

# WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

Term 3 has come to an end and we have much to celebrate, and plenty of things to prepare for as we look towards Term 4.

Firstly, I would like to thank all staff for another busy and engaging term of learning. We have had a number of events, activities, and projects through the past few months, all of which has made our classrooms vibrant places to be. The Term has culminated in an Athletics and Sports Carnival for all year levels, and a Semi-Formal for our Year 11 students. Both of which were wonderful events to finish off the Term.

Over the holiday break we will be knocking down G Block, putting new carpet into some classrooms, doing painting and landscaping. We have relocated our music room and our prayer room to accommodate these changes. We are also preparing for the installation of 4 new classrooms at the end of this school year.

Term 4 commences on Tuesday 4th October. This will also see our new Head of Secondary commence duties with us. Mr James Easthope joins us from John Paul College and comes with a wealth of experience as an educator. Mr Easthope will also be teaching Health and Physical Education across grades 7 to 12. Ms Jayne Gillespie remains with us, and she will take on the role of Head of Operations.

Parent Teacher interviews will be on Friday 14th October, which is the end of Week 2 Term 4. This will be a student free day. Interviews will need to be booked online and information on how to do this will be sent separately to all families. Online bookings will apply to all year levels and these can be made from 9am to 4pm.

Finally, all families will receive a letter providing important information around some topics that we need to explore in 2023. These are topics around Respectful Relationships and Consent Education. These topics are mandatory and compulsory for all Queensland schools both public, Catholic and independent from 2023. We have not commenced this as yet, but we need to start preparing for it. Unfortunately, across all spheres of Australian society, both public and private, there have been numerous occurrences of domestic violence, sexual assault, coercion, and immoral conduct. Despite a range of public health initiatives, it is not abating, in fact it has become worse. As a result, earlier this year education on consent was made mandatory in all Australian schools from 2023, after state and federal ministers unanimously agreed to enshrine it in the curriculum. Further to this, we have a moral responsibility as educators to support the young people under our care to navigate these topics. I must stress, this does not mean sex education. I know that this is a sensitive topic for many families, and is especially so amongst many of our various cultural and religious community groups that come together at Wisdom College. It's a sensitive topic for everyone, regardless of background. This is why I am writing to all parents to provide further information around this, details on how we intend to approach it, methods we will employ to be culturally appropriate, and to invite further dialogue.

I hope that everyone has the opportunity for some time to relax and refresh over the next 2 weeks of the school holidays. This includes students, staff and parents. I will see you all from the start of the new Term - Tuesday 4th October. The College office will be open over the holiday break and will be staffed.

# HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS. OLIVIA STARKEY

Hello Wisdom Community,

Reflecting on Term 3 there has been a lot of excitement, learning and challenges faced. This past term we have had camps, excursions, assessments, assemblies, the list goes on and at the core of everything is our students. A school is not a school without our students and without our students we do not have our wonderful staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Wisdom, from the staff and students to our parents and community members who chip in and help create a vibrant and exciting culture. The next two weeks I urge everyone to enjoy the beginning of spring and head outside to soak up the sun!

Over the holidays, please remember to take a break, our students have worked hard and they need time to recharge before Term 4. I encourage you to go to the beach, visit a museum or have a day at your local park, get the kids out of the house and away from screens. Speaking of screens, it is vital that we as parents, aunties, uncles and grandparents are supervising our children when they are using the internet. It is important to have boundaries around the technology they use, set time limits and monitor them while they are using the iPad or your phone. Please check the rating of the videos and games they are watching and playing, a PG means that parents need to watch or play the game with their children. G is safe for everyone to use and watch independently and M is not recommended for children under the age of 15.

Looking to Term 4 we have a lot of events occurring that I encourage you to add to your calendar. Firstly, we have parent teacher interviews on Friday the 14th of October, this will also be a student free day at the College. Please ensure you arrange supervision for your children on this day. Our Annual School Fete will be held on Saturday the 15th of October and tickets are being sold now! Term 4 is also when we will have our End of Year Performance where we invite you all to come and watch our students perform.

I hope you all have a wonderful break and reconnect with your family and friends. I look forward to seeing you all in term 4 and hearing about your wonderful holiday adventures.





## HEAD OF SECONDARY

MS. GILLESPIE

What a wonderful Term of learning we've had at Wisdom College. It has been fantastic to see students around the school studying and working hard to perform well on their end of Term assessments.

Our grade 12 students undertook their mock exams last week and gained valuable feedback on their assessment in preparation for their external examinations next Term. In Term 4, Grade 12 students will move to a tutor style class session instead of regular classes in preparation for their external examinations. Please reach out to your student's teacher at any time if you need help or more support.

Our Grade 11 students also sat a 'Block' examination period which allowed them time to study and focus on one content area and exam at a time. Grade 11 students will officially begin their Unit 3 studies in term 4. This is the first unit of work which contributes to ATAR scores if this is the path a student is taking.

Students in grades 7-10 have also been busy with assessment and I have been impressed with the quality of work coming through from many learning areas within the school. Grade 10 students will begin their senior studies in Term 4 and will move into their selected classes next Term.

