

WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

Wisdom College first opened its doors in 2012 with less than 100 students and about 8 staff in total and it was a Primary School only. Many years before the actual opening, the vision for the College was established by the local Turkish Muslim community. Today we have 450 students and 45 staff spread across both Primary and Secondary grades. Wisdom College has sister schools across both Australia and the rest of the world and all of them are founded upon the philosophy of Hizmet.

Hizmet is a non-religious social and civic movement whose goals are to promote understanding, peace, co-existence, and service to others. Founded by Fethullah Gulen in Turkey in the mid 1960's it does have core Islamic values at its foundation.

We are proud of our heritage, our Hizmet history, and of the vision of our founders. Its one of the reasons why we have recently changed the names of our 4 Houses to align more with our Islamic history.

Each of our Houses are named after prominent Islamic scholars, historians, or female warriors:

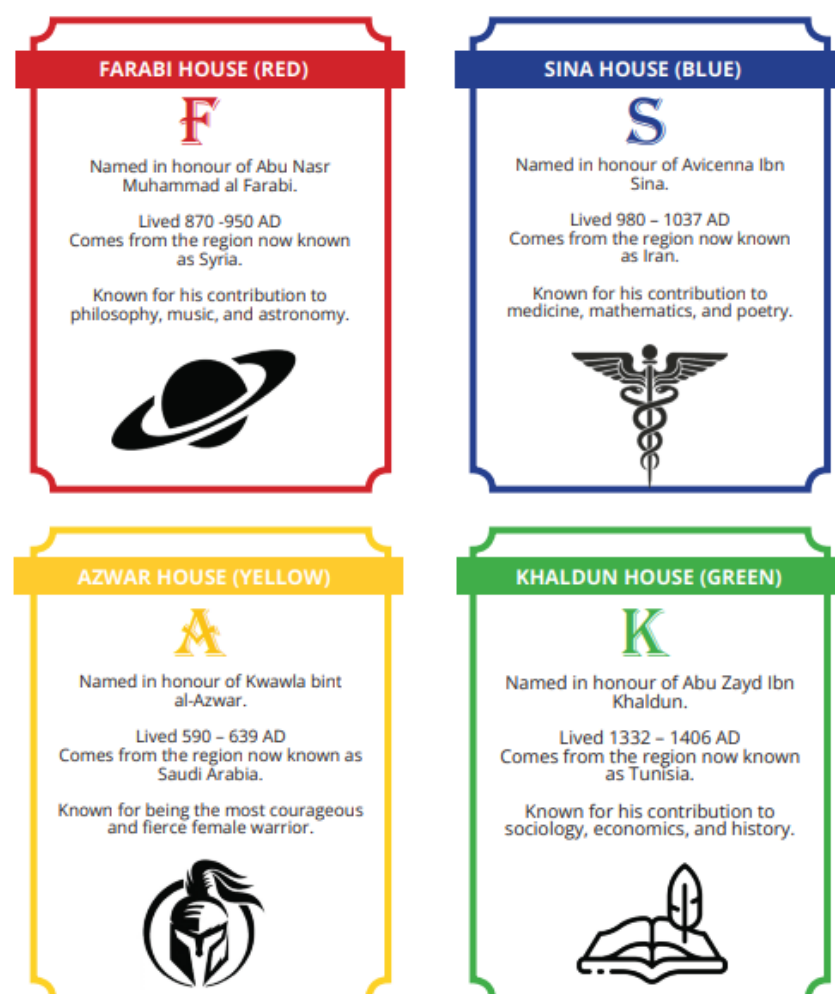
- FARABI – **RED** – IN HONOUR OF MUHAMMAD AL FARABI – ASTRONOMER AND PHILOSOPHER
- AZWAR – **YELLOW** – IN HONOUR OF KWALA AL AZWAR – A FIERCE FEMALE WARRIOR
- SINA – **BLUE** – IN HONOUR OF AVICENNA SINA – MEDICINE AND MATH
- KHALDUN – **GREEN** – IN HONOUR OF ZAYD KHALDUN – ECONOMICS AND HISTORIAN

Its also one of the reasons why we have a service learning program. Every Friday night we have some of our students provide meals to people who are homeless or who live in poverty. We support the team from a volunteer charity named Merciful Servants.

