

# WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

Welcome to Term 2! I hope that all students, parents and families had an enjoyable school holiday break, or at least some time together. I also hope that people enjoyed Easter or Ramadan as well as Eid depending upon your custom or religious background.

This term we have commenced our consent education and respectful relationships curriculum. These are being delivered by various staff including myself, Ms Manja and Mr Easthope. We hope that this has been educational for students and will provide them with a range of strategies to keep them safe both now and well into their futures.

We welcomed some new staff to our College this term. Mr Mark Richards - Head of Operations and secondary Math and Science.

Ms Jillian Schulz - Secondary Art, Tech, Design.

Ms Mia Dioluin - Year 6 teacher

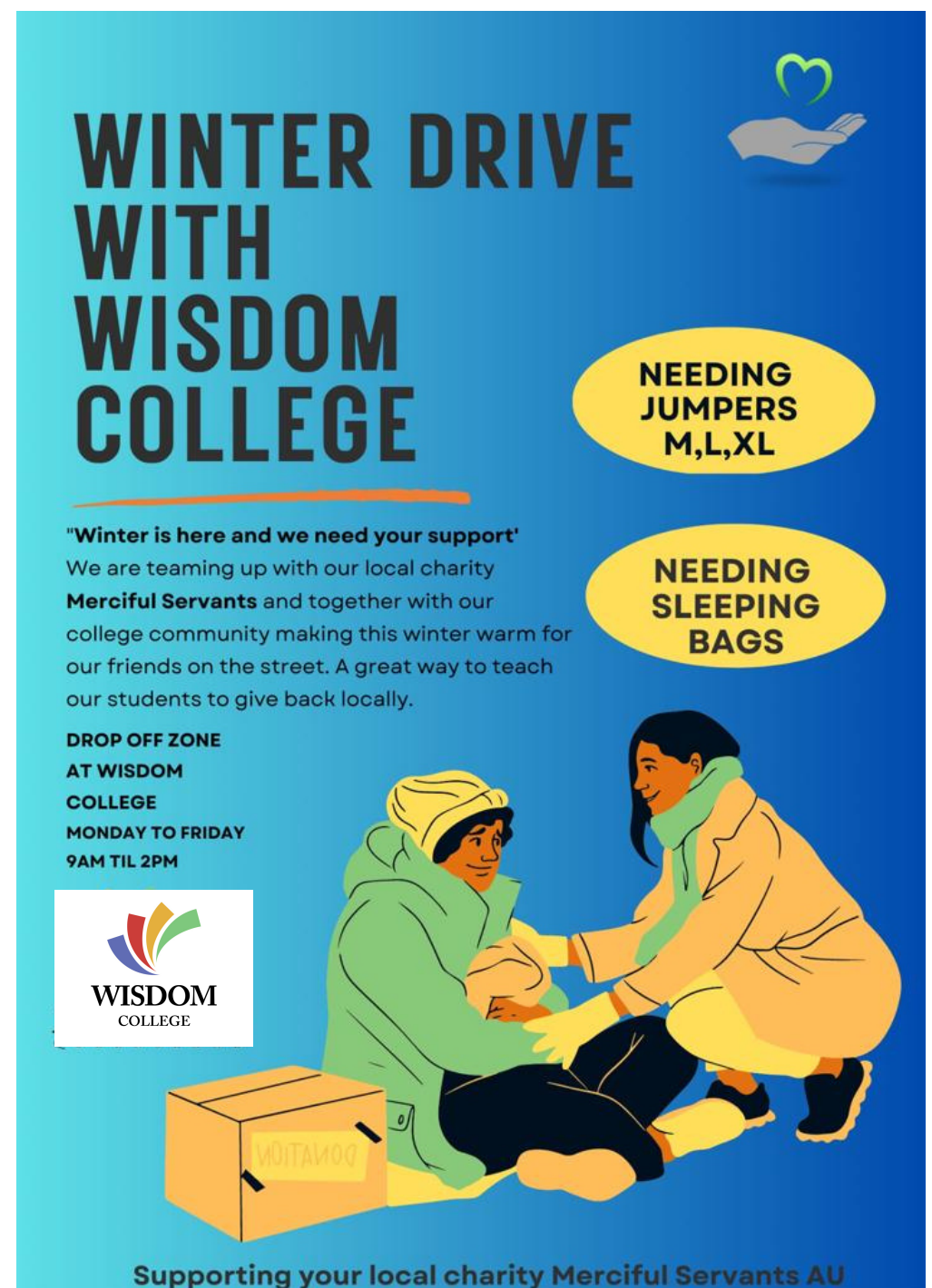
We also welcomed well over a dozen new students to our College this term. This is across grades 1 to 11 so a very wide cross section. They have all settled in nicely and I'm sure will contribute to our College as the months unfold.

