



**WODONGA**  
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

# Middle Years *my* news



**Newsletter No 19**

**Term 3**

**July 15th, 2019**

## Principal's Report

### Term 3

I trust you all had a safe and restful break with your families. I encourage you to reflect with your child on their GPA and student led conferences at the end of Term 2 and start to set some goals for Term 3. Goal setting can be daunting but it teaches adolescents to be organised and can increase motivation and sense of achievement. When you are a part of this goal setting it ensures accountability and often inspiration. It also gives us as parents and teachers the opportunity to partner with our child and support their interests and passions.

### Year 9 Transition to Year 10

Year 9 students will commence their transition to Wodonga Senior Secondary College this term. Letters will be sent to current students this week. If you have not received this information by the end of week 1, please advise the College.

### 2019 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 22<sup>nd</sup> July and 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

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

## Sport

### Cross Country

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of June a team of 8 students travelled out to Winton to compete at the Hume level in Cross Country. After a cold start to the morning, the day cleared up and provided a great atmosphere for the runners. Amy Shannon raced extremely well placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 12-13 girls. Sophie Payne came 6<sup>th</sup> in the 15-year-old girls. The rest of the team which included Tayliah Walsh Young, Lachlan Copeland, Abbey Freeman, Dempsey Dahl, William Vickers and Anthony Spittal all raced extremely well and should be extremely proud of their efforts.



## Eisteddfod

### Debating

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of June the WMYC Year 8 Debating team travelled to Charles Sturt University in Thurgoona to take part in the Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod Debating competition. Lily Debnam, Nell Finch, Isabelle Rebetzke, and Layla Schmutter competed in three debates on the topics "That we should ban fast fashion" (Negative), "That the government should have access to private citizens' encrypted messages" (Negative), and the 'secret topic' "That we should require all social networks to offer parents full access to their children's accounts" (Affirmative). As first-time public debaters they showed great passion and determination in building and delivering their arguments and rebuttals for each topic and won the second debate on encrypted messages. Although we were unsuccessful on the other two topics, the girls made some great arguments and were complimented by the adjudicators, organisers, and teachers from the other schools for their ideas and approach to the debates. They should be very proud of their efforts, and should be able to build from this experience for our next debating competition.

**Josh de Kruijf**  
Coach

## Dates to Remember

Dates for 2019	Activity
July 15	▶ First Day Term 3
July 26th	▶ Student Free Day

## Careers

### Wodonga TAFE Activity Day

Do you have a passion for cars? Do you love to bake? Do you love to design things? If you answered yes, then get your name down for the Wodonga TAFE activity day and get to experience it firsthand.

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

**Absence Hotline**  
**02 6057 9051**

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Email: [wodonga.middle.years.co@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:wodonga.middle.years.co@edumail.vic.gov.au)

[www.wmyc.vic.edu.au](http://www.wmyc.vic.edu.au)



25 students from each campus will be given the opportunity to attend the Wodonga TAFE School Experience Day on August 23. Any student who would like to learn more about engineering; motor sports; building and construction; baking; health, community and early education and care; fashion, interior and graphic design; or logistics, should see Margie Benbow (Huon) or Sloane Hubner (Felltimber) for a permission form. Students will be asked to nominate the activities they would like to participate in on the day.

## Activity Day

Students at Huon and Felltimber enjoyed a break from study on the last day of Term 2 by participating in different activities including the Amazing Race, sports and gaming.

WODONGA TAFE  
SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY  
ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2019  
9.30AM - 2.30PM  
LUNCH INCLUDED

Sloane Hubner  
Student Pathways

# Year 10 - 2020

Is your young person currently in  
Year 9 and looking to attend  
Wodonga Senior Secondary College  
in 2020?

We are pleased to welcome your young person to Wodonga Senior Secondary College. At the beginning of Term 3, you will receive a letter outlining the activities planned to assist them settling into the Senior College.

Your family will be able to participate in an Information Night (WSSC On Show), College Tours, student presentations, regular updates and activities to ensure the transition to the Senior College is seamless.

Staff and students at the Senior College look forward to sharing the opportunities your family will have over the coming years as your young person progresses their educational goals.

Please contact the College if you have any questions.

Wodonga Senior Secondary College

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## Doctors in Schools



Students can make a booking 3 ways:

1. **Call or text** 0401 264 256 and leave a message requesting an appointment with your full name and campus
2. **Walk on in...** drop into the clinic located at the Huon campus
3. Ask **school wellbeing** to make an appointment for you and assist with transport

Doctor: Jess Madden

Registered Nurse: Helen Best

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