

## WYNDHAM COLLEGE

A partner within the Nirimba Collegiate Group of Schools  
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# WYNDHAM WHISPERS

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## MAY 2017

### Principal

Karen Smith

### Deputy Principals

David Macleod-Jones & Classa Martinuzzi

### Collegiate Deputy Principal

Beth O'Connor

### May

May 15-26 -Yr 11 Mid-course exams  
May 15 & 16 - Try a Senior School Day  
-Riverstone HS & Seven Hills HS  
May 22 & 23 - Try a Senior School Day  
- Quakers Hill HS  
May 22 – 26 - Cairns Excursion  
May 25 -Yr 12 - Chemistry – Warragamba Dam  
May 26 – Yr 12 Crossroads day  
May 30 ICAS - Science Competition

### JUNE

June 1- Yr11 Science day at WSU  
June 5 - Yr10 - Subject Selection Night  
June 8 – Synergy Dance-Penrith Panthers  
June 12 - **QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**  
June 15 - Synergy Dance-Penrith Panthers  
June 15- HTA History Excursion  
June 22 – MADD Night Performance  
June 27 - Yr 11 Parent Teacher Interviews  
June 30 - **LAST DAY TERM 2**

### FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

**Off to a Good Start** – Term 1 was extremely busy!

On Wednesday 5 April, we trialled a meet and greet with Year 11 parents and distributed interim reports from 3.30-5pm. From 5.30 – 8pm we distributed the Year 12 reports and had parent/teacher night in the library. It was wonderful to see so many parents on that evening. Once again we used the bookings on-line for Year 12. We were extremely pleased with the process. Thank you to **Pauline Hunt** for organising.

Year 11 will receive their semester one reports later in the term. The date for Parent/Teacher Night is 27 June. Once again we will use the on-line booking system and reports will be issued on that night. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

Term 2 has been an exciting term already – with a number of celebrations and milestone events. The College has also settled well to hard work as is characteristic of second term at Wyndham. This term the annual MADD Night will occur. I invite everyone to attend this night.

### FRIENDS OF WYNDHAM

All Parents are  
invited to attend

**Guest speaker:** Julie Smith HT  
Secondary Studies/Careers  
will be speaking about  
Employment in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
and also explaining the ATAR

**TUESDAY 16 MAY  
7PM**

**THE LEARNING HUB  
Wyndham College**

On ANZAC Day, Wyndham College was represented at the dawn service at the Riverstone Cenotaph. A wreath was laid on behalf of the College.

On Wednesday 26 April, the college participated in an ANZAC Day Ceremony. **Michael Nash** a representative of the Nirimba Sub-section of the Naval Association of Australia spoke about the importance of the ANZAC tradition.

It was very interesting and highlighted to us all the importance of remembering the people who fought and continue to fight for our country. Thank you to Jason **Ewing-Jarvie** and **Dimitri Papanis** for organising this event and Michael Nash for presenting. A special thank you to **Daniel Repeti** who produced and directed a short film about the history of Nirimba. This film was shown at the assembly and is also available for viewing on our website.

In Term 2, we will have some staff in relieving positions. They include: **Beth O'Connor**, continuing in the role of Collegiate Deputy Principal; **Dimitri Papanis**, relieving Head Teacher English/History. Can I thank staff for taking on these roles to ensure the college runs smoothly.

**UWS Agreement** – The University of Western Sydney has again signed off on an agreement with Wyndham and St John Paul II Catholic College which not only enables the continuation of special access of our students to the university but also guarantees significant scholarships up to \$20,000 per student over 5 years. Students who successfully complete a university unit during Year 11 or 12 receive an early offer of entry to the university. Students who achieve a distinction or high distinction are entitled to the scholarship for 4 years at university (\$5,000 per year) and also receive a cheque for \$500 to assist them during Year 12. A significant advantage offered in this agreement is that Wyndham College and its students will no longer have to pay the tuition fees of these courses. We are again very grateful to the University of Western Sydney for this magnanimous gesture. We have started this process of seeking student applications for these courses for 2017.

**Friends of Wyndham College** – At the Annual General Meeting of our (FoW) a new executive were elected. They are:

President - Natalie Coleiro  
Treasurer - Michael Swadling  
Secretary - John Cunniffe

Yet again our FoW is in excellent hands. I am particularly thankful to these people for the support they have already provided to the college and again thank the outgoing executive for their significant effort for many years. **Joanne Warner, Rosemary Godbehere** and **Linda Robertson** all retired from FoW after many dedicated years. On behalf of the college I would like to thank whole heartedly the outstanding job these ladies did. A special thanks to Linda for running the uniform shop for several years. She along with all her helpers has done an amazing job. Thank you. In the interim the uniform shop is being overseen by **Catherine Swadling**. The shop is open Mondays and Thursdays.

