

WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

Welcome to the 2024 school year at Wisdom College!

I hope that everyone had a fabulous school holiday break and some quality time spent with friends and family.

The school year has commenced with all students now already well into their timetables, curriculum, sport, music, and learning. Prior to students starting this week, we had a week with all staff together to prep for the year ahead. We did plenty of our own curriculum planning as well as first aid training, Schoolbox updates, and work on various projects.

We now also have a new Art room and some of our classrooms have been refurbished. Plenty of landscaping, repairs and maintenance also occurred during the holidays so big thanks to our grounds and facilities staff.

Our Year 12 graduates from the 2023 school year did exceptionally well. All students attained a QCE – Qld Certificate of Education and many have been accepted into various University courses including Engineering, Nursing, Business and Dentistry.

Our goals this year are to continue these educational attainment standards, to continue work on literacy and numeracy skills in the younger years, to consolidate our Integrated Projects and to finish G Block. The building project will give us 8 new classrooms next to our undercover basketball court.

Already this week we have distributed laptops, timetables, and lockers. Senior students have done a leadership workshop. Upper Primary will soon start swimming lessons. Year 11 and 12 students will soon attend an outdoor education style camp west of Brisbane.

Welcome to our new staff:

- Mr Serhat Filiz – Pastoral Care Co-ord & Secondary Maths/Sci
- Mr Teguh Nguyen – Secondary Maths & Sci
- Ms Tahira Hussein – Secondary Hass & Eng
- Mr Richard Maze – Secondary Hass/Eng/MH
- Ms Natalie Horrobin – Dep. Head of Sec & Eng teacher
- Ms Molly Matautia – Year 3
- Ms Balqis El Hanandeh – Year 4
- Ms Fatima Sabdia – Year 1
- Ms Marina Parfitt – Lower Prim TA
- Ms Seyma Dikci – Sec & Prim TA / LS / EALD / Library

I am looking forward to seeing many parents at our upcoming College events this term.

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

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| Annual upfront | ✓ Termly | |
| Monthly | ✓ Fortnightly | ✓ Weekly |

Choose your preferred payment method

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| Direct debit from your account | ✓ Credit card | ✓ BPay |
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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 Parents,

I trust this message finds you well and filled with the excitement of a new school year. As we commence Term 1, I am delighted to share some positive updates and insights into the fantastic start our students have had.

1. A Strong Start:

Our students have truly impressed us with their enthusiasm and commitment in these initial weeks of the academic year. Their positive energy and eagerness to engage in learning activities are a testament to the vibrant community we have at Wisdom College.

2. Dedicated Teaching Team:

I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our exceptional teaching team. They have gone above and beyond to support our students in transitioning smoothly into the new year. Their dedication to providing a nurturing and stimulating learning environment has played a crucial role in the positive atmosphere on campus.

3. Welcoming New Families:

A special welcome to all the new families who have joined the Wisdom College community this year. We are thrilled to have your children with us and are committed to ensuring a seamless integration into our school community. Your presence adds to the richness and diversity of our school, and we look forward to building lasting connections with each of you.

4. Open Lines of Communication:

I encourage open communication between parents, teachers, and the school. Should you have any questions, concerns, or simply want to discuss your child's progress, please feel free to reach out to us. We value the partnership we have with parents in nurturing the academic and personal development of our students.

5. Upcoming Events and Activities:

Stay tuned for information about exciting events and activities planned for this term. We believe in providing a well-rounded educational experience that extends beyond the classroom, and we look forward to your active participation and support.

6. Parent-Teacher Meetings:

In the coming weeks, we will be organizing parent-teacher meetings to discuss your child's progress and address any queries you may have. These meetings are valuable opportunities to strengthen the partnership between home and school in supporting your child's educational journey.

As we navigate through the academic year, I am confident that together, we will create a positive and enriching environment for our students. Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. We look forward to a year filled with growth, achievements, and memorable experiences.

Wishing you and your family a successful and joyous school year!



