From the College Principal

Vision and Values for our school
For those parents who have enrolled their children at Wonthaggi Secondary College in recent years you will have noticed a few key things on the folder that our enrolment pack comes in. The school motto “A complete education in a caring environment” still hopefully applies – but it has been with us for many years now. Similarly, our school values of – Respect; Life-long learning; and Doing our best - haven’t been reviewed for around 10 years. You may also agree with me that it is time to update some of our photos. One of our photographed students recently celebrated a 27th birthday so maybe it’s time for a change.

The values of our school – particularly those of Respect; and Doing our best – have served us well. They remain important values. In 2015 however there are increased expectations of what constitutes a “complete education” and it has become more important that as an organisation we can clearly articulate what it is that we value and stand for.

Over the past two years we have gone through a gradual but thorough process of reflection and review of our Vision and Values (and pretty well everything else). We have developed a Wonthaggi Secondary College Master Plan which includes:

- Vision
- Values
- Our Way (expectations of how we conduct ourselves as a school and as individual staff of the school)
- Education Philosophies and Plans
- Business Plan (which includes our “model” for future education provision in the Bass Coast shire)

Our Master Plan in draft form can be viewed on our school, website at - http://www.wonthaggisc.vic.edu.au/wsc_site/vision

Probably the most important aspect of our Master Plan is that pertaining to our Vision and Values, and related principles of our school purpose and operation. I have included these below for your consideration. The development of these core principles and indeed our Master Plan as a whole is still in the consultation phase. Your feedback is invited and welcome.

Wonthaggi Secondary College
Vision
Achieving success in a caring and creative environment.

Philosophy
We believe all students can learn and that all students can be successful
We believe that individual well-being stems from a sense of accomplishment and belonging.
We believe there are different forms of success.

Mission
Wonthaggi Secondary College seeks to create a challenging learning environment that encourages high expectations for success through instruction that caters for individual differences and learning styles. Creativity and care are pillars of our learning environment.

We seek to ensure that all students have the opportunity to reach their personal best.
We promote a safe, orderly, caring and supportive environment.

Core Purpose
WSC delivers programs as described in the VCE, VET and VCAL study designs for Year 11 and 12 students.

For levels 7-10 we adhere to AusVELS and the Victorian Curriculum guidelines recognizing that the General Capabilities are essential for personal and professional success in the 21st century:

- Critical and creative thinking
- Ethical understanding
- Personal and social capability
- Intercultural understanding

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**Values**
In addition to developing skills and knowledge we also aim to develop:

- A sense of adventure (creativity, curiosity, willingness to “have a go”)
- Emotional Intelligence (interpersonal skills; to be self-aware, reflective, empathetic)
- An appreciation of the context of knowledge/learning (valuing learning, confidence to access and interpret information)
- Respect for self/others (civic awareness, global consciousness, understanding place in the world)
- Team skills (cooperation, ability to work collaboratively)
- Problem solving skills (life goals, independence, thinking skills, flexibility in learning)
- Aspiration (initiative, motivation to do best, work ethic, ability to action ideas)
- Responsibility (for self and actions, able to understand potential outcomes of actions)
- Organisational skills (work, written and IT skills, time management)
- Resilience (learn from failure as well as success)

**Our Way**

*We-*

- Act with integrity at all times
- Build respectful relationships by supporting, assisting and mentoring each other
- Use effective management practices that encourage open communication, collaboration and consistency
- Promote the College and celebrate our successes at all levels
- Are mindful and accountable to ourselves and the community
- Develop and maintain community links
- Strive to be enthusiastic and always do better
- Maintain a safe and professional workplace where staff work collaboratively and are valued

*As educators we-*

- Work collaboratively to provide a learning environment that is supportive and challenging
- Share ideas and resources to develop meaningful curriculum
- Focus on the learning needs of students
- Monitor and facilitate learning growth
- Develop confidence in learners
- Be positive and develop positive and supportive relationships with students
- Value each individual and develop the whole person

Genuine empathy for our students is central to our practice. An understanding of students and their personal circumstances is essential in a holistic approach to their learning.

Remember – your feedback is invited and welcome. Any comments or ideas can be e-mailed to me at the school. I can also be contacted at the school should you wish to discuss any ideas.

Garry Dennis
College Principal

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

Time flies over us, but leaves its shadow behind.