Finally, I'd like to give a shout out to our pastoral care program and team. Our programs commenced for the 2024 school year last week with fantastic attendance. Our new Pastoral Care co-ordinator Mr Serhat Feliz has already done a tremendous job in building this program. I am excited to see these programs grow through this year.

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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 Parents and Students,

I hope this message finds you well.

I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone about a few important matters to ensure our school runs smoothly and everyone can make the most of their learning experience.

Firstly, Uniform Standards. It's important that all students wear the correct uniform in its entirety. We've noticed some discrepancies, particularly with socks and jewelry. Please remember to wear grey socks with the formal uniform and white socks with PE uniform. Additionally, girls, please limit jewelry to one set of earrings (one in each ear) and a watch. Boys can wear a watch but no earrings or other jewelry. Also, remember to wear formal shoes with formal uniform (not black sneakers). If your child has any medical conditions that may affect their uniform, please inform the college.

Next, our mobile phone policy is in place to minimize distractions and ensure a focused learning environment. Students are not permitted to use their phones at school except for emergency purposes. If they need to use their phone in an emergency, they can do so at their locker during break times only. Otherwise, they should ask a teacher to use one of the school-provided phones.

Lastly, being prepared for class is crucial for academic success. Please remind your child to charge their laptops every night for the next day and to bring writing materials and laptops to every lesson. Some subjects may also require textbooks, so please ensure your child is prepared.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. By working together, we can create a positive and productive learning environment for all our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!



Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Student Use of Mobile Phones Policy

Background and Purpose

Mobile phones are a feature of society, and are in widespread use, allowing convenient communication and connectedness. We acknowledge that this form of communication is important but want to also ensure that good educational practice is not compromised.

At Wisdom College, we expect students to display the values of Respect, Integrity, Compassion and Excellence in all they do. We value interpersonal skills and recognise that at times mobile devices can get in the way of allowing students to develop to the degree that promotes quality person to person communication.

Scope

This policy applies to all Wisdom College students.

Policy Statement

This policy will provide students and staff with guidelines for the use of mobile devices at our college.

Procedures

1. Students are permitted to carry a mobile phone to school.
2. Upon arrival on campus and whilst at school, students are to securely place mobile phones in their designated locker.
3. Wisdom College takes no responsibility for the loss of a mobile phone while the phone is at school. School resources will not be allocated to finding missing phones that are lost or allegedly stolen.
4. Students are allowed to access their mobile phones at their locker during morning break and afternoon break. At these times mobile phones are **only to be used in the case of emergencies** (for example, for contacting parents to advise that after school commitments have changed). To ensure punctuality and safety, students are not permitted to access their devices between lessons and when there is no scheduled break.
5. Mobile devices are not to be used for texting, social purposes, social media, internet access or photos and videos during school time by students.
6. Inappropriate use of a mobile phone during the school day will result in confiscation of the phone. The confiscated phone will be labelled with the student's name and handed to Main Administration at the first opportunity. It can be collected at the end of the school day there.
7. Wisdom College takes seriously its responsibility to protect students and staff members from inappropriate or malicious on-line references. Significant or repeated misuse (three times within a given term) of a mobile phone by a student will be treated seriously and result in a parent meeting discussing this policy and setting goals to rectify behaviour.

In any matter where the college believes there may be material which is of a bullying, sexual, racial or in violent nature, or where students or the school is brought into disrepute, the College reserves the right to permit specified staff to inspect the device.



Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Being a Wisdom College Student

This term we are raising the bar in our standards and expectations with our Secondary Student Body. The key learning areas we are looking to instil are:

Uniform

The Big 6 is what we are focussed on getting right:

1. Shirts tucked in.
2. Wearing a belt with formal uniform.
3. If you are wearing a tie, wear it correctly – Top button done up, tie to the collar.
4. Formal shoes (black lace up leather **'FORMAL'** school shoes, not casual shoes)



5. Piercings – girls have one set of sleepers or studs in their ears. Nothing in nose or any other facial feature. Boys have no piercings.
6. Hair tied back neatly, off the face, off the shoulder.