Parent teacher interviews are on Friday 12th May - Week 4. These run from 9am to 4pm. A pre-booking process will be shared with parents soon. We encourage all parents to come in to speak with teachers to receive feedback on academic progress to date.

Wishing all members of our College community a wonderful term ahead. I hope to see everyone at our various events throughout this term.

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**WINTER DRIVE WITH WISDOM COLLEGE**

**NEEDING JUMPERS M,L,XL**

**NEEDING SLEEPING BAGS**

**"Winter is here and we need your support"**  
We are teaming up with our local charity **Merciful Servants** and together with our college community making this winter warm for our friends on the street. A great way to teach our students to give back locally.

**DROP OFF ZONE AT WISDOM COLLEGE MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9AM TIL 2PM**

**WISDOM COLLEGE**

**Supporting your local charity Merciful Servants AU**



## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS



### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

PREP TO YEAR 12

FRIDAY 12TH MAY

9AM TO 4PM

15MIN TIME SLOTS

BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE VIA SCHOOLBOX

FEEDBACK ON THE ACADEMIC PROGRESS OF YOUR  
CHILD(REN) IS IMPORTANT.

PLEASE COME ALONG TO THIS EVENT. IF YOU CAN'T  
MAKE IT PLEASE CONTACT YOUR RESPECTIVE TEACHER



## PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

MRS. MANJA WHALEY - STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICER

For today's kids, technology is part of their natural environment. Childhood today means growing up in a digital world. Our kids are being shaped by exploration of and participation in that world. Technology is enhancing our kids' development, thinking, entertainment, relationships, activities and learning. The internet in particular means that our kids can actively participate in independent learning and check out new experiences. Used responsibly, the internet can contribute to healthy empowerment and well-being. Communication in our digital world has taken on new meaning. It's now instant and accessible. The advent of social media means kids, parents and grandparents can have their say, share news and photos and other media, and stay in touch on a minute to minute basis. On the flip side the irresponsible use of technology has the potential to undermine kids and their families through cyberbullying, criminal activity and addiction. The following guide discusses how digital parenting can become a part of our everyday parenting.

### CYBERWORLD PARENTING IS NO DIFFERENT TO REAL-WORLD PARENTING

Regardless of our style of parenting, effective parenting requires learning on the go and getting to know our kids. Parenting in our digital world today is no different – it requires us to learn about technology, gain a level of understanding, and get to know how our kids are using the most powerful tool at their disposal. Just as we discuss stranger danger, boundaries for behaviour, and encouragement for appropriate decision making, so we need to apply these parenting skills to the internet.

Technology is here to stay and there's no getting around our responsibilities as online parents. Kids today are often under a lot of pressure from friends to upload a particular selfie, or be part of the in group by signing up for social media even if they are underage. Most kids have email accounts, smart phones or tablets, and much of their messaging is done out of our sight as parents. To a certain degree we have to trust our kids, but that's not the same as encouraging them to sign up or provide access to underage media because we don't want them to miss out. Setting boundaries for technology use is best done sooner rather than later. By the time they reach school, most kids are already comfortable with technology, so we need to be having conversations about E-safety as soon as they're old enough to click a mouse.

### ONLINE HABITS AND ONLINE SAFETY

Like most things in life, good habits are learned early and become part of our everyday routine. Good online habits are essential if kids are going to understand the risks associated with technology. Some of the basic online safety rules to teach our kids include:

- Never give out contact details to someone you don't know, especially if that person asks your name, age or address.
- Don't share passwords.
- Apps are not to be downloaded without parental permission.
- Never download any material if you are under the age restriction to do so
- Never include your age or any other personal information in your email address or a screen name.
- Stranger Danger exists on the internet. People can pretend to be anyone online. If you don't know the person who is communicating with you, speak to parents or another significant adult.
- Respect the privacy of your friends.
- Don't upload sexy selfies or any other media that might be considered offensive or that might attract a predator.
- Keep language clean online and don't forward other people's offensive comments or images or become involved in another kid's attempts at cyberbullying.
- If ever you feel uncomfortable because someone is asking personal questions or is suggesting you flirt in front of a webcam, tell parents or another significant adult.
- Never set up an account without permission.
- Never visit 'adult only' sites or sites that parents have said no to.