ACTING HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS. RADHA DEVI

Hello Primary Parents and Guardians

A warm welcome back to the new school year! It's been lovely to see all the happy faces on the playground again. The students are adjusting well to the school surroundings and are getting use to the daily routines and expectations in their classrooms.

Coming back to school can be daunting for some students. Here are a few key tips to help your child settle back at Wisdom College.

1. Establish Consistent Routine:
 - Set a daily schedule for waking up, meals, homework, and bedtime to provide stability and a sense of security.
2. Encourage Open Communication:
 - Have honest discussions about school experiences to address any concerns or anxieties.
3. Prepare Ahead
 - Organise school items and lay out clothes the night before to ease morning pressure and reduce stress.
4. Build Positive Connections:
 - Support your child in forming positive relationships with classmates and teachers through involvement in school events.
5. Promote Positive Learning Attitude:
 - Emphasize the enjoyable aspects of learning, celebrate achievements, and reinforce the value of effort and persistence. Stay engaged with what's happening at Wisdom College via the school app.



UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 2

Tuesday Parent Information Night at 4.30pm

Thursday Year 4-6 Swimming Lessons

WEEK 3

Thursday Year 4-6 Swimming Lessons

WEEK 4

Thursday Year 4-6 Swimming Lessons

WEEK 5

Wednesday NAPLAN PRACTICE session (Year 3 and 5)

Thursday Week 4-6 Swimming Lessons

Friday Swimming Carnival (Year 4-12)

WEEK 8

Wednesday and Thursday NAPLAN Tests (Year 3 and 5)

Friday Catchup NAPLAN Tests (Year 3 and 5)

Friday Parent Teacher Interview afternoon (1pm-3.30pm)

WEEK 9

Monday Catchup NAPLAN Tests (Year 3 and 5)

Friday Parent Teacher Interview afternoon (1pm-3.30pm)

WEEK 10

Thursday Last Day of Term 1 Free Dress Day

Friday Good Friday public holiday

Please remember to pack your students hats and water bottles, in this heat it is vital that all students are keeping hydrated and staying sun safe.

I'd also like to say a very big congratulations to our student leaders in Primary school.

Primary Captains: Rukaya Kabodan and Mohammad Safari

House Captains:

Azwar house: Mariam Gutta and Oliya Rezayee

Farabi house: Warisha Hayat and Nurudeen Baqi

Sina house: Husna Surtie and Aseel Khodder

Khaldun house: Amila Noor and Riley Islam

Your involvement and support are crucial to ensuring a successful and enriching school year for our students. If you have any inquiries or concerns, kindly reach out to your student's classroom teacher via email. They will endeavor to reply within 24 hours. For emergencies, please contact the school office. Should you need to contact me about anything, feel free to send me an email AT r.devi@wisdom.qld.edu.au.

HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

MRS. AYSE DOGAN

Dear Wisdom Families,

Welcome back to a new academic school year! It's truly wonderful to witness the enthusiastic return of all our students to the classroom. We've had a fantastic start to the term, with students eagerly immersing themselves in their units of work across all subjects. This week marked the commencement of our Wednesday projects, and it's heartening to see students continuing their projects from the previous term. These endeavors will culminate in a showcase of their achievements during the first week of next term.

Our senior students have embarked on what I would describe as the most challenging yet exciting journey of their school lives. As a senior teacher, it brings me immense joy to witness these students shaping their futures by exploring their unique pathways. I am thrilled to share the outstanding outcomes of our Year 12 class of 2023. All 12 students have successfully received their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), and those who applied for university have secured offers. We have aspiring engineers, business professionals, criminologists, and nurses among our graduates, pursuing their dreams at various universities in Brisbane. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and eagerly anticipate hearing about their continued success in the future.

This new year brings positive changes to our teaching and learning methods. We are excited to introduce two new online literacy and numeracy platforms – Writers Toolbox and Math Pathways. These tools have gained recognition across Australia and internationally as some of the best learning resources. We are eager to witness the positive impact these platforms will have on our students' outcomes.

