



## WYNDHAM COLLEGE

*A partner within the Nirimba Collegiate Group of Schools  
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# WYNDHAM WHISPERS

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## FEBRUARY 2019

### Principal

Karen Smith

### Deputy Principals

David Macleod-Jones & Classa Martinuzzi

### Collegiate Deputy Principal

Beth O'Connor - Relieving

### FEBRUARY

February 15 – SRC Pink Stumps Mufti Day

February 26 – FOW AGM & Formation of e-P&C 6.30pm

February 28 – School Photo - Catch Up Day

### MARCH

March 12 – Subject Information Night Prospective Students

March 15 – SRC World's Greatest Shave

March 18-22 – Year 12 Assessment Week

### FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

**Welcome and Welcome Back** – As we begin yet another year together at Wyndham, 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** was 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 showed that our students are capable of great things. Again we had students in the merit list and the college itself was again included in the merit list. Congratulations to **William Skene** who attained an ATAR of 97.9. The college had many students who scored ATARs in the 90s. Whilst high 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 we had our celebration assembly on 14 February to recognise the achievements of the class of 2018. Many thanks to **Kellie Boyd, Wendy Birrell and Sally Govett** for organising this event.

Thanks also to **Mark Vennard and Daniel Repeti** for organising the photo of the merit students from 2018. Their achievements will be proudly on display in A Block foyer.

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

#### SAVE THE DATE

All parents only are invited to attend our Meet and Greet evening for drinks and nibbles. This will be followed by a Friends of Wyndham Meeting

**TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY  
2019**

**6.30pm – 8.30pm  
Tradewynds Cafe**

**AGM & formation of e-P&C**

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

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

**College Numbers** – Our student number this year is 685. I do not believe we can comfortably increase this in the future. We have several demountable classrooms on site and in operation, and the trade school is now fully operational.

In 2019, the college has welcomed the following teaching staff members: **Beth O'Connor** Collegiate Deputy Principal, **Melissa Berry**, **Patrick Hobbs**, **Brendan Hourigan**, **Gina Kalisperis**, **Mona Kamel**, **Daniel Moss**, **Rohit Prakash** and **Brett Rollo**.

The following staff will be delivering lessons to our students. They currently have the majority of their lessons at our junior campuses. They are **Sophie Ottley** – English Standard and **Christine Marin** – English Standard. **Tim Macintyre** will be accessing an English class at Riverstone HS. A warm welcome to these staff members as well.

**Focus Areas for 2019** – During this year we will again focus on student engagement and motivation, connecting with learning and high expectations. Our philosophy at Wyndham is that all subjects are equally important and deserve our full attention in both teaching and resourcing. I believe our students have a fantastic opportunity for 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, in closing, 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 exams in a couple of weeks. For Year 11, although it is obvious that their courses have just commenced, please encourage them not to “get behind”.

The College’s school strategic directions (2018-2020) are:

1. Quality educational practice
2. Leading, learning and connecting
3. Holistic development of students

Another major focus for 2019 will be the focus on college promotion and further creation of various programs of study to cater for our ever growing and changing population.

The college is fully LMBR and SAP HR operational. A very long process! Many thanks to our office staff who have undergone the training. A special thanks to Julie Gough and Wendy Birrell who managed the whole process.

**Friends of Wyndham** – don’t forget we are an e-P&C. First and AGM meeting for 2019 is Tuesday 26 February 2019 in Tradewyndyds Café at 6.30pm. No students are to attend.

I hope the community works with us to ensure these priorities continue to be met.

I wish all students a year of success.

**Karen Smith - College Principal**

**FROM THE YEAR 12 DEPUTY**

Welcome back to 2019 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:

- Completing all assessment tasks on time
- Attending all your lessons
- 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 and the LINKS
- Looking at your shifts at work and maybe cutting back on one or two a week
- Cutting back on your social life
- Remaining positive

**David Macleod-Jones - 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. Believe me, it will be exciting and it will be a little daunting at times as well, especially exam times, but nothing is so unsurmountable or so great that we can't get through it together. Let's face the future with the belief that you can do whatever you set our minds to and 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 (black shorts and black leather shoes in particular!), generally we present as a fine collective of school 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, the long black school pants (business pants) should be worn. Well done.

**Study Habits**

The school yard is buzzing again with lots of noise 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 in the school grounds and as a community there is harmony and acceptance. 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.

I look forward to a rewarding time with this new cohort.

