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Anglican College



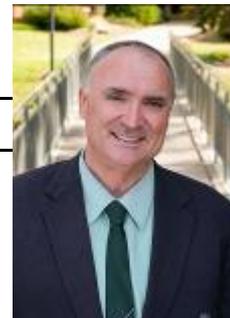
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THE WARATAH WEEKLY

Endless is the Victory

Welcome and Welcome Back



Continued Record Growth

Once again, Day 1 finds us facing unprecedented growth. There are 172 new smiling student faces and 16 nervous new staff, or existing staff with broader responsibilities which started on Day 1 here in 2020. Again, this is partly on the strength of academic results but life success is more than just numbers; more than just success in sporting and cultural activities; it is the recognition that the Christian values that underpin much of our way of life should not be shelved, but instead be examined afresh as we seek to make a difference for the better in an often confusing world.

Thanks to the firefighters

Thanks to the firefighters; the RFS, the SES and the Police and to all others who worked so hard to save as many homes and businesses as they could over the break. Thanks to those who worked so hard to save our College.

Thanks to Phil Costa (past Mayor) and Les McMahon (past General Manager of Wollondilly Shire Council)

Years ago, Phil and Les made a decision to support commonsense when the College was seeking to change the old farm tip up the back into an oval. It was not easy for them as there were strong voices not linked to the College, who wanted to plant a forest of trees instead. Our College kangaroos, wombats, echidnas would thank you Phil and Les, (if they could) for your decision which saved their lives (and our College) as the fire brigade were able to use the fire-break that the oval provided to hold the fire back so our animals could flee to safety.

Pleasing 2019 HSC Results: 11 Students on the "Distinguished Achievers' List" 16 Band 6 Results and 84 Band 5 Results from 58 students eligible for an ATAR.

Congratulations to the Year 12 class of 2019 for their commitment and perseverance in the achievement of commendable HSC results. Our College community was immensely proud to receive the news that 11 students were placed in the highest result band for at least one subject. All received honourable mention on the prestigious list of distinguished HSC achievers for 2019.

Distinguished Achievers' Merit list for NSW - extract -

Georgia Baker	Riley Boon	William Chadwick	Bodhine Corns	Nina Hvejsel
Rylea Keen	Zara Luxford	Madilyn McKinley	Brianna Ollis	Ethan Seidel
Lachlan Wadling				

In addition, Ethan Seidel, Riley Boon, Zara Luxford and Brianna Ollis all had performances or projects that earned nomination by the examiners for exhibition as benchmark works for excellence for the HSC - Ethan (Music "Encore Exhibition") and Riley, Zara, Brianna (Design and Technology "Shape Exhibition")

Students with ATAR 90+ Riley Boon (Dux); Brianna Ollis; Nina Hvejsel and William Chadwick

"We are very proud of our class of 2019 and we are particularly proud of the virtues and character of these upstanding ladies and gentlemen.

At Wollondilly Anglican College we celebrate excellence against externally measured benchmarks. Of equal importance to us is the measure of personal best and the extraordinary tales of our externally measured "value added" benchmarked results between Year 10 and Year 12 which attest to the hard work of staff and a positive learning tone for students who will now, as a result, enjoy expanded career and course options. There is both an academic and enduring character return on such a wise investment". - Dr S J Quarmby.

Congratulations, Class of 2019



2019 NAPLAN RESULTS: WOLLONDILLY ANGLICAN COLLEGE

Our College Community congratulates Year 3 and Year 5 students on their excellent NAPLAN results.

Year 3

There were 59 students in Year 3 who sat NAPLAN online in 2019.

It is very pleasing to note that -

- As a group, students in Year 3 achieved significantly higher than State averages for every area measured.
- 16% of Year 3 students achieved a Band 9 or Band 10.
- 86% of Year 3 students achieved in the top two bands for Year 3 level. (Bands 5 and 6)
- The Year 3 overall results have continued to increase. Sitting significantly higher than State and other similar schools.

Explicit Instructional Approaches continue to be our focus moving forward, as we look to consolidate and build on growth in this area. The growth since implementing these strategies and other specific approaches backed by evidence has indicated that we are on the right track for our students.

