



WODONGA  
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

# Middle Years

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## Principal's Report

welcoming our new Year 7 students and their families for 2021.

**Maree Cribbes**  
Campus Principal

### Every student, every opportunity, success for all!

2020 is a year like no other. The COVID-19 situation continues to challenge us all. As a College Community, we have the experience, support, skills, optimism and team work to help each other get through these difficult times.

Our number one priority remains the wellbeing of students, families, staff, and the broader community. Importantly, we have an obligation to our students to further their learning outcomes across all areas. The way our College Community has worked together has been incredible. I have confidence that our College motto continues to be upheld as we continue to deliver every opportunity that we can for all students and ensure they are being successful in their pursuits.

### Awards, Semester One, 2020

This week students will receive awards for Semester one in Academic Excellence and Diligence. Students receiving awards have produced outstanding assessment results, excelled in their Semester Report and have been diligent in their studies.

College data is carefully analysed and used to select students who are eligible for these awards. Given the situation with COVID-19, awards were posted in the mail to eligible students and we congratulate these students on their awards. We will also hold an online assembly to recognise these students.

### Independent Reading Program

Our Independent Reading Program (or IRP) continues to grow from strength to strength with our students continuing their participation remotely in the Program this term.

We are continually reviewing this program and making changes along the way with feedback from students, teachers and expert staff from outside the school. We are pleased that this program is continuing during remote learning. Ask your child about the book they are reading in IRP today!

### Year 7 Enrolments, 2021

The Year 7 Enrolments for 2021 currently show a slight increase compared to this time last year. We have nearly 330 Year 7 students on our books already! We are very pleased with this result and are looking forward to

## Positive Behaviour Rewards

### Congratulations to our Week 5 recipients:

Wanumarru: Krystal Jackson  
Shaun Jennings  
Malia Scott

Nangwiya: Tom Dean  
Bella Jacob  
Bella Shanahan

Gawungwa: Jayden Purves  
Tyrone Ellis  
Darian Van Dorssen

Wagarra: Tessa De Ruiter  
Max Jackson  
Dempsey Dahl

**Team Leaders**



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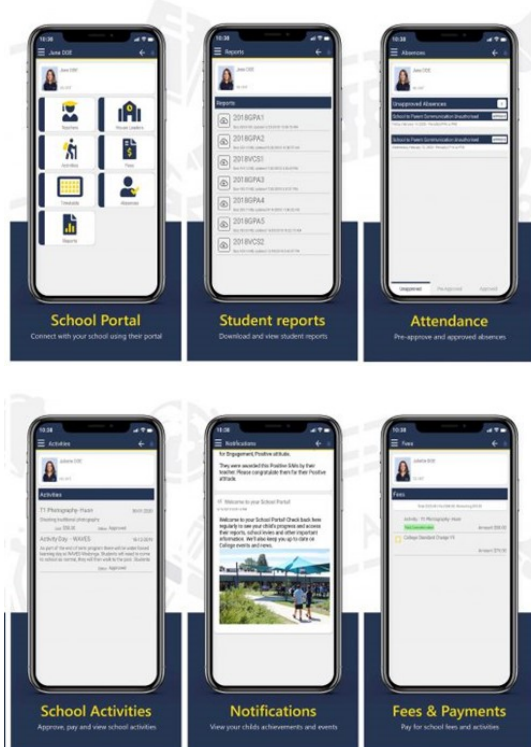
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## Parent Portal and App

The College will be using the College App and School Portal to post student GPA results from Term 2. We will no longer print school reports. The app is available on both iOS and Android devices and will facilitate a greater level of communication between the school and parents. This will not replace our existing web version of the School Portal but will provide an additional method of accessing and managing the same features.

The mobile app enables parents to stay informed about their child's experience at our College and perform tasks such as approving absences and pre-approve attendance as well as provide consent for and pay for school activities from the convenience of your mobile device just to name a few.



### Download the App

Available on the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store, the app can be easily installed by simply searching for 'School Portal' in your app store.



### Logging onto the App

Parents can login to the School Portal App using either their mobile phone number or email address that has been provided with their child's enrolment details. If these details have changed please contact the College office on 02 6057 9042, to update this.

After downloading and opening the School Portal App, you will be asked to enter either your registered email address or mobile phone number into the field provided followed by tapping on the 'Login' button. A six-digit authentication token will be sent to the mobile phone number or email address used. Enter this number into the field provided within a five-minute window before it expires, and you will need to resend a new code.

## Wellbeing

### Motivating your teenager when school is the last thing on their mind

Our school year has been disrupted and over the past few months, many teenagers have found focusing on their studies difficult the second time around, not being able to come to school and see their teachers and friends. For some young people, the lockdown measures have worsened existing issues they have with school, such as social anxiety or motivation. On top of this, with so much uncertainty, many teenagers are thinking 'What's the point?' when faced with assignments, class work and changing routines.

ReachOut have created a guide to support parents to help their teenager to become more motivated with school work.

- Have a conversation about the issue
- Talk about the positives
- Get in contact with someone at school – Care Teacher or House Leader
- Work out a plan and take small steps
- 'Me time' and balance are both important
- Cultivating healthy media habits

To find out more, please read <https://reachoutaustralia.cmail20.com/t/r-l-jkdutry-utiikhklt-i/>

If you need further support:

Consider getting further help through ReachOut Parents One-on-One Support.

Or contact [Parentline 13 22 89](https://parentline.vic.gov.au/), 8am to midnight, 7 days a week. It is a Victorian telephone counselling and support service for all Victorian parents and carers of children from 0-18 years. It has experienced social workers, psychologists and family therapists can give you counselling and information around a wide range of parenting issues.

*Wellbeing Team*

## Art Technology Language

### Pottery Class

Ms Neale ran a pottery class for staff and students attending on-site learning last Thursday. It was great to do an activity away from screens for the afternoon.



### Dates to Remember

Dates for 2020	Activity
Aug 24	▶ Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day ▶ Subject Selections close (Year 9 into Year 10)
Aug 28	▶ Reports Issued
September 18	▶ Last day of Term 3