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Road Safety
Parents are asked not to enter the staff car park at any time. This area is for staff parking only.

With the increased use of headphones, students need to be reminded that they must take extra care when crossing roads.

Please be patient and wait for cars and buses to move so that you have clear vision before crossing. Use the available crossings and traffic lights to ensure your own safety, and to look out for others.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Please find the application form on the facing page

A reminder to all parents that school bus services are for school use only.

A written note is required from a parent asking for a bus pass, at least 2 days prior to need.

School bus passes are not available for football training, netball training and other social activities. Students must not ride bicycles, scooters or skate boards through the bus area.

There are to be no basketballs/netballs/footballs played with in this area.

In accordance with DET guidelines, "where practicable, bus loading areas are ‘out of bounds’ to all non-bus users.” Bus travellers must move away from the bus area as soon as practical to help relieve congestion.

Bus travellers are asked get on and off the bus quietly and do so in an orderly manner.

Behaving appropriately on a school bus enables the driver to concentrate so that everyone stays safe.

Bus fees are due for payment for Term 1, 2016. Fares are due and are payable in advance, as per DET guidelines. Parents are asked to make contact with the school if they need assistance with payment plans.

Please contact the main office on 57 230500 to make this payment.

From the beginning of 2016 the Bus Coordinator will be located in the General Office.

The School Community are invited to the Annual Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 16th February, 2016

Olympic Swimming Pool
Swan St
9am - 3pm

Everyone is welcome No Charge
Bring a chair and umbrella.
Food will be available to purchase.

Any parents who would like to volunteer on the day please contact Sandy Newman on 57 230500
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Application Form

School Name

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname__________________________________________

First name__________________________________________

Address____________________________________________

Town/suburb__________________________________________ State_________________ Postcode_________________

Contact number__________________________________________

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

• This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.

• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

• If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

• Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant__________________________________________ Date ______/____/____
Parents, Carers and students are reminded that the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and carers of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by parents/carers for individual students.

### STUDENT PROPERTY

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and, in line with DET policy, the school does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on the school premises.

### PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL

Parents are asked to use their family code when making a direct deposit from their account to the school account. There is a section on an electronic payment form from your bank entitled description - please enter your code there. The family code is in the bottom right corner of your billing statement and consists of three letters, usually the first of your family surname, and this is followed by four digits. This identifies your payment to us and enables us to deduct the amount from your account. Alternatively you can telephone the school and inform us of your direct deposit. This does not apply to Bpay payments, there is no need to include your family code for Bpay.

If you have any queries about a payment please phone Kylie Fountain at the school office: 03 57 23 0500.

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### STAFF PARKING AREAS

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Please, do not drive into the staff car park entrances.

Students are asked to walk out of the gates and meet their parents in neighbouring

### AMBULANCE COVER

We would like to remind parents, carers and friends of the Wangaratta High School community that when visiting the school you must do this through the General Office.

The office staff will assist you with your enquiry. Entry to the school must be from the Edwards Street entrance.

We have a duty of care to all of our students to ensure the school’s grounds are safe and orderly.

If a parent or carer needs to contact their son or daughter, please ring the office and a message will be given to your child.

Messages can only be accepted and delivered to students before 3.15pm unless there is an emergency.

By working together we can create a safe and positive learning environment for all.

### STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE

Students who arrive late to school must bring a note indicating why they are late. This note is to be given to the Attendance Officer in the General Office when they arrive and this will be recorded.

Parents/carers will be asked to provide a reason for the student’s lateness.

We ask that all students and parents follow this process in order to assist us with accuracy in our attendance records.

### REPORTING AN ABSENCE

Remember - every day counts; your child’s learning matters.

If your child unable to attend school on any day please notify the school of your child’s intended absence, please telephone:

57 23 0568

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Only Year 7s to receive vaccinations in 2016

Parents of older children may be aware that in previous years vaccinations were given to students in years 7 to 10. However, the vaccine program for secondary students has been simplified this year so that all vaccines will only be offered to Year 7 students.

This includes:
- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis combined vaccine (dTp) – one dose
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine – three doses
- Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine – one dose

Parents of year 7 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read, complete and return Part A regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Wangaratta Council immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to ‘immunehero.health.vic.gov.au’

Before the year 7 vaccinations scheduled for 25th February I will be presenting to the year 7’s about what vaccinations are and what to expect on the day.

Melissa Mogford | Adolescent Health Nurse | Wangaratta High School

### Immunisation Schedule for 2016

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### USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS AND ONLINE SERVICES FOR STUDENTS, CARERS AND PARENTS

- **Kids Helpline**
  - 1800 55 180
  - We care we and listen, anytime and for any reason.

