

WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

DR. DAMIEN BARRY

Dear parents,

Welcome to our 2026 school year. Another wonderful year at Wisdom College awaits us.

Already we have done so much as we prepared for the year ahead and welcomed students and staff back on campus. Over the holiday break our grounds and facilities staff were busy with a raft of improvements. Two major projects include our soccer field with synthetic turf and our new Café. The soccer field is enclosed with fencing so it can be used for a number of other sports. Our Café will enable us to facilitate many more events, and provide a venue to host parents and staff as they enjoy their morning coffee.

All students by now will have received their laptop, locker, and timetable. On top of that, they will now have access to their subject 'Schoolbox' pages so they can complete their studies, access resources, and submit assessment.

Welcome to those students and parents who are joining us for the first time. I hope that your experience so far has been worthwhile and enjoyable. Welcome also to our new staff – Ms Hancock, Mr Canbolet, Ms Ahmed and Mr Meduselac.



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Whilst teaching and learning will clearly be our core focus at Wisdom this year, we will be implementing a number of new initiatives to help us with these endeavours, to provide a greater level of service to our community, or to deliver improved access to information and news for both our existing and future parents. This includes the following:

A new College website – updated to be more contemporary and to reflect the changing nature of our College.

Teacher Academy – to train our staff, to build our profile with other potential quality educators, to share our knowledge.

Staff growth and development tool – to help all staff to capture data, track performance, orientate new staff and work on professional skills.

Uniform Shop – to provide a more accessible and more responsive service to families.

Updated our pastoral care programs – to develop within our students the traits needed to thrive.

I am excited about the year ahead and look forward to seeing many parents as the weeks and months unfold.

HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS. OLIVIA RUTHERFORD

Welcome to 2026, and welcome back to our wonderful Wisdom community,

As we begin another school year, it has been a joy to see both familiar and new faces coming through our school gates. The past two weeks have been incredibly busy, with teachers and staff preparing engaging learning environments, planning exciting events, creating beautiful outdoor spaces, and welcoming students as they reconnect with friends. The air has been filled with energy and excitement.

This term promises to be a full and vibrant one, with many wonderful events planned, including swimming carnivals, parent information nights, and community iftars. To help ensure everything runs smoothly, I would like to share a few important updates and reminders.

STAFFING UPDATE

Firstly, I am delighted to welcome Mrs. Basma to our Wisdom teaching team in a permanent capacity. Mrs. Basma has already been supporting our school as a relief teacher, and this semester she will be our Year 3B class teacher. We are very fortunate to have her and look forward to the care, expertise, and enthusiasm she brings to her classroom.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2027

Although we have only just begun 2026, we are already planning ahead for Prep enrolments in 2027. Currently, we have 22 Prep families making enquiries, and we encourage our current families to submit enrolments as early as possible. As you know, word about our wonderful Wisdom community continues to grow, and classes are filling quickly.

While we always endeavour to prioritise current families, we cannot guarantee a place unless enrolments are submitted before the end of Term 3.

RAMADAN

Our busy term becomes even more meaningful with Ramadan beginning at the end of Week 3. This important time of spiritual connection is deeply valued at Wisdom and is supported in many ways across the College. Adjustments have been made to ensure there are no physically demanding activities during this period.

We respectfully support students who choose to fast; however, if a student becomes visibly unwell due to dehydration or hunger, we will offer food and water. Should a child refuse and continue to show signs of being unwell, families will be contacted, and the child will need to be collected for monitoring at home.

CAR PARK SAFETY

With our growing school community, our front car park continues to experience increased demand. To keep everyone safe and traffic flowing, we ask all families to please adhere to the following guidelines:

- The lane along the footpath is not a parking space. This is a 2-minute drop-off zone where parents must remain in their vehicles.
- Students will be escorted to your car. If your child is not in the car within two minutes, you are asked to park or complete a loop of the block and return.
- When exiting the car park, all vehicles must turn left. Right turns are not permitted, as this significantly reduces congestion and improves safety.

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

OUR SCHOOLWIDE FOCUS

This month, our schoolwide focus is Wisdom as a welcoming place, where every student feels that they belong. Through morning announcements and assemblies, students will be reminded to welcome others and to act and speak in ways that are safe, respectful, and responsible.

Our school expectations will be explicitly reinforced:

- Show respect for yourself, for others, and for your surroundings
- Include everyone — be compassionate and supportive
- Have integrity
- Aim for excellence in everything you do

We will also begin teaching the WISE Program, which provides students with explicit lessons to support and strengthen these positive behaviours.

We encourage families to support this learning at home by reinforcing these values and modelling respectful and responsible behaviour. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you would like specific strategies to support your child.

THANK YOU

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all families for your continued support and cooperation in ensuring the start of the school year has been calm, positive, and smooth. It truly is a pleasure returning to work each year as part of such a warm and supportive Wisdom community.

HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

MRS. AYSE DOGAN

Welcome back to all our students and families, and a very warm welcome to those who are new to Wisdom College this year. We have had a wonderful start to the 2026 school year, and it has been a pleasure to see our students return with such enthusiasm and positivity.

Over the past two weeks, I have had the opportunity to visit many classrooms across both primary and secondary. Seeing students already engaged in their learning, collaborating with peers, and settling confidently into their routines has been truly encouraging. Our students have been busy completing beginning-of-year diagnostic assessments in literacy and numeracy. These assessments are an important part of our teaching and learning program, as they help teachers understand each student's current level and plan learning experiences that best support their growth.

