



## WYNDHAM COLLEGE

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# WYNDHAM WHISPERS

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## DECEMBER 2018

### Principal

Karen Smith

### Deputy Principals

David Macleod-Jones & Classa Martinuzzi

### Collegiate Deputy Principal

Beth O'Connor - Relieving

### DECEMBER

December 13 – HSC Results released

December 14 – Morning tea for Year 12 class of 2018

December 19 – Last day for students

### JANUARY

January 29 – Staff return – Staff development day

January 30 – Year 11 commence school

January 31 – Year 12 commence school

### FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Again, this year I decided to organise a 'Wyndham Whispers' for December. There have been so many outstanding achievements and events that have occurred since the last newsletter.

I can proudly report that three of our students, **Mer Kalo, Tiarna Foster** and **Anna Oslopova** have been selected for Art Express.

This is an outstanding achievement as 9,097 students submitted bodies of work. 460 students statewide were nominated and 175 bodies of work were selected for Art Express and we have three from Wyndham College. Congratulations to Mer, Tiarna and Anna and to our fabulous Visual Arts Faculty.

Another outstanding success has been the three students who received the Victor Chang Science Award. They are **Crizelle Delgado, Candice Reeves** and **Laura Towell**.

**Our Celebration Assembly for Class of 2018** will be held on **Thursday 14 February 2019**.

We recently welcomed 380 year 10 (Year 11 2019) students to Wyndham and it was great to see so many parents at the Orientation Evening for the families of these young people. A reminder to our parents/caregivers that we are a uniform school – school shirt and pants have a school logo.

### FRIENDS OF WYNDHAM COLLEGE (e-P&C)

**Wyndham  
Whispers will be  
emailed to all  
members**

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

**Please contact the  
school and leave an  
email address**

2019 will be the first year where the full cohort will be in the new uniform. All uniform can be purchased from School Locker. It is on site at the college. School Locker will be open during January on the following dates:

<b>Tuesday 15 January 2019</b>	<b>8am – 2pm</b>
<b>Thursday 17 January 2019</b>	<b>8am - 2pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 22 January 2019</b>	<b>8am – 12 noon</b>
<b>Thursday 24 January 2019</b>	<b>12 noon – 4pm</b>

Then back to normal: **Every Tuesday 7.30am – 10.30am and Every Thursday 1pm – 4pm.**

The school trousers have been black in colour, however black shorts are optional and permitted in Terms 1 and 4 ONLY. However, please remember all Year 12 students require trousers (not shorts) for Graduation in Term 3. Please ensure this part of the uniform is obtained by Graduation. **To assist parents in ensuring they can be ready for 2019 please refer to the opening times for the uniform shop.**

Over 300 students recently attended the Class of 2018 Formal at Rosehill Race Course. The evening was a great success and many thanks to **Vanessa Wickens, Tim McIntyre, Sally Govett and Natasha Craig** for organising.

A reminder to the Class of 2018, the informal morning tea is on **Friday 14 December at 9.30am**. We hope to see as many Year 12 as possible.

We recently celebrated the achievements of our current Year 11 at the annual presentation day. I was pleased to see so many outstanding results and also the many parents/caregivers who took time out of their busy schedules to help celebrate with us. This year we recognised several of our staff, with the Nirimba Learning Community Awards. These awards are open to all staff from Blacktown Boys, Blacktown Girls, Mitchell, The Hills Sports, Quakers Hill, Riverstone and Seven Hills High Schools and Wyndham College. Thank you to **Kellie Boyd, Wendy Birrell and Renata Brentin** and their team for organising the presentation day.

We had 7 staff successful. They were for Excellent Contribution to School Achievement: **Sarah Minol and Nathan Hulands**. Excellent Contribution to the School as a Temporary Teacher: **Rachel Kelso and Dannielle Morais**. For Excellence in Teaching: **Sally Govett and Jeff Smith**. Excellent Contribution by SASS Staff: **Maria Lowenstein**. Congratulations to all these staff.