- **Parentline**
  - 13 22 89
  - 8am – 12pm
  - 7 days a week

- **Beyond Blue & Youth Beyond Blue**
  - 1300 22 46 36
  - 24 hours a day/7 days a week
  - Online - 3pm – 12 am/7 days a week

- **Lifeline**
  - 13 11 14
  - 24 hours a day/7 days a week
  - Online – 7pm – 4am
**WORK EXPERIENCE 2016**

**2015 YEAR 12 — PAST STUDENTS**

Past year 12 students looking to study again

GOTAFE have some good news for any students looking to study sport and recreation in 2016, whether it is too gain a pathway into University or live and work locally, we have the answer. The Diploma of Sports Development at GOTAFE's Wangaratta Campus still has places available.

This course can provide the prefect stepping stone for any student who did not receive a place within the University system and are seeking a pathway to University or would like to work within the fitness industry.

I have included the course details and my contact details, if you can please pass on this email or make the details available that would be appreciated.

The Diploma of Sport Development is a nationally recognised qualification which assists graduates to either gain employment in the Recreation Industry or used as a pathway into various Sports/Exercise Science, Sports Administration and PE Teaching University courses.

The course is a fulltime course (Mon- Thurs, 9-4pm), which starts in February and runs through until the end of October each year.

The 2016 course will give students the following qualifications, additional to Diploma:

- Completion of Core units in Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate IV in Fitness (Personal Training)
- Senior First Aid
- Pool Lifeguard

In addition students will head to the AIS for a Camp in March and a ski trip in August at Falls creek. Units of study include, Anatomy, Coaching, Fitness, Personal training for children / Older client, Fitness screening, Sports Psychology, nutrition, athletic preparation. We are based next door to the YMCA in Wangaratta and have unlimited access to this fantastic facility.

There is a VET Fee HELP Scheme (similar to HECS at Uni) is available for those that qualify. Usually the only upfront costs are those that relate to text books, excursions and short courses.

If you have any potential students to be considered for our intake, I am happy for you to give them my below details and we can arrange an interview.

Cassy Campbell  
Team Leader, Sport and Recreation  
Phone: 03 57236374 - mobile: 0459802606  
Email: ccampbell@gotafe.vic.edu.au

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**PARENTING COURSES TERM 1**

**TUNING INTO KIDS – Emotionally Intelligent Parenting**

A program for parents/carers of children aged 2 – 8 years that helps you tune into your children’s emotions and manage their behaviour. Learn about ‘emotion coaching’ – helping children to understand and regulate their emotions. The program helps you to respond to your children’s individual needs in a way that suits the child and the family.

*This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service*

**Date:** 5 x Mondays 8th Feb – 7th March  
**Time:** 7.00 – 9.00pm  
**Cost:** $35 / $25 concession

**BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS**

Bringing up great kids is a 6 week program which aims to help parents create positive relationships with their children, learning about children’s needs, helping manage children’s strong feelings and coping with the ups and downs of parenting. Ideal for parents with children aged 2-12yrs

*This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service*

**Date:** 6 x Tuesdays 17th Feb – 23rd March  
**Time:** 10.00 – 12.00 noon  
**Cost:** $35 / $25 concession

**“Whatever” Parenting Adolescent**

This 1 week course looks at adolescent development and the impact this has on parenting. It helps parents to use “emotion” “Coaching” to connect with their adolescent and help them learn to understand and regulate their emotions.

*This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service*

**Date:** 4 x Thursdays 25th Feb – 17th March  
**Time:** 7.00-9.00pm  
**Cost:** $35 / $25 concession

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**

PANGERANG COMMUNITY HOUSE ON 57213813
The Australian Air Force Cadets is one of the Premier Youth Organisations of Australia. We are currently seeking new members for 2016.

New Member Intake Nights: Friday 12th to 26th February
7:00pm to 9:00pm

Are you:
Looking for a challenge
Enjoy being part of a team
Looking to develop leadership and communication skills
Into adventure and field craft activities pushing yourself to the limit
Looking to meet new people and make lifelong friends
Considering a military career or not
Thought about flying an aircraft before you can drive a car
And heaps more

If you:
Are an Australian resident
Have good general health
Are between 13 and 18 years old
Can attend weekly parade nights during school terms
Prepared to have a go
Have permission from your parent or guardian

If you answered Yes to Any of these questions
Then Why Not
Become a Cadet in the Australian Air Force Cadets
Wangaratta High School Netball Teams

If any girls are interested in forming teams representing WHS, bibs and balls are available to be borrowed from Bev in the First Aid Centre.

Further details visit: www.wangarattanetball.com.au

Have you changed your email? Or, you don’t have an email address as part of your Netball Victoria membership or your just not sure, please email wangnetball@westnet.com.au with your details and we will add your email address so that you can purchase online.