ACTING HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS. RADHA DEVI

Dear Parents

We hope this newsletter finds you well, as we reflect on the past few weeks of what has been an exciting but scorching start to the term. With the summer heat embracing us, it's been wonderful to see our students engage so enthusiastically in their learning and outdoor activities.

Uniform Matters:

We'd like to take a moment to remind parents about the importance of ensuring your child wears the correct school uniform. Uniforms not only foster a sense of belonging and pride in our school community but also create an equal and inclusive environment for all students. Your cooperation in adhering to our uniform policy is greatly appreciated. We have been told that School Locker is stocked up again. If for some reason you are unable to source the correct uniform, please let your child's classroom teacher know.

Sun Safety and Hats:

As the temperatures rise, it's crucial that our students are protected from the harsh sun rays. We kindly request that all students come to school with a suitable hat to wear during outdoor play and physical education classes. For the safety of your child, please note that students without hats will be unable to participate in outdoor activities or PE sessions until they have one. Let's work together to ensure the well-being of our children under the sun.

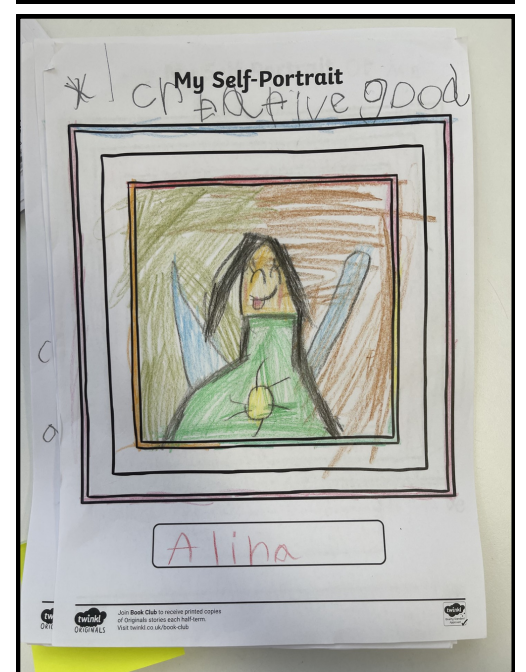
Thank You for Your Support In Our Carpark:

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parents for your continued cooperation and patience, especially in the carpark during drop-off and pick-up times. Your adherence to the carpark rules ensures the safety of all our students and staff. Let's continue to prioritize safety and respect in the carpark area to maintain a smooth and secure environment for everyone.

Exciting Weeks Ahead:

