Wangaratta High School - Information Booklet 2017

Commencing Year 7 Information Booklet 2017

Learning Matters • Relationships Matter • I Matter
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We would like to extend to you a very warm welcome to Wangaratta High School. We look forward to working together as you embark on the new phase of your educational experience!

WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL VISION

Wangaratta High School is an innovative flexible learning community. We are committed to:
- Enabling every individual to achieve their personal best
- Building positive relationships
- Supporting our students to become active contributors in their community

OUR NARRATIVE

At Wangaratta High School we place each child at the center of our thinking. Our focus is to ensure that every child becomes a confident, curious, creative and independent thinker and learner, who is able to achieve their personal best.

We model and nurture respectful relationships to create a positive environment in which every child can thrive.

Our school is a vibrant, innovative learning community based on the principles of quality learning. Our highly skilled teachers design and activate a broad range of programs to engage and challenge, excite and inspire every young person to pursue their unique pathway. Through structured and flexible learning opportunities we empower students to explore and negotiate their learning so that they can make a difference in their school, local and global communities.

Our Mantra:
Learning matters
Relationships Matter
I Matter

Our Beliefs and Values:
Ready to Learn
Personal best
Respectful
Safe

Key Personnel

MR DAVID CUMMINS
Principal

MS MANDY SMITH
Assistant Principal
Senior Years

MS MICHELLE LAPPIN-RAECK
Assistant Principal
Middle Years

MS EMILY HORDERN
Business Manager

MS KASEY DOYLE
Quality Education Leader
Transition and Middle Years

MS KYLIE FOUNTAIN
Finance Liaison Manager
Financial Support

MR JAMES BOURKE
Quality Education Leader
Middle Years

MS DOREEN WHEELER
Quality Education Leader and Educational Coach

MS MERYL HERMAN
Quality Education Leader;
Middle Years, Curriculum; SEAL

MS MICHELLE LAPPIN-RAECK
Assistant Principal
Middle Years
KEY DATES: Transition from Primary School to Wangaratta High School in 2017

YEAR 7 INFORMATION NIGHT:
Thursday August 4th, 6pm start

ORIENTATION DAYS:
Tuesday 6th; Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th December

TERM DATES FOR 2017:

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<td>9 October - 22 December</td>
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For any further enquiries or for school tours by appointment please contact Transition Leader Kasey Doyle on 5723 0500

Teaching and Learning at Wangaratta High School

At Wangaratta High School we support teachers and students to incorporate the models of ‘best practice pedagogy’ into normal everyday classroom teaching and learning practice.

We adopt the Principles of Learning & Teaching (POLT).

Wangaratta High School is working on a whole school system of Quality Learning, which is the use of data, psychology theory and systems to improve the quality of learning and school life.

Students learn best when:
1. The learning environment is supportive and productive.
2. The learning environment promotes independence, interdependence and self-motivation.
3. Students’ needs, backgrounds, perspectives and interests are reflected in the learning program.
4. Students are challenged and supported to develop deep levels of thinking and application.
5. Assessment practices are an integral part of teaching and learning.
6. Learning connects strongly with communities and practice beyond the classroom.

Learning Community Structure

In order to ensure that we are able to cater for the academic as well as wellbeing needs of all of our students we have implemented a Learning Community system.

Our two Sub-Schools are:
- The Middle Years Learning Community - (Students in Years 7 – 9)
- The Senior Years Learning Community - (Students in Years 10 – 12)

Each Learning Community has their own main classrooms and area of the school. Through these, the students are able to develop meaningful relationships with their fellow students, as well as their Mentor Group teacher and other main classroom teachers. The teachers within each of the Learning Communities are responsible for the wellbeing of their students as well as the implementation of curriculum, teaching and learning strategies consistent with school policies.

Each student belongs to a Mentor Group Class. Each Mentor Group Class has a Mentor Teacher who is responsible for building and maintaining positive relationships with students and parents. This begins with ‘First Day Student-Led Conversations’, which occur on the first day of school each year.

The objectives of this program are:
1. To provide a forum for the development of a positive, working partnership between the School and Home
2. To provide the opportunity for personal, individual strategies and goals to be developed and reviewed for each student
3. To provide the opportunity for a shared understanding of the expectations by all partners
4. To ensure every student is 100% ‘Ready to Learn’ and have a positive start to the year

Each Mentor Group at Years 7 – 9 is allocated a small number of teachers within the Learning Community. These core teachers provide consistency for students and ensure individual student learning needs are appropriately catered for.