Looking ahead, our Year 3, 5, 7, and 9 students will be undertaking their NAPLAN tests in weeks 8 and 9 of this term. As the dates approach, we will provide you with more information to ensure a smooth and successful testing experience for our students.

We are enthusiastic about the great year ahead and hope to see you at various school events soon. Thank you for your ongoing support in creating an enriching learning environment for our students.



HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS. CANAN COSKUN

Dear Wisdom Family

A warm welcome to you all! I hope you have all had a safe and rested break with your families and settling in smoothly into the new term.

It was truly wonderful seeing all the smiling and eager faces this week and welcoming both new and old families back to the College. Seeing the Wisdom Community reuniting is always one of my happiest times of the year. I always feel overwhelmingly excited and nervous for the beginning of a school year as we embark on what is always a truly magical yet fast paced and event filled year!

This year we have planned for some wonderful co-curricular opportunities for our students. From sports and arts programs to service learning and student leadership activities we ensure that all students from Prep to Year 12 are exposed to positive experiences through our co-curricular programs.

One of my roles at the College is to work with the Parents and Friends Committee (P&F) and I really encourage you to consider joining. Your contribution to our P&F is highly appreciated and we need your support in running many of the events and fundraisers which take place during the year. If you think this is something you can contribute to please get in touch with me.

I look forward to working with the wonderful Wisdom Community and excited about the possibilities of the new year.

Wishing everyone a blessed and successful 2024.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

MR. SULEYMAN KAYA



Dear Wisdom Community,

We have successfully organised several community events thanks to your support in 2023, your appearance and contributions are highly appreciated. We're thrilled to begin this new academic year with a strong focus on community engagement! Building connections and fostering a sense of belonging is integral to the vibrant spirit of Wisdom. Please have a look at the exciting events lined up in January and February. We have organised breakfasts for the parents of Year 7, Prep and Lower Primary to welcome, meet and greet our new and existing parents. We also have Family Trivia fun night where we have an online Kahoot competition.

We believe that strong connections between school and home contribute significantly to a positive educational experience. We look forward to seeing you at these events, creating lasting memories, and strengthening the bonds that make our school community so special.

We will also begin our Parent Home Visits in this Term, courtesy visits from our friendly staff to collaborate with our parents on how to increase academic achievements of our students.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please reach out to me; s.kaya@wisdom.qld.edu.au or 0434669449.

New Wisdom Parents, please join our Whats App Community!

We use this online platform to improve communication with our parents and form parents' groups within the same platform.

Wisdom College Whats App Community is an announcement group and there are 4 sub-Whats App groups that our parents can join by visiting the links:

WISDOM COLLEGE WHATSAPP COMMUNITY

(This is an announcement group which you can join to receive updates about our community events)
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LiXppCPxjSSG7SHtdpQQcB>

WISDOM SPORTS

(Weekly and fortnightly cycling, hiking, soccer, and volleyball)
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Iwe5ZMSLfpZAqUrGaBB2Wx>

WISDOM WELLBEING

(Parent support on all issues and challenges regarding parenting)
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GklqTXjCB9CG1SL9oX10Zo>

LADIES LEARNER ENGLISH CLASSES

(Learn English from the basics and improve your communication skills)
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BGJNDU3wLNY1EyWakv0VeR>

WISDOM VOLUNTEERS

(Be a volunteer for homeless runs, school events, fundraising etc.)
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/G5HDY8ArwPKBdGytLfzAHZ>

Upcoming Events

29 Jan	Year 7 Parents Breakfast
Mon	8:45am
08 Feb	Prep Parents Breakfast
Thu	8:45am
22 Feb	Lower Primary Parents Breakfast
Thu	8:45am
27 Feb	Family Trivia Night
Thu	7:00pm

Wisdom College Community Engagement

PASTORAL CARE COORDINATOR

MR. SERHAT FELIZ



Dear Wisdom College Community,

We are very excited to be welcoming this new academic year with the Wisdom Family.

