



**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: Halle Moore  
Annika Barton

### House Captains

Blue House: Mackenzie Adrien  
Loveness Marushane

Yellow House: Harvey Cribbes  
Connor Marquis

### School Leaders Felltimber:

School Captains: Sarah Forrest  
Beth White

House Captains:  
Green House: Isaac Anderson  
Destiny Dodd

Red House: Deklan Brown  
Malia Scott

### **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). 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.

Applications received and approved by the end of February may be used towards the March camp.

**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.

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Hedgerow Court, Wodonga, Victoria 3690  
Ph: 02 6057 9000

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

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22-24 Mitchell Street, Wodonga, Victoria 3690  
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[www.wmyc.vic.edu.au](http://www.wmyc.vic.edu.au)



### 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.

### 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 10th February and Monday 17th February. Please pick up your nomination form from the front office
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

### Photo Day

Friday February 14

Don't forget to bring your form in on the day with correct money if paying by cash.

Family forms available from the office.

### Dates to Remember

Dates for 2020	Activity
Feb 14	▶ School Photos
Feb 18	▶ Swimming Carnival
Feb 28	▶ Huon Year 7 Immunisations
Mar 6	▶ Felltimber Year 7 Immunisations
Mar 9	▶ Labour Day Holiday - No School
Mar 10 - 13	▶ Camp Week
Mar 26	▶ Athletics Carnival
Mar 27	▶ Last Day of Term

### Camp Week 2020 March 10 - 13

All camp payments need to be finalised by February 28

All students are expected to attend camp.

To book, go to:

<https://events.humanitix.com.au/wodonga-middle-years-college-camps-activities-week>