

WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY



Dear parents, welcome to the 2025 school year at Wisdom College.

We have already commenced another busy year ahead with a raft of learning activities, events, camps, and excursions. I'd like to thank and acknowledge those staff who worked over the holiday break to ensure that we had facilities, equipment, and furniture ready to go for when students returned.

We installed 9 new classrooms, 2 new science labs, and new secondary student toilets. We also purchased new student laptops, lockers and a raft of new desks and chairs.

Our enrolments are approaching the 500 mark which is a significant milestone for our College. This growth brings with it some challenges as we have more student movement, cars at pick up and drop off points and issues to navigate. We value parent input around these as well as positive partnerships.

We also welcomed some new staff to our College this year. Most of these people are teachers who we have employed due to our growth. They bring a wealth of experience to our College and enrich it even further.

Our co-curricular activities also kicked off this week with a bunch of sports and service-learning initiatives. I encourage students to get involved in these when and where they can. We will continue to expand our offerings as we grow.

I hope to see parents and members of our broader community at various events as the year unfolds.

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ACTING HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS. RADHA DEVI

Welcome Back to School!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting school year! We hope you had a restful holiday and are ready for the year ahead. Here are some important reminders and updates:

- **Thank You to Our Teachers:** A big thank you to all of our teachers for their dedication and hard work, preparing for the school year ahead. Many teachers returned the week before school, with some starting even earlier.
- **New Staff Members:** We're thrilled to welcome two new teachers into our Primary school:
 - Rebecca Higgins – covering Mia Dioluin in 5B.
 - Tiani Vitharana – replacing Kathryn Anderson as our The Arts teacher.
- **Establishing Good Routines:** We encourage families to maintain strong routines, especially around device use, sleep times, and preparing for school the night before.
- **Behaviour Expectations:** We value positive behaviour. Parents will receive a TASS notification via email if any undesirable behaviour incidents occur.
 - Lower Primary (Prep to Year 2) students will have a classroom chart for positive behaviour recognition.
 - Upper Primary (Years 3-6) students will receive positive recognition on MyWisdom.
 - Bronze, Silver and Gold badges will be awarded throughout the year. These badges reset each year.



- **Uniform Expectations:** Students should be in formal uniform every day, except for their designated PE day.
- **Hats & Water Bottles:** With the warm weather, please ensure your child brings a hat and a water bottle to school each day.
- **Learning in Full Swing:** We are diving straight into the curriculum and excited to get started! It's important that your child arrives promptly to school and be ready to enter the classroom at 8.30am.
- **Second Steps Lessons:** These lessons continue, focusing on social-emotional awareness, problem-solving (STEPS), and calming strategies to help students regulate emotions.

Looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

News from our Primary College Captain: Janaa Mutawe

Welcome back to Wisdom in 2025! The Wisdom Community is extremely glad to be back. There are some upcoming events that everyone is looking forward to! There are also many co-curricular activities as well.

Rukia in Grade 6 said "I'm very happy that we have a futsal team!"

The upcoming swimming carnival has many excited, including teachers! "I'm delighted to watch the swimming carnival in week 5!" exclaimed Mrs. El Hanandeh.

Being back to school itself is exciting, Zaina in grade 1 mentioned "I'm excited to play with my friends and do skipping and soccer!"

Brace yourselves for some school fun!



HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

MRS AYSE DOGAN

Welcome Back to a New Year of Learning and Growth!
As we begin another exciting school year at Wisdom College, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our students and families. We are thrilled to continue working with our amazing and dedicated staff to enhance student outcomes and support each child’s growth. 2025 promises to be a year filled with opportunities, learning, and achievements, and we are excited to embark on this journey together.

