

WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

At the end of last term we had our annual Inter-House Athletics Carnival. This was held at Col Bennet Park, Algester. Students from grades 4 to 12 competed in 6 events including shot, discus, long jump, 100m, 200m and 400m. Students in Prep to Year 3 played a variety of games and mini-competitions.

THE HOUSE PLACINGS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1ST PLACE - BUCKS
- 2ND PLACE - RAMS
- 3RD PLACE - RAVENS
- 4TH PLACE - EAGLES

It was a wonderful day. Congratulations to our student participants and thanks to our staff for organising the events on the day.

THIS TERM WE COMMENCE A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVES:

1. Projects for students in Year 6, 7, 8, 9 - every Wednesday
2. Year 9 students commence Certificate 2 in workplace skills and training
3. Year 10 & 11 students start their work from home days every Wednesday
4. Literacy and numeracy workshops for students in Year 7, 8 & 9
5. Friday early finish at 12.40pm - end of Lesson 4

FINALLY, WE HAVE SOME MAJOR SCHOOL EVENTS COMING UP THIS TERM:

- Fete - Saturday 14th Oct
- Ladies Night - Friday 27th Oct
- Awards Night - Wednesday 15th Oct
- End of Yr Performance - Friday 24th Nov

PLEASE NOTE - END OF YEAR FINISH DATES:

- Year 12 last day - Friday 17th November
- Prep, Year 10, Year 11 - Friday 24th November
- Year 1 to Year 9 - Friday 1st December

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Wishing all of our Year 12 students the best of luck as they complete their final Term of schooling at Wisdom and as they complete External Exams.

Our Year 12s will be engaged with subject specific workshops over the next 3 weeks. These are delivered by our senior school teachers and are a deep dive into the subject matter they need to know to do well in their External Exams.

External Exams start in Week 3 and go through to Week 7, which is basically all of the month of November.

WHAT ARE EXTERNAL EXAMS I HEAR YOU ASK?

They are exam papers, written by the QCAA (Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority), for each General subject. All students sit these exams on the same day across all Queensland schools. General subjects include Biology, Chemistry, Legal Studies, General English, General Maths, Health and Art.

The result in these exams contributes towards a students' ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank). This allows them to get into a University course.

Good Luck!!

New way to pay your school fees

Set up your account at edstart.com.au/wisdom



We are very pleased to share that Wisdom College has partnered with Edstart to improve the fee payment experience for families. From Term 1, 2024, ALL FEE payments to Wisdom College will be made through the Edstart platform.

Whilst we put our resources into the highest quality education, sustainability and continued new initiatives, Edstart are the experts in their field and are best placed to support our families with fee payment options moving forward. We are always here to assist with any concerns and will work closely with Edstart for a smooth transition.

With Edstart Plus, families will have access to more options with their school fee payments, including:

- Options to pay weekly, fortnightly, monthly, termly, or annually by selecting the schedule that works for them
- The ability to choose a preferred day for when payments are made
- The option to spread your fees across the school year over a full 12-month period.
- The flexibility to adjust payments at any time
- Edstart pays the school up front for your fees, while you continue to have flexible payment terms
- Annual payers will still receive an early payment discount if paid by the due date

There are no fees or charges for using Edstart Plus for your Wisdom College fees. This is not a credit product and will not appear on your credit file or history. All families are required to have set up their Edstart account by Monday 27th November, in preparation for payment of fees in Term 1, 2024.

To set up your Edstart account please use the link that has been emailed to you or visit edstart.com.au/wisdom The school will forward a copy of your invoice to Edstart each term, Edstart will then pay your school fees on your behalf when they are due.

Please refer to the attached flyer for more information. You can contact Edstart on 1300 139 445 or email contact@edstart.com.au if you have any queries or require assistance.

Edstart Plus

Wisdom College has partnered with Edstart to provide you with more flexibility and choice for your school fees

About Edstart Plus



Edstart Plus is a school fee management service to help your school improve the fee payment experience. It is free for families to use and you can choose the payment option that best fits your budget.