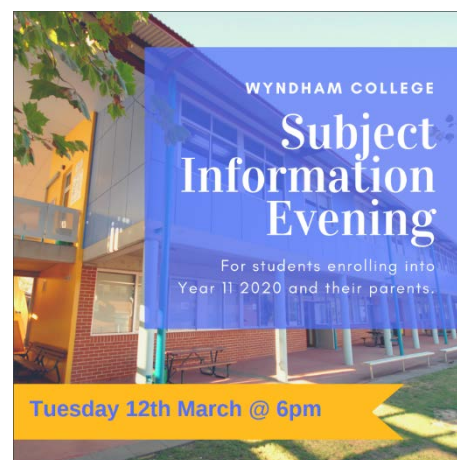
**Classa Martinuzzi – Deputy Principal**

#### FROM THE DEPUTY COLLEGIATE

It has been a flurry of activity in each of the Nirimba Collegiate schools as they begin the year with hundreds of new student faces, and many new staff, each battling the hot days and their new roles and routines. Amongst it all there is a palpable energy for learning and teaching, and a strong sense of joy and pride in what we all do in working together.

The Year 10 into Year 11 Transition Process (that began last year when students were in Year 9) has taken a further step last week with **Subject Information Booklets** being issued to all students, and a presentation to each Year 10 group about the rules and process for choosing their Senior courses. In addition to this **Platinum Club Applications** have been made available to all students in Year 10 for the 2020 program. Platinum Club is a program targeting aspirational students who are seeking to maximise their outcomes and results in senior school.

The next big event in this process is **SUBJECT INFORMATION NIGHT**, which will be held in the Wyndham College Hall on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Doors will open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start** to concise presentations about subject selection for the HSC and information about the ATAR. Each of the faculties at Wyndham College will have stalls set up around the periphery and staff would be pleased to give students and parents insight into what the courses involve. This is an important night for our Collegiate Year 10 Students (and prospective out of area applicants) to attend as **ENROLMENT PACKAGES** will be distributed on that night.



The fourteen new staff to the Collegiate will be welcomed and begin their cross-collegiate networking at an afternoon tea on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Karen Smith (Collegiate Chair, Semester 1) will guide staff through the history of the Collegiate, its key operational aspects and the future planning for the years ahead.

There are many opportunities and events being planned for staff and students to network across the Collegiate this year particularly in the programs that target areas of Student Leadership, STEM, Science and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. It looks like an exciting year ahead!

**Beth O'Connor - Collegiate Deputy Principal (acting)**

**WELL-BEING UPDATE**

The Well-Being Team involves a large group of staff who work to provide a supportive environment for our students. They include

Year 12 Advisers Jason Ewing-Jarvie (A-g), Nitha Sewell (G-N) and Daljit Bansal(O-Z)

Year 11 Advisers are Danielle Morais (A-G), Rachel Kelso (H-N) and Tim Macintyre (O-Z)

Platinum Year Adviser – Yr 11 & 12 – Sally Govett

School Counsellors Anna Jakymin, available Tuesday and Thursdays and Tracey Tsanadis on Wednesdays and on Monday of Week 2, 6 and 10.

School Chaplain is Rebecca Kenny, available on Wednesdays in Term 1  
Youth Pastor Tim Gleeson available on Mondays in Term 1.

Year 11 have a compulsory Life Ready (previously called Crossroads) program that needs to be completed over the next two years. This program incorporates a number of organised activities involving guest presenters and BStreetSmart excursion which allows Year 11 students to engage in the importance of driver education, risk taking and decision making. More information will be provided closer to the date of event. The \$30 Life Ready program fee needs to be paid this term please to ensure all bookings can be made.

Scholarships are available and advertised widely for students. Please ensure you take up the opportunities offered.

[scholarships@youthoffthestreets.com.au](mailto:scholarships@youthoffthestreets.com.au)

Health care Plans have been created and sent home with Year 11 students. If you need one and haven't had one yet please see me as a matter of urgency.



WHEN: MARCH 2019

FOR MORE INFO GO TO:

[Redcross.org.au/schools](http://Redcross.org.au/schools)

Daljit Bansal - Relieving Head Teacher Well-Being



PRIME MINISTER

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Dear parents, carers and the school community,

Keeping our children safe is a shared responsibility. Schools, governments at all levels, the Australian community and, first and foremost, parents take this obligation seriously.

As parents, we know that it can be challenging to raise children today in a world where risks to safety can appear not only on the street but online. And it is not always easy to navigate when the online world can have real world physical and mental health impacts.

That is why our Government has developed resources to empower parents (and schools) to protect children and prepare them to be resilient, responsible and respectful adults:

- [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au) – resources that promote online safety including tackling image-based abuse and a complaints service for young Australians who experience serious cyberbullying.
- [www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au](http://www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au) – support for students, parents and teachers to create a learning environment that promotes student wellbeing and the development of respectful relationships.