CELEBRATING YEAR 12 SUCCESS

We are incredibly proud to share the outstanding achievements of our Year 12 graduates from 2024. Every student successfully obtained their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and achieved above-standard grades across all their subjects. We are especially delighted that all students have gained entry into university, with the majority enrolling at Queensland University of Technology (QUT). They will be pursuing diverse and prestigious degrees, including Bachelor of Law, Business, Architectural Design, and Engineering and Construction Management. Additionally, we have a student undertaking a Bachelor of Biomedical Science. Their dedication and hard work have truly paid off, and we wish them the very best as they embark on this next chapter of their academic journey.

REFLECTING ON OUR PROGRESS: NAPLAN RESULTS

As we look back on the past year, we take great pride in the remarkable progress we have made as a College. Our latest NAPLAN results highlight significant improvements across literacy and numeracy, with our College performing at national standards across all year levels. This is a tremendous achievement and a testament to the collective efforts of our students, teachers, and support programs.

Our success can be attributed to several key initiatives, including:

- Early intervention programs that provide targeted support for students who need it most.
- Streamed literacy and numeracy classes in Secondary to cater to individual learning needs.
- The integration of various online learning platforms to enhance student engagement and academic growth.

EXCITING NEW PROJECTS IN SECONDARY

This year, our Secondary students are engaging in an innovative and dynamic learning experience through our brand-new Projects. These initiatives allow students to work in teams, explore their areas of interest, and develop critical thinking and creativity. Our Projects include:

- Wonders of Science – Encouraging hands-on scientific inquiry and experimentation.
- Wisdom Lens – A deep dive into movie production, scriptwriting, and filmmaking.
- Voices of Wisdom – Empowering students to become school reporters and media creators.
- Café Connections – A community-focused initiative integrating hospitality and event management.
- Innovators Arena – Fostering entrepreneurial skills and business development.
- Restoring Journeys – A hands-on restoration project where students renovate an old item.

We are excited to see our students bring these projects to life, demonstrating their creativity, innovation, and teamwork throughout the year.

We look forward to another fantastic year at Wisdom College, filled with learning, growth, and success. Thank you for your continued support in making our school a place where every student can thrive.

All Australian Students Comparative
Data 2023-2024

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Compare to		<input type="radio"/> Students with similar background		<input checked="" type="radio"/> All Australian students				
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HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS. CANAN COSKUN

Hello Wisdom Family

Welcome back to a brand-new year and what I always see as new opportunities, connections, success and self-development for our students and staff.

This week we kicked off all our co-curricular programs, clubs and activities, service learning, sports, pastoral care and everything in between. A HUGE thank you to both staff and our volunteer parents such as the Lego club for your service to the Wisdom community. I hope that your child has immersed themselves in at least one of our programs and that they play an active role in the wider service learning platforms at Wisdom.

Co-curricular activities, after-school clubs, and service-learning programs play a crucial role in enhancing student well-being by providing opportunities for personal growth, social connection, and skill development beyond the classroom. Engaging in these activities allows students to explore their interests, build confidence, and develop important life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and time management. Whether it's joining a music ensemble, participating in a debate club, or engaging in community service, these experiences contribute to a well-rounded education, fostering creativity and resilience while reducing stress through enjoyable and meaningful engagement.

Beyond academic success, involvement in these programs also strengthens students' emotional and social well-being. By participating in group activities and service projects, students build friendships, feel a sense of belonging, and develop empathy for others. Service-learning programs, in particular, provide a deeper understanding of social issues, encouraging students to become compassionate and responsible citizens. These enriching experiences not only support mental and emotional health but also equip students with the skills and confidence to navigate future challenges, making them more engaged, motivated, and fulfilled individuals.

This is why I am absolutely passionate about our co-curricular programs at Wisdom and endeavour to ensure we are doing this with excellence and providing the best opportunities possible for our students.

As always my door is open here at Wisdom house and I love connecting with you all to enhance and grow our programs and allow our students to succeed as young learners and future adults.

Take care and good luck with the rest of the year!