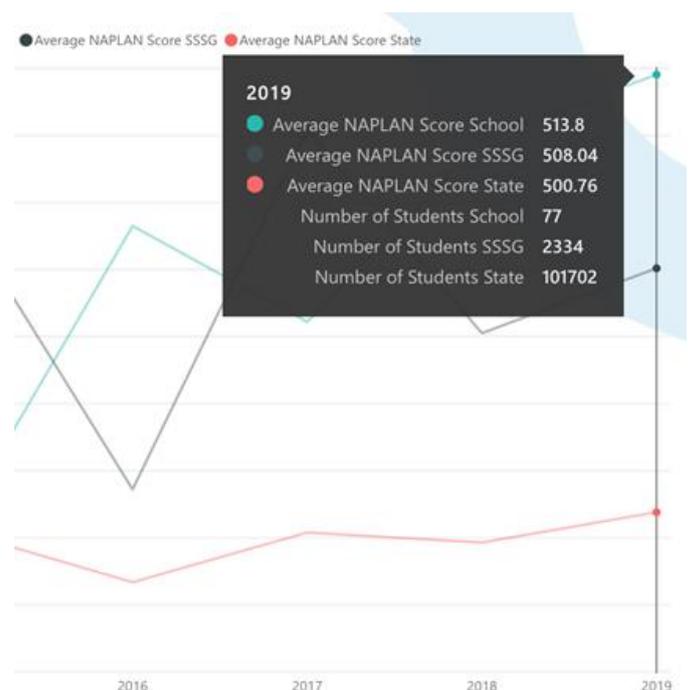
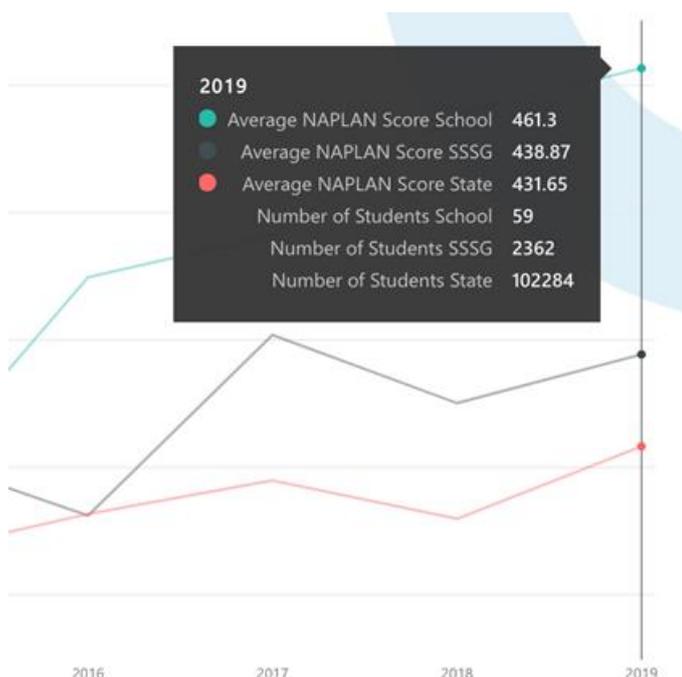
The Year 3 Average NAPLAN Score School (Wollondilly Anglican College), SSSG (similar schools) and State 2019. TABLE ONE

Year 5

There were 55 students who sat the NAPLAN tests in 2019. TABLE 2

It is very pleasing to note that:

- As a group, students in Year 5 achieved higher than State averages for every area measured.
- 16% of Year 5 students achieved a Band 9 or Band 10.
- 68% of Year 5 students achieved in the top two bands for Year 5 level. (Bands 7 and 8) Graph below.
- The Year 5 growth since Year 3 has been pleasing. 63-70% of students at or above expected growth in all areas. This is above State and SSSG Growth outcomes, which will be an ongoing focus for Stage 2 and Stage 3 as we seek ways to improve student outcomes.



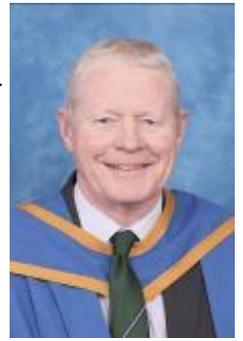
A coloured version of these graphs is available on-line or on the College Website.

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

Impact of Bushfires on Families

The College is aware of a few of our families that have been impacted by the recent bushfires and is endeavouring to support those families based on their needs.

If your family is in need of support or if you feel your child needs additional pastoral care support during this time please contact the College. For pastoral care support for students please contact me or Mr Toland our Director of Pastoral Care.



For other forms of family support, please contact Mrs Rhonda Hay (Headmaster's Personal Assistant).

Tuesday, 4 February T-6 Information and Meet the Teacher Evening

Parents of students from Years T-6 are encouraged to attend this evening and meet the teacher.

Year 7 Information 2020 Night

This will be held in the Warne Auditorium and commences at 7.00 pm on **Thursday, 6 February**. This evening is an opportunity for parents to gain information on a range of Teaching and Learning and Pastoral Care Issues.

There will also be the opportunity to finalise queries regarding the Year 7 Camp.

We anticipate that students and at least one of their parents attend the information evening. Year 7 students are expected to attend the evening in College uniform.

Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Adventurous Journey - Kepler Track in New Zealand

The Gold journey on the Kepler Track was one of the highlights of the year. There were 14 students and four adults who completed the four day hike over 60 kilometres from 14 December to 17 December. This is a spectacular walk and one of the Great Walks in New Zealand. The hike covers vast tussock-covered ridgelines and spectacular alpine vistas that contrast with peaceful lakeside and valley beech forests.

On the second day the group hiked for three hours in the alpine area while it was snowing.

Congratulations to Sarah Clark, Iulitta Ng, Abby Miller, Zachary Smith, Nicholas Jefferys, Isabella Norman, Mitchell Youman, Julia Fouche, Bradley Madgwick, Jasmine Kelly, Zach Napier, Georgia Tapp, Kyran King and Harrison Apps for completing their Gold Qualifying Journey.

Thank you to Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Miller and Mr Davis for volunteering their time to support the students on the trip.