Students have also begun diving into new content across all subjects and have settled beautifully into the new academic year. It has already been an eventful start to the term, with our Year 12 Modern History students attending an excursion to the Holocaust Museum, and our secondary students participating in the Money Talks incursion during the first week of school. We are also looking forward to several upcoming learning experiences, including the Year 6 excursion to Moreton Bay, the Year 10 Beach Safety excursion, and the Year 3 Habitats Are Home excursion.

Later this term, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in NAPLAN testing. Further information will be shared with families in the coming weeks to help everyone feel prepared and informed.

We have a busy and exciting term ahead. With Ramadan approaching, followed by the celebrations of Eid, we look forward to a term that is not only productive but also spiritually enriching for our community.

Thank you for your continued support as we begin what promises to be another meaningful and successful year of learning at Wisdom College.



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HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS. CANAN COSKUN

Dear Wisdom Family

Welcome to the first edition of our 2026 newsletter! To all new families, we are glad you chose Wisdom and pray that your journey here will be a great one. There was a real buzz of excitement around the college as students arrived with smiling faces and positive attitudes about a brand-new year of learning.

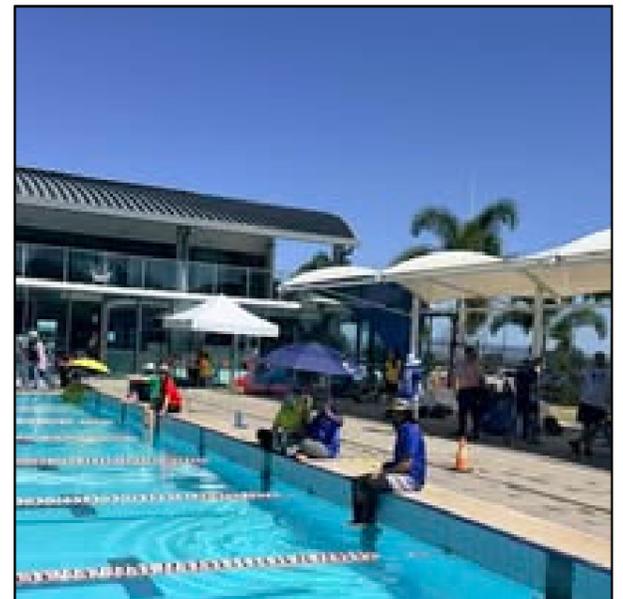
We kicked off our year with one of our major sporting events, the annual swimming carnival! It was a great day of competition and most importantly fun! We look forward to seeing greater participation and involvement each year as swimming is such an important skill to learn, and we want our kids to be confident in this space.

The co-curricular world at Wisdom is a rich learning space which encompasses sports, the arts, wellbeing, service learning, pastoral care and our whole school social emotional development program- WISE. We believe in nurturing the whole child and providing ample opportunities for their growth and development outside regular classroom curriculum.

An exciting sporting project beginning very soon is our Primary Sports Academy. This is a space for our primary students to start building foundational skills in soccer, volleyball, and cricket (term 2). Our sports academy is for grades 3-6 and students will be selected to take part in this wonderful sporting program. Next week there be trials for all our sports teams, so please stay tuned for updates in this space. Mr. Ze Ferreira will be sending through communication and instructions soon.

I always say that the community is at the heart of Wisdom and already we have had wonderful events such as the prep breakfast and the launch of our parents' volleyball club. We are busy preparing for our annual wisdom family iftar and can't wait to host our community for this wonderful event soon. Mr. Suleyman Kaya oversees all our community programs and ensures that our community stays connected.

I wish you all a wonderful school year ahead and hope to catch up throughout the year in our events and around the college.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CO-ORDINATOR

MR. SULEYMAN KAYA

The Community is at the heart of Wisdom College, and we are excited to continue providing meaningful opportunities for our parents and families to connect, collaborate, and contribute to our vibrant school community.

Our goal is to strengthen parent engagement, encourage community involvement, and create platforms where families can support one another and become strong advocates for our school.

This term, we have a wide range of community events planned and we warmly invite all families to take part.

TERM COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Weekly Programs

- Wisdom Community Volleyball (Females) – Wednesdays, 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- Wisdom Community Volleyball (Males) – Thursdays, 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Special Events

- Week 0 (Thu, 22 Jan): Prep Parents Breakfast
- Week 2 (Sat, 7 Feb): Ramadan Ready: A Family Journey

Parent Workshop & Kids Activities

- Week 3 (Thu, 12 Feb): Year 7 Parents Breakfast
- Week 5 (Sat, 28 Feb): Wisdom Alumni Iftar Dinner
- Week 6 (Sat, 7 Mar): Wisdom Annual Family Iftar Dinner
- Week 8 (Sun, 22 Mar): Wisdom Community Eid al-Fitr Celebration (TBC)

We look forward to seeing our families actively involved and helping us continue to build a strong, connected, and supportive Wisdom community.



FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

MR. ZE FERREIRA
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

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SHAPING FUTURE LEADERS.**

If you would like to learn more about Wisdom College's growing sports programs please contact:

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UPDATES AND INFORMATION

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