



**WODONGA**  
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

# Middle Years *my* news



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## Principal's Report

### Student Led Conferences

Thank you to all parents who attended the Student Led Conferences on Monday 22nd May. These interviews were held with subject teachers and were a great way to reflect on the work that has taken place this semester and to plan and set goals for the remainder of the year. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher directly and make a time to meet with them.

### Transition Year 9 into 10

We are proud to have a focused transition program for our Year 9 students who will transition to Wodonga Senior Secondary College (WSSC) in 2018. WSSC is the first choice in post compulsory education in Wodonga. WSSC is focused on the needs of senior students and has dedicated staff who have up to date professional learning in post compulsory education.

Our Year 9 students will commence their transition to Year 10 next month when they will attend regular classes at Wodonga Senior Secondary College Wednesday June 14. This day allows our students to familiarise themselves with WSSC.

### Student Information Details

Parents are asked to ensure all their contact details are up to date. If you have recently changed your address, work, home or mobile numbers, please advise the College in writing of the new details.

### Students with Medical Conditions

Parents/carers are asked to ensure that if their child has a medical condition they advise the College. Any changes to medical conditions, management plans and medication required to be administered while at school should also be advised.

### Bike Storage at Huon

After a trial of storing bikes at the front of the Gym at Huon, the student leadership group have requested that the bikes be returned to the bike shed on the Brockley Street side of the school. We are currently arranging to have the bike racks returned to the original bike shed and are consulting with students as to the best arrangements for locking and unlocking the bike shed. We appreciate support from parents and students during this transition time.

We encourage students to ride their bikes and scooters to school and continue to explore the best options to ensure these items are safely stored.

We also remind students at both campuses that they must ensure that they dismount from bikes, skateboards and scooters prior to entering the school grounds.

**Maree Cribbes**  
Campus Principal

## HOLP

The WMYC students involved in the HOLP (Hands on Learning Program) had the opportunity to really get their hands dirty at the HANDS ON Trades Career Expo held at Winton Raceway recently.



The boys were encouraged to get in and try their hand at a range of activities covering a large range of the different trades on show. They were able to talk to young apprentices in trades from plumbing, building and construction, mechanics, spray painting and panel beating plus many more. The Defence Force took the boys through the huge range of career paths within the Army, Navy and Air Force. This experience and the information provided will assist the Year 9 boys in making subject selections for transition to Year 10 and helping them to look at the career choices that they may wish to pursue.



The day ended with a side trip through the Lake Mokoan Wetlands and to see some of the art that is being done in a very different setting.

## CareVan

Over the last three weeks the CareVan program has had assistance preparing meals from WSSC students Taylor Viner and Connor Letts. Both Year 10 students have taken this on as their Impact Project in Community Service and have been a great help with our program. We also had two very keen Year 7 students, Hunter Rudolph and Dylan Rein join the cooking program, their enthusiasm and attention to detail has earned them a milkshake from Central Perk. Along with all the other students in the program 100 serves of Butter Chicken has gone out to CareVan for both Wodonga and Albury sites. It is very rewarding for the students when we get the feedback from CareVan as to how much our food has been appreciated by the recipients and how much they look forward to such a nutritious warming meal.



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## Sorry Day Ceremonies

With great respect and dignity WMYC held ceremonies at both Huon and Felltimber Campuses last Friday to mark National Sorry Day. It was also an occasion to acknowledge the 20th anniversary of the tabling in parliament, of the "Bringing the Children Home" report. The ceremonies were presented well by WMYC Koori students



with Acknowledgement to Country, the welcome to our Koori guest speakers and a flag parade accompanied by didgeridoo player Kevin Whyman. This was an appropriate time to also acknowledge the significant contributions our Koori students and the local Koori community, have made and continue to make to our College through many different areas in the school. Special thanks to guest presenters, Koori Engagement Support Officer Tammy Campbell and Koori artist Trish Ceminarra.



**Marg Leddin**  
Assistant Principal

## Year 9

### 'Love Bites'

On Mon 22nd May all Year 9 students at Felltimber took part in a full day of the 'Love Bites' workshops. The focus of the day is to promote healthy respectful relationships and provide students with the skills to recognise warning signs of unhealthy relationships and the impacts of violence and control in relationships. The key note speaker was Anj Barker who shared her personal and confronting story of relationship violence and the impact it has had and will have for the rest of her life. The last part of the day, students commenced their art component which will help to promote the messages of respectful relationships and prevention of violence. The day was funded by The White Ribbon



Foundation Ball, Wodonga City Council and Border Trust. I would like to commend all of the students on their fantastic behaviour and especially the respect they demonstrated to Anj. Thanks also to our 12 Love Bites facilitators from various community agencies who made the day possible and a big success.

The Love Bites workshops will occur at Huon during Term 3.



**Linda Elkington**  
Adolescent Health Nurse

## Year 9 Transition

### Year 9 Immersion Day

All Year 9 students will begin their transition to Wodonga Senior Secondary College on Wednesday, June 14. They will attend classes, have tours and meet their 2018 teachers. Permission forms have been issued to students and should be completed and returned to WMYC. This is a normal school day and all students are expected to attend.



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### TRADING HOURS

**MONDAY** 9.30am to 4.30pm  
**TUESDAY** 9.30am to 4.30pm  
**WEDNESDAY** 9.30am to 4.30pm  
**THURSDAY** 9.30am to 4.30pm  
**FRIDAY** CLOSED  
**SATURDAY** CLOSED

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## Dates to Remember

Dates for 2017	Activity
31 May	► Literacy Information Evening - Huon
12 June	► Queen's Birthday Holiday
14 June	► Year 9 Immersion Day at WSSC
30 June	► Last Day Term 2