Select the schedule that works for you

Annual upfront

✓ Termly

Monthly

✓ Fortnightly

✓ Weekly

Choose your preferred payment method

Direct debit from your account

✓ Credit card

✓ BPay

Adjust your payments at any time if there are changes to your budget

What happens if I want to change my payments?

Simply contact us and we'll adjust your payments based on your preference. There are no fees or charges for implementing these changes.

Is Edstart Plus a credit or loan product?

Edstart Plus is not classified as a loan, credit or borrowing facility. No enquiry or account is added to your credit file when using Edstart Plus.

Do I need to verify my identification during the setup process?

As Edstart's payment service is regulated by ASIC, we are required by law to verify your identity before setting up your account by cross-referencing the details on your credit report. This will not impact your credit file or your credit rating. Alternatively, you can provide your Driver Licence or Passport to complete this process.

How to get started

To set up your Edstart account, visit our dedicated website at edstart.com.au/wisdom



HEAD OF SECONDARY

MR JAMES EASTHOPE

Dear Wisdom College Secondary School Community,

As we embark on a new term, I wanted to take a moment to share some exciting updates from our Secondary School here at Wisdom College.

First and foremost, we've had a fantastic start to the term, with our students returning to school with enthusiasm and energy that's truly infectious. It's been heartwarming to see their eagerness to dive back into their studies and engage in all the exciting activities we have planned.

One significant milestone this term is the transition of our Year 10 students into Year 11, and our Year 11 students moving into the Year 12 curriculum. This transition marks a crucial step in their educational journey, and we are committed to providing them with the support and guidance they need to thrive academically and personally.

Our very first project day was an absolute hit! Students had a blast, and it was a resounding success as we kicked off our program. These project days are a unique opportunity for our students to learn, collaborate, and have fun while developing essential skills that will serve them well in the future.

PROJECTS: INTERACTIVE MUSEUM, WORKOUT WARRIORS, THE BLOCK, SHARK TANK



“Together, we are creating an inspiring and dynamic learning environment where every student can thrive.”

While we celebrate these successes, we also recognize that we have some challenges to address. Specifically, we need to ensure that our students adhere to the correct uniform guidelines. It's important that students come to school with the appropriate formal uniform, including the correct formal shoes, neatly tucked-in shirts, and ties worn correctly with top buttons fastened. For female students, please ensure that your hijab is of the correct color, and for all students, refrain from wearing jewelry except for a watch if desired.

As part of our ongoing commitment to create a positive and productive learning environment, we introduced our first early finish day today (Friday). This exciting change allows our students to wrap up the week on a high note, and we look forward to this becoming a cherished tradition in our school.

In conclusion, I want to express my gratitude to the entire Wisdom College Secondary School community - our dedicated staff, motivated students, and supportive parents and guardians. Together, we are creating an inspiring and dynamic learning environment where every student can thrive.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Wisdom College. We look forward to a term filled with growth, learning, and achievement.



HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS ZAINAB RASHED

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we dive into the final term of the year. As we gear up for Term 4, I wanted to share with you some exciting plans and activities that will make this term a memorable one for our primary school students.

SWIMMING AT PARKINSON AQUATIC CENTRE (PREP TO YEAR 3)

One of the highlights of Term 4 for our younger students (Prep to Year 3) will be our swimming program at the Parkinson Aquatic Centre. We believe in the importance of water safety and ensuring that all our students have the opportunity to develop essential swimming skills. The swimming program will run for several weeks and will provide our students with a valuable learning experience as well as a lot of fun.

CAMP AT YMCA CAMP WARRAWEE (YEAR 5 AND 6)

For our Year 5 and 6 students, this term will present an opportunity for personal growth and leadership development. Mrs. Coskun has organised a three-day, two-night camp that aims to help them build essential life skills such as leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and social interaction. This camp is designed to challenge our students in a supportive and safe environment, fostering personal development and resilience.

OTHER EVENTS

In addition to these events, we have a host of other activities and events planned for Term 4. Our teachers have been working hard to create engaging and enriching classroom experiences that will keep our students excited about learning until the end of the year.

“Your support, whether it’s through attending school events, or simply engaging in your child’s learning journey, is greatly appreciated.”

