



**WODONGA**  
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

# Middle Years *my* news



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## Principal's Report

### Open Day

Wodonga's Federation of Government Schools are opening their doors on Wednesday May 22nd for you to see the unique opportunities available to your child.

From early years through to Year 12, our schools offer the widest range of programs delivered in modern facilities to meet the needs of every student, at each stage of their learning and beyond.

See the great things happening at Wodonga Middle Years College or one of the other Wodonga schools to experience our collaborative culture and community, chat with students and staff and learn more about the impact of our programs in senior education.

So, come along and explore Wodonga's Federation of Government Schools on Wednesday May 22nd.

For further information visit our website at [www.wodonga.vic.edu.au](http://www.wodonga.vic.edu.au)

### NAPLAN

The NAPLAN is the annual national assessment for all students in Years 7 and 9. NAPLAN is designed to measure the educational growth of students over time, ensuring teaching and learning for students is progressing. The NAPLAN also provides the school with information about how our educational programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement. The best way you can help your child's preparation is to reassure your child that NAPLAN is just one part of the school program and urge them to do the best that they can.

The tests will be held from Tuesday 14 May to Thursday 16 May. Catch up tests for students who have been absent from school on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, are scheduled on Friday 17 May. All students will be given the opportunity over the four days to complete all aspects of the testing program. The school does not have the discretion to vary the program delivery days.

If you have any questions about the NAPLAN tests please call Miranda O'Shea (Felltimber) or Emma Plunkett (Huron) on 02 6057 9000.

**Maree Cribbes**  
Campus Principal

## Bus Travellers

As of Week 2, Term 2, there will no longer be the option to travel on the school buses to sport training. This includes both current school bus travellers and non-school bus travellers.

While we have tried to accommodate students in the past and in Term 1 this year, the expectation on bus drivers has gotten out of hand.

I understand that students do play sport in surrounding townships and it is sometimes hard to get students to training after school, responsibility must now lie with parents and guardians to organise travel to training.

Student numbers are increasing, meaning eligible school bus travel is increasing too. Priority will always be given to these students and given that we have limited spots and buses, we will no longer be accommodating students travelling to sport.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at Wodonga Senior Secondary College on (02) 6043 7500.

**Jodi Morgan**  
Bus Coordinator

## Career Education

What's happening in Career Education at WMYC.

Career Education activities will be rolled out to younger students, starting from year 7.

These activities will include:

- Workshops for years 7 and 8 students in career self-exploration
- A professional career planning service for year 9 students which includes a career
- e-portfolio.
- Employability activities
- Assistance in applying for a Tax File Number (TFN)
- Assistance in applying for a Unique Student Identifier (USI)
- Assistance in Resume and Cover letter writing

If you have any queries, please contact the school and they can direct your call.

**Sloane Hubner**  
Career's and Pathways advisor (Felltimber Campus)  
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## Art, Technology, Language

### Deckd Competition

From the beginning of March some of our Wodonga Middle Years students had been working on designs for a skateboard to be a part of the local DECK'D event that was held on April 11th.

The DECK'D event was organised by the Wodonga council in conjunction with the Wodonga Local Drug Action Team and was aimed at focusing on drug prevention.

More than 60 skateboard designs were a part of the exhibition, which was held at the Wodonga plaza, each promoting an anti-drug message.

During the exhibition they announced the winning designs, 2 runner-ups and a winner for each age group division. Three of



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our Middle Years students made a big impression by taking 2 of these runner-up positions and one taking first place for their age group.

Paige Nicholls (Year 7) was the runner-up for the 12-13 age group, Hannah Swinkels (Year 9) was the runner-up for the 14-17 age group and Piper Coleman (Year 7) was the winner for the 12-13 age group.

### Oz Comic-Con

Students will travel by train to Melbourne on Saturday June 8 to attend Oz Comic-Con. Please see Ms Butters at Felltimber or Mr Harman at Huon for a permission form if you would like to attend. The excursion includes students from WMYC and WSSC and is limited to 90 students in total. Cost of the excursion is \$75.

## Flying Fruit Fly School

### Earn and Learn

Woolworths supermarkets have the 'Earn and Learn' sticker program again this year. WMYC is supporting the Fruit Fly Circus School by collecting stickers and has a collection box in each office foyer.



## Year 9

### Arts Connect 9

The second Arts Connect excursion is scheduled for this Thursday, May 9. Places are limited to 25 students from each campus. Students can choose from two activities in Melbourne. One group will visit the Contemporary Art exhibition and the other a Street Art tour of inner Melbourne street art and take part in an Art workshop. The excursion cost is \$15. Students should return their permission forms as soon as possible.

### Trades Expo

Selected Year 9 students will attend a Trades Career Expo at Winton Motor Raceway this Thursday May 9. Students will get to try out a range of different trades including plumbing and mechanics; find out about apprenticeships and what trade careers are available in the area. Permission forms should be returned as soon as possible.



## RED Carpet Youth Awards

The RED Carpet youth awards are an initiative of Wodonga City Council and aim to recognise and acknowledge the contributions of young people and the difference they make in the community.

This is an exciting opportunity for young people to be publicly acknowledged and applauded for the many positive contributions they make to our vibrant city.

They are community-based awards, with categories including Community Service, Young Carer and Youth Ambassador and all awards are sponsored by local businesses and organisations.

The awards are organised and run by a committee of young people from local high schools, with the support of Wodonga Council's youth services and events officers, over an eight month period.

Nominations are open until Friday June 7.

Information and nomination forms are available at [makewodongayours.com.au](http://makewodongayours.com.au)



**Richmond Football Club, together with VicHealth's This Girl Can – Victoria campaign and Aligned Leisure are delighted to invite you to attend a luncheon to celebrate women who are all kinds of active. Women who are giving it a go, no matter how well they do it, or how red and sweaty their face gets.**

VicHealth shows that 41% of women are too embarrassed to exercise in public and women are twice as likely as men to worry about being too unfit to exercise. Together, we can change this.

Join us, Richmond Football Club, alongside Wodonga Sports and Leisure Centre and VicHealth to learn more about the barriers that prevent women from being active and effective ways to help overcome these to increase female participation in your program and the wider Wodonga region.

Hosted by Richmond Football Club's Tiffany Cherry, our panellists will include:

- Akec Makur Chuot – Richmond VFLW player
- Nida Shafat – This Girl Can Victoria ambassador
- Kate Parremore – This Girl Can deaf participant
- Candice Marzano – Border local

We will also hear from Border local and Olympic star, Lauren Jackson on her journey from professional basketball to mum of two, City of Wodonga Mayor, Cr Anna Speedie and VicHealth representative, Melanie Fineberg. In addition, a 40 minute free yoga class at the conclusion of our event will be available to all attendees, with mats provided. Please register when you RSVP, as spots will be limited.

DATE: Thursday, May 30, 2019

TIME: 12–2:30 pm. A light lunch will be provided

WHERE: The Cube Wodonga 118 Hovell Street, Wodonga

RSVP: [reception@richmondfc.com.au](mailto:reception@richmondfc.com.au)

(Richmond Football Club is a proud partner of VicHealth's This Girl Can - Victoria campaign, a celebration of women who are all kinds of active. Aligned Leisure is a 100% owned subsidiary of the Richmond Football club.)

## Dates to Remember

Dates for 2019	Activity
May 13-17	▶ NAPLAN Week
May 17	▶ Cross Country
May 22	▶ Federation Schools Open Day
June 10	▶ Queen's Birthday Holiday
June 28	▶ Last day Term 2