Mr Ian Croger Deputy Headmaster



FROM THE HEADMASTER

Who is responsible for key areas of the College?

College Academic Structure

T-12: Deputy Headmaster
Primary: Director of Teaching and Learning Years T-6
Secondary: Director of Teaching and Learning Years 7-12

Mr Ian Croger
Ms Jacqui Huxtable
Mr Paul Burns

College Pastoral Care Structure

T-12: Deputy Headmaster
T-12: Director of Pastoral Care
Junior: Junior Pastoral Care Coordinator T-4
Middle: Middle Pastoral Care Coordinator 5-8
Senior: Senior Pastoral Care Coordinator 9-12

Mr Ian Croger
Mr Liam Toland
Mrs Lisa Maher
Mr Stuart Houweling
Mrs Emily Madden

We are a College - not a School. Years 7-12 are Secondary Years - not High School Years.

TEACHING AND LEARNING 7-12

A warm welcome to 2020 to all our returning and particularly our new students. The start of the year is an exciting time and a great opportunity to set up positive routines for the next 12 months. Term 1 is a busy time for information evenings. I would encourage you to put the relevant dates below in your calendar.



Year 7 Information Evening Thursday, 6 February

Information evenings provide a great opportunity to build partnership between the College and home. Year 7 have an information evening on the Thursday, 6 February in the Warne Auditorium commencing at 7.00 pm. All students are expected to be in attendance in their College uniform with at least one parent.

Year 11 Information Evening Thursday, 5 March

All students and at least one parent are expected to be in attendance at the Information Evening on Thursday, 5 March in the Warne Auditorium commencing at 7.00 pm. Students are to wear their full College uniform. Important information relating to the RoSA and careers will be communicated at this evening.

Textbooks and Book packs

Students will be receiving their book packs and textbooks in the coming week. If your child is missing a textbook, they are to see Mrs Colombo in the Flynn IRC. Students are encouraged to see their Year Patron if they have not received a book pack.

Mr Paul Burns
Director of Teacher and Learning 7-12

PASTORAL CARE T-12



Bushfire Support Resources

The following resources have been shared with staff at the College to assist in supporting and managing the impact of a tough Summer in the local area and beyond. As a community there may be value in looking through the resources both for those affected directly or indirectly or those who are supporting people impacted by this situation.

Staff at the College will be observing students as they return to the College and will look to support them as they try and move forward from the events of the Summer. This may prove challenging for some that have been impacted, however the College stands ready to play their part in supporting these students and families. More will come to light regarding various circumstances on return to the College, with the included information only some of the resources that have been developed to support individuals, families and communities in this matter.

Centre for Rural and Remote Mental health

<https://www.crrmh.com.au/programs-and-projects/bushfire-support/>

APS Website:

https://www.psychology.org.au/Australian-bushfires-2020?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=200106_Response%20to%20the%20bushfire%20crisis&utm_content=200106_Response%20to%20the%20bushfire%20crisis+CID_f6493dd5d48e9c330ee3957d68d3c59c&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=a%20web%20page

Reach Out Natural Disasters

https://schools.au.reachout.com/natural-disasters?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=MKTG%20Schools%20January%202019_Back%20to%20School_Bushfires_AJ&utm_content=MKTG%20Schools%20January%202019_Back%20to%20School_Bushfires_AJ+CID_f97d4114935bb152212dd71b663c5dd6&utm_source=emailCM&utm_term=Natural%20disaster%20resources

Emerging Minds (emergingminds.com.au)

The Emerging Minds Community Trauma Toolkit has a lot of great information on it but it is very extensive so I have selected some key items here:

Media & Children after Disasters

<https://d2p3kdr0nr4o3z.cloudfront.net/content/uploads/2018/09/11091906/Disasters-the-Media-and-Children.pdf>

Emerging Minds Podcasts

<https://emergingminds.com.au/resources/podcast/communities-in-the-immediate-aftermath-of-a-trauma/>

<https://emergingminds.com.au/resources/podcast/re-release-disaster-preparedness-myths-and-programs-that-hold-promise/>

Pregnancy, Infants and Young Children- info, story books and games

<https://www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au/natural-disaster-recovery/>

Headspace resources for Kids/Teens

<https://headspace.org.au/young-people/how-to-cope-with-the-stress-of-natural-disasters/?stage=Live>

<https://headspace.org.au/friends-and-family/how-to-support-your-child-after-a-natural-disaster/?stage=Live>

Bushfire Social Story for Kids with Autism

<https://www.earlyconnections.org.au/social-story-bush-fire/>

Mr Liam Toland

Director of Pastoral Care T-12

PASTORAL MATTERS - JUNIOR YEARS T-4



Welcome to 2020

Another year is upon us and to hit the ground running here are a few key pieces of information for parents of T-4 students.

Morning Arrival

Morning drop off for Years K-4 is on the front playing field. Students put their bags down at their room and head to the field. There is no teacher on duty on the field until 7.50 am so if students are arriving before this time they need to stay under the Shoulder to Shoulder Shelter, where there is a teacher on duty from 7.30 am. The teacher who is commencing duty on the oval will collect the students from under the shelter on their way to the field.

