



Newsletter No 1

Term 1

February 5, 2018

Principal's Report

Welcome for 2018

Last week we welcomed back staff and students to Wodonga Middle Years College for the 2018 school year. I am sure students are all ready for their next learning challenges and continually improving themselves as not only learners but as citizens. All students have been allocated to new houses.

Over the holidays a number of things were done around the College to improve facilities. At Huon there has been some tree safety and work on D wing and the new English Language Centre at the end of A Wing has started to take shape. At Felltimber there has been general maintenance work and tree safety. 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 organising their classrooms and preparing curriculum. Also to our grounds staff Tim, Helena and Simon 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.

The Wodonga Way! - C.A.R.E.

At Wodonga Middle Years College, we care for each student. This year we will continue sending text messages to parents when students are absent and the school has not been notified by a parent. This is a way of ensuring that each student is accounted for and parents are aware when students are absent. We thank families for working with us by contacting the College regarding their child's absence and welcome any feedback.



We expect positive behaviours from our students at Wodonga Middle Years College and we explicitly teach these values through our CARE program. **C** stands for Care for relationships; **A** stands for Achievement through Aspiration; **R** stands for Respect and Resilience; and **E** stands for Engagement. The CARE program assists us to teach students expected social behaviours. Research has found this is the most effective response for preventing school-based behaviour problems including school violence and bullying. Teaching and supporting social behavioural skills to students creates student behavioural health and also contributes to academic support systems.

Ask your child if they have received a C.A.R.E. reward this week!

Contacting your child at school

As adults we know it is often difficult to avoid the distraction of our phone and other devices when at work; it is even more difficult for our children. Students at Wodonga Middle Years College are encouraged to avoid distractions whilst learning in class time. Some class teachers will even ask students to turn all notifications off their devices during class time.

When you need to contact your child during the school day could you please do so through the front office rather than contact your child directly via social media or text message. This way we can

minimise distractions for our students. Students must also sign in and out of school through the front office. To further reduce interruptions during class time we are unable to use the PA system, unless it is a matter of emergency. If you require your child to be excused from class, please send them with a signed note to school to present to their teacher so they may be excused. The PA system will only be used during break times wherever possible. Thank you for your cooperation with these matters.

Insurance

WMYC wishes to advise parents that the Department does not provide accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. The cost of any medical attention or ambulance for a student will be borne by the parent/guardian – this includes transport costs such as ambulance or air ambulance costs. We recommend that where possible, parents ensure they have ambulance cover included with their health insurance or take out separate cover with Ambulance Victoria.

There are several insurance companies that offer student accident insurance cover. (Neither WMYC nor the Department necessarily endorses these companies.)

Private property brought to school by students or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students and staff should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

New Staff

We welcome the following new and returning staff to the College for 2018.

Tim Bridgeman – Assistant Principal at Huon
Carlee Hill, Josh Collier, Katie Keegan, Penny Sear, Kirsty Hodge, Sue Van de Ven, and Shelley Jolliffe at Huon.
Greg Glasson, and Kylie Virtue at Felltimber.

Upcoming Events

Please put these dates in your calendar.

February 6:	Swimming Carnival
February 16:	School Photos
February 23:	Year 7 Immunisations Huon
March 6:	Year 7 Immunisations Felltimber
March 12:	Labour Day Holiday
March 15:	Day of Action Against Bullying Felltimber
March 21:	Harmony Day
March 26:	Athletics Carnival
March 29:	Last Day of Term 1

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Campus Principal

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



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 6th.

Students are to make their own way to WAVES and should arrive at the venue by 8.45am. Entry to the pool is \$3.50 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 or transported 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 when they return to school explaining their absence or parents can phone the hotline 02 6057 9051.

The Red Warrumbungle Hawks are the current champions.

Hollie Radomski and Jaclyn O'Connor
Sport

Shooting Team

Expressions of interest are being sought for current shooters and students interested in completing their firearms junior licence course through the school to compete in the upcoming Interschool Shooting Competition 2018.

For interest please see Ricky Montgomery at Huon and James Foley at Felltimber.

James Foley

Doctors in Schools Program

Dr Jess Maddern operates from the Huon campus Thursdays from 9am – 1pm.

Appointments (for both Huon and Felltimber students) may be made by calling the nurse, Laura Caldwell on 0401 264 256. Please leave a message with full name and campus if not answered. Transport can be arranged for students from Felltimber campus.

Joce Ziebell
Inclusive Programs

Queens Baton Relay

Wodonga has been chosen to host part of the Commonwealth Games Queens Baton Relay. Wodonga Council advises that the following streets will be closed to traffic at various times on February 15 between 6am and 10.45am: Church Street, High Street, Silva Drive, Melrose Drive, Brockley Street, Elgin Boulevard (between Hovell St and Smythe Street) and Beechworth Road.

