students' obligations for the successful completion of Year 12. Class attendance is the most important criteria for HSC success.

Both students, parents and carers are reminded that Wyndham College is a uniform college. All students are expected to attend each day in full school uniform. This is particularly important as we are part of the Nirimba Education Precinct, and our students need to be identified as being Wyndham College students. It is also part of Work Health and Safety requirements that students wear closed leather (or leather-like) shoes. Students who persistently refuse to comply with our uniform policy may be issued with a Formal Caution of Suspension.

Finally, I have been conducting an Academic Review of students, who are not meeting Year 11 attendance and academic requirements, during this term.

- Students, who have low attendance, must attend every day to complete course work.
- Students, who have outstanding course work and/or assessment tasks and have been issued with N-Warning letters by their teachers, need to complete the work and submit it to their teacher in the next few weeks, in order to have the N-Warning 'Resolved' and avoid being interviewed as part of this review.

## **Brian Ewin - Relieving Deputy Principal**

## FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM

My name is Sara and I am the new Student Support Officer (SSO) here at Wyndham College.

My role is to support students to feel welcome, connected, resilient and involved in school. This is through individual meetings, group activities, and school events.

I will be working with staff across the school, as well as engaging with parents and external youth and family services to explore practical, holistic and sustainable approaches to supporting students.

As a youth specialist, I genuinely love seeing you achieve your goals, act on your strengths, overcome challenges, and thrive off different opportunities. I look forward to getting to know you all more, learning from you, and working together to make that happen.

So, stay tuned for upcoming group activities and events and feel free to drop in Monday to Friday to the D-Block Seminar Room, next to D07. I can also be contacted at <a href="mailto:sara.imanian1@det.nsw.edu.au">sara.imanian1@det.nsw.edu.au</a>



## Sara Imanian – Student Support Officer



## FROM THE LANGUAGES FACULTY

## Summer Kimono Workshop @ Multicultural Day!

During Multicultural Day, Wyndham welcomed Kimono expert, Reina Sensei for a traditional Japanese *yukata* workshop.

*Yukata* (you-cut-ta), Japanese for 'Summer Kimono' are lightweight kimono often worn to summer festivals or as bath robes after bathing in hot springs (*onsen*). They are much easier to wear than regular kimono as they are only one layer, secured with a simple *Obi* sash.

Students from Year 11 and 12 looked fantastic in their chosen *Yukata* and *Obi;* sharing the joy of traditional Japanese clothing with the wider school community!

ありがとう (arigato) Reina Sensei for helping make this workshop possible!



Jessica Honda – Japanese Teacher

## FROM THE MATHS AND COMPUTING FACULTY

Welcome back Fans,

Today I have the pleasure to list all those very clever Year 11 Mathematics, Computing and Engineering students who have achieved outstanding results in their latest Assessment Task 2. Also listed are the Year 11 students who have displayed and maintained an outstanding effort and commitment towards their coursework.

#### **MATHEMATICS STANDARD**

Jenna Cross	Hansni Dhwanipriye	Lachlan Goodwin
Robert Hannon	Eliza Hayes	Abby Kitto
Sharon Money	Delina Narara	Emma Putar-Vrcek
Thomas North	Arshdeep Rathour	Josh Van Rosmalen
Kayla Shore	Amal Tahir	Charlie Thomas
Lucrecia Warren		

#### **MATHEMATICS ADVANCED**

Afraa Batool	Vansh Kalra
Tanay Kumar	Caleb Samarasinha

#### **MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1**

Vansh Kalra

Eungyeol Ko

## SOFTWARE, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT (SDD)

A big shout out to the whole class who designed their own individual games. The class enjoyed themselves and produced some truly wonderful games, but Megan Kotze went above and beyond what was expected. Congratulations Megan for your wonderful project and we look forward to seeing what else you produce in the future.

**Eungyeol Ko** 

## **INFORMATION, PROCESSES AND TECHNOLOGY (IPT)**

<u>Year 11 students</u>		
Tharuki Gamagedara	Megan Kotze	Charlie Jones
Siar Saifi	Clyde Tordecillas	Muhammad Areeb Zahid
Year 12 Students		
Henry Branson	Rohita Chidireddi	Samuel Roberts
Subarna Sigdel		

#### **ENGINEERING STUDIES**

Brandon BorgRobert HannonBradley KeggThese students have not only performed very well in in their Engineering Studies Assessment Task 2 butRohit is very proud of their outstanding application to their studies.