All children in Years K-4 need to be on the field and not standing with their parents on the Deakin Terrace. Parents, please support us in this area. This makes it easier for teachers to know where all students are. Parents we also ask that you keep the terrace clear to allow for ease of movement for staff and students.

We understand morning drop off can be tricky for some students particularly if your child is upset or they are unsure of where their friends are. If this is happening, please take them to the teacher on duty, kiss them goodbye and leave the playground. We promise you they settle much more quickly when Mum or Dad are not present. Parents are welcome to wait under the sails, near the equipment to wave goodbye to the children as they walk to the classroom.

Afternoon Dismissal

Students in Years T-2 are dismissed at 2.25 pm under the Shoulder to Shoulder Shelter. There is a section in the T-4 Diary for parents to complete outlining your child's travel arrangements for each afternoon. Please ensure this is filled out as soon as possible so your child is in the right place for afternoon dismissal.

Students in Years 3 and 4 will be dismissed from their classrooms. Please keep off the verandahs and away from the classrooms to enable students to pack their bags and ready themselves to leave for the day. Parents can wait for their children in the BBQ area or under the Shoulder to Shoulder Shelter.

At the end of the College day, there are many activities which run after the College day. Parents are asked to closely supervise their children once they have been dismissed from their class lines. Students should stay with their parents and not be running around the College. Your support in this area is appreciated.

Chapel

Please note the change of day for Junior Chapel this year to every Friday afternoon in the Warne Auditorium, commencing at 1.40 pm. Parents are most welcome to attend. It is a very lively and fun afternoon.

Mrs Lisa Maher

Pastoral Care Coordinator T-4

Please Note:

A reminder to parents and grandparents; please DO NOT park in the designated "Staff Parking" Area in the corner near the Deakin Admin Building at any time.

Thank you

STUDENT DROP-OFF ZONE

- PULL FORWARD
- EXIT KERB SIDE
- DRIVERS STAY IN VEHICLE
- KEEP TRAFFIC FLOWING

WELCOME NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS 2020

College Senior Management

Mr Stuart Houweling: Acting Middle Pastoral Care Coordinator



Mr Houweling graciously accepted an invitation to relinquish the Primary Sports Coordinator role for 2020 and to accept the Senior Management position of Middle Pastoral Care Coordinator.

Stuart is an active member of Salt Church Wollongong. He commenced at the College in 2014 as a K-6 teacher. For the past two years Stuart has demonstrated his leadership skills with a committed, professional and no fuss dedication in the Senior Staff position of Primary Sports Coordinator.

Stuart supports the Wests Tigers.

College Senior Staff

Mr James Gooden: Acting Primary Sports Coordinator/Primary Teacher



Mr Gooden was the successful applicant in a strong field for the senior staff position of Primary Sports Coordinator for 2020.

James is an active member of Highlands Christian Fellowship where he is involved in children and youth ministries. He has been teaching at the College for the past two years and in public schools for the four years prior. He has a keen interest in Sport and Gardening (having grown up in country NSW) and is looking forward to this new leadership opportunity.

James supports the Canberra Raiders.

Mrs Deborah Cook: Executive Assistant



Mrs Cook will be moving from the Student Reception Manager/Deputy Headmaster Secretary role to the role of Executive Assistant where she will be providing support to Mr Croger, Ms Huxtable, Mr Toland and Mr Burns.

Deborah attends the Camden Presbyterian Church and has been at the College for 14 years in various Administrative roles and also as a Teacher's Aide. Deborah enjoys spending time with family and friends, loves to travel, is a keen walker and a Wests Tigers supporter.

Mr Alex Hitchins: Development Manager



Mr Hitchins has had his marketing and media skills recognised by being offered the senior staff position of College Development Manager.

Alex is an active member of Austinmer Anglican Church where he is involved in young adults, community engagement and worship ministries.

Alex joined the College office team in September 2018. In addition to his office functions, Alex has demonstrated his marketing and media skills through his involvement in the College's new Website and End of Year Showcase DVD.

Alex completed a Bachelor of Audio Production at SAE in Sydney.

Outside of work, Alex runs his photography business and enjoys spending time with his wife Kirsten and new baby boy Charlie.

WELCOME NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS 2020

College Teaching Staff

Mrs Emma Kluit: Primary



Mr Kluit is an active member of Wilton Anglican Church where she is involved in Childrens' programs and community events.

Emma has over 15 years of extensive experience teaching in Public Schools and is looking forward to working in a Christian College and being actively involved in the College Community.

Mr Simon Jones: Primary



Mr Jones has been a regular at Narellan Anglican Church for over 20 years where he is heavily involved in children and youth ministries.

Simon has recently graduated with a Bachelor of Primary Education at the University of Wollongong. He is highly talented and enthusiastic to be part of the College Community: to engage with all students to enrich their learning and skill sets.

Simon has a passion for drama and singing and specialises in Mathematics Education.

Mr Matthew Stark: Primary



Mr Stark has been a regular at St Mark's Anglican Church in Wollongong for over 20 years.

For the past year Matthew has been teaching in London. Along with experience in teaching in Australian Schools, this has given Matthew a diverse skill set.