For further information please contact the City of Wodonga Event Manager Kim Strang via email kstrang@wodonga.vic.gov.au or 02 6022 9283.

CSEF

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

If you hold a Health Care Card or Veterans Affairs Card, or if you are a foster carer who has not yet applied for CSEF, we ask that you apply as soon as possible.

Eligible secondary students receive \$225 each year and Year 7 students receive a uniform voucher.

Forms are available from the College offices.

School Photos

School Photos will occur on Friday 16th February. As of 2018, School Photos will be paid for entirely online.

Each student will be issued with two unique shootkeys - one individual, one family.

Ordering photos will be simply a matter of visiting www.msp.com.au (on desktop OR smartphone), entering these shootkeys, selecting your preferred pack, and paying via the secure checkout.

We anticipate this will streamline the process for all involved, particularly for school administration staff and for parents.

If you have any questions, MSP are more than happy to help answer them. Feel free to call 03 5482 3190. See attached sheets for prices and frequently asked questions.

Arts Technology Language

Music

Did you know that one of the only activities that activates, stimulates and uses the ENTIRE brain is MUSIC? When you learn a musical instrument, all areas of your brain are being developed.

Spots are filling up in our instrumental timetables, so please see Mrs Taylor or Ms Hackett or the office to get a pink form. Year 7 students receive their first term of tuition for free.

WMYC are so lucky to have an amazing Instrumental Music Program so come and try out one of the many instruments we have on offer.

Julie Taylor and Katherine Hackett
Music

Australian Army Cadets

Information evening.

Youth who are 13 years of age are eligible to enrol. You can also enrol up to the age of 18.

When: Thursday 15th February 2018

Where: Army Logistics Training Centre 'Front Gate', South Bandiana, Murray Valley Hwy

Time: Front Gate at 1800hrs (to be escorted)

Note: Parents are expected to accompany the youth

For further information see: <https://www.armycadets.gov.au/>

We Are Recruiting!



Air Cadets Albury Wodonga
Recruit Information Session

11 Feb 2018
5PM

12 Avalon St, East Albury



Dates to Remember

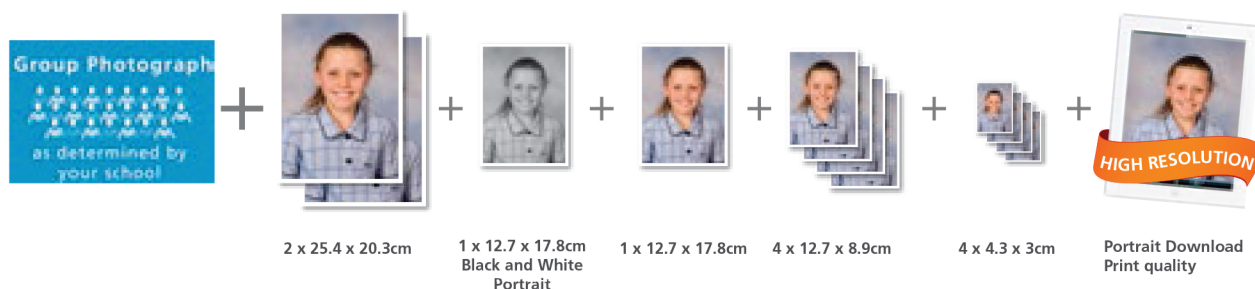
Dates for 2017/18	Activity
February 6	► WMYC Swimming Carnival
February 16	► School Photos

School Photo Day - 2018

Individual package details

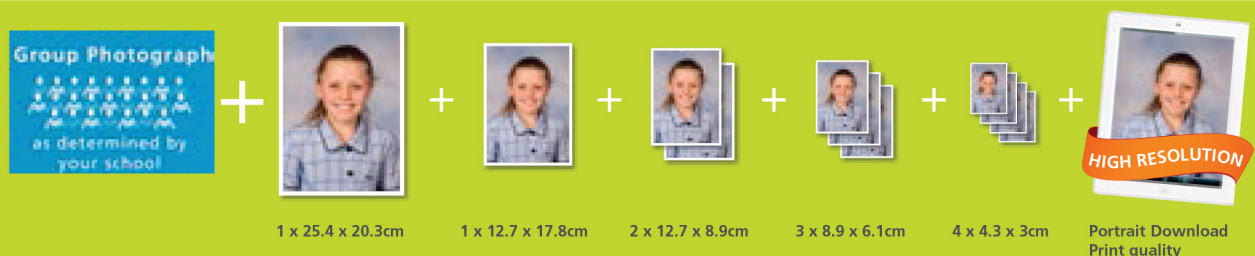
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\$ 48