## SETTING E-BOUNDARIES

Depending on the ages of your kids, set boundaries as a family.

**Pre-schoolers** - If your child is under five, then iPad tablet or laptop use (game playing in particular) should ideally have time limits, the same as television watching. As parents we can set the rules for technology use, same as we do for most things for this age group, leaving room for the occasional manipulation and negotiation. Little kids have no idea of eye or muscle strain, so ensure that young developing eyes or necks are not bent over a tablet for lengthy periods of time. Removing a child and separating them from a device may be needed to ensure they balance technology with other healthy development.

**School-aged (5-10)** - Many school-aged kids use computers on a daily basis as part of their learning. As schools will have safety rules, kids this age understand that computers and rules go hand in hand at home as well. On the home front, computers and other devices should ideally be used in a shared space. Keeping a handle on internet use means that we as parents, need to be able to see what our kids are doing and which sites they're visiting. Shared space also means our kids can talk to us and vice versa to discuss information, problems, and any technical issues. Setting time limits also applies to this age group, so homework first and then allow some time for social interaction before the computer is switched off. Supervision is also very necessary for this age group if they're going to surf the net and if an online family safety agreement is in place, then our kids will know exactly what is expected of us and them.

**School-aged (10+)** - For many kids in this age group, a computer is becoming essential for school work and independent research and learning. Home use of technology in a shared space (as per younger kids) is recommended for older kids as well. Often, these kids are very savvy when it comes to technology, and allowing them to take a laptop, smartphone or tablet into their bedroom is equivalent to giving them permission to do exactly what they want. Given half a chance, many older kids will text and social chat their night away. When setting boundaries for kids this age, we can take on board their ideas and requests provided these are reasonable. However it's important that our kids know we're prepared to monitor use and that there will be consequences for ignoring boundaries and taking risks. Some families have instigated an open policy for their teens whereby the parent can ask to see the tablet, computer or smartphone at any time, to check on what their kids are doing and who they're texting and talking to.

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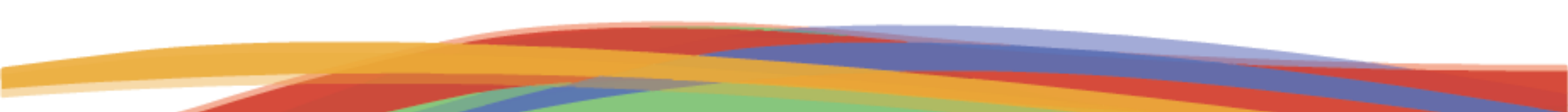
Computer Use and School Aged Children:

[http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/computers\\_schoolage.html](http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/computers_schoolage.html)

Video Games Playing it Safe:

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In the next Newsletter we will explore in more depth; checking out Apps, getting the setting right to protect your child reputation and cyberbullying.





## PHOTO'S





# 2023 CALENDAR

## KEY DATES

### TERM DATES

First Day Term 2 - Monday 17 April

Last Day Term 2 - Friday 16 June

First Day Term 3 - Monday 10 July

Last Day Term 3 - Friday 15 September

First Day Term 4 - Tuesday 3 October

Last Day Term 4 - Friday 1st December

### Term 2 Dates

- Friday 21 March Eid Al-Fitr Holiday
- Monday 24th April ANZAC Day Ceremony
- Tuesday 25th April Anzac Day Holiday
- Monday 1st May Labour Day Holiday
- Friday 12th May Parent Teacher Interviews Student Free Day
- Tuesday 16th May Mother's Day High Tea
- Tuesday 23rd May School Photo Day
- Wednesday 14th June Prep Open Night
- Wednesday 14th June Year 12 Formal
- Friday 16th June Cross Country Carnival and Qurban Festival
- Friday 16th June LAST DAY OF TERM 2



# UPDATES AND INFORMATION

## UNIFORM SHOP



### Shop Online Anytime

Shop online and choose to have your order shipped directly to you, or collect it from the School Locker Oxley store. Scan the QR code below to find your uniforms online.

