DUDLEY STUDENT DROP OFFS

The Dudley Campus is not well set up for large volumes of traffic and this is why we ask parents to please keep their cars out of the school grounds at the busy drop-off and pick-up times. We are very mindful of student safety and this will assist in the smooth operation of the College. Thank you for your support.

PERSONAL LEARNING REPORTS

The first of this year’s Personal Learning Reports (PLRs) are available online for parents and students to access. Parents, carers and students will require their Compass log-in details to access the reports. If you remain unsure of your Compass login details, these are available through the office at each campus. If online computer access is an issue for your family, you are able to register at the office to receive a “hard copy” of the report (it will be sent home with your child).

Please remember that the PLRs are an assessment of each student’s individual learning behaviours and do not represent their overall academic progress. For example, a student may receive pleasing feedback in the area of classroom behaviour but this in isolation would not ensure that academic grades are of a high standard. Feedback on overall academic performance will continue to be supplied on the Semester 1 and 2 half-year reports.

BUS PASSES

As in recent years we are required by regulation to not permit casual travel on school bus services. In addition to this we continue to have very limited spare seating available on our buses and are not able to accommodate requests for bus passes. As a result parents, carers and students should consider other transport options. Requests of an urgent nature should be applied for in advance of the day through our Bus Coordinator, Alan McMahon, who is based at the McBride Campus. Regular bus travellers will continue to utilise the service as normal.

Ross Bramley
Dudley Campus Principal

Photo below: Interschool Swimming Team
From the Business Manager

YEAR 7 UNIFORM INITIATIVE
In 2016 all eligible Year 7 students are entitled to a Year 7 starter uniform pack. The pack consists of:
- 1 polo shirt
- 1 sports top
- 1 sports shorts
- 1 school jumper / windcheater
- 1 dress / skirt / shorts / trousers
If you have a valid (as at 27/1/2016) health care card then you are entitled to the pack.
If you haven't already applied, please do so by completing a CSEF application form (attached) or available from the office at either campus.

CAMPS, SPORT, EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)
Anyone with a valid (as at 27/01/2016) health care card is eligible for the CSEF payment. To date we have received over 400 applications but if you haven't already applied, please do so by completing a CSEF application form (attached) or available from the office at either campus.
CSEF is a payment of $225 to every eligible secondary school student to be used towards School Camps, Excursions or Sport activities. Please note that this money cannot be used for anything that is not connected or linked to Camps, Sport or Excursions.

COLLEGE CHARGES
Statements were sent out to all families on 11/2/2016.
While charges can be paid off across the school year, it would be appreciated if you could pay the outstanding balance as early as possible.
Cooking levies, Advance Program, VET Bond and Outdoor Education levies should have been paid by 19 February 2016. Music Tuition and Instrument Hire are to be paid before the end of Term 1 (24/3/2016).
The school has an incentive for Year 7 students who pay their Curriculum Charge early. All Year 7 students who pay the Curriculum Charge (in full) before the end of Term 1 will receive a complimentary school jacket. The jackets will be given to eligible students at the commencement of Term 2. The Student Resource Contribution and the School Magazine are both voluntary payments and can be paid or purchased at your request. If you would like to purchase a school magazine or pay the Student Resource Charge you have 3 options for payment.
- Send the money along with the student to pay at the office.
- Deposit direct into the schools bank account (see details below)
- Request it be paid from an eligible credit. To do this either phone the school on 5671 3700 or complete the slip at the bottom of the letter attached to the statement.
All charges on your statement are for essential items or optional items or services selected by you and are expected to be paid. We do accept regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments over the course of the school year if you are unable to make payment in full. Payment can be made in person at the office of either Campus by cash, cheque, credit card or EFTPOS or by direct deposit into the Schools bank account.
Our bank details are:
Account Name: Wonthaggi Secondary College Official Account
BSB: 033 265
Account No: 194 569
Detail: This is important. Ensure you include the student code. First 3 letters of Surname followed by 4 digits. EG:SMI0001, JON0023 etc......