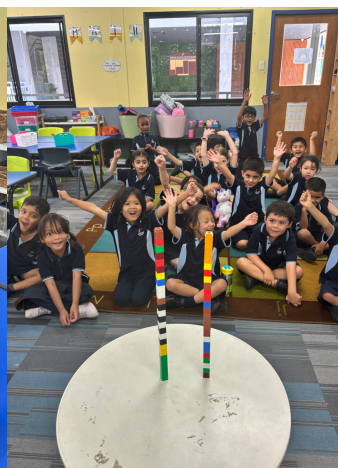
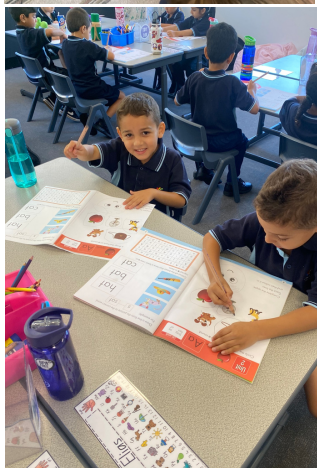
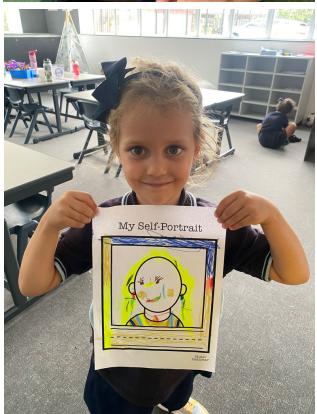
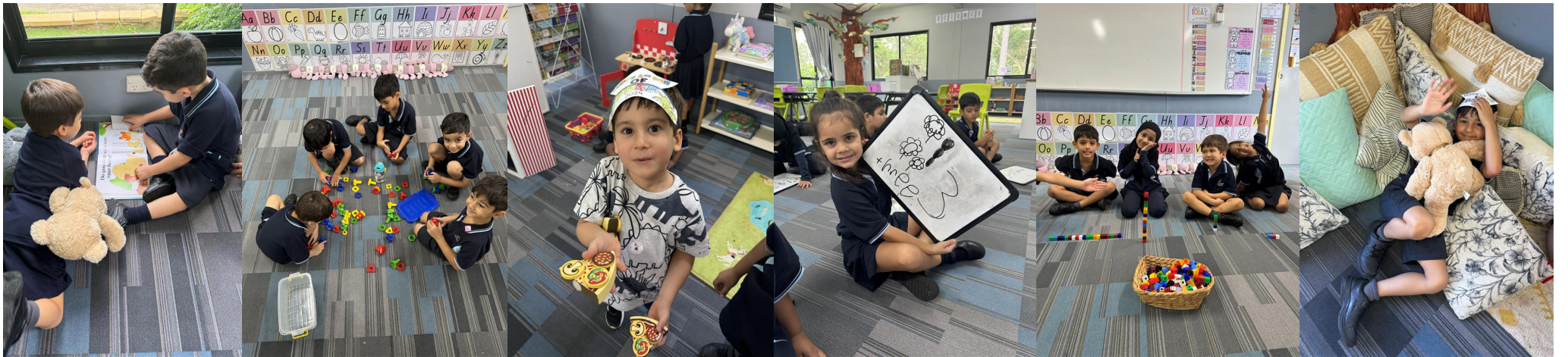
Looking forward, we have a series of exciting events lined up in the upcoming weeks. From our highly anticipated Swimming Carnival to the NAPLAN assessments and Parent-Teacher Interviews, there's plenty to look forward to and engage with in the near future. We encourage parents to stay tuned for further details and to actively participate in these enriching experiences alongside your child.

Thank you for your ongoing support, collaboration, and commitment to your child's education and well-being. Together, we make a difference in shaping their future..



FROM THE PREP CLASSROOM

MRS LORD, MISS GIFFORD, MISS MOORE



Our lovely Prep students have had a wonderful start to their schooling journey.

We are so proud of how well they are settling in to life at Wisdom. We have enjoyed seeing friendships blossom, students becoming increasingly independent with their routines and our youngest learners diving into engaging activities which align with the Foundation curriculum.

We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to sharing fantastic growth, learning and fun with you.