We are fast coming to the end of the year and I hope the Year 12 class of 2019 has started organising their assessment schedules/major works for next year.

**Staffing 2019 – Ross Dummett** has been appointed as Principal at Canterbury Boys High School. **Beth O'Connor** will be relieving Collegiate Deputy Principal for 2019. Acting Head Teacher English/History will be announced soon.

**Nick Garnett** will be moving closer to home and **Kushma Narayan** will relieve as Head Teacher support for 2019.

**Friends of Wyndham 2019** – next year we will continue our model for the Friends of Wyndham (our P&C) - an eP&C. This hopefully will increase community input. I realise people are very busy and often find it

difficult to commit to lots of meetings. At the end of Whispers there is a letter explaining how the e-P&C model works.

**Some important dates to remember for 2019:**

Tuesday	29 January	Staff return – School Development Day
Wednesday	30 January	Year 11 return
Thursday	31 January	Year 12 return

I would like to publicly thank and acknowledge the outstanding staff here at Wyndham. They are very committed and devoted to their students and teaching. As a community we are extremely fortunate to have such great staff.

I wish everyone a safe and restful time in the holiday season. I look forward to working together with everyone again in 2019.

**Karen Smith - College Principal**

**FROM THE YEAR 11 DEPUTY**

How quickly this year has flown by! You have now completed four terms of senior study here at Wyndham. The year has been a challenging one – adapting to a new school, embarking on senior studies and a new way of thinking and learning and the responsibilities of being a senior student. Congratulations to all of you who have successfully completed Year 11 and to those who have been recognised for your outstanding achievements and efforts. Remember, that you are all working towards achieving **your** best, and that means making improvements by reflecting and learning from every experience.



As we approach the end of your first term of HSC studies, it is timely to remember that you are now a quarter of the way through your HSC year and, believe me, the next three terms will go by at lightning speed. Before you know it, you will be sitting for your HSC exams. Start to think about what pathways are available to you so you can pursue your chosen career and dreams. Then start planning to achieve that goal – you need to make it happen!

Use this holiday to relax and recover from this year as 2018 will bring new opportunities – both exciting and challenging, so start the year refreshed.

I encourage you to start the year with a positive and diligent approach to your studies here at Wyndham College. Attendance is extremely important for success in your studies, so be at school every day and make sure you are in every timetabled class. Come to the college each day ready to learn, be in uniform

and bring with you the equipment you require for your lessons that day. Positive attendance and attitude play an extremely important part in success.

I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday period. Year 12 commence 2019 on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 8:00am.

**David Macleod-Jones - Deputy Principal**

#### **FROM THE YEAR 12 DEPUTY**

We are well and truly ready and very excited to welcome in the new students starting Year 11 in 2019. Year 11 come back on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January and will begin with a meeting in the Hall at 8.00am. To remind everyone, Wyndham College is a uniform college, and we expect all students to be in full college uniform from day 1 2019. If you did not get a chance to purchase the uniform on Orientation evening,

The School Locker uniform shop will be open during the January holidays at the following times:

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School Locker is located adjacent to Tradewynd Café at the end of the school. So if you are coming in over the holidays, it is best to park in the Tradewynd Café parking area to access School Locker.

For students who may be looking for apprenticeships, Nirimba TAFE are offering an opportunity for students to enrol in Pre-Apprenticeship Programs for Carpentry or Plumbing. These programs commence in February 2019, however, spaces are limited so it is advisable to register early if you would like to secure a spot. If you are interested, please see the flyers at the end of this month's Whispers.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. I look forward to an exciting 2019.

**Classa Martinuzzi – Deputy Principal**

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# Plumbing Pre-Apprenticeship Program

18 week program commencing  
February 2019



## LOOKING TO GAIN AN APPRENTICESHIP IN PLUMBING?

- You will learn basic foundations and develop skills and knowledge used in the plumbing industry
- You will also learn about safe work practices and about the context of the plumbing industry
- Be job ready

## COST

- Materials charge will apply
- Contact Nicole Salerno on 9208 7085 for further information regarding fees.

