



WODONGA
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

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Principal's Report

Year 9 Transition to Year 10

Year 9 students will commence their transition to Wodonga Senior Secondary College this term. Letters were sent to current students at the end of last term with information and dates for terms 3 and 4. If you have not received this information, please advise the College.

2018 Parent Opinion Survey

Tell us what you think.

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The parent Opinion survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 percent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday July 23, to Sunday August 26, 2018.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 10-15 minutes to complete and can be accessed at any time within the time period on desktop computers, laptop, tablets or smartphones.

Results of the survey will be reported back to the school at the end of September.

Maree Cribbes
Campus Principal

Defence Students

Community Visits

Last term a number of Defence students visited different welfare community organisations to find out what they do in the community, as well as learn more about some of the 'hidden' issues faced by many local families and young people - such as homelessness and food shortages.



In the first week, Carevan CEO Stacey Franklin visited the school and talked about the origins of Carevan, what they do, programs they run, and opportunities to volunteer with them.

This was followed by a visit and tour of the local Foodshare facility; then a visit to the Carevan depot where students were able to make up salads to go to the meals for the homeless that night, as well as make packs of essential toiletry items to be distributed to those living on the streets.

The next week, the students visited the YES Unlimited offices in



Albury and learnt about the many programs and services that they offer locally.

The final week concluded with another visit to the Carevan depot for some more salad making and care pack making.

Students' eyes were definitely opened to some of the hidden social issues experienced by large numbers of people locally.

There will be further opportunity for Defence students to be engaged in the community during Term 3, when a Meals on Wheels run will occur each Wednesday that students can volunteer for.

Anthony Nicholson
Defence Transition Mentor

Year 9

Transition

All Year 9 students should have received information from Wodonga Senior Secondary College (WSSC) about transition to Year 10. The information includes an invitation to the Parent Information Evening, Timeline of events for this Semester, Course Selections and laptop requirements.

Some important Term 3 dates are:

July 23: Students receive their Course Selection Booklets

July 26: Information Evening – 2 sessions

6:00pm – Huon parents and students

7:00pm – Feltrimber and Fruit Fly parents and students

In the Lecture Theatre WSSC

Learn about what subjects are available and what courses and pathways are offered.

August 15: Subject Expo

5:00pm – 7:00pm

In the WSSC Trade Centre

Meet with subject teachers to learn more about the courses.

Student Leadership

Leadership Breakfast

Late last term, our student leaders attended a Youth Leadership breakfast at Wodonga Council. The guest speaker was Maree Cables, Director/Franchisee of McDonalds Albury, Lavington, Wodonga, Birallee and Corowa. Maree shared her very diverse career journey with the students. She started her working life in office administration, then travelled and worked abroad for a couple of years before taking up studies for nursing. Later, in her

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role as Assistant Director of Nursing at Burnie Base Hospital, she undertook a university course in Business Management which ultimately led her to her first franchise with McDonalds. The strongest message Maree gave to the students, was to take every opportunity offered to them at school and to explore as many career pathways to help decide their individual goals and journey. Employing more than 500 staff across her stores, Maree spoke about the sort of job ready skills and personal attributes that she looks for in prospective employees applying for work. The students gained some very valuable firsthand knowledge to consider their own work readiness.



Margie Benbow
Student Pathways

Student Information Details

The Education Department requires all schools to review Student Information Details twice each year. All students from Years 7, 8 and 9 will receive a copy of their details to be taken home this week.

Please check the information, make any changes, sign and return the forms to the College even if there are no changes.

Having accurate up to date information is vital if there is an emergency.

Art Technology Language

Art

The project that Ms Virtue's Semester 1 Art class had was to create a sculpture using recycled products. Justin used a clock face with buttons and the top of an antique clock to create his piece.



Dates to Remember

Dates for 2017/18	Activity
July 26	► Year 9 into Year 10 Information Sessions in the Lecture Theatre at WSSC: 6pm - Huon students and parents 7pm - Felltimber and Fruit Fly students and parents
July 27	► Professional Development Day - Students not required at school
August 15	► Subject Expo Evening 5-7pm. Trade Training Centre at WSSC. For Year 9 into Year 10 students and parents

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Are you a Grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling or friend raising a child?

Upper Murray Family Care will be having a free, informative support circle meeting where you can gather and connect with fellow family members who share similar experiences.

Open to all Grandparents and other relatives raising a family member's child.

Meet other Grandparents and relatives who are raising and/or the primary caregivers for a child. The group would like to have an emphasis on socialising and building and sharing resources for family members raising a child.

Morning tea provided.

Where: UMFC, 27-29 Stanley Street, Wodonga

When: From 10.30am till 12 noon
Thurs, 20th Sept
Thurs, 18th Oct
Thurs, 15th Nov
Fri, 14th Dec

No bookings required just turn up on the day.

If you require further information contact Jen Lepp on 02 6055 8000