JUNIOR SCHOLARS

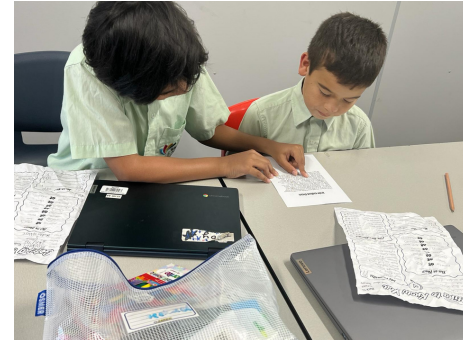
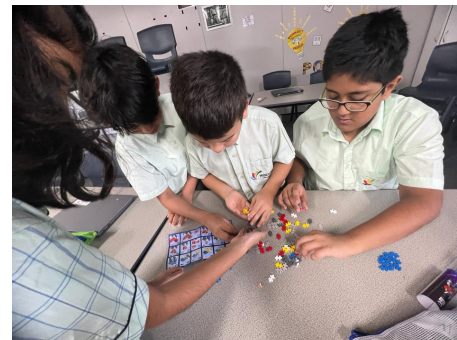
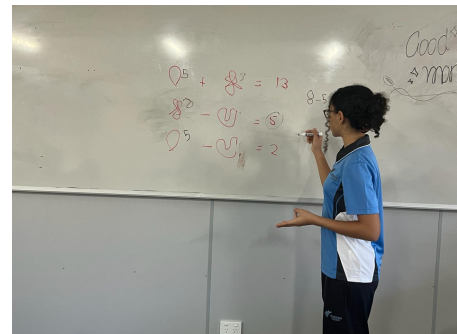
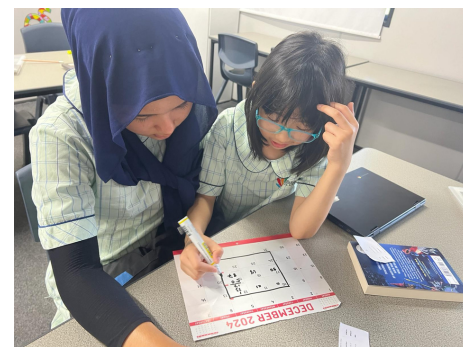
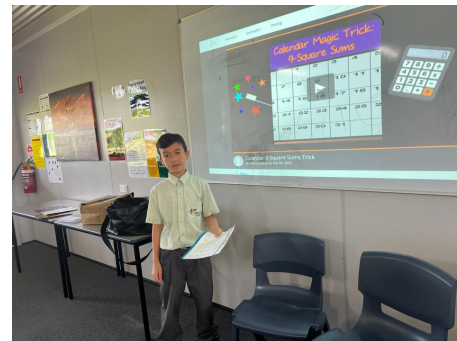
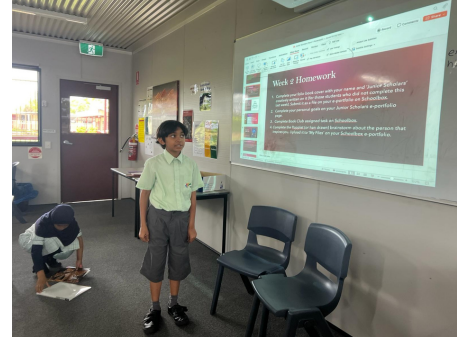
MRS. NASREEN ABDULLAH

Junior Scholars, the Wisdom College Gifted and Talented Program, is promising to be a journey of intellectual growth and exploration for those students enrolled therein. The program is designed to provide a challenging and stimulating environment that caters to the specific needs of gifted learners, fostering their curiosity, creativity, innovation, critical thinking skills and excellence.

Over the course of this year, students will engage in a variety of enriching activities, collaborative projects, competitions and opportunities for individualised learning. Already in its third week, students are withdrawn from their core classes for two lessons during which they have engaged in a weekly challenge activity aimed at building their skills, deep reflective discussions in the Junior Scholars Book Club, and working on their Inquiry Project based on the concept of 'failures and frustration'. This project will culminate in a Living Wax Museum exhibit during the Wisdom college Learning Showcase in early Term 2.

The program also serves as a vital platform for nurturing the exceptional abilities and potential of these students. By providing this specialized curriculum, enrichment opportunities, and support, it equips them with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to excel academically and beyond.

Looking forward to a rewarding and successful year ahead.



HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS. CANAN COSKUN

Dear Wisdom Family,

As we conclude week three, I can't help but reflect on how much we manage to fit into the school week!

From welcome breakfasts to AFL programs, the launch of our Service Learning and our Clubs and Activities schedule we have had a colourful, vibrant and exciting first few weeks which reflect the importance we place on Community, Diversity and Excellence at Wisdom College.

Our Co-curricular programs are refined and developed every year to ensure we are offering Wisdom Students the best opportunities to find their spark, engage with what excites them and to grow and learn outside of the classroom. The College grounds are buzzing after school with students choosing from the vast range of activities including science club, Madrasa, Chess club, Homework club and many more.