With all the changes in personnel in FoW, the college has decided to go to tender for the uniform shop. David Macleod-Jones is coordinating this process and we hope to have the new operators up and operational by Term 3, but Term 4 at the latest.

The next meeting for Friends of Wyndham is **Tuesday 16 May in The Learning Hub at 7pm**. Everyone is welcome. At this meeting Julie Smith our HT Secondary Studies/Careers adviser will be speaking about Employment skills in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and also explaining ATAR.

It was determined that from now on there will only be a term meeting of Friends of Wyndham. This will occur Tuesday, Week 5 of every term for the remainder of this year. I invite everyone to attend. We moved to one meeting as parents are very busy and it enables more parents to attend. Wyndham Whispers will still be published monthly.

**College Website / Facebook** – I invite everyone to regularly view our website - Google 'Wyndham College' and Facebook. Latest information and important events can be found on our website/Facebook.

**Learning Hub** – In the second last week of term we proudly opened the Learning Hub for our students (St John Paul II and Wyndham). It is a vibrant learning space and I know the students thoroughly enjoy the space. The space has been jointly funded by St John Paul II and Wyndham College. Many thanks to **Julie Smith** from Wyndham who had the initial vision to create this learning space.

**Finally** – I thank you for your ongoing support and as always invite you to contact either me or the college office with any concerns you may have or suggestions you would like to offer as we seek to **work together to widen the horizons** for all of our students at Wyndham College.

**Karen Smith – College Principal**

#### **FROM THE YEAR 12 DEPUTY**

Year 12 reports were issued to those students and parents who attended Parent/Teacher interviews on Tuesday April 5. If Year 12 students have not yet obtained their report they are available from the front office for collection.

It is hard to believe, but Year 12 students are now only two terms away from completing HSC coursework. These two terms are vital, particularly if students have been achieving at a lower level than their potential would suggest. There is still time to gain those extra marks which may make all the difference to the overall results. Keep trying and try harder!

#### **SRE SEMINAR:**

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May there will be an SRE seminar, with a guest speaker and featuring Wyndham students performing a musical item. The seminar will be held during Session 2 in the Hall for all Year 11 and Year 12 students. All students must be in attendance unless a note is brought from home outlining reasons for non-attendance.

**David McLeod-Jones-Deputy Principal**

#### **FROM THE YEAR 11 DEPUTY**

Year 11 are now more than a third of the way through their Preliminary courses. They should all be settled into their subjects and working to develop the knowledge and skills required to successfully complete Year 11. There are no further subject changes permitted.

Weeks 4 and 5 are scheduled for the Year 11 mid-course examinations. During these two weeks, students will only need to attend school when they have a scheduled examination. Preparation and good study habits will assist students to achieve the best results they can. Students should be mindful that we do not always receive the results we are hoping for, and through effort, persistence, paying attention to the feedback given by their teachers and implementing this constructive feedback, they will continue to see improvements.

Students will need to ensure they attend each of their timetabled examinations. If they are unable to attend an examination due to serious illness or misadventure, please contact the school to advise us that your son/daughter is unable to sit the exam. They must follow the procedure to request an Illness or Misadventure Appeal, and this must be accompanied by a detailed medical certificate or relevant misadventure documentation. A copy of the Illness or Misadventure Appeal form is available on the Wyndham College website. This must be returned to the school as soon as they are able to attend school and organise to complete the missed exam. All examinations should be completed during the 2 week examination period.

Following the examinations I will be conducting a Year 11 Academic Review. Students who are at risk of not meeting Year 11 requirements due to poor attendance, truancies or lack of application will be interviewed and recommendations made to address the issues placing them at risk.

Year 11 Semester 1 Reports will be issued at the end of the term and Parent Teacher Night will be held on Tuesday 27th June. I encourage all parents to attend the Parent Teacher Night if possible to discuss and support your son/daughter's academic progress. Bookings for the evening will be made through the Sentral Parent Portal.

**Classa Martinuzzi- Deputy Principal**

#### **WELL-BEING UPDATE**

Congratulations to all those students who took part in the vaccination program in the first week. The Health Department staff were very complimentary about the mature approach students took to this event. Another vaccination process is occurring in Week 10, Wednesday 29 June. Information will be provided to students in Week 6 and 7.

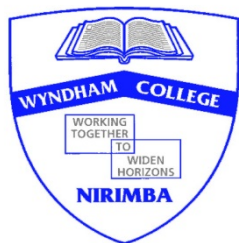
Year 11 students will be starting their Crossroads program this term with the first event being a presentation from the ELEVATE group on Time Management in their extended Connect session on 5 June. Many students are finding this an issue and hopefully it will provide them with some concrete ways to improve their own skills. A workbook and access to online support for the remainder of a student's time at Wyndham is also provided during this activity.

A reminder to all Year 11 students to please ensure they have paid for their Crossroads program now, only \$30, which includes their payment for the BeStreetSmart excursion (coming up next term.)