CREDIT
Some families are in credit, ie: the school owes you. All credits (other than CSEF) can be used to pay current or voluntary charges or left to pay upcoming charges, such as: Camps, excursions, uniform etc.
Credits (other than Parent Assistance Grant & CSEF) can be refunded upon request. Parent Assistance credits can be applied to any outstanding or upcoming charges and CSEF credits will be applied to outstanding or upcoming Sport, Camp or Excursion. CSEF will automatically be applied to any Camp, Excursion or Sport activity for which we receive a signed permission slip.
PARENT ASSISTANCE GRANT
In 2015 the Parent Assistance Grant was introduced. All schools were given autonomy to ensure that the funds are administered fairly. Wonthaggi SC decided to give eligible students a $100 credit to their account. Eligibility is determined by the parent occupation code. Families with an occupation code of D or N are eligible for the Parent Assistance Grant. This credit has already been allocated to your outstanding charges if you had any.

CENTREPAY
Wonthaggi Secondary College is registered for Centrepay. Our Centrepay Reference number is: 555 111 259 L. Centrepay deduction forms are available from the office at either Campus.

Steve Plumb - Business Manager

Bass Coast Young Leaders
Congratulations to Year 11 students Tessa Sydenham and Nick Lawson on receiving their Bass Coast Young Leaders Awards. The awards were presented at a ceremony at Silverwater Resort San Remo on Tuesday February 23. This is a significant achievement for both Tessa and Nick. We look forward to their continued fine contribution to Wonthaggi Secondary College over the next two years. Nick has recently also been confirmed as a Principal Vocalist in the upcoming 2016 State Schools Spectacular. We look forward to observing his accomplishments in this key role.

Pictured right: Nick & Tessa with College Principal Garry Dennis

Dudley Managed Individual Pathways Program - MIPS
As part of the Managed Individual Pathways Program this year, all Year 9 students are involved in the following;

- Completion of their Individual Pathways Plan
- Resume writing in Humanities
- Job application writing in English.
- Subject trial day at McBride - transition
- Mock job interview day and course counselling in August
- Completion of appropriate Safe@Work certificates
- Work Experience for those students not attending camps

Towards the end of Term 1 and at the beginning of Term 2, all students will be involved in a two hour workshop with the MIPS Co-ordinator and their English teacher when they will complete their Pathways Plan in a folder. During Term 3 they will be studying interviewing techniques, personal presentation and skills which will assist them in their pursuit of future employment goals.

On Tuesday August 30, Year 9 students will attend one of the many business and community organisations within the Wonthaggi township for a mock interview process. All students will be interviewed by their English teacher and a local business person in a panel situation. Students will be interviewed in groups of three and the time allocated for each interview is approximately 15 minutes. Students are expected to dress appropriately for their interview. All students, with support of their English teachers, will soon begin preparing their job application for a position at ‘Bramley Mart’.

I would ask you to please read your child’s Pathways Plan when they bring them home. They then need to be returned within three days with the Parent/Carer section completed to the General Office.

Please note that students are no longer able to apply for a Tax File Number through the school. This has to be done through the Australian Taxation Office website where all the details are available.

Kathy Moore - Managed Individual Pathways Coordinator (Dudley Campus)
New Uniform Update

Thank you to parents and carers for supporting the implementation of our new uniform policy this year (the two-year transition period concluded in 2015). The students look impressive and we have had significant positive feedback.

All students (Years 7 to 12) are required to follow our uniform requirements. There have been some students who have ordered new items and are waiting for the stock to arrive at WSC; in those circumstances we are happy to supply a uniform pass until the ordered items arrive (and students can wear the old style items until this is sorted).

We do require families to supply correct uniform as per the policy. Please ensure that you organise this for your child if you have not yet done so. We are sure that you understand that we cannot make exceptions to our approach with uniform as that would compromise our College-wide approach to fully implementing the new policy this year.

In particular, and as first announced in 2014:

- students can no longer wear the grey shorts or trousers that were previously part of the uniform (they have been replaced by WSC charcoal coloured items that are available to purchase at school);
- the burgundy polo tops previously worn are now replaced by WSC blue or white polo shirts (also available at school);
- the older style round-neck windcheater is replaced by the V-neck style windcheater; and
- plain black shoes are required at all year levels.

In short, we are looking for a consistent, quality uniform selection that remains reasonably priced and accessible for our students and their families. As has long been the case, if a family has extreme circumstances with regards to this issue, we remain committed to meeting with them to confidentially discuss arrangements.