Please keep an eye on our school calendar and school communications for specific details about upcoming events, award ceremonies, graduations, and other important dates throughout the term.

GET INVOLVED AND STAY CONNECTED!

We encourage parents and guardians to get involved in our school community. Your support, whether it’s through attending school events, or simply engaging in your child’s learning journey, is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or would like to contribute in any way, please don’t hesitate to reach out to our school office.

We look forward to a fantastic Term 4 filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences.



HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

MRS AYSE DOGAN

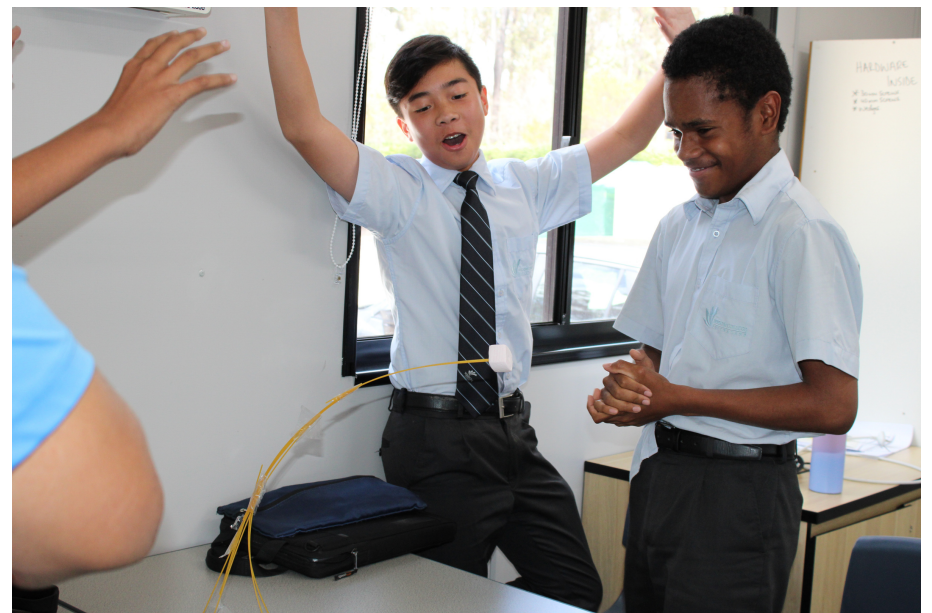
Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting and fulfilling final term of the year at Wisdom. As we gather our energy and enthusiasm for the last leg of this academic journey, we have a lot to look forward to.

PROJECT LAUNCH: A DAY OF INSPIRATION

We kicked off this term with a remarkable event - the launch of our exciting projects. It was a day filled with energy, creativity, and enthusiasm. We were thrilled to witness all our students fully engaged in their projects, having a blast, and already beginning to collaborate and develop their skills. We can't wait to see the incredible projects they will produce as the term unfolds.

SENIOR STUDENTS AND EXTERNAL EXAMS

Our senior students are gearing up for a crucial phase in their academic journey. In just a few weeks, they will be taking on their external exams, starting in week 4. We want to wish them the very best of luck and offer our support as they prepare for this important challenge. We believe in their abilities and are confident they will excel.



YEAR 10 AND YEAR 11 TRANSITION

This term, our Year 10 and Year 11 students have taken their first steps into their senior units through our early start model. It's heartwarming to witness their maturity as they seamlessly transition into their new classes. We are proud of the way they've embraced this change and are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for them.

ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY: SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for a significant event this term – our annual awards ceremony, scheduled for November 15th. It's a day where we come together to celebrate and acknowledge the outstanding achievements of our students throughout the year. We can't wait to recognize their hard work, dedication, and the positive impact they've had on our school community.

As we embark on this final term, let us continue to support and encourage our students in their educational journey. Together, we can make this term a memorable and successful one for all. Thank you for your continued support, and let's make this term the best one yet!

HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS CANAN COSKUN

A warm welcome back to term 4!

I hope the break has been a safe and rested one for you all.

Term 4 is without a doubt our busiest term and this year in particular it will be unique experience for Wisdom as we begin our project days and Friday early finish.