* Nathaniel Hawthorne
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**NOVEMBER**

Friday 27  
- Year 11 Last Day (including Headstart)
- VYDP Study Day
- Instrumental Band Evening 6pm @ Coffee Collective

Mon 30—Thu 3  
- VYDP Camp

Mon 30—Fri 4  
- Year 10 into Year 11 Headstart

**DECEMBER**

Wednesday 2  
- Combined Band Day and Concert @ Leongatha
- Year 7 Rewards Day - Golden Ticket
- Year 9 English SAC

Thursday 3  
- Girls Go Surfing @ Sandy Point
- Dudley Leadership Excursion
- Year 10 Celebration 2pm-3:30pm @ Arts Centre

Friday 4  
- 2016 Preparation Day & Dudley Report Writing
- Year 10 Last Day (including Headstart)

Mon 7—Fri 11  
- Volleyball Nationals
- Year 9 into Year 10, Year 8 into Year 9 & Year 7 into Year 8 Headstart Week

Tuesday 8  
- Orientation Day  *(Student free for 2015 Yr 7 & 8 students)*
- 2016 Booklists Due

Monday 14  
- Dudley End Of Year Activities - Movie & Games

Tuesday 15  
- Dudley End Of Year Activities - Korumburra Pool

Wednesday 16  
- Presentation Ceremonies held at the Wonthaggi Arts Centre
  - 10am - Year 7
  - 1pm - Middle School
  - 7.30pm - VCE

Friday 18  
- Last Day for 2015

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**College Uniform**

As you may be aware, two years ago the Wonthaggi SC School Council completed an extensive review of the College uniform. The process involved students, parents and staff from the College with the view to modernising and improving the look of the uniform across the entire school.

At that stage we identified that the uniform still needed to remain affordable, therefore it was decided that we would be the sole suppliers of our uniform items so as to keep prices at a minimum. It was also discussed that students should be able to get more wear out of the uniform items that they currently owned so we decided upon a two and a half year phase-in of the new uniform. That phase-in period ends at the end of the 2015 school year.

*All students across the College must be wearing the new items of uniform at the start of the 2016 school year. As a result, all varieties of old uniform items (eg. light grey, non-logoed shorts and maroon shirts) are not permitted to be worn to school beyond the end of this year.*

Please note that all of our clothing items, at this stage, are only available through the College uniform shop and will be the only items permitted to be worn in 2016.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact either Darren Parker (McBride Campus Principal – 5671 3700) or Ross Bramley (Dudley Campus Principal – 5672 0900) at the College during business hours.
Art Show - Photos

Above left: Rosie Coletta, Middle: Jett Dalmau, Above right: Art Captains, Meghan Dal Masetto & Jayde Gray. Left: Guest speaker and former student - Holly Parker

Staff vs Year 12 Student Dodgeball
Our Sponsor Child - Reaj Momin

Profile:

I am in Grade 4 and I go to school by foot 6 days a week for 4 hours. I love playing football and singing. My favourite subject is Maths and my greatest achievement at school this year is that I achieved good marks in Maths. The subject I need to work harder at is English. This year I learned to wash my hands properly and eat fruit instead of rotten food. I am happy that my community is working on sending children to school.

Sponsorship:

Our sponsorship gives Reaj access to life’s essentials such as clean water, sanitation, nutrition, healthcare and education. For current achievements in the last 12 months in the Dhobaura region see the update from World Vision.

Year 10 VET Surfing

During the colder months of the year towards the end of Term 3, students in the VET Surfing elective were involved in making surfboards for 4 weeks. Students were taught about OHS regarding using polyurethane foam and how to safely use simple hand tools. We made 4 boards in total all from the same outline shape. All the boards were 6’ in length by 19” wide and 2 3/8” thick. Students were taught the shaping process from after the boards are skinned. Students measured and drew on the templates, cut out and trued the plan shape, cut in a concave into the bottom, shaped the rails and finish sanded them. Thanks also to the art students who supplied their artworks which were laminated onto the boards. They look great!! Once they were finished off here at school we took them over to Island Surfboards where Greg Hogan gave the students a tour of the factory and spoke to them about the surf industry. The boards were glassed over the September holidays ready to be surfed first week back to school in Term 4. Thanks to the students involved and Island Surfboards.
It’s All Positive At Year 7

It is amazing how the year has flown and with only a handful of weeks left in the school year it will soon be time for our Year 7 students to move into the Middle School. The message given to our Year 7 students at the start of the term from the Year 7 Coordinating team emphasised three controllable behaviours that each individual can apply to their learning every day at Wonthaggi Secondary College.