MIDDLE YEARS LEARNING COMMUNITY – YEARS 7, 8 & 9

| LT Quality Educational Leadership | James Bourke |
| LT Quality Educational Leadership | Kasey Doyle |
| LT Quality Educational Leadership | Doreen Wheeler |
| Quality Educational Leadership Assistant | April Fojtik |
| Year 7 Quality Team Leader | Martin Cairns |
| Year 8 Quality Team Leader | Lesley Forman |
| Year 9 Quality Team Leader | Debbie Hogg |

YEAR 7 MENTORS

- 7 A — Katherine Sullivan
- 7 B — Martin Cairns
- 7 C — Sharon Mellington
- 7 D — Jackie Mitchell
- 7 E — Lisa McLean

How is Wangaratta High School Organised?

At Wangaratta High School we strive for continuous improvement in everything that we do. Extensive research suggests that 70-minute learning timeslots supports best practices in teaching and learning.

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HERE IS AN EXAMPLE OF A CURRENT YEAR 7 STUDENT TIMETABLE:

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<td>Humanities Mr Bourke P8A</td>
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Course Structure

The school year is divided into two semesters and each semester has two terms. Students are formally assessed at the end of each semester and are provided with interim reports at the end of Terms 1 and 3. This is followed closely by student led, parent teacher conversations about their progress.

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Year 7 students study a common core curriculum. The majority of their classes are undertaken within their Mentor Groups. Core subjects such as Mathematics, English, Science and Humanities run for the whole year. In addition students study a Language, choosing either Japanese or Italian. Extreme Reading is also offered as an alternative to Languages, but eligibility is dependent upon assessment and availability.

Subjects offered in 2017

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<td>Drama &amp; Art (1 period all year)</td>
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<td>Technology: Food &amp; Textiles (1 period each)</td>
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<td>Art &amp; Visual Communication (1 period each)</td>
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<td>Metal &amp; Wood (1 period each)</td>
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Bring Your Own Device

Wangaratta High School supports a full ‘Bring Your Own Device’ (BYOD) program to enable all students to have 1:1 computer learning!

INTRODUCTION

BYOD requires parents to ensure their child has a 1:1 mobile computer device to support their learning. Government funding does not support students to be supplied with a 1:1 computer device. A BOYD computer must comply with the WHS Technical Specifications and be used as described in the WHS Acceptable Use Agreement.

WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL BYOD OPTIONS

A BOYD computer may be either purchased new or one currently used by your child

1. Harvey Norman - WHS has partnered with Harvey Norman Wangaratta to be able to offer families significantly reduced pricing on high quality machines on WHS recommended devices. Comprehensive insurance is also available. You can have a look at the range of computers and insurances available and purchase directly in store at Harvey Norman Wangaratta Store or visit www.harveynormanbusiness.com.au/wangarattahighschool

2. Other BYOD - May be a device already used by your child or a BOYD computer purchased from your choice of supplier if it complies with the WHS Technical Specifications. Insurance is advised.

Go to the Wangaratta High School website: www.whs.vic.gov.au for further information, booklets and explanatory videos. Bring your child’s BYOD computer to the First Day Student Conference in January 2017. On this day the process of connecting to the Wangaratta High School network can be completed.
Co-curricular options

SPORT

Students can enter the inter-house sports carnivals of athletics and swimming. Successful students go on to represent Wangaratta High School at interschool and state levels. During the year, students have the opportunity to try out for many interschool sporting teams including cricket, netball, football, soccer, tennis, table tennis and badminton.

MUSIC

Wangaratta High School has an outstanding music program that provides the opportunity for students to learn an instrument of their choice and join various ensembles and bands. Concerts and performances are part of the annual calendar with students performing at the school as well as at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre. All new year 7 families will be invited to a music information evening at the start of the year.

OTHER PROGRAMS

There are many other co-curricular programs happening throughout the school year for students to be part of including: Scribblers writing group, book week celebrations, 40 Hour Famine, games clubs, Choir, academic competitions, Annual School Production, art Club, peer educator program, overseas challenge and much more!