Congratulations to all the students mentioned above for their excellent effort and attitude. We look forwarded sharing the Year 12 outstanding Trial results with you and announcing those students in Year 12 who came first in course.

## **Denis Vlismas – Head Teacher Mathematics and Computing**

## FROM THE DANCE ENSEMBLE



Our wonderful Wyndham College Dance Ensemble have been very busy performing up a storm at various Dance Festivals throughout Term 2 and will continue to do so in Term 3. These performances included the Synergy Dance Festival, held at the Penrith Panthers, Evan Theatre on June 8th & 15th and In the Spotlight Dance Festival, held at The Seymour Centre in Chippendale on June 22nd. The Wonderful Ensemble performed a dance item titled Crowding Crows choreographed by Sarah Minol and performed by: Caitlin Albronda, Leia Brinsdon, Tara Bullivant, Jenna Cross, Brooke Hansen, Ava Kember, Alyssa Milojevic, Teneal McDermott, Kobi Mitchell, Hunter Mitchell, Adam Pernjek, Tarah Thorburn



Crowding Crows explores a group of crows and the way they move together and forage in a tight community. The visual patterns and interaction of the dancers in the space demonstrate this. As day breaks the crowd moves into smaller groups breaking off from the flock. In the end the crowd return to roost.

From these festivals The Wyndham Dance Ensemble has been selected as part of the prestigious NSW State Dance Festival titled "BLOOM" where the students will be performing in September. They will also be performing at The Blacktown Festival of The Arts held at Wyndham College on Monday 5th September. Congratulations to all students involved as this is a wonderful achievement and a reflection of their dedication, commitment to dance and hard work.





## FROM YR 12 DANCE

On Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the talented Year 12 Dance students had the unique opportunity to view TERRAIN choreographed by Frances Rings & performed by The Bangarra Dance Theatre at The Sydney Opera House.

TERRAIN is inspired by the area of Australia known as Kati Thanda - Lake Eyre. The work depicts features of the Lake Eyre environment as well as the culture of the Arabunna people. Certain themes explored include how



Aboriginal peoples feel and acknowledge connection to 'place' and how the experience of a place like Kati Thanda can inspire us to think about the power of ancient land.

TERRAIN is a prescribed text in the Dance HSC Appreciation area of study and our dancers were impressed by the amazing performance and beautiful choreography on display as they witnessed firsthand the performance, they will have to answer questions on in the HSC later this year.



Sarah Minol – Dance Teacher

## **YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Aaliyah-Jane Thomas who was awarded the Young Achiever Award of the Year for Blacktown City Council NAIDOC week.

Aaliyah has had incredible success in the area of dance having recently been selected as a member of the 2022 NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company.

Through this specialist program, Aaliyah will work closely

with choreographers from the internationally-renowned Bangarra Dance Theatre to perform a repertoire for the State Dance Festival and Schools Spectacular.

The Mayor of Blacktown Tony Bleasdale presented her award at a special ceremony and afternoon tea with her family. Aaliyah has made her community and Blacktown extremely proud through her expression of culture and art through dance.

Mayor Tony Bleasdale OAM said: "Blacktown City is home to thriving communities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are making their mark in our City and beyond"











## **FROM THE LIBRARIANS DESK**

Nirimba Library is about people.... as we thrive in the digital age.

I remember being warned in the late 1990s — just as the internet was emerging — that libraries would be "dead in five years".

But despite advances in technology and the emergence of the digital age, libraries are thriving as people have changed the way they use them.

Libraries are more important than ever and are "here to stay" because they are about so much more than the books, information, and literacy. Safety and social connection are some of the main things students can get from libraries. A survey in 2019 asked students to, in one word or sentence, say what their library meant to them. The one response that struck me the most was "an end to my loneliness".

There have been extraordinary changes in school libraries over the 25 years – from writing people's numbers down on cards when the Internet was not even a commonly used word, to speedy Wi-Fi and technologies that have changed the way our brains work.

People said that eBooks were going to knock libraries out, but now libraries lend eBooks. Then we were told streamed content was going to knock libraries out, but libraries offer this service, and we are still as busy as we have ever been. Libraries have become much more user-friendly and encourage social connection. The shift is in what libraries are, not just what they do.

As well as lessons and social events, students can just sit in a comfortable chair and read and be part of the community, and everyone is accepted. Many readers still enjoy holding a book and like being surrounded by books. It's a public space available to everyone.

