



WODONGA
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

Middle Years

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Term 1

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Principal's Report

Welcome for 2017

This week we welcome back staff and students to Wodonga Middle Years College for the 2017 school year. I am sure students are all ready for their next learning challenges and we look forward, with excitement this year to our new house structure. Students had a taste of this structure in headstart. In summary, students have been allocated to new houses. There are 4 houses across the college, 2 at Huon (Blue and Yellow) and 2 at Felltimber and FFFCS (Red and Green). These are learning communities and a way of caring for each student individually. You will hear more about our house structure leading up to sports days in Term 1.

Over the holidays a number of things were done around the college to improve facilities. At Huon there has been some painting completed and a new air conditioner installed in the library. At Felltimber there has been some work at the front of the administration wing. Unfortunately, this work is not complete and we continue to liaise with the DET to complete this work in a timely fashion. I would like to thank the many staff who worked at the college over the holidays, there are often many teachers in at work during their break organizing their room and preparing curriculum. Also to our grounds staff Tim and Destine who carefully looked after the grounds and kept watering and mowing over the long hot break. Cindy Ellis, our Human Resources manager who ensures that all our staffing and budgeting is set for the start of the school year and Ricky Montgomery our Information Technology Manager who completes upgrades during the break and works with staff to get the Information Technology right before students and staff return.

New Staff

We welcome the following new and returning staff to the college for 2017.

Oliver Brosolo, Simon Webb, Bianca Collins, Cassie Diano, Holly Rodway, Tim Clarke, Trudy Parker, Lauren Fouracre and Jessica Hynes at Huon.

Michael Hosking, Alicia Leahy, Sloane Hubner and Katy Miekjohn at Felltimber.

Kylie Virtue at Highwater Theatre.

Jo Loker at the Flying Fruit Fly Circus School.

Due to larger than expected enrolments we also welcome Andrew Carter, Alice Ross and Cameron Middleton for the first 6 weeks. These positions will be advertised in the first few weeks of school.

Upcoming Events

Please put these dates in your calendar.

February 14: Year 7 Immunisations Felltimber

February 17: School Photos

February 20: Student Orientation Interviews

February 21: Swimming Carnival

February 24: Year 7 Immunisations Huon

March 13: Labour Day Holiday

March 17: Day Against Bullying

March 24: Athletics Carnival

March 31: Last Day of Term 1

Congratulations!

Congratulations to past student Jye McBurnie who was awarded Wodonga's Young Citizen Award (jointly with Alannah McKeown) and to Teju Chouhan who was awarded Wodonga's Citizen of the Year Award during the ceremony on Australia Day.

Jye, a past student of WMYC who now attends WSSC won the award for his fundraising efforts for cancer, having raised over \$5000 in the last few years. Jye is also a member of the RED Carpet Youth Committee and helped to organise the SoundOut 2016 music festival. Jye was presented his award by another former student and 2016 Young Citizen, Jacob Mildren.

Teju was one of the first Bhutanese refugees to settle on the border and was recognised for his dedication to the local community. He is president of the Bhutanese Association, presented at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva in 2015 and represents ethnic communities in the border region. Teju worked at WMYC as part of our Wellbeing staff and now continues assisting students at WSSC.

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Acting College Principal

Immunisations

Year 7 Vaccinations in 2017

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – three doses
- Varicella (chicken pox) – one dose

Parents/guardians of year 7 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the booklet and complete and return Part A regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The City of Wodonga immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 28 February 2017 if you do not want your contact details given to the City of Wodonga immunisation service.

FELLTIMBER CAMPUS
Hedgerow Court, Wodonga, Victoria 3690
Ph: 02 6057 9000, Fax: 02 6059 2900

HUON CAMPUS
22-24 Mitchell Street, Wodonga, Victoria 3690
Ph: 02 6057 9000, Fax: 02 6024 3633

Email: wodonga.middle.years.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

www.wmyc.vic.edu.au



To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au or immunehero.health.vic.gov.au

Library

The Huon and Felltimber libraries run a variety of clubs during lunchtimes including anime, board games and book clubs. Keep an eye out at the libraries for when these clubs run. If you have suggestions for other clubs please let the librarians know.

Competitions are also run throughout the year for interested students and may include River of Stories and the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Financial Assistance for Families

CSEF

Financial assistance through the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) is available to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card, Veterans Affairs Card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.

The payment of \$225 for secondary students is made to the College to cover the camp, sport or excursion expenses for your child.

Students who are eligible for CSEF and who commence Year 7 in 2017 are also eligible for a one off uniform voucher.

Application forms are available from the office.

Years 7, 8 and 9

Maths Mates

All students from all year levels require a Maths Mate Homework book. These are available from the office for \$13.00 each.

School Photos

MSP Photography will attend WMYC on Friday February 17 to take student photos. Students will be given a personalised envelope with their name in which to order photos. Students are asked to bring the envelope on the day of the photos with the correct money (if paying by cash) or credit card details completed. Family photo envelopes will be available from the College offices prior to the day.

Sport

Swimming Carnival

The annual WMYC Swimming Carnival will be held at the Wodonga Aquatic Venue and Exercise Space (WAVES), 8 Mactier Avenue, Wodonga on Tuesday February 21. House meetings will be held prior to the day when students can nominate for events.

Students are to make their own way to WAVES and should arrive at the venue by 8.45am. Entry to the pool is \$3.00 to be paid at the gate (please note that a spectator fee applies for parents who attend.) Students will be dismissed from the pool at 2.30pm.

Bus travellers will be walked to and from WAVES.

Students are encouraged to dress in their House colours and

remember to be sun smart.

All students are expected to attend even if they are not competing. Any student who is absent on the day needs to bring a note explaining their absence.


Absence Hotline

With the introduction of the new House Groups for the College for 2017 the school has slightly altered the way attendance will be followed up. Parents are now able to ring a dedicated number at the College and leave details of any student absence that has occurred or will occur. This dedicated phone number will be monitored several times a day and will be the preferred method of communicating your child's absence.

An automated text message will be sent to your mobile phone at the end of the day if your child has any unexplained absence during the school day. It is critical that you have your correct contact details at the front office for this text message to be effective and to arrive to the correct person. It is also critical you confirm any absence received through this text message service through the Absence Hotline or ring your child's teacher to query that absence.

The Wodonga Middle Years Absence Hotline number is 02 60579051. If you have any queries about these changes, please do not hesitate to contact the College

To reduce interruptions to classes, we do not use the PA system during class time - it is used only during break times-lunch, snack, before and after school.
If you require your child to be excused from class, please have your child bring a signed note to school to present to their teacher so they may be excused from class.
Thank you for your assistance in reducing class room interruptions.



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TRADING HOURS

MONDAY	9.30am to 4.30pm	94 High Street, WODONGA 3690 02 6056 9402
TUESDAY	9.30am to 4.30pm	
WEDNESDAY	9.30am to 4.30pm	
THURSDAY	9.30am to 4.30pm	
FRIDAY	CLOSED	
SATURDAY	CLOSED	

Dates to Remember

Dates for 2017	Activity
Jan 31	▶ Students start
Feb 14	▶ Immunisations Yr 7 Felltimber
Feb 17	▶ School Photos
Feb 20	▶ Student Led Conferences 3.30-7pm
Feb 21	▶ Swimming Carnival
Feb 24	▶ Immunisations Yr 7 Huon
Mar 13	▶ Labour Day Holiday
Mar 24	▶ Athletics Carnival
Mar 31	▶ Last Day Term 1