Student Leadership

Students have a wide range of leadership opportunities at Wangaratta High School and are encouraged to be active participants in the school and wider community. Students have the opportunity to be part of our Student Representative Council where they are able give feedback around school policy and activities. Within the senior students have the opportunity to become Peer Educators and Prefects to support and lead the school whilst gaining valuable leadership skills for the future.

Student leaders represent the school on numerous occasions, including ANZAC day ceremonies and Educational and Youth workshops.

Year 7 Camp 2017

YMCA HOWMANS GAP ALPINE CAMP

YMCA Howmans Gap Alpine Centre is a Youth Sport and Recreation facility operated by the YMCA. We are situated 4ks below Falls Creek, 356km from Melbourne, 120 from Wodonga/Albury, off the Bogong High Plains Road to Falls Creek.

Howmans Gap Alpine Centre is proud to be accredited by the Camping Association of Australia through the Australian Campsite Accreditation Program. Accreditation indicates that we have been independently appraised and meet the core requirements for the safe and reasonable operation of a campsite.

At the gateway of the magnificent Bogong High Plains, Howmans Gap Alpine Centre offers exhilarating alpine experiences for all seasons. Winter attractions include snow sports at the Falls Creek resort and back country ski touring on groomed and ungroomed trails. Summer provides the opportunity to access the unique high plains environment and visit cattlemen’s huts, spectacular panoramic views, snow gums and wildflowers, rocky valley dam, plus a myriad of walking options.

Estimated cost for 2017: $180 per student

Dates for 2017: Monday 20th February to Wednesday 22nd February (Week 4, Term 1)

** There will be more information offered to parents and students on Year 7 information night – a complete information package including permission forms, costing and also group and teacher information.
**General Information**

**LOCKERS**

All students will be issued with a locker and combination lock at the beginning of the year.

**Koorie Students Visiting Benalla**

The school's ATSI coordinator, Sharon Mellington, along with the support from the wellbeing team; aim to work with a Koorie Engagement Support Officer (KESO) to provide additional support for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and families. Please contact the office if you would like further information about specific supports or programs.

**LUNCHES**

The School Canteen is available for students to buy their lunch and snacks at morning recess and lunchtime. Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds at any time to go to the shops.

The Canteen is guided by the Department of Education and Training Development; Healthy Food Policy.

**Parents and Friends Association**

The Parent and Friends Association is an active body of parents who assist the school in a variety of ways through fundraising and other activities. Parents of new students are encouraged to join and take an active part in supporting our school community. Parent and Friends also run a second hand book and uniform stall and if you would like to check current stock or opening times please contact the general office.

**Bus Travel**

Any student who lives more than 4.8 km from the school may be eligible for free bus travel. Contact the Bus Coordinator at the school on 03 5723 0500 for country bus travellers and town bus travellers.

**Uniform**

Students are required to wear school uniform at all times and the policy is strictly enforced. Please note that facial piercings are not permitted at Wangaratta High School unless they are clear studs.

**Uniform Shop**

Steer Clothing supply items of uniform to Wangaratta High School students as the sole provider of approved WHS uniform. Steer Clothing provide uniform at their Baker Street shop.

Contact Steer: (03) 5721 7773

Address: 13-15 Baker St, Wangaratta VIC 3677

Wangaratta High School’s Parents & Friends Association operate a second hand book and uniform shop during school hours in December. Please contact the office for opening hours.

**Financial Assistance**

Wangaratta High School accepts Centrepay payments and we are able to arrange payment plans to spread education costs over the school year. If you would like to learn more about options to support your financial planning then please contact the office on 03 5723 0500 to make an appointment to speak to Kylie Fountain.

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**Approximate Fees for 2017**

Wangaratta High School makes every effort to keep the cost and number of items that need to be purchased to a minimum. We also try to ensure that the costs are affordable for all parents. If you will have difficulty making payments please make an appointment to speak to Kylie Fountain, Assistant Business Manager, to discuss possible support options and flexible payment arrangements. Any information about your financial circumstances, payment arrangements or status will be kept strictly confidential.

Please find the itemised list that includes essential education items (those items that your child needs for school) and optional extras (that you can choose whether your child participates in or accesses). Families can make payment via Compass online.

Please Note: Additional school charges may arise during the year, for example camps and excursions and instrumental music programs.

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**These fees are subject to change, more finalised prices will be given out on the Information Night held later in the year.**

For any further information or to book an appointment or tour, please contact:

Kasey Doyle  Transition Leader  (03) 5723 0500