To accommodate these changes there will be a few minor teacher changes in the Secondary School. This may also affect days different subjects fall on in the new Term. Students from grades 7-11 will receive a new timetable on the first day of Term 4. Please come to school prepared with your books for all classes on the first day of Term.

Next Term we will see Mr Easthope joining us in the Secondary School as the Head of Secondary as my role as Head of Secondary/Head of Operations is split into two full time roles. Our college is growing in numbers and complexity, especially in the Secondary School. We welcome Mr Easthope and have no doubts that he will be a welcome addition to our school.

Academic achievement is one of the focus areas for Wisdom College, however we also place much emphasis on developing the whole student. This is reflected with our school values and formal recognition of this through our behaviour level system within the College. I would like to celebrate and acknowledge students who moved up behaviour levels and were awarded certificates at our assembly on Monday morning.

### BRONZE LEVEL:

Shua'Ab Hussein

### SILVER LEVEL:

Daham Rabah

Karimah Mabu Alam

Eneshan Cevik

Haniyah Ebrahim-Goder

Hady Karime

Ridwan Ali

Isheeta Narayan

Razan Moussa

Eliza Raza

Sahar Safari

Mariam Shehab

Zynab Ryhan

Gurit Khangura

Zaynab Bashir

Huda Marache

Sarah Musa

Mariam Souham

Ali Aldori

Layaan Ahmed

Zainab Azzi

Marim Al-Assadi

Islah Lim-Parfitt

Loulya Karime

Serentiy Matthews-Dooley

Ammar Nasser

Well done to all of these students.

In the second week of Term 4, we will be holding our parent/teacher interviews. As we grow in the Secondary, more organisation is needed around these conferences. Unlike previous drop-in sessions, next Term we are asking parents to book time slots for interviews. This will be through our online My Wisdom Portal. Please keep an eye out for further communication around how to make these bookings.

Lastly, I would like to wish all of our families a safe and happy holiday.



# HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS COSKUN

Dearest Wisdom Family,

I write this newsletter from France where I have been for the past 3 weeks helping my son settle into a Football Academy as well as some sightseeing of beautiful cities in Europe.

Research shows that travel helps your brain to function better and boosts creativity. Immersing yourself in new cultures increases your brains ability to move between different ideas, think more deeply and integrate thoughts. This is not dissimilar to being immersed in learning outside of Academic Curriculum. Students who take part in music, arts, sports and activities such as chess fuel their learning by stimulating creative thought, improve their social and organisational skills and develop new abilities and interests which in turn have an astounding positive impact on their Academic performance as well.

I am delighted to see the number of our students taking part in the co-curricular life on offer at Wisdom. This term our Service learning program really kicked off and took flight with the ongoing weekly homeless runs and the charity work that students and parents took part in to provide much needed items for our homeless community. I must say a huge thank you to our teachers who have helped coordinate this program and supervise students to and from the service.

I always say that community is a significant part of who we are and what we do at Wisdom. Another project that gives me great pleasure in watching it evolve and take shape is our LEC- Learner English Classes run by the wonderful Mrs Hill. We are always looking for ways to cater for the diverse needs of our community at Wisdom and this includes our parents. The aim of these classes are to provide our mothers and grandmothers with basic English skills that will enable them to read and comprehend correspondence from the College and to be able to communicate with the classroom teacher. Wel love seeing our mothers and grandmothers attend this program at the Wisdom House every Tuesday.

This year sports has been a big focus for us and one which will grow and develop over the next few years. We have some great talent at Wisdom and soccer teams have been a testimony to this. The Wisdom Football Teams have taken part in the SFL School Futsal League this term and have strengthened their skills and performance through these competitions. Next on our agenda is getting a basketball and cricket team as well as a junior soccer team up and running and I will reach out to the community for some help around this!

As I sit back and relax in beautiful France I realise that there is no place like home and that 'home' for me includes the Wisdom Community.

Looking forward to the continued success and progress of our co-curricular program in the term ahead.





# CALENDAR

## KEY DATES



### OCTOBER

- MONDAY 3RD QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
- TUESDAY 4TH FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
- SATURDAY 15TH SCHOOL FETE
- FRIDAY 14TH STUDENT FREE DAY AND PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
- MONDAY 17TH PREP INFORMATION NIGHT
- WEDNESDAY 19TH-FRIDAY 21ST YEAR 5&6 CAMP
- MONDAY 17TH YEAR 12 EXTERNAL EXAMS BEGIN
- MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER DIWALI
- FRIDAY 28TH YEAR 3 SLEEPOVER



### NOVEMBER

- WEDNESDAY 16TH YEAR 3-12 AWARDS CEREMONY
- THURSDAY 17TH YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY DINNER
- FRIDAY 18TH YEAR 12 LAST DAY AND FINAL ASSEMBLY
- WEDNESDAY 23 END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE PRIMARY ONLY
- WEDNESDAY 30TH YEAR 6 GRADUATION CEREMONY



### DECEMBER

- THURSDAY 8TH LAST DAY OF TERM!!!!
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# WISDOM COLLEGE FETE

Food  
Drinks  
Games  
Sweet  
Treats  
Stalls  
Activities  
& more

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**11AM-3PM**

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