



WODONGA
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

Middle Years *my* news



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Principal's Report

It's Not OK to be Away

The time is right to focus on improved attendance rates at Wodonga Middle Years College

Last year on average each student was absent for 24.6 days.

This means that on average each student will miss nearly a term and a half of learning during their time at our school. By the end of their time at WSSC the average student at our school will miss 3 terms of school.

Local and international research demonstrates a strong correlation between students' learning, longer-term life outcomes and attendance at school and appropriate participation in education programs.

It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance from an early age, as the older a child gets the more difficult it can be to establish new habits.

Poor patterns of attendance place students at risk of not achieving their educational, social and future potential as adults. Once learners have begun to absent themselves from pre-school or school, and the initial cause of this remains undetected or unresolved, it is likely that the pattern of absence will continue and escalate through their subsequent schooling and adulthood.

Please remember that if you are experiencing difficulty in having your child attend school, discuss the matter with your child's CARE teacher, a House Leader or Assistant Principal.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 7 and 9 are sitting NAPLAN tests in numeracy, reading, grammar and spelling on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week.

Parents will receive the results from the tests later this year.

Maree Cribbes
Campus Principal

Year 9

Careers Advisory Service

The Department of Education and Training is supporting all secondary schools to provide comprehensive career education from Year 7. This includes a new, free, career advisory service for Year 9 students.

The service is designed to help students make better choices about subject selection, vocational education and training, senior secondary school certificates and further study.

Wodonga Middle Years College is excited to be offering this service to all current Year 9 students during Week 5 of Term 2. All students will be included in the service unless parents wish to opt out of the service. Should you wish to opt out please provide written notice to the school by Wednesday 15th May 2019.

There is further information including a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the service, which can be found here: <http://www.ceav.vic.edu.au/career-planning-service-for-all-year-9-students/>

Careers Team

Hands on Trade Career Expo

The Hands on Trade Career Expo at Winton Motor Raceway was an excellent opportunity for some of our Year 9 students to try out a range of different trades, these ranged from plumbing to mechanics and everything in between.

The students were exposed to what a career in trades mean, apprenticeship exploration and what careers are available in this region.

In the afternoon the Careers



Coordinator (Lana Melbourne) at WSSC introduced the students to different pathways and what the Senior College offers in the way of VCE, VCAL, VET, Work experience and placement. The students got the opportunity to explore the trade training centre and

have a Q and A with the trade teacher Mr Hampton along with a walk through the childcare/ community services room and the hospitality kitchen and Peppers restaurant.

Thanks to Ms Kilner, Mr McGarigle, Zac, and Lacey and Andrew (from Geared 4 Careers). A great day was had by all.



Sloane Hubner
Careers

Fundraising

Camp Quality Fund Raiser

On Friday the year 8 and 9 Sports Leaders class conducted 2 events for Spin 4 Kids fundraising for Camp Quality. We raised \$250 and the students were amazing, making spiders and washing cars

for staff and students. Thank you to everyone who got behind a great cause.



Mrs Fouracre
Teacher

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VEX Robotics

USA Tour

On ANZAC day 10 students from Huon, Felltimmer and WSSC embarked on the trip of a lifetime to the USA to compete in the VEX World Championships. Our 3690F team were amongst 1,200 teams from around the world



competing for the World Championship title. Our team competed in the MATH division with 80 other teams, this division was one of 6 VEX IQ Middle School divisions in the competition with a total of 480 Middle Years

teams. To put that into scale, the Australian Nationals were ran in December last year and had only 100 teams across all VEX IQ and VRC in all three age groups of Elementary, Middle Years and High School. Our team played ten matches in the qualification rounds achieving a personal best score of 32 points (the



winning score at the Australian Nationals was 27 points) this was not enough to get them into the finals and they finished 69th in their division. The team that ended up winning the World Championship title scored 41

points. This was a great opportunity to meet people from all around the world, with many new friendships formed. We were also fortunate to visit NASA, getting up close to many different space craft and getting the opportunity to experience lift-off in a simulator. We hope to be able to qualify for the World Championships in 2020.



Mick Rogers
Robotics Teacher

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

Art, Technology, Language

Arts Connect

A group of Year 9 students from Huon and Felltimmer travelled to Melbourne last Thursday May 9 on the second Arts Connect trip. There were two sessions during the day – touring the street art and doing a stencil workshop. It was a great day enjoyed by everyone who attended. Thanks to Ms Butters and Mr Harman.





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UNPACKING THE GPA & PARENT PORTAL 2019

Current parents and carers of students at Wodonga Middle Years College will receive an SMS on Monday 13th May with a link, username and password for the Parent Portal.

Parents and carers who have accessed the Portal this year will not be resent the link.

Additional features have been added to the Parent Portal. Come along to our Informaiton Session and learn how to make the most of them.

Tuesday 14 May, 5pm in the Huon Campus Library, Mitchell Street, Wodonga.



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