A 2021 survey of a group of Wyndham College Year 11 students showed how well our students are connected to the Library which is something I am very pleased to see. Students should be encouraged to make time to visit the Library every week to study, read, relax and belong.



Sally Govett – Teacher Librarian

## WSU ACCESS PROGRAM

Our Year 11 Western Sydney University students are now in week 5 of their 14 week subject they are studying on campus at Nirimba this term. We are incredibly proud of the work they have been putting in and have already had some excellent results back from their first assessment tasks, including a few students receiving 100%. The students competed a survey about their university experience so far and these were some of their responses.

<b>I</b> like being able to experience an environment that I	May	Stonham	A	Introduction to Criminal Justice
would love to be in the future and having access to a wide variety of learning resources."	Isabella	Fickel	9	Psychology and Health
" It seems the course will be straightforward, so that's boosted	Therese	Richardson		Anatomy & Physiology in Health
my optimism and confidence"	Abby	Kitto		Anatomy & Physiology
"Everything has been really good and accessible. The library and cafe are really well resourced and enjoyable."	Robert	Hannon	9	in Health Systems Analysis and Design
"The teachers are very helpful	Tahlia	Keenan	A	Introduction to Criminal Justice
and provide guidance if you unsure about a certain topic. The Learning Guide is also very	Vansh	Kalra		Quantitative Thinking
helpful and shows me what outcomes I need to work towards."	Ramzy	Alame	-	Anatomy & Physiology in Health
"I love learning about the content	Baylee	Watts		Introduction to Criminal Justice
and love the passion about the topic from my tutors and lecturers."	Isabella	Warland		Introduction to Criminal Justice
"Being in a more professional environment to take on studies is	Sophia	Ekhlass	A	Introduction to Criminal Justice

lecturer gets straight to the point of the lesson and provides numerous relevant and understandable scenarios"

"My course is great in keeping me engaged in my learning both through the WSU and at school as it connects knowledge in different areas. I also really love access to the WSU library and being able to study in a place where everyone is focused on learning."

"The atmosphere is great as students are self directed and motivated."

"I have really enjoyed learning more in-depth 🔊 🕽

good. I am fond of the way our

## Sally Govett & Rohit Prakash - WSU Mentors





# It's your club.All are welcome! Every Monday in D03 7:20 am - 7:50 am

The Breakfast Club is for everyone at Wyndham College! Come along to the casual café to connect, eat a nutritious breakfast and have fun in the artistic corner, relaxing or meditating. You will love the Breakfast Club and you will be excited to come to school, especially every Monday!

We will be serving a variety of foods such as Weetbix, Cornflakes, toast - wholemeal, white or gluten-free, fruit bread, butter, Flora dairy-free spreadable, Vegemite, full cream milk/oat milk/soy milk, Milo - hot/cold - mixed berries, chilled water, and fresh fruit.

Eating a healthy balanced breakfast will ensure you have the right balance of nutrients to keep you feeling satisfied and meet your nutritional requirements. This will help you to be ready to start the school day positively.

All are welcome to meet with the friendly Wyndham College community, Tim, the School Chaplain, Anisah, our social worker, our caring Wellbeing Team, and the wonderful volunteers who prepared the breakfast.





## FROM THE COLLEGE OFFICE

#### **Contact Details Updates**

We encourage all parents and carers to ensure the contact details for themselves and nominated emergency contacts, are always kept up to date. There are times when it is very important that the College be able to contact you quickly.

The College continues to email important information to families as well as students. In order for you to receive this vital correspondence, it is crucial we have your current email address. You can update your details by contacting the College Office, via email to <u>wyndhamcol-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au</u>

#### **School Bytes**

Families should have received emailed information regarding the introduction of the School Bytes program. This program will provide your Statements of Account, excursion notes etc via email and offer you the ease of making payments and providing permission for your son or daughter to attend activities on a single page. We hope you find this time saving improvement useful.

## Thank you – Wyndham College Administration



## **Introducing School Bytes**

You should have received the following information via email. The emailed documents also contained graphics to enhance the instructions and details.



## How to Access School Bytes

To access the School Bytes payment portal or to sign an online permission note, you will receive an email from the school, sent from School Bytes, with a unique link you can select.

This link will automatically log you into the School Bytes application where you can then continue to make a payment or enter the details into your online permission note. The emails are sent from <a href="mailto:noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education">noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education</a>.