Visit [theschoollocker.com.au/schools/wisdom-college-calamvale](https://theschoollocker.com.au/schools/wisdom-college-calamvale)

### School Locker Oxley

Discover a convenient one-stop-shop for uniforms, school footwear, stationery, technology, musical instruments, sports equipment and more at the School Locker Oxley.

### The Zone Oxley

2118 Ipswich Road  
Oxley

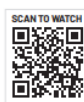
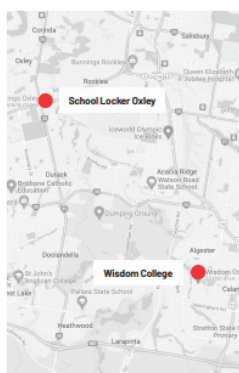
Phone 3725 2500

Monday to Friday 8:30am- 5:00pm

Saturday 9:00am- 3:00pm

### Student Advantage Membership

Be sure to set up your free Student Advantage Membership. Login each time you shop online to access special pricing and ensure your school earns revenue from all your purchases. Get started by visiting [theschoollocker.com.au/customer/account](https://theschoollocker.com.au/customer/account). To learn more scan the QR code below and watch our explainer video.



## SCHOOLBOX APP -

Your new college app is here

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PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE APP AND ENSURE THAT ALL OF YOUR FAMILY DETAILS ARE CORRECT

## BOOKS AND STATIONARY

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1. Follow the link emailed to you or click on the booklist tab at [sequelbooks.com](https://sequelbooks.com)
2. Click on your school & year level
3. Fill out your requirements & student details
4. Enter your customer & payment details
5. Sit back, relax and wait for your pack!

Let us take the stress out of summer, get #BackToSchoolWithSequel

While Sequel's retail store will remain open we will be complying with social distancing rules and limiting the number of people in-store. This may result in lengthy and uncomfortable wait times outside the store. We highly encourage families to ORDER EARLY and opt for DELIVERY of packs. Check our Trading Hours at [sequelbooks.com](https://sequelbooks.com)



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Retail Shop - 115 Muriel Ave, Moorooka

## LUNCH ORDER SYSTEM



#BLACKOUTCOFFEE

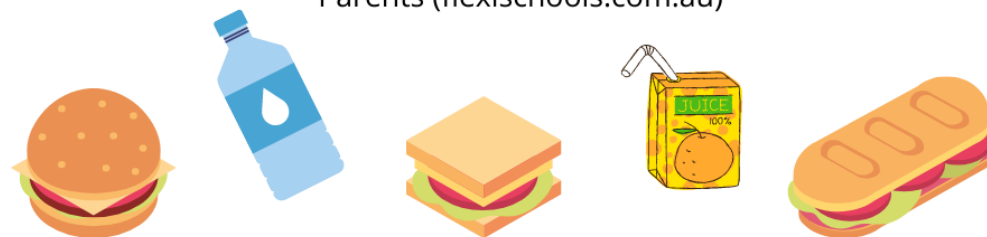
Wisdom College is excited to announce that our new lunch order system is ready to go!

**WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH BLACKOUT COFFEE AND FLEXISCHOOLS TO BRING YOU THIS EASY ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM.**

As of today you can place second lunch break orders for your child/ren.

Please download the Flexischools App and click the link for more information on how to register today.

Parents ([flexischools.com.au](https://flexischools.com.au))





## UPDATES AND INFORMATION

**SHAKE&STIR THEATRE CO**

**DRAMA CLASSES**  
IN YOUR AREA

**TERM 1 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN**



**Junior Engineers**

**CODING AND ROBOTICS CLUB**  
TERM 1 AFTER SCHOOL CODING CLUB

WISDOM COLLEGE

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PRICE: \$265  
GRADES: 2 - 6

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**CHESS MATES**

Prep - Year 6



**Wisdom College**

**TUESDAY**

**12:40 - 1:20**

**D Block Room 101**

Weekly classes will help improve:

- Creativity
- Memory
- Concentration
- Planning Skills
- Independent Decision Making
- General Aptitude for Learning
- Problem Solving
- Teamwork



Learning chess has been shown to improve overall performance at school by nearly 20% compared with children who have not

To book online, scan or go to [chessmates.com.au/schools](https://chessmates.com.au/schools)

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