I am Serhat Filiz, new Pastoral Care Department Coordinator, also the new Science teacher. My family and I just moved from Melbourne to join the Wisdom family. We are very happy to be a part of this wonderful College and looking forward to connect with our students and community through new Pastoral Care programs.

As we embark on a new academic year, Pastoral Care Department is dedicated to fostering an environment that promotes and develops social, spiritual, and emotional well-being of our students at Wisdom College.

OUR FOCUS AREAS:

1. **Comprehensive Growth:** Our team of Pastoral Care & Wellbeing members collaborates to support students as they grow socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually throughout their time at Wisdom College.
2. **Collaboration and Support:** Working hand in hand with subject teachers, year-level coordinators, and student families, we strive to create a strong support network that encourages a holistic approach to education.
3. **Assigned Support:** Year 5 to year 12 level is assigned a dedicated Pastoral Care Teacher, ensuring that personalised care is provided to every student. Additionally, mentors may also be assigned to further enhance the support system.

OUR AIM:

- Raise socially responsible citizens with universal moral values.
- Help students become active members of society, contributing positively to their communities.
- Cater to the physical, mental, and spiritual needs and growth of our students.

WHAT IS ON OUR CALENDAR FOR TERM 1?

- Every Wednesday we have after school Pastoral Care classes.
- *Pastoral Care Camps during the term.
- A reading competition in Term 2, stay tuned for more details.
- We will run a Soccer Tournament in March, your Pastoral Care teacher will update you on the details.
- *In Ramadan, we will have an exclusive Pastoral Care Student Iftar dinner and a Father and Son Iftar dinner.

The Pastoral Care & Wellbeing Department is committed to creating a nurturing environment where every student can flourish academically, emotionally, and socially. We look forward to working together with students, parents, and the broader community to ensure the well-being of our Wisdom College family.



2024 CALENDAR

TERM 1 DATES

JANUARY

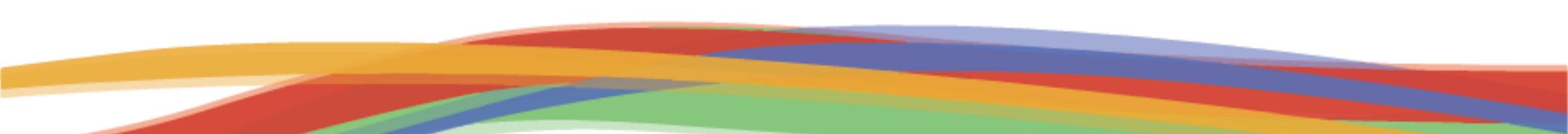
Friday 26th Australia Day Public Holiday
Monday 29th Year 7 Parent Breakfast
Tuesday 30th Primary Parent Information Night

FEBRUARY

Thursday 1st Upper Primary Swimming Begins
Friday 2nd Leadership Induction Assembly
Tuesday 6th Secondary Parent Information Night
Monday 12th-14th Year 11/12 Camp
Friday 23rd Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 28th-Friday 1st Year 7/8 Camp

MARCH

Thursday 7th International Women's Day
Wednesday 13th and 14th NAPLAN
Thursday 21st Harmony Day
Saturday 23rd Community Iftar
Friday 28th Last Day Term 1





Wisdom College Swimming Carnival

YEAR LEVELS: YEAR 4 TO YEAR 12

DATE: FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

TIME: 8.45AM TO 3.00PM

VENUE: PARKINSON AQUATIC CENTRE

- Drop off and Pick up from the Aquatic Centre
- Remember to pack lunch, snacks and a water bottle
- Wear College sports uniform and swimming gear
- Don't forget towels, caps and goggles
- Parents are encouraged to come and support the students!



YEAR 11/12 CAMP KOKODA PARK

Duration: 2 Nights 3 Days

Aims and Objectives: As a final camp for our Year 12 and a transition into their final year of school for the Year 11 students there is a strong focus on self-awareness and goal setting. Cohort bonding, team building and leadership are also embedded into the aims and objectives of this camp.