Next week our U16 Futsal boys and girls teams will kick off the season with a home game against Shailer Park State School. Our Futsal teams have made us proud over the last two years with their achievements and we wish our players the best of luck in next week's game.

Last week our Senior girls attended our first Homeless Run for the year. As always we came back to school feeling inspired to engage in more acts of kindness and a greater appreciation for the blessings we have been given. We served well over 100 people on a hot and humid night in Emma Miller Place located in the heart of the city. This week we are out there again with some of our very enthusiastic Year 6 students!

At Wisdom we are always looking to collaborate with our parents in achieving great things for the College and ultimately for our students. For this we have a P&F (Parents and Friends Committee) who met this week and elected our new President, Bushra Beg. We are very grateful for Bushra stepping into this role and already have some exciting projects such as the Friday Breakfast Club starting next week. If you would like to contribute to any of our initiatives and support the P&F please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

I look forward to the weeks ahead and the opportunities each week brings for new connections, learning, growth and achievement for our Students, Community and Wisdom.



2024 CALENDAR

TERM 1 DATES

FEBRUARY

Monday 12th-14th Year 11/12 Camp

Friday 23rd Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 28th-Friday 1st Year 7/8 Camp

MARCH

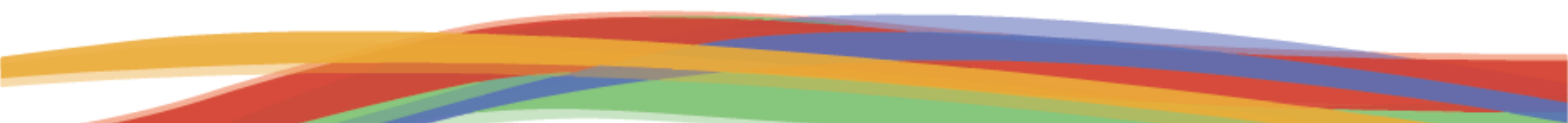
Thursday 7th International Women's Day

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.



UPDATES AND INFORMATION



WISDOM COLLEGE PREP - YEAR 12

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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

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UNIFORM SHOP

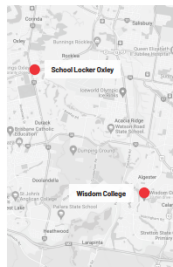


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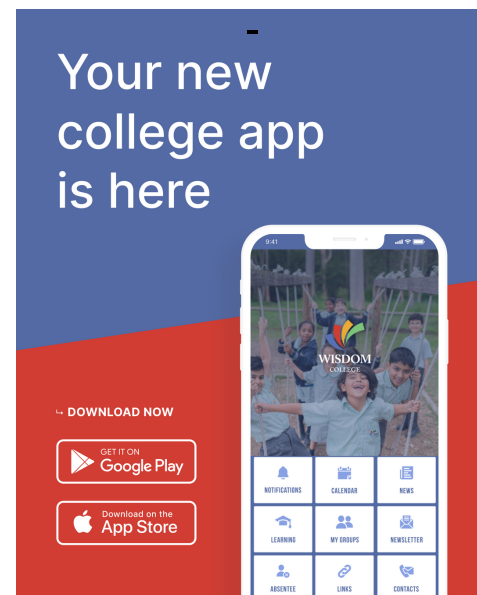
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LUNCH ORDER SYSTEM



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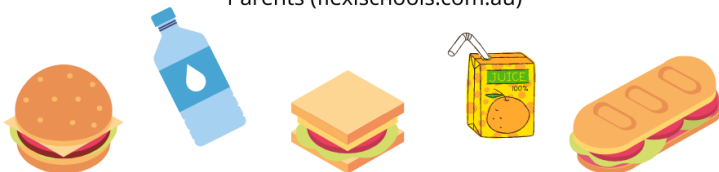
Wisdom College is excited to announce that our new lunch order system is ready to go!

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.

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