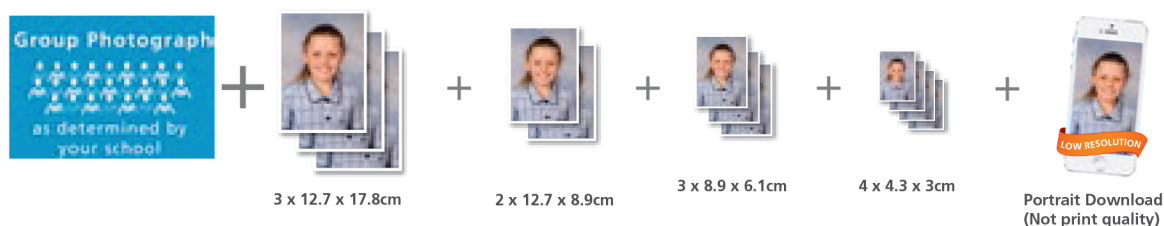
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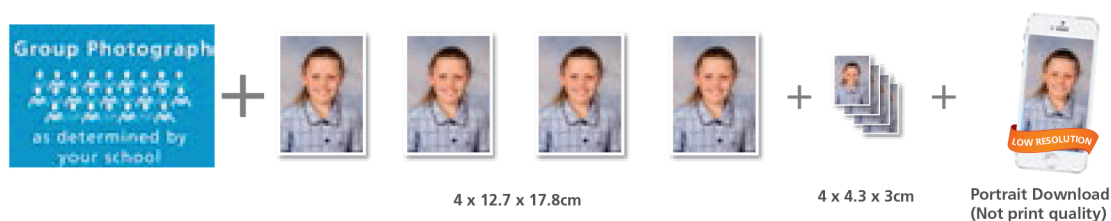
Value Pack

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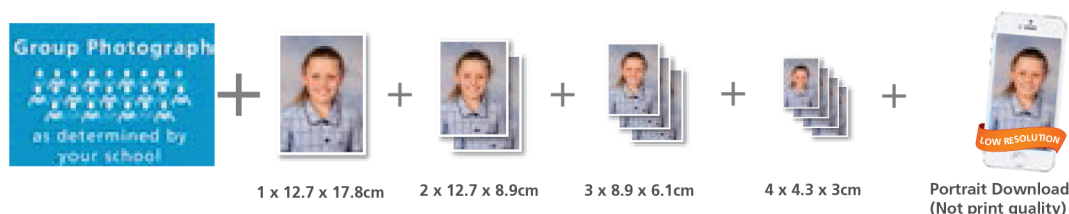
Essential Pack

\$ 40



Basic Pack

\$ 38



* Only available when purchasing one of the packs listed above.

Gift Pack*

All 12 items

\$ 15



Class Group Photo

\$29



Sibling Photo Package Details

Deluxe Pack

\$ 30



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2 x 12.7 x 17.8cm



2 x 12.7 x 8.9cm



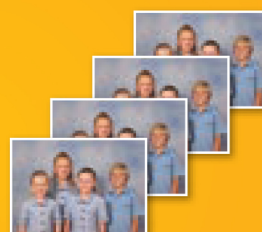
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Value Pack

\$ 25



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4 x 12.7 x 8.9cm



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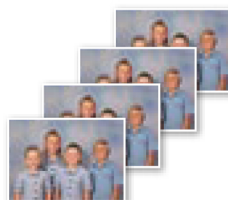
* Only available when purchasing one of the packs listed above.

Gift Pack* All 7 items

\$ 15



1 x Photo Calendar
25.4 x 20.3cm



4 x 6.4 x 4.6cm



2 x Photo Gift Tags
6.4 x 12.7cm



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

My child has lost their information sheet, so I don't have their shootkey. What should I do?

Your school administration has a list of all students' unique shootkeys. They will be able to issue the key to you again.

My child never received an information sheet or shootkey.

This is likely because your child was a late enrolment, or a new student. If you call MSP Photography on 03 5482 3190 we can issue you one immediately.

Can I also order if my partner and I have separated?

Of course. Simply use the same shootkey to order for your child. Any students with multiple orders processed will have their photographs sent to the front office of the school to ensure orders are delivered to the correct parent.

How do I order a family photo?

Each student has been issued with a corresponding unique shootkey for a family photo. Order using the shootkey on the oldest child's information sheet. Record your order reference number, and be sure to fill out the family details in the section provided on the oldest child's information sheet. There is no need to record it on all siblings' sheets.

I didn't receive an order reference number, but the money has been taken out of my bank account.

Your order will automatically be received by our system. Simply send your child on photo day with their information sheet as normal.

I can't pay today. Will I still be able to get photos?

Of course. All students will have their portrait taken regardless of whether you are purchasing photos or not. Online ordering will remain open for 3 calendar days after photo day. If you are still unable to order in this time frame, please contact us and we will endeavour to help you out.