## HOW DO I ENROL?

Attend the **compulsory** information, assessment and individual interview.

**Wednesday 23rd January 2019  
9 am SHARP**

**TAFE NSW Nirimba Eastern Road,  
Quakers Hill  
Building T9**

If you have previous studies in plumbing, please provide relevant documents at the interview and bring your **portfolio and resume** including your Year 10 School Certificate, or completion of Year 10 Record of Student Achievement (ROSA).

Students must have steel cap safety boots.

## ELIGIBILITY

Participants must meet the following criteria:

- Aged between 16-25 years old and released from School
- Year 10 ROSA or be over 17 years old (if no ROSA)
- Live or work in NSW
- Australian Citizen or Permanent resident, humanitarian visa holder or NZ citizen

**LIMITED PLACES!**

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**  
or to apply now-

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# Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship Program

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**WELL-BEING UPDATE****WYNDHAM COLLEGE**

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**Year 12 Final Mandatory Crossroads Day - Smart Choices****Week 10 Tuesday, 18 Dec, 2018**

The last full day for Year 12 with their mandatory crossroads program includes interesting and informative sessions. Guest speaker **Jonathan Benica** returns to Wyndham to share his inspiring story about risk taking the impact choices have on your life.

Sessions include:

***Sexual Relationships***

- includes information and discussion about STIs and contraception options

***Mindmatters - Building Resilience***

- Include a fun quiz to complete about your intelligence!!

***Budgeting - Household finances***

- Want to move out? – see how expensive it really is!!

***Car Buying***

- what to look out for and how to budget for this expensive item

Afternoon session includes time to socially interact with our ever popular Move & Groove session with students having a free choice of activities including:

Soccer, Basketball, Dancing, cricket, board games, kahoot, chess, cards, craft making and Shrink your problems (for those who need extra help in relaxing)

Students need to attend for the whole day from 8am till 3pm. Hey also need to ensure they sign in at all sessions.