Matthew has a passion for sport and fitness and is looking forward to being a part of the College Community.

Miss Stacey Baker: Primary 2020



Miss Baker attends St Jude's Anglican Church in Bowral.

Stacey brings to the College over 20 years experience both in public and private schools. Stacey started as a Casual Teacher in 2019 and has moved into a temporary role in 2020. She has enjoyed being part of the Christian Community and is looking forward to helping the students develop into lifelong learners.

Stacey has a passion for equestrian pursuits with her four horses and sheep herding with her dogs.

Mr Grant Williams: Primary 2020



Mr Williams attends Figtree Anglican Church.

Grant achieved a Bachelor of Teaching before moving to the UK for 12 years. Throughout this time Grant worked as a Primary Teacher and in Primary School leadership roles. Grant is looking forward to working alongside our students to help them achieve their potential.

Outside teaching Grant enjoys reading, writing, cooking, cycling, photography and experiencing the outdoors with his family.

WELCOME NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS 2020

Mrs Bhavna Williams: Primary 2020



Mrs Williams attends Figtree Anglican Church.

Bhavna has recently relocated with her family to Australia and began casual teaching at the College at the end of 2019. Bhavna has over 10 years of teaching experience in the UK including leadership roles. She is looking forward to encouraging her students to achieve their goals through their education at the College.

Bhavna enjoys being creative in cooking, cake decorating and home decorating.

Miss Naomi Atkins: Secondary Mathematics



Miss Atkins is an active member of Highlands Christian Fellowship where she is involved in children's and hospitality ministries.

Naomi has 10 years teaching experience in public schools. Her experience has included being a year patron where she has enjoyed caring for the students in her year.

Naomi enjoys sport and community involvement and is looking forward to being part of the Christian Community at the College.

Mr Brad Milburn: Secondary TAS



Mr Milburn is a regular at St Michael's Anglican Church in Wollongong.

Brad brings both a wealth of experience and leadership skills to the TAS Faculty. He has taught in public and private schools and has been placed in leadership positions up to and including Deputy Headmaster of a large Independent School. He specialises in Industrial Technology (Wood) and is looking forward to focusing on teaching students - his first passion.

Brad enjoys the outdoors including walking, cycling, fishing and gardening.

Miss Kathryn Clark: Secondary Science



Miss Clark is an active member of the Wollondilly Anglican Church in Tahmoor where she is involved in many areas including leading Bible studies and participating in the evening service.

Kathryn is an ex College student and is very enthusiastic about returning as a Teacher. She is fresh out of University after graduating with exceptional results and will bring with her the latest teaching methodologies.

Kathryn enjoys baking and playing music.

Mrs Libby Schwartz: Secondary TAS 2019



Mrs Schwartz attends St Johns Anglican Church in Camden.

Libby is an experienced teacher who specialises in Food and Design Technology. She enjoys exercise and Floral Designing.

Libby enjoys the outdoors and travelling around Australia with her family.

WELCOME NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS 2020

College Support Staff

Mr Mitchell Barnes; Educational Psychologist



Mr Barnes is a member of Padstow Baptist Community Church where he is involved in music and children and youth ministries.

Mitchell has completed a Master of Professional Psychology. With a wide range of experience in working with students, Mitchell will complement the current set of skills in the pastoral care and learning teams. He will provide proactive strategies to enhance pastoral care and learning programs at the College.

Mr Philip Glendinning; ICT Support Officer (Part Time)



Mr Glendinning is an active member of Soul Revival Church.

Philip brings a wealth of experience to our ICT Support Team which has expanded to meet the growing needs of 21st Century IT provision. Philip brings a wealth of industry experience and leadership to the College.

Outside work Philip enjoys spending time with his family and friends.

Dr Shane Smiltnieks; Workshop Assistant (TAS) (Part Time)



Dr Smiltnieks is an active member of Mittagong Anglican Church and a parent at the College.

Shane is highly qualified with a Doctor in Philosophy and Bachelor of Materials Engineering. He is a carpenter by trade and is currently completing a Bachelor of Teaching (TAS).

Shane enjoys spending time with his family and Church family. He also is a keen fisherman.

PERFORMANCE NEWS

Get Involved In Performance

At Wollondilly Anglican College we offer many opportunities for students to engage with College life beyond what happens in the classroom. Research suggests involvement in co-curricular performance ensembles can promote social and emotional well-being, teamwork, organisation, creativity, communication, perseverance and best of all - it's fun!



Please consult the table on the next page to identify opportunities which may be of interest to your child. Thank you in advance to our wonderful teachers and tutors who voluntarily provide these opportunities for our students.

Note: sometimes there is a need to adjust this information. Keep an eye on Performing Arts News articles in future Waratah Weeklies to stay up-to-date with the most current information for these ensembles.

PERFORMANCE NEWS CONTINUED...



Musical

College Musical rehearsal is held each Monday afternoon from 2.45 pm until 5.30 pm during Term 1. We look forward to welcoming our new cast members (students in Years 5 and 6 2020 and students who are new to the College in Years 7-11 in 2020). There is no need for these new students to sign up, just come along to our next rehearsal. Students must be collected promptly at 5.30 pm by a parent or caregiver. If your child is travelling with someone else, please let Mrs Talbot and the staff know via a note in your child's diary.