If you are not receiving these emails, please check your spam/junk mail folder and add the email address to your safe senders list. The following guide is available for Outlook users to help add School Bytes to your safe senders list. Adding School Bytes to your Outlook safe senders list.



## Adding School Bytes to Your Outlook Safe Senders List

If you are a parent/carer using an Outlook email address (i.e. @outlook.com, @hotmail.com, @live.com.au) and you're not receiving emails from your child's school sent through School Bytes or if the emails are going to the junk folder you can follow the steps below to add School Bytes to your Outlook safe senders list.

**Detailed steps -**

- From your Outlook home page, select the 'Settings' cog in the top right corner of the menu bar. This will open a settings panel on the right-hand side of the page.
- Select the 'View all Outlook settings' link at the bottom of the panel.
- Select the 'Junk email' heading.
- Select the blue '+ Add' button from the 'Safe senders and domains' heading. A text input box will show
- Type in the email address <u>noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education</u>
- Once the email address has been typed in, press 'Enter' on your keyboard.
- Select the blue 'Save' button.

Any future emails sent by your child's school through School Bytes will now go directly to your 'Inbox' folder.



## **Completing Online Permission Notes**

Your school uses School Bytes for online permission notes that are sent directly to parents via email. Online permission notes include a link to a secure payment site via the Westpac Parent Online Payment (POP) system (Visa and Mastercard credit/debit cards accepted).

When parent permission is required for a student activity, such as an excursion, an email will be sent to you, with a link to open the secure online permission form. The online form will contain information about the activity or excursion, as well as a section for you to complete and sign (with your mouse or finger).

If the activity involves a cost, the online form will show a 'make online payment' button. Information submitted by you will be stored securely for the school to review. Your individual response can only be accessed by school staff, due to the sensitive nature of the information you provide. To complete an online permission note sent by the school follow the steps outlined below.

#### **Give Permission**

- Select the blue view online form button in the email.
- Review the details of the event. Please note: Some sections of the note may contain links to an external website. If required, you can click on the links to review any further information. If you wish to print the activity information, click on the blue "Print" button on the right-hand side underneath your school's logo. To add the event to your calendar select the blue "Add to calendar" button next to the print button.
- Provide consent by selecting yes or no.
- Complete the required sections of the note. All required sections are marked with a red asterisk.
- Provide a signature. In the parent/carer signature section, you will need to provide your signature digitally. This can be done with a mouse if you are using a computer or your finger if you are using a mobile device.
- Select submit form. Once you press submit, your response will be recorded. If you need to make any changes to your response you will need to contact the school.

#### Make a Payment

- Select open link beside make online payment
- Select the fee for the activity.
- To change the amount you are paying for an item, enter the desired amount in the balance column. Please note: Your school may not invoice the activity which means it will not appear on the payment portal as a line item. In this case, you will need to select the add other item button to add the line item manually.
- Populate the payer details then select next.
- Populate the payment details in the secure make a payment page and select submit payment.

For information relating to the security & privacy of this service, please refer to the following webpage: https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/publicschools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/School-Bytes-Student-PrivacyInformation.pdf



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To Book a Safer Drivers Course contact:

National Driver Education Pty Ltd 02 9853 3243 or visit

Transport for NSW

# Important Information: Sentral for Parents App



From Thursday 23rd June 2022, versions 3 and 4 of the Sentral for Parents App will no longer be supported. If you are on one of these versions, you need to update your app to continue accessing information and receiving notifications.

## How do I check what version I am?

From your app, go into Settings cog in the top left corner of the dashboard screen, then into App Version. (See image below.)

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## I am on Version 5

You do not need to do anything at this time.



App Store







## How to get Help

If you require assistance you can email parentapp@sentral.com.au for support.





## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR CONTACT DETAILS**

## Changed your home address? New email address or phone number?

## It is <u>VERY IMPORTANT</u> to notify the College Office as soon as possible!

In the interests of student safety & wellbeing, it is very important to provide details of changes to your address and contact information.

Much of the vital information needed by our families is sent via email. Please ensure you keep this means of contact open by providing the College Office with any changes to your email address.



For your convenience, you may complete the form below but we ask you to please print carefully -

Student Name
New Address
Home Phone
Mobile Phone - Mother
Mobile Phone – Father
Parent / Family Email Address
Parent/Carer Name
Parent/Carer Signature Date