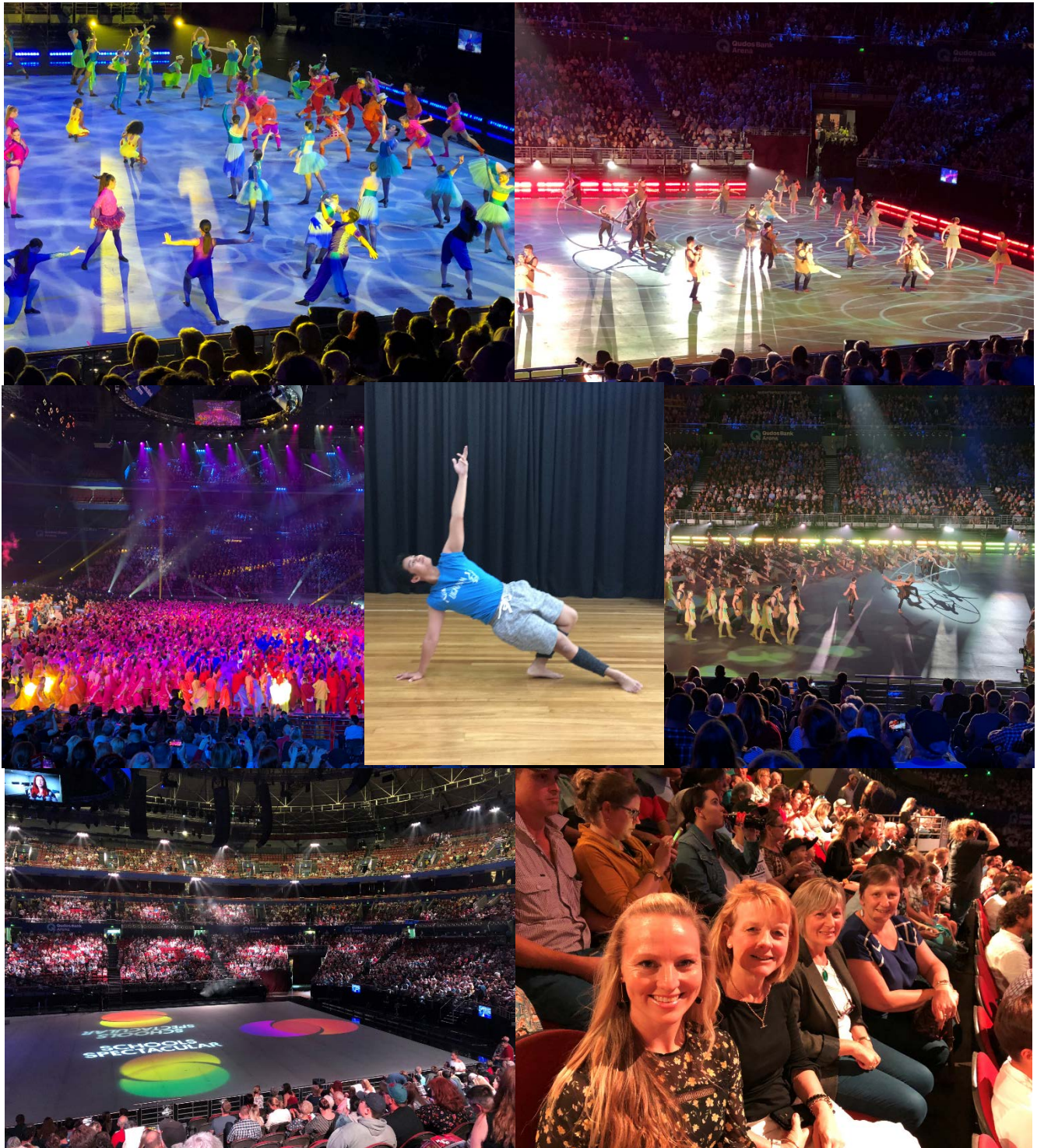
Any questions contact

Sue Beamer, Head teacher Well-Being

**Sue Beamer - Head Teacher Well-Being**

**FROM THE PERFORMING ARTS – DANCE**

On Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th November Ramt Trinidad performed in the Schools Spectacular 'The Greatest' 2018. He was selected out of over 300 applicants as a featured artist in The Boys Dance Ensemble. The Schools Spectacular is an outstanding showcase of talent in NSW public schools. In terms of sheer size, scale and scope, Schools Spectacular is unequalled in the world with a 2700-strong choir, 2300 diverse dancers, an 80-piece symphony orchestra, a world-class stage band and a huge number of outstanding solo performers. Ramt's performance in the schools spectacular was wonderful and the staff and students at Wyndham College are extremely proud of his efforts. This commitment involved Ramt attending many rehearsals outside of his normal Preliminary studies. Congratulations Ramt on this wonderful achievement.



Sarah Minol – Dance Teacher





## **2018 Christmas Fundraiser**

On December 7th, 2018, the Wyndham College Student Representative Council held Christmas activities in the quad during recess to raise awareness for their Christmas Fundraiser. Collecting toys for the Sick Children in Westmead Children's Hospital for Christmas as most of them will have to spend this joyous day for most, stuck in hospital. We organised a few stalls to help entertain the Students and Teachers to help them get into the Christmas Spirit.

At one stall we held Christmas Origami where teachers and students made adorable little Christmas trees. The Amazing Wyndham Christmas Stocking Challenge was a smashing success, with Sarah, Dimitri and Joe representing the teachers of Wyndham College. Finally there was a surprise (but late) visit from Santa Claus, just in time for the Children (and Teachers) to get some Santa Snapz, making their mummies and daddies proud as they showed their pearly whites and no tears were shed.



*The amazing teachers at Wyndham College gathered around to get their photos taken with Santa.*



Even the students had their photos taken. We had another Santa arrive so the original Santa could return to the North Pole.

Some students were interviewed, to see what they thought of the day.

