



**WODONGA**  
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

# Middle Years *my* news



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## Principal's Report

### **Safety on line**

Wodonga Middle Years College is an eSmart school. Students can report inappropriate messages or content they see online. We found the simplest way to do this is to go to eSafety Commissioner's website. I have included the link below. <https://www.esafety.gov.au>

Here is some information from the website.

We know that it can be difficult to monitor what your kids are viewing, as the devices they use provide online access at any time of the day. Your kids may not deliberately seek out inappropriate content, rather they may accidentally access it while undertaking online searches or opening content referred from others. They may also be able to use their personal devices to discover content blocked by home and school filters. Talking to your kids about the sites they visit is important in helping protect them against the impact of viewing unsuitable content. Be aware of how they use the internet and discuss the sites and apps that are okay to explore and those that are not. You can teach your child strategies about how to deal with offensive material but be vigilant, especially if your child is prone to taking risks or is emotionally or psychologically vulnerable.

You can support your child by:

- teaching them to leave or close the page immediately or minimise the screen if they are worried about the material they have seen (hit Control-Alt-Delete if the site does not allow you to exit)
- encouraging them to talk to a trusted adult if they have seen something online that makes them upset, disturbed or distressed
- reassuring them that access to the internet will not be denied if they report seeing inappropriate content
- reminding them not to open spam email or click on pop ups, prize offers or unfamiliar hyperlinks in websites
- telling them not to respond if they are sent something inappropriate
- keeping them connected to trusted friends and family online and offline.

You can also:

- install filters and use parental controls to help reduce their risk of exposure to unsuitable or illegal sites
- report content you think may be prohibited to the cyberReport online complaint form
- report offensive content to the site administrator (for example use 'flag' or 'report' links near content). There is a wide range of filtering software products available on the market. Some of the filtering products available on the Australian market include: Qustodio, Norton Family, NetNanny, PureSight, Surfie, CYBERSitter and McAfee.

### **Facebook**

Wodonga Middle Years College has a facebook site! Wodonga Middle Years College has a Facebook site and all newsfeed updates are put on the site for viewing by students and staff. To access, join Facebook via your PC, Mac, apps for phone or tablet and search Wodonga Middle Years College.

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Campus Principal

## 'About You' Survey!

### **What is 'About You'?**

'About You' is a survey of Victoria's young people, conducted by Colmar Brunton on behalf of the Department of Education and Training. The About You survey takes place in Victorian schools every two years and collects essential information on the health, wellbeing, learning and safety of young people aged 10 to 18.

Government schools with students in year 5, 7, 8, 10 and 11 are being invited to participate in the survey in 2018. Students in Catholic and Independent schools are also being invited to take part. The information collected will assist in the development of programs, resources and services aimed at meeting the needs of young Victorians.

### **Who will participate?**

All students in year 7, 8, 10 and 11 will be invited to participate in the survey from our school.

It is up to you and your child as to whether they take part. The school will send an information letter explaining the background and content of the survey, along with a refusal-of-consent form home with your child, and to your email address. If you do not want your child to be included in the study, you should return the refusal-of-consent form to the school, or opt out via the email address that will be supplied. All responses are voluntary and students can opt out at any time.

For further information, please contact Gillian Davenport at the Department of Education and Training via email [AboutYou.Survey@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:AboutYou.Survey@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## Student Achievement

### **Softball**

Well done to Felntimber Year 9 students Joanna and Max Garoni. Joanna has been selected in the Under 17 Girls Victorian State side and Max has been selected in the Under 17 Boys Victorian State side. Both teams will be competing at the National Championships in Adelaide in January.

Joanna and Max will attend training in Melbourne each week and compete in lead up tournaments. They will also train twice a week here in Albury Wodonga with one of the state coaches.

## Art, Technology, Language

### **Textiles**

Year 8 Textiles students have been working hard learning the art of Quilting. Students chose to make either a quilted Pillowsham or an iPad sleeve. They selected their fabrics and pieced them together before quilting their designs. The pillows shown were created by Bridie Besic,, Izabella Hodges and Gemma Huhta. The iPad sleeves are by Tahni Evans and Phoebe Maddison.



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# 2019 Japan Tour



Are you interested in language and seeing more of the world? Next year we are going to Japan!



INFORMATION EVENING  
AUGUST 30

WSSC CONFERENCE ROOM  
6PM

Contact: Michelle Butters  
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## Vocal Concert

6PM -7.30PM PAC FELLTIMBER  
4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Come and see our WMYC Vocal students perform for you. Soloists, duos, ensembles and our choir will perform the repertoire they have been studying this year. Coffee/tea and a light supper will be provided.

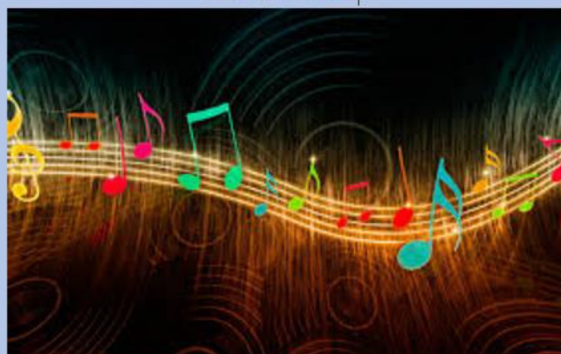


WODONGA MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE AND SENIOR  
SECONDARY COLLEGE PRESENTS.

### BIG NIGHT OUT

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH 7PM  
GALVIN HALL  
SENIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE  
WOODLAND ST  
WODONGA

COME AND HEAR OUR  
CONCERT BAND, CHOIRS AND VOCAL  
ENSEMBLES, SOLOISTS, ROCK BANDS AND  
FUNK BAND.  
NO CHARGE.



## Dates to Remember

Dates for 2017/18	Activity
August 31	▶ Reports issued to students
September 4	▶ Vocal Concert - Felltimber PAC
September 13	▶ Casual Wear Day ▶ Big Night Out
September 17	▶ Student Led Conferences
September 21	▶ Last Day Term 3

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## FATHERING WITH PURPOSE

### a Father & Son Program

Our 3 day program is an opportunity for fathers (or a male guardian) & their sons to get away for adventure activities, an overnight hike & 'secret men's business'! The program will enable families to create memories, share stories and spend time together in the Victorian High Plains.

Who | Ages 12 – 15 yrs with a father or guardian  
When | Tues 2nd Oct 2018 – Thurs 4th Oct 2018  
Where | YMCA Howmans Gap Alpine Centre  
Cost | \$450 per person

\*\*\*YMCA Open Door funding available to eligible families, see website for details\*\*\*  
Costs include: food, accommodation (one night in a tent), adventure activities and experienced facilitators.

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