Important Dates

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**PARENT TEACHER STUDENT INTERVIEWS**

Monday March 21, 4pm—7pm

Please see information on page 7 of this newsletter.
Year 12 Physics - Luna Park Excursion

’Twas a glorious autumn morning when the brave young Year 12 Physics class embarked on their great and noble quest to Luna Park, to conquer the many strange and mysterious forces of which they had only heard blood-curdling tales in the great halls of the Physics temple (Room 22) by their all-knowing mentor, Epi the wise.

Upon storming the gates they were immediately attacked by the infamous six-legged spider which used its awesome powers to fling the students mercilessly around circular and horizontal circles. Fortunately the students escaped to the relative (or so they thought) safety of a twin-headed dragon which ended up depositing them at the mercy of the feared, futuristic Enterprise. After many more circles and fears of revisiting earlier meals, serious tactical decisions were made. The students retreated to the calm and safety of the Ferris Wheel before making a gallant escape on horseback by the Carousel. (More circles.)

The young Physics Masters then proved their worth by battling and conquering the great and fearsome Silly Serpent, before throwing themselves at the mercy of the Paroah’s Curse. After still more circles the students then travelled in a clockwise direction while transferring momentum between each other and watching their kinetic energies dissipate with each collision on the dodgem cars.

Sadly, none were worthy of the greatest challenge of the day, the sickening might that is the Power Surge. The less said about this failure the better. The shame that was brought upon the family of Wonthaggi Secondary College was quickly forgotten as the class feared for their lives on the rickety, ancient Scenic Railway.

To put an end to their mighty quest our brave sextet experienced ups and down and apparent weightlessness as they were dropped from the top of a 13000mm tower of terror, the Coney Island Top Drop. Stomachs were left hanging and Physics had won out again as the embattled students made their retreat towards the safety of home.

Much was learnt and classroom theory was put in practice throughout the day. Our young physics masters are now in a much better place to challenge the powerful forces of the remainder of the Year 12 Physics course. Make sure that you begin your training with a suitable master now so that you are prepared to face the perils of the return journey next year.

Peter Epifano - Physics Teacher

Talented Students Concert 2016

The annual Wonthaggi Secondary College’s Talented Students’ Concert is to be held on Wednesday 22nd June at the Wonthaggi Arts’ Centre and now is the time to start preparing! Applications for auditions will be called for early in Term 2 so start getting your acts ready. The judging panel will be looking for a variety of acts so if you can sing, dance, play an instrument, do a magic act or surprise an audience with a novelty act, get together with your friends now and begin planning. For further information please contact Mrs Hooke.
Year 7 Camp Photos

Visit our new look website for all updates, events etc:

www.wonthaggisc.vic.edu.au
Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held at the Dudley Campus from 4.00pm – 7.00pm on Monday 21st March.

We have changed our parent/teacher booking procedures and you can now book interviews at times that suit your family best.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPEN TODAY (Thursday March 10)
BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 18th March at 9.00am

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

BOOKINGS OPEN THURSDAY 10th MARCH.

For parents/carers that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, bookings may be made at the school office from Thursday 10th March onwards. Parents may also send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 5672 0900 (Dudley) or 5671 3700 (McBride). Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. Parents are asked to please only make one booking per teacher even if your child has that teacher for more than one subject. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 5672 0900 (Dudley) or 5671 3700 (McBride).

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb. Alternatively, you may give feedback to the school office.
Wonthaggi Library is commencing a weekly Dumbeat program on Wednesday March 9, 2016.

12 week program
Every Wednesday 4.30pm-5.30pm
@ Wonthaggi Library
Age range: 9-13 years old
No break during school holidays
There is no cost and while a commitment is requested, there is no obligation for students to attend every session.
The program will be run by Mark Brookes from Uniting Care Gippsland with Jon Dixon from Wonthaggi Library as co-facilitator.
If you have any questions please call the Library on 5672 1875 and ask for Jon, Don, Steven or Lucy.

Can you open your heart and open your home to a child in need?

Across Gippsland we need more foster carers to provide a safe & welcoming home to children of all ages.
You can help change a young life for the better.
If this sounds like it may be you and you would like more information on becoming a foster carer.
Please contact Lindsay Jarvis 5120 2000 lindsay.jarvis@quantum.org.au