- **Effort** – how hard the student works (quantity of effort)
- **Strategy** – the way the student works (quality of effort), and
- **Attitude** – encouraging students to think positively of themselves, the task and the teacher

In order to finish the year off successfully, it is important for students to maintain positive effort and attitude to completing their work requirements in each subject area. Where students are experiencing difficulties in completing their set coursework they should attempt to seek out an effective strategy from their class room teacher or Year Level Coordinators.

**YEAR 7 FOOTY TIPPING:**

Throughout the AFL season, many of our Year 7 students have been diligently selecting their favourite teams each week in our Super Tipping competition. With final scores tallied the eventual winners were:

1st Tayla Kleeven (7K) – 139 points, 2nd Lucy Cargill (7K) – 136 pts, *(pictured bottom right)* equal 2nd Joel Brann (7C) – 136 pts, 4th Rohan Slade (7G) – 135 pts and Dean McRae (7G) – 135 pts.

Congratulations to all of our winners, and thankyou to the Year 7 students who participated in the competition.

**“YEAR 7 DOT PROGRAM” AND ICE SKATING TRIP**

Throughout this term teachers have taken time out each week to award dots to Year 7 students in their classes who have displayed positive qualities such as:

- Working hard, trying their best, showing a desire to improve, getting along with others, displaying manners and gratitude.

At the end of week 7 the dots will be collated and the 50 students who have amassed the highest numbers of dots will be rewarded with a subsidized ice skating trip on Thursday December the 3rd to Oakleigh Olympic Ice Skating Rink.

**Mr Mac’s POSITIVE TIP #167**

According to Psychologist Andrew Fuller, when we as adults are discussing an issue or a problem with a young person, it is important to understand that most teens will only remember three things from most conversations.

- That they are a good person who has the power to change things.
- That talking to me was helpful.
- That I am someone who has hope that they can find a way to a happier life.

On behalf of Gemma Dellamina and myself, I wish all Year 7 students and parents/carers a positive and rewarding end to the school year. We look forward to seeing all Year 7 students move on to Year 8 in 2016 with optimism and a determination to succeed. We will see a number of students and parents/carers at the Presentation Day at the Wonthaggi Arts Centre on Wednesday the 16th of December. This ceremony is a great opportunity to recognise the excellent effort and academic achievements of our Year 7 cohort.

Andrew McIntosh - Year 7 Coordinator
Year 9 Hiking Camp

Last week nine girls donned their packs for five days of hiking around Wilson’s Promontory. After arriving at Tidal River and grabbing a quick bite to eat we loaded our heavy packs and set off, leaving phone reception, cars and running water behind. Everyone had to carry all of their own clothing, cooking and sleeping gear, as well as a weeks worth of food on their backs.

The girls hiked through scorching sun, wind and rain but were rewarded each afternoon with beautiful views, peaceful campsites and stunning beaches. Although challenging, all nine made it back to Tidal River in one piece with a huge sense of achievement. The friendships, fun and laughter definitely made the sweat and tired legs all worth while!

Congratulations and thank you to Jess T, Jess P, Kiana, Jenna, Britt, Katelyn, Chelsea, Aleesha and Leah for your awesome efforts and positive attitudes.

Year 9 Melbourne Sport Camp Photos

Tessa Sydenham, Kyle Ross, Emily Semple, Weston Sparkes, Jade Macdermid, Fergus Mckittrick and Nick Lawson with Acting Campus Principal Phil Hughes on Remembrance Day.
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WONTHAGGI LSC 2015/2016 SUMMER BRONZE CAMP

Our annual Summer Bronze Camp is being held on Saturday 9th January to Friday 14th January.

We’re looking for keen candidates to complete their bronze medallion and join our club in patrolling our wonderful beach over summer. Our Bronze Camp is not only the perfect way to become a fully qualified Surf Life Saver its also a great way to make new friends and spend a week down at the beach.

Our week long live-in camp is a fun, challenging way to experience an introduction to surf life saving.

Our camp is open for applicants aged 15 and over and the camp is instructed by fellow Wonthaggi lifesavers.

Pre-Requisites
To prepare for the Bronze Camp application you need to complete the pre requisite timed swim, 400m swim in a pool in under 8 minutes, there will be time to do the swim on the bronze camp, however we suggest you do the swim a few times before the camp to ensure that you can complete it.

For more information and to register please contact our camp organisers:
Tayla Scott & Tahl Langborne
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SCHOOL MAGAZINES - BLACK DIAMOND

The 2015 school magazines will be delivered in early December. If you have pre-purchased a Black Diamond please ensure your child collects their copy from the General Office before they finish for the year. If your magazine is not collected before the end of the year it will be handed out during home group at the start of 2016.

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