Ensemble Name	Eligible Students	Rehearsals	Ensemble Leader
Musical	All students in Years 5-11 in the year in which the musical is performed.	Monday afternoon, Warne Auditorium (and various) 2.35 - 5.30 pm Terms 1 and 4	Mrs Talbot
Primary Choir	All students in Years 3-6	Monday lunchtime, Melba 1	Mrs Apps
Primary Band	All students who play a band instrument or percussion in Years 5 - 6	Wednesday afternoon, Melba 4 2.45 pm - 3.30 pm	Mr Denley
Primary Strings	Students in Years 3-6 are invited to participate in this	Friday lunchtime, Melba 4	Ms Bridge
Primary Dance	All students in Years 3-6	Friday lunchtime, Johnson Studio	Mrs Grant
Primary Drama	All students in Years 3-6 (numbers may be limited)	Tuesday lunchtime, Cuthbert	Mrs Aston
Art Club	All students in Years 7-12	Friday lunchtime, Melba 3	Mrs Ware and Mrs Taylor
Photography Club	All students in Years 7-12	Monday afternoon in Terms 2 and 3	Mrs Taylor
College Choir	All students in Years 7-12	Monday lunchtime, Melba 1	Miss Nelson
College Band	All students who play a band instrument or percussion in Years 7-12	Tuesday afternoon, Melba 4	Mr Grant
College Strings	All students who play a string instrument in Years 7-12	Thursday afternoon, Melba 4	Ms Bridge
Dance Company	Selected students from Years 7-12 who display outstanding	Tuesday afternoon, Johnson Studio	Miss Valente
Combined Cheer	All students in Years 5-12	Wednesday afternoon, Johnson Studio	Miss Valente
Didgeredoo	Interested male students in Years 7-12	Wednesday lunchtime, Melba 1	Mr Denley
WAC Crew	All students in Years 7-12	On the job training at events	Mrs Talbot (<i>Student Leaders: Anastacia Lalic and Abby</i>)
Set Design	All students in Years 7-11	Monday afternoon, Melba 3	Mrs Ware/Mrs Taylor

Cast members are required to wear their "blacks" to rehearsals (clothes that are appropriate to dance and move in). Mufti Day guidelines apply, including clothes that cover shoulders and the midriff area. The cast should also ensure they bring a healthy snack and a bottle of water to rehearsals. Please adhere to regular College food guidelines. Students have been reminded that exemplary behaviour is expected at rehearsals.

Students who attend rehearsal will be provided with a more detailed note with all expectations clearly outlined.

Mrs Sarah Talbot
Director of Performing Arts T-12

COLLEGE MUSIC TUTORS



Welcome back to a busy year in Music at the College. We have so many exciting opportunities for your child to develop their Creative skills this year. Our list of Music Tutors has grown to include a specialist Cello tutor, Catherine Barnett, as well as our regular tutors:

College Music Tutors for 2020

Jillian Bridge	Violin and Viola
Catherine Barnett	Cello
Michael Watkin	Piano and Woodwind (Clarinet and Saxophones)
Richard Gawned	Flute
Michael Griffiths	Drums
Daniel Wilms	Guitar and Bass Guitar
Tammy Nelson	Voice
David Helmann	Drums

If you would like your child to learn a musical instrument please contact Mrs Leanne Molluso or any of the College's Office staff for the application forms to learn an instrument and the tutor's Terms and Conditions. Just a reminder that parents pay the tutor directly and we ask that all invoices are paid within three weeks of being issued, non-payment may result in the lessons not being provided until the fees are up to date.

The procedures for students attending lessons are as follows: Once all the paperwork is returned to the office parents are then asked to contact the tutor directly to discuss their child's lessons. Once this has taken place the tutor contacts the College Office and has the student placed on their tuition list. We ask parents not to request specific times or days for their child's lessons as this makes the lesson roster unworkable. Music tuition times are published in the daily Broadcasts and displayed on the Melba staffroom notice screen. Each tutor also has a set of Terms and Conditions that parents are asked to sign prior to their child commencing lessons.

The benefits of learning a musical instrument are very well documented, with literacy and numeracy benefits being just the start of the academic and social benefits for your child. If you are unsure about what instrument your child should play, please make an appointment with Mr Denley to discuss what might be suitable for your child.

To learn more about the music for your child, please view the following TED Talk:
https://www.ted.com/talks/anita_collins_how_playing_an_instrument_benefits_your_brain?language=en#t-2655

Have a great musical Year, be interesting learn an Instrument, have fun with music and enjoy being creative.

If you have any questions about music and the benefits of learning an instrument contact Mr Denley at s.denley@wac.nsw.edu.au or 4623 0226 for a chat.

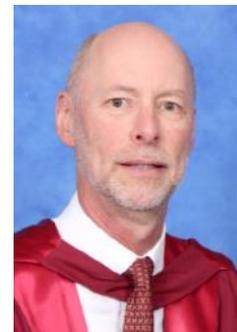
Mr Simon Denley
Creative Arts and LOTE Coordinator

INFORMATION FROM THE CAREERS ROOM

Welcome to Careers in 2020!