*“The day was so enjoyable, I had so much fun. I wish the SRC would host events like these more often”  
~ Jessica*

*“I only came to school for the activities. I loved taking pictures with Santa Claus, I was so shocked when he arrived that I forced my friends to take a picture with him and was so excited I wet myself” ~ Kerrily*

*“It was a good day, fun, loved the free candy canes” ~ Jacob*

*“I had so much fun, all I wanted to do was create a Gingerbread Village with lots of little people, I made a pink house, all of the lollies I used were pink and spent the next lesson trying not to eat my masterpiece” ~ Jasmin*

The turnout was great and so many students dressed up in their best Christmas colours. The SRC of Wyndham College would like to say a huge thank you to everybody that turned up and helped make our Christmas event a huge success.

**Danielle Morais – SRC Co-ordinator**

# MULTICULTURAL YOUTH FORUM

On Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 12 Wyndham College students attended a Multicultural Youth Forum held at Plumpton High School. The forum was an opportunity for youth to have a voice in Blacktown City Council's Multicultural Strategy.

Students were welcomed by speaker Ahdai, a Youth Advocate of Blacktown Council who highlighted the challenges of diversity, stigmas relating to cultures and cultural limitations that must be overcome. He was a great inspiration for all students and made everyone feel welcomed and inspired to make positive change.

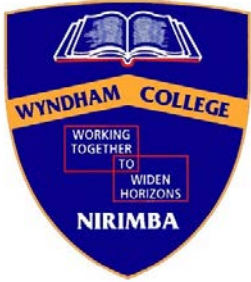
Jessica, the Blacktown Youth and Development Officer then explained to students that the events of the day were like a world café forum. They would have conversations in groups with various schools and unpack issues regularly brought up in Blacktown City Council. This day provided an opportunity for the youth to be included in mental health and multicultural decisions within their area. The discussions that were run throughout the day would then feed information into the Youth Council State Conference held in 2019 and encourage change.

The students enjoyed meeting other youth and helping to implement change and strategies into our local area!

Well done to the following Wyndham students:

Madeline.R, Emily.J, Avneet.K.P, Jacob.C, Aiden.H, Oliver.T, Kathy.H, Haoyang.C, Ranzelle.D, Crizelle.D and Sovann.C.





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## The e-P & C MODEL (FOW)

Wyndham College has been operating as an eP&C (FOW) for all of 2018 and will continue with this model in 2019. 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 the e-P&C. Parents on the e-P&C list are not obliged to respond to every issue.

### Meeting schedule

Two parent meetings will be held in a year

Term 1 Welcome reception and AGM – 26 February 2019

Term 4 Parent Forum – HSC Assessment/Information evening - TBA

### The e-P&C (FOW)

eP&C will be advertised each year to parents via email and newsletters.

Following the Welcome Event 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, extra meetings maybe necessary to address these issues. However at least once a year the e-P&C 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. E-P&C will also provide parents for interview panels, and community representatives on projects the College is involved in.

### Join the e-P&C

Parents are invited to join the e-P&C. This is a group email of e-P&C 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](mailto:Wyndhamcol-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or by sending her this form.

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I am interested in the e-P&C

My child is \_\_\_\_\_ in year \_\_\_\_\_

My name \_\_\_\_\_ My email \_\_\_\_\_



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.

*Working in partnership with your school.*

### UNIFORM SHOP –

The Uniform Shop is open on **TUESDAYS 7.30-10.30am** and **THURSDAYS 1.00pm - 4.00pm**. Online purchases available [www.theschoollocker.com.au](http://www.theschoollocker.com.au)

### School Holiday Hours -

Tuesday 15 January 2019 8am – 2pm

Thursday 17 January 2019 8am - 2pm

Tuesday 22 January 2019 8am – 12 noon

Thursday 24 January 2019 12 noon – 4pm

**Wyndham College is a uniform college and students are expected to be in full college uniform from day one 2019. 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

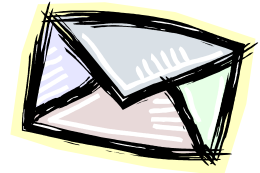
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### Uniform Shop location



### CHANGE OF DETAILS

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*