Activities: Archery, Climbing tower, Crate stack, Low ropes, Camp fire reflection, Giant swing

Curriculum Links: Health and Physical Education. General Capabilities; Personal and Social Capability, Ethical Behaviour, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander History and Cultures.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW WISDOM COLLEGE HOUSES

FARABI HOUSE (RED)

F

Named in honour of Abu Nasr Muhammad al Farabi.

Lived 870 -950 AD
Comes from the region now known as Syria.

Known for his contribution to philosophy, music, and astronomy.



SINA HOUSE (BLUE)

S

Named in honour of Avicenna Ibn Sina.

Lived 980 – 1037 AD
Comes from the region now known as Iran.

Known for his contribution to medicine, mathematics, and poetry.



AZWAR HOUSE (YELLOW)

A

Named in honour of Kwawla bint al-Azwar.

Lived 590 – 639 AD
Comes from the region now known as Saudi Arabia.

Known for being the most courageous and fierce female warrior.



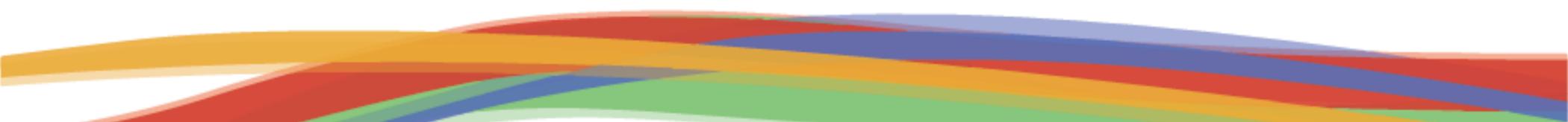
KHALDUN HOUSE (GREEN)

K

Named in honour of Abu Zayd Ibn Khaldun.

Lived 1332 – 1406 AD
Comes from the region now known as Tunisia.

Known for his contribution to sociology, economics, and history.



UPDATES AND INFORMATION



WISDOM COLLEGE PREP - YEAR 12

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ENROLMENTS@WISDOM.QLD.EDU.AU
HTTPS://WWW.WISDOM.QLD.EDU.AU/
PRINCIPAL - DR DAMIEN BARRY

ISLAMIC INSPIRED

INDEPENDENT

MULTI-CULTURAL

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



FRIDAY EARLY FINISH 12:40PM ALL STUDENTS



LITERACY AND NUMERACY LESSONS & TARGETED INTERVENTIONS

WEDNESDAY LESSONS 1 & 2 YEARS 7, 8 & 9



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



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US TODAY

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-columvale

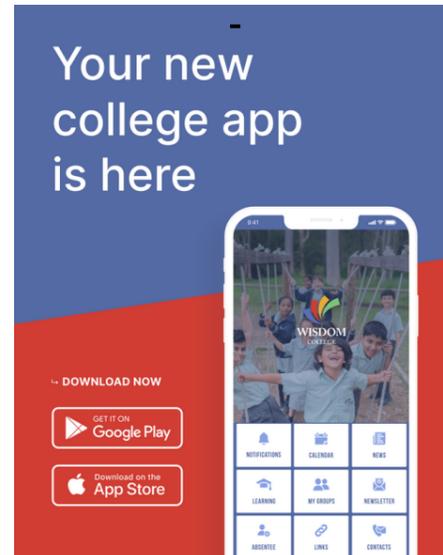
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 218 Ipswich Road
 Oxley
 Phone: 3725 2500
 Monday to Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm
 Saturday 9:00am - 3:00pm

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-accounts. To learn more scan the QR code below and watch our explainer video.



SCHOOLBOX APP -



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

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)

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- 1 Follow the link emailed to you or click on the booklist tab at 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

To learn more about booklist ordering visit: www.sequelbooks.com/booklist-ordering-help/ OR call us on 07 3177 3331 OR email cs@sequelbooks.com
 Retail Shop - 115 Muriel Ave, Moorooka