University of Wollongong Discovery Day

This is a reminder for Year 12 students and their parents. On Tuesday, 4 February 2020 Year 12 students will be taking an excursion to attend Discovery Day at the University of Wollongong. This event will occupy the entire day.



Students will be transported to and from the venue by Roadcoach Bus. Students will depart from the College at 8.00 am, and will return to the College by 3.45 pm. As this is later than the usual bus times, alternative arrangements for home travel may need to be made. Students have previously identified which of the three drop off locations they require: Picton (behind the George V Hotel), Tahmoor (near the Gentle Dental Clinic) or the College.

Students will not be actively supervised on the University campus but will be required to attend several information sessions for which they have previously enrolled. For safety reasons, the university has requested that all students should wear **closed footwear** (i.e. no thongs, slides or sandals). They should also **bring a hat, sunscreen and water bottle**. Students may bring morning tea and lunch, but food is also available for sale on the campus.

Please ensure that your son/daughter has any required medications with them.

Dr Rob Bearlin
Careers Adviser

FLOWERS NEWS

Welcome to a new year everyone, we look forward to serving you fresh and healthy food and drinks in 2020.

Register your name and updated class with Flexischools on the new app so you will be ready to place orders. When ordering please remember to tick any applicable alerts eg allergy, early sports lunch. Recess and lunch orders must be made separately. Students will need to return to the Canteen after consuming their lunch and show their lunch bag to pick up frozen items.



Calling all volunteers - we need your assistance for Term 1, 2020. If you are available to help out in Canteen please collect and complete a form from Student Reception. Any help will be greatly appreciated. We had one Mum come in after helping out with class readers each week and do some jobs for an hour or so last Term, so yes, times can be flexible if you are unable to stay all day.

Thank you to all my wonderful volunteers over the past year. Your help has been invaluable. I hope to see you all during 2020 along with some new faces.

Mrs Carolyn Richards
Canteen Supervisor
Think healthy, Eat healthy, Live healthy

PRIMARY MATTERS

Welcome

Hello everyone. Welcome back to our returning students and welcome to our new students. We hope and pray that 2020 will be a great year of learning for all at Wollondilly.



Information Evening

We would like to invite all T-6 parents to our Information Evening or one of the Transition information afternoons. This evening is a chance to find out a bit more about how we teach and what we teach. You will also have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher.

Tuesday, 4 February at 7.00 pm

The evening will start in the Warne Auditorium. After an introductory session there will be two sessions for parents to meet the Stage teachers. For Transition parents we also have two afternoon information sessions;

Tuesday, 4 February at 2.00 pm

Wednesday, 5 February 2.00 pm.

Transition parents with older children may like to attend an afternoon session before picking up their child and then attend the evening session to meet other teachers.

We look forward to meeting you.

Ms Jacqui Huxtable

Director of Teaching and Learning T-6



YEAR 6 PROGRESS DINNER 2019

At the end of 2019 we celebrated the end of Year 6 students' time in Primary education, through their Progress Dinner. The event was initially postponed due to fires, however, that did not dampen the celebration. Students looked amazing in their outfits and their transformation from College wear to dinner wear was incredible. After the awards ceremony and many photos it was time for the scrumptious dinner prepared and cooked by Mrs Evans, Mrs Cochrane and the students.

The sticky date pudding was a huge hit. We wish the students all the best for Year 7 and their future endeavours.

Thank you to all the teachers who attended the dinner to celebrate with the Year 6 students. A special thank you to Mrs Molluso for organising the event and for all her hard work is much appreciated.

Enjoy the pictures of the night below taken by Mrs Colombo.

Mrs Aston and Mr Matthews Year 6 Teachers



NEW WAC WEBSITE LAUNCH

We are excited to announce the launch of the new Wollondilly Anglican College Website.

The new website showcases the wonderful grounds and facilities plus the many opportunities that are on offer at the College through a video on the homepage. There is also lots of information for existing parents and prospective families.

Visit www.wac.nsw.edu to check it out.

Mr Alex Hitchins
Development Manager



NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE NURSE

We will be introducing a new Medical Form for 2020. Please ensure that this form is completed, one per student and returned as soon as possible. Spare forms can be collected from the Student Reception.

This will ensure that we have up-to-date medical information for each student and will assist us in providing the best possible health care for the students at our College.



MEDICATIONS

A reminder that all medications including Ventolin/Spacer, EpiPens and general medication can be dropped off to Student Reception.

Mrs Sally Lloyd
College Nurse

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT

Applications continue to pour in for 2021 and beyond across all year groups, but especially our entry years of Transition, Kindergarten, Year 7 and Year 11. All current College families looking to enrol siblings for the coming years are encouraged to do so without delay to avoid disappointment.

Application packs are available from the College Office or from the College website.

Mrs Kristy Biddle
Enrolments Officer



SCHOLARSHIPS 2021/2022

I am delighted to advise that the Wollondilly Anglican College Scholarship Program is open for Academic and Creative Arts Scholarships commencing in 2021.