You can also visit [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) for education and advice for kids, parents and schools on how to combat and respond to bullying.

Whatever age your kids, it is never too late to make changes to improve their welfare. With the fresh start that a new school year brings we encourage you to use these resources for practical advice on keeping your family safe and well through the year.

Yours sincerely

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SCOTT MORRISON

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Tehan'.

DAN TEHAN

# AUSTRALIAN STUDENT WELLBEING FRAMEWORK



**Student Wellbeing Hub**

This project is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training

Discover information, free resources for teachers, parents and students, and professional learning opportunities on the Student Wellbeing Hub

[studentwellbeinghub.edu.au](http://studentwellbeinghub.edu.au)



**SURRY HILLS**

**12 February** Surry Hills  
**12 November** Neighbourhood Centre  
 L1, 405 Crown Street  
 7:30 – 9:00 pm

**NORTH SYDNEY**

**26 March** Stanton Library  
**25 June** 234 Miller Street  
**15 August** 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
**19 September**

**NORTHERN BEACHES**

**9 May** NBSC Mackellar  
 Girls Campus  
 Performance Space  
 Cnr Campbell Parade  
 + Quirk Road, Manly Vale  
 6:00 – 7:30 pm

**GOSFORD**

**13 February** Henry Kendall  
**14 August** High School Library  
 Faunce Street  
 (Entry via Batley Street)  
 7:00 – 8:30 pm

**NEWCASTLE**

**14 February** Cardiff RSL  
 45 Macquarie Road  
 Cardiff  
 7:00 – 8:30 pm

**WOLLONGONG**

**27 March** Wollongong  
 Tennis Club  
 37 Foley Street  
 Gwynneville  
 7:30 – 9:00 pm

**BATEMANS BAY**

**28 March** Batemans Bay  
 High School  
 Tiered Learning Space  
 2 George Bass Drive  
 Batehaven  
 7:00 – 8:30 pm

**WAGGA WAGGA**

**28 February** Wagga RSL Club  
 Dobbs Street  
 7:00 – 8:30 pm

**BALLINA**

**7 March** Kentwell  
**21 August** Community Centre  
 20 Bangalow Road  
 7:00 – 8:30 pm

**MILDURA BORDER TOWNS**

**20 February** The Alfred Deakin Centre  
 Benetook Room  
 190 Deakin Avenue  
 7:00 – 8:30 pm

**ECHUCA**

**7 March** Moama RSL  
 Merool Lane, Moama  
 7:00 – 8:30 pm

**ALBURY**

**2 March** Albury Library Museum  
**7 August** L1, Cnr Kiewa + Swift Streets  
 10:00 – 11:30 am  
 6:00 – 7:30 pm



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**Rehearsals have started for**



