



WODONGA
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

Middle Years *my* news



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Principal's Report

Student Leadership

At Wodonga Middle Years College we actively encourage students to be involved in leadership activities and students are given many opportunities to do this throughout their time at WMYC. Being a leader develops many skills that students will use throughout their life. Some of these skills are: an ability to work in a team, being able to prioritise tasks, confidence building and the ability to make a difference.

We had a very competitive field of applicants for our student leader positions at the end of last year and we would like to thank all students who applied. Some very difficult decisions had to be made! Already our student leaders have had meetings, and assisted running the cafes at each campus. Later they will help run assemblies and organise the swimming and athletics sports and other College activities.

Congratulations to the students below for being successful in these positions.

School Leaders Huon:

School Captains: Tye Fuller and Destin Badesire

House Captains:

Blue House: Brad Coulston, Bella Jarvis

Yellow House: Rose Delarue, Jaxson Bleakly

SRC - Jess Kennedy, Riley Peerman, Salli Holloway, Allizah Rollings, Olivia McKenzie, David Porter, Nyka Fischer, Tess Damm

School Leaders Felltimber:

School Captains: Brodie Barker, Imogen Anderson

House Captains:

Green House: Emma Frampton, Megan Whitehead

Red House: Montanna Castro, Ella Vandemeer

SRC - TBA

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund)

If you have a child currently enrolled at Wodonga Middle Years College and you currently hold one of the following: • Centrelink Health Care Card • Pensioner Concession Card • Veterans Affairs Gold Card, then you are eligible to receive \$225 under the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund announced by the Victorian Government. Completed forms must be returned to the front office along with a copy of your concession card (Health Care, Veterans Affairs, Pensioner) by the end of Term 2. Forms are available at the front office. Funding payments will be paid direct to the College and placed on the student account to be used for any camps, sports activities or excursions they are involved with. Application forms can be collected from the College front office.

Maree Cribbes
Campus Principal

School Council Elections

Information for Parents

What Is A School Council And What Does It Do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who Is On The School Council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why Is Parent Membership So Important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I Need Special Experience To Be On School Council?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. Councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

How Can You Become Involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term one each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

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

Absence Hotline
02 6057 9051

HUON CAMPUS
22-24 Mitchell Street, Wodonga, Victoria 3690
Ph: 02 6057 9000, Fax: 026024 3633

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

www.wmyc.vic.edu.au



What Do You Need To Do To Stand For Election?

This newsletter is the official Notice of Election and Call for Nominations. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister. Nominations are open between Monday 11th February and Monday 18th February.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. Nomination forms are available from each campus office.

Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

This year there are two vacancies for parent members.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year. Nominations are open between Monday 11th February and Monday 18th February. Please pick up your nomination form from the front office
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Immunisation

Immunisation Program for Secondary School Students

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to help make sure students and communities are protected from diseases such as diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, human papillomavirus (HPV) and meningococcal A,C,W,Y.

Local councils deliver the program and schools distribute the information and consent card booklets.

The *Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009* authorises secondary schools to provide their local council with student and parent/guardian contact information for any student scheduled to receive a vaccination. This information assists local councils to follow-up parents/guardians of students with incomplete or missing consent cards.

What do I need to do?

- Your information will be provided to City of Wodonga in March 2019. If you do not wish for your details to be provided, please advise the school in writing before 28 February 2019.
- Read the information provided in your child's consent card booklet and complete all sections, regardless of whether or not you consent for your child to be vaccinated as part of the school-based program.
- Detach Part A of the consent card booklet with all fields completed, and return to school.

Huon and Felltimber students received the booklets last week. If you have not received one, please contact the College.

All Year 7 and 10 Victorian secondary students can receive these vaccines for free.

For further information please go to the following links:

- Privacy – www.wmyc.vic.edu.au
- <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/>

[immunisation-in-secondary-schools](http://immunehero.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation-info/parents-and-guardians/)

<http://immunehero.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation-info/parents-and-guardians/>

<http://immunehero.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation-info/students/>



Photo Day

Friday February 15, 2019

Students need to give their forms to the photographer on the day. Please have correct money if paying by cash. Family forms are available from the office if required.

Local Bus Travel

A reminder to families to pay the \$25 Local Bus Travel fee at your child's campus. This payment will cover the cost of bus travel while at school for school activities within the local Albury/Wodonga area. Thank you to those families who have already paid.

Doctors in Schools Program

Dr Jess Maddern operates from the Huon Campus Thursdays from 9am - 1pm.

Appointments (for all campuses) may be made by calling Helen, the nurse, on 0401 264 256 (leave a message with full name and campus if not answered). Transport can be arranged for Felltimber and Fruit Fly students.



FOOTBALLERS WANTED

Mittan United Football Club are looking for **U14** and **U17** players!

Training to be held at Eskdale & Sandy Creek!

Interested, please contact Joe Hodgkin on 0448 826 104 or email mittaunitedfc@hotmail.com

Face Book Page:

Mittan United Football Club 2019 Season

Dates to Remember

Dates for 2019	Activity
February 15	▶ Photo Day
February 20	▶ Swimming Carnival
February 27	▶ Year 7 Immunisations - Huon
February 28	▶ Year 7 Immunisations - Felltimber and Fruit Flies
March 11	▶ Labour Day Holiday
March 12-15	▶ Whole College Camp week
April 1	▶ Athletics Carnival
April 5	▶ Last day Term 1