WISDOM COLLEGE HARMONY FOOD FESTIVAL

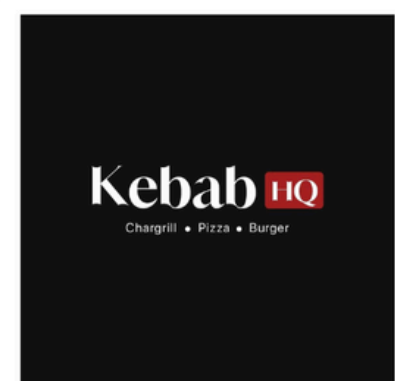


Join us for the Wisdom College Harmony Food Fest on February 22nd at Wisdom College! This fun event promises a great evening filled with delicious food and a lively community vibe. Enjoy tasty dishes from various food trucks. There will also be some wonderful market stalls and a movie under the stars for the kids! Whether you're a food lover wanting to try new flavors or just looking for a fun outing with family and friends, the Food Fest is the perfect spot. We can't wait to see you there!






THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 FETE SPONSORS



UPDATES AND INFORMATION

UNIFORM SHOP





UNIFORM SHOPPING OPTIONS


UNIFORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND IN THE SCHOOL LOCKER OXLEY STORE FROM 10 JULY

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-calmale

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Discover a convenient one-stop-shop for uniforms, school footwear, stationery, technology, musical instruments, sports equipment and more at the School Locker Oxley.
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2718 Ipswich Road
Oxley
Phone 2725 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/advantage. 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

LUNCH ORDER SYSTEM



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)



FEE'S EDSTART



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

☒ Monthly

☒ Termly

☒ Fortnightly

☒ Weekly

Choose your preferred payment method

☒ Direct debit from your account

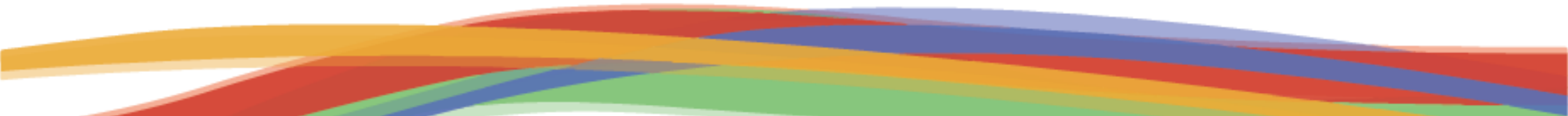
☒ Credit card

☒ BPay

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

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Jaybel Office Choice will be supplying your 2025 booklist packs, Jaybel is a 100% Australian Family Owned & Operated school supplier. We've been working with Jaybel to make sure your child has an easy start to the new year. We've selected the list of items your child needs to start the year and worked with Jaybel so you can order everything you need in one go.

Please ensure that your child has everything listed on this form to start the 2025 school year.

2025 Online Ordering Guide

Ordering is fast, secure and convenient. Simply visit www.jaybel.com.au/booklists and follow these easy steps.

- Enter the School Code: **BTSWC001 (Primary) BTSWC002 (Secondary)** & Password: **WC2025**
- Select your child's year required for 2025 from the menu "Select Year Level"
- Quantities recommended by the school are noted as "Suggested Qty" against each item.
- To make ordering easy, you have the option to order a complete booklist pack or you can customise your order as required.
- After selecting your items, click on "Add Selected Items To Cart".
- Next, enter the Name of the Student this order is for and click "Proceed"
- If you wish to order for another student, use the menu to select the year level and follow the same steps.
- Once you have added all items required, click on the Shopping Cart Icon in the top right corner.
- Review your products in the shopping cart before checking out.
- Click on Continue To Checkout.
- Next select your Delivery Method, then enter your address details, your Name, Email and Phone in the fields provided.
- Click on Continue To Payment.
- Make payment and complete the order.
- Once complete, you will be presented with an order confirmation screen and an email confirmation will be sent.

Important information regarding your Delivery

- Delivery fees: \$9.95 per order inc. GST.
- Once the order has been despatched you will receive an order tracking number via email.
- For assistance with the website, your order, delivery information, or a general enquiry, please email sales@jaybel.com.au or call **07 3423 5888**.

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