There are some significant events which bring our community together and provide opportunities for our students to build their skills in various areas including service learning, personal development and leadership skills.

The term four co-curricular schedule has been shared to all families and as always I encourage students to take part in at least one club or activity that is offered from the comprehensive range of options from science to pastoral care, chess and instrumental music.

Our co-curricular program gives students opportunities to find ways of learning that engage and excite them. This leads to enhances social emotional and interpersonal skills. Many of our studnts feel a sense of belonging and achievement through these clubs and allow them to experience positive emotions. This is a strong focus for Wisdom College and our wellbeing aims through positive education and the PERMA model of happiness and flourishing.

One such program that does this well is our unique pastoral care which runs every Wednesday afternoon and during lunchtime for our senior students. Last term the year 10-12 boys enjoyed three wonderful days at Ashby and Coffs Harbour where they were immersed in both spiritual and social emotional learning. They were accompanied by their Pastoral Care Mentor, Mr Suleyman Kaya who is working very closely to mentor and guide our male students into confident, resilient and respectful young men.

Some significant upcoming community events which we would like to see you all at:

College Fete- 14th October

Ladies Night- 27th October

EOYP- 24th November

Warm Regards



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

MR. SULEYMAN KAYA

Dear Wisdom Community,

Greetings from the Community Engagement Team

We are happy to see our students at school and excited for Term 4.

During Term 3 we had various community activities, Father's Day Celebration, Father's Day bike ride, Mums Social Meetup, Wellbeing Workshop and Primary Parents Breakfast. Also, our volunteer parents and P&F members organized Selfless Service Week Bake Sale for orphans and breakfast for our students. It was amazing to see how our college community responded and contributed to serving those in need.

We look forward to seeing our parents in Term 4 community events and activities, College Fete, and Ladies Night. We have also planned some other activities for you in Term 4. You will receive emails and notifications for, Secondary Parents Breakfast, Wisdom Family Trivia Night, Wisdom Family Picnic and Hiking and Mums Meetup. Please save the dates and join us.

We thank all the parents and community members for their support and participation in our community events.



THE EFFECTS OF TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME

MRS. MANJA WHALEY - STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICER

And just like that we are back at school after our spring break! For most this means going back to a 'normal' routine of school uniforms daily, homework, going to bed early, chores to be done and less screen time to make this happen. Limiting screen time can be tricky especially after kids have had a break...

Furthermore, today's children have grown up with a vast array of electronic devices at their fingertips. They can't imagine a world without smartphones, tablets, and the internet. This means that today's parents are the first generation who have to figure out how to limit screen time for children. While digital devices can provide endless hours of entertainment and they can offer educational content, unlimited screen time can be harmful.

Here is what some of the research says:

- **Obesity:** Too much time engaging in a sitting down activity, such as watching TV and playing video games, can be a risk factor for becoming overweight.
- **Sleep problems:** Although many parents use TV to wind down before bed, screen time before bed can backfire. The light emitted from screens interferes with the sleep cycle in the brain and can lead to insomnia.
- **Behaviour problems:** Primary school-age children who watch TV or use a computer more than two hours per day are more likely to have emotional, social, and attention problems.
- **Educational problems:** Primary school-age children who have televisions in their bedrooms do worse on academic testing.
- **Violence:** Exposure to violent TV shows, movies, music, and video games can cause children to become desensitized to it. Eventually, they may use violence to solve problems and may imitate what they see on TV.

HERE ARE A FEW HOUSEHOLD RULES YOU MIGHT WANT TO ESTABLISH TO CURB SCREEN TIME:

- NO DIGITAL DEVICES DURING FAMILY MEALS.
- NO SCREEN TIME IN THE CAR ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL.
- NO SCREENS ALLOWED IN BEDROOMS.
- NO ELECTRONICS USE DURING FAMILY FUN NIGHTS.

In addition, consider an occasional digital detox for the whole family. Create a screen-free night once a week or commit to unplugging one weekend a month. It could be good for everyone's physical and emotional health as well as your family's relationships.