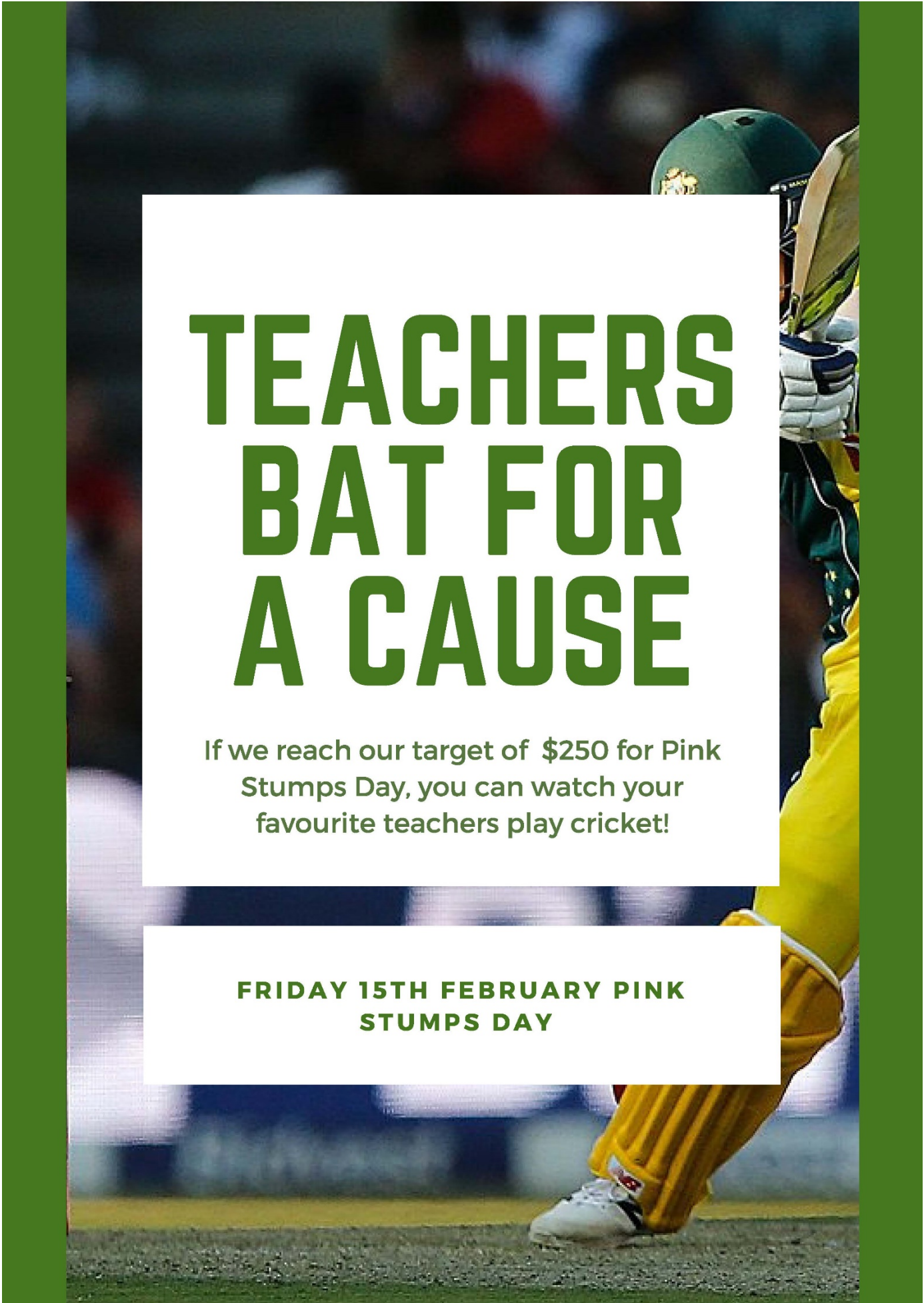
#### FROM THE PERFORMING ARTS – DANCE



Congratulations to Ramt Trinidad who has been selected as a participant in the 2019 Solo Vocal Camp to be held at KCC Conference Centre, Katoomba in March. The camp will conclude with a showcase performance at Parramatta Riverside Theatre.

The camp gives participants the opportunity to work alongside students from all over the state with similar interests on their vocal technique and performance quality. Students work in a group and individual setting and receive expert tuition throughout the week from industry and DoE professional tutors. Congratulations Ramt this is a wonderful achievement!!!

Sarah Minol – Dance Teacher



# TEACHERS BAT FOR A CAUSE

If we reach our target of \$250 for Pink Stumps Day, you can watch your favourite teachers play cricket!

**FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY PINK  
STUMPS DAY**

THE MCGRATH FOUNDATION

# PINK STUMPS DAY



## FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

Wear your best pink clothes and bring a gold coin donation!

**Pink Stumps Mufti Day  
is on Friday 15th February.**

**Come to school dressed in pink and  
bring a cold coin donation.**

**There will be a staff vs student cricket  
match in Session 2  
and **Zooper Doopers** can be purchased  
for 50c each.**

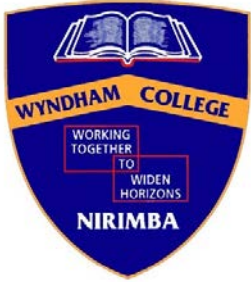
***All money raised goes towards the  
McGrath Foundation to support breast  
cancer nurses.***



**World's Greatest Shave  
will be held on Friday 15th March.**

**Are you prepared to shave your head to raise money for the Leukaemia  
Foundation? If so, this is the event for you!**

Melissa Berry – SRC Co-ordinator



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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 \_\_\_\_\_



## School Opal Card

As part of our campaign against fare evasion, and our on-going commitment to provide the level of service needed to transport students to and from your school, Busways conducts regular checks of School Opal card.

**All students must be in possession of a valid Opal card or pay a fare.**

**Students in possession of an Opal card must also tap on/off with their card when boarding our buses.**

This is important, because the Opal data collected determines the level of service we are able to provide to your school. If students don't tap on and off, the services will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

To apply for a School Opal card or to report a lost or stolen card, go online to [www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/](http://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/)

Students who are ineligible for School Opal will need to purchase a Child/Youth Opal card or pay a fare to travel on our buses.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support.





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.

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### 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)

**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

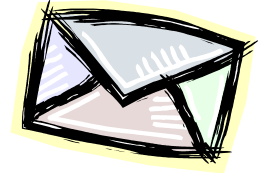
### Uniform Shop location



<http://theschoollocker.com.au/catalogsearch/result/?q=Wyndham+College>

### 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*