The College Headmaster may award a number of scholarships offering partial fee remission for each year in the areas of Academic, Music and Dance. Most scholarships will be awarded for two years and are conditional on the continuation of the relevant criteria being met. They will be available to students currently enrolled at the College or from other schools.

Students who are studying in Years 6, 8 and 10 in 2020 may apply for a scholarship as they enter their next stage of learning.

Application Process for Scholarships

Academic Scholarships

- Complete the scholarship application form and return it to the Enrolment Officer, Mrs Kristy Biddle with the supporting portfolio.
- Complete the online application with ACER at <https://scholarships.acer.edu.au>. (Parents will need to create a Parent Account, from which they can register their child for the scholarship test at Wollondilly Anglican College. A \$100.00 application fee is also payable to ACER as part of the registration process).
- For Academic candidates, be available to complete the scholarship test on Saturday, 29 February 2020.

Music and Dance Scholarships

- Parents should complete the scholarship application form and return it to the Development Officer, Mrs Kristy Biddle with the supporting portfolio.
- Music/Dance scholarships need to be accompanied by a scholarship application processing fee of \$100.00.
- Short listed students will be required to audition before a panel at a later date to be confirmed. There will not be an additional audition fee.

Applications will close on Friday, 7 February 2020. The closing date is final and late applications cannot be accepted.

A comprehensive information pack and application form is available for download from the College website. Alternatively, all information and forms are available from myself at the College Office.

Should you have any further general queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 4684 2722 or at k.biddle@wac.nsw.edu.au.

Mrs Kristy Biddle
Enrolments Officer

Clothing Pool Volunteers Wanted for 2020

Come and be part of the College by helping at the P&F Clothing Pool

It's a great way to meet other parents and save on College Uniforms!

If you can spare an hour in the morning - opening times 7.45 am to 8.30 am, day to suit you - contact Melissa on 0415 402 013



Sponsorship 2019

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Thank you to our Diamond, Double Gold, Gold and Silver Sponsors shown above. We also thank our Bronze Sponsors who will be advertised on the College website on the Sponsors' Page along with the above. If you would like to sponsor the College, please contact Mr Bill Norman (P&F President) or Mrs Deborah Cook in the College office.

P&F ...friendraising and fundraising

Community Advertisements:

WAC Kids Care

From time to time, families undergo trauma such as severe or terminal illness. There are short term **support structures in place at the College to assist families** during these times. The WAC Kids Care Program offers support to families in the way of meals. Please contact Mrs Hay at the College to assist. Confidentiality will be respected.

MW Physie and Dance (Australian Physie and Dance)

Registrations are now open for girls (5 years and up) and ladies who enjoy dance and exercise classes. Classes held in Bargo, Picton and Oran Park. Please visit the website for more information mwphysieanddance.com.

HEADMASTER HAPPENINGS



January

Thursday, 30 Transition Toto/Kindergarten/Years 7,11,12 commence
Meet and greet new students and parents

Friday, 31 All students commence
Meeting and Tour with Tender Companies for Stage 12
Building Program
Meet and greet new students and parents

February

Monday, 3 Student enrolment Interviews 2021

Tuesday, 4 Student enrolment Interviews 2021
Evening: T-6 Parent Information Evening

Wednesday, 5 Student enrolment Interviews 2021

Thursday, 6 Middle Chapel
Student enrolment Interviews 2021
(Evening) Year 7, 2020 Information Evening

Friday, 7 Student enrolment Interviews 2021
Junior Chapel

MITTAGONG ANGLICAN CHURCH

Contact: Children's Minister Rochelle Fussell, 0439 455 005 or rf@mittang.com.au. All leaders in Follow and Kids@Mac have Working With Children Checks, and are trained in accordance with Safe Ministry Guidelines. All our groups run during school Terms.

Children in K-4 are welcome to attend Kids@Mac: a fun after school club at Mittagong Anglican Church.

When: Runs every Tuesday

Time: 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm.

Cost \$3.00 per Week/\$20.00 per Term (with family discounts).

Come along for games, craft, songs, afternoon tea, stories and more! This Term our theme is "The Lion the Witch & the Wardrobe" so join us in a Spaced Out adventure.

WOLLONDILLY ANGLICAN CHURCH

Everybody is welcome to attend our Service on Sunday at 9.00 am. We would love to see your family there.

PO Box 43, Bargo NSW 2574
Reverend Stephen Swanepoel

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PRETEND HEADMASTERS



Pretend Headmasters - Holly Polglaise (KF), Thomas Hall (KF) & Harper Hallsworth (KF) thoroughly enjoyed their first day of Kindergarten. We would like to give everyone a warm welcome back to Paradise.

Prayer Points

Please Thank God for:

- For the calibre of new staff commencing in 2020
- For the work of the SES and RFS over the break
- For the work of our Emergency Services
- For a new year and a fresh start

Please Ask God that:

- He sends relieving rain for the fires and the drought
- To be with the Anglican Schools' Corporation and the Wollondilly Anglican College Council as they conduct a search for the next College leader
- To be with the local and regional Emergency Services and Fire Fighters as they keep our country safe
- That our College might always be a place where God is honoured



Psalm 127:1 Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain.

Excellence, Endurance, Eternity.