EVENTS

WISDOM COLLEGE

FETE

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Games
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Stalls
Activities
& more

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14TH OCTOBER 2023
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WHEN: 6PM FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER

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COST: \$80 (12YRS+ ONLY)

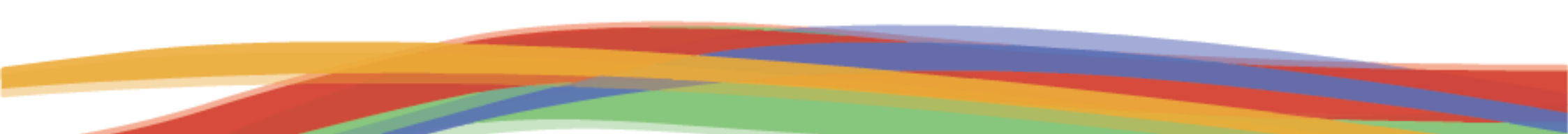
2023 CALENDAR

KEY DATES

Term 3 Dates

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UPDATES AND INFORMATION



WISDOM COLLEGE PREP - YEAR 12

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PRINCIPAL - DR DAMIEN BARRY

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INDEPENDENT

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DOING SCHOOL DIFFERENTLY!

WEDNESDAY - PROJECT DAY - YEAR 7, 8, 9 & 10

DO INTEGRATED PROJECTS SUCH AS:

SHARK TANK

INTERACTIVE MUSEUM

WORKOUT WARRIORS

THE BLOCK



WEDNESDAY - WORK FROM HOME DAY - YEAR 11&12

MATER
HEALTH

TAFE



OPEC
COLLEGE

BARRINGTON
COLLEGE

DISTANCE
LEARNING

SCHOOL
SUBJECTS

FRIDAY EARLY FINISH 12:40PM ALL STUDENTS

PARENT
MEETINGS



STAFF
PROFESSIONAL
LEARNING

TEACHER
PLANNING AND
PREPARATIONS

JUMMAH
PRAYER

**WORKING PARENTS
SUPERVISION
PROVIDED UNTIL 3PM**

LITERACY AND NUMERACY LESSONS & TARGETED INTERVENTIONS

WEDNESDAY LESSONS 1 & 2 YEARS 7, 8 & 9

IMPROVE
ACADEMIC
OUTCOMES

IMPROVE
QUALITY OF
LIFE

PROVIDE MORE
CAREER
OPPORTUNITIES



GREATER
EARNING
CAPACITY

IMPACTS ALL
SUBJECTS

LIFT CONFIDENCE
LEVELS AND SUPPORT
WHOLE FAMILY

ALL YEAR 10 STUDENTS COMPLETE A CERTIFICATE 2 IN VOCATIONAL AND WORKPLACE SKILLS

GAIN A FORMAL
QUALIFICATION

DEVELOP
STUDY SKILLS



ATTAIN
WORKPLACE
SKILLS

4 X QCE POINTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US TODAY

UPDATES AND INFORMATION

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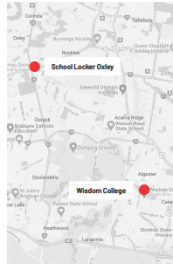


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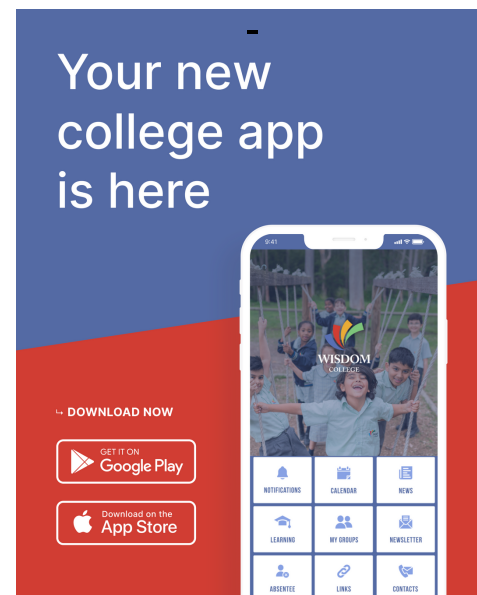
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Wisdom College
TUESDAY
12:40 - 1:20
D Block Room 101

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



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