Year 12 students will also be working through their Crossroads program by looking toward the future and planning what will happen in their future. On Friday 26 May, Week 5, a whole intensive day is being organised called "The Real Life" to focus on the challenges that lie ahead including focus on safe relationships, car buying renting/ budgeting & loans and resilience(Mindmatters section). Information sheet is attached .

A reminder to parents and students to please keep us informed about changes to your circumstances eg phone numbers, addresses, emergency contact people, health issues, major life changes eg significant illnesses or deaths in families etc. It is imperative that we keep up to date records to ensure a supportive school community. Your assistance is essential.

**Sue Beamer- HT Well-Being**



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## **Year 12 Crossroads Day – ‘Real Life’ Week 5 Friday 26 May, 2017**

This is a **mandatory** Program for all Year 12 students – no normal lessons. *Bell times will be changed with Connect starting at 8am in normal rooms. Day will end at 12-50. Payment for this day has been included in the Crossroads fee.*

Sessions include:

**Safe Relationships – sessions run by Family Planning NSW presenters**

**Session purpose:**

- To provide information about healthy relationships
- To provide information on consent and sexual activity
- To provide information on FPNSW services

**Session objectives:**

By the end of the session participants will have an increased awareness of:

- Healthy relationships versus unhealthy relationships
- How to navigate consent
- Where to go for support and advice on relationship and your health

**Mindmatters Workshop - run by staff members**

- supporting students mental health and well-being by focussing on resilience and looking after each other.
- includes student centred and team activities

**Budgeting/Renting**

- Basic necessities – how much do they cost?
- Practical aspects of managing your money

**Car Buying**

- Important information regarding purchasing and owning a vehicle such as REVS, insurance, repairs etc

**Evaluation and de-brief session – with prizes**

Signs will be up to show you were to go- you don't want to miss any of the sessions!!

Please note bell times will be different on this day – so be aware!!

Thanks to all the wonderful staff at Wyndham for helping!!

**Sue Beamer –HT Well-Being**



**YEAR 12  
FORMAL  
INFORMATION**

We invite all Year 12 to join us to celebrate the conclusion of their HSC.

**The Year 12 2017 Formal will be held at:**

**ROSEHILL GARDENS RACECOURSE  
GRAND PAVILLION LEVEL 2 SOUTH A  
JAMES RUSE DRIVE, ROSEHILL.  
PHONE: 9760 6200**

**On Tuesday 14 November 2017, commencing at 5.30pm and finishing at 10.30 pm SHARP.  
The total cost of the Formal will be \$120.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Transport to and from the venue is the student's responsibility.  
This is an alcohol free event. Random breath testing may occur.**

You are welcome to pay for the Formal in stages. Full payment must be paid by **Friday 23 June**.

As this is an optional event, all **MANDATORY school fees** must be paid for in full or arrangements to pay organised at the front office, before payment for the Formal can be accepted.

Photography will be available on the night of the Formal. A Photographer will be there to take photos of the guests at the tables and on the dance floor. Additionally there will be a studio booth available for the students to access on the night. This will print their photos immediately at no extra charge.

Unfortunately due to the nature of the large cohort involved and security issues this Formal is **only for Year 12 2017 Wyndham students**.

Invitations will be handed out in Connect sessions in the week commencing Monday 28 August.

**Year 12 Advisers  
Daljit Bansal, Brendan Hewitt & Fiona Prött**

### From the Librarian's Desk

As the weather has become cooler we have had lots of students working in the Library during their study periods. The opening of the Learning Hub has had a positive impact on the Library over the last few weeks. Students who are working collaboratively and socially are using the Learning Hub which has meant that the Library is a much more productive and quiet space. The students are following the new protocols well and we have enjoyed the start to Term 2.

PROTOCOLS FOR US

## L I B R A R Y

### Respect the Space

- Keep the Library clean and tidy - no food or drink allowed.
- Place bags neatly on the walls in the foyer (not in walkways)
- Do not rearrange the furniture.
- This is an area for independent or small group study. Groups of more than 4 will be dispersed.
- Students must be engaged in work, study or reading in this library.

### Respect the People

- This is a shared space - students from both Colleges are entitled of proper use of this quiet space.
- Mobile phones are to be set to silent. Phone calls are to be taken outside.
- Enter the library quietly and all greetings must be discreet. Students must be in full school uniform. Hats/caps removed on entry (please leave hats in your bag)
- Keep noise levels to an absolute minimum.
- Headphones are required for all audio files on devices.
- No gaming or social media on the Library computers. One student per computer.

STUDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE LIBRARY IF THEY CANNOT OR DO NOT FOLLOW THESE PROTOCOLS

COLLEGIATE CHESS COMP

22  
JUNE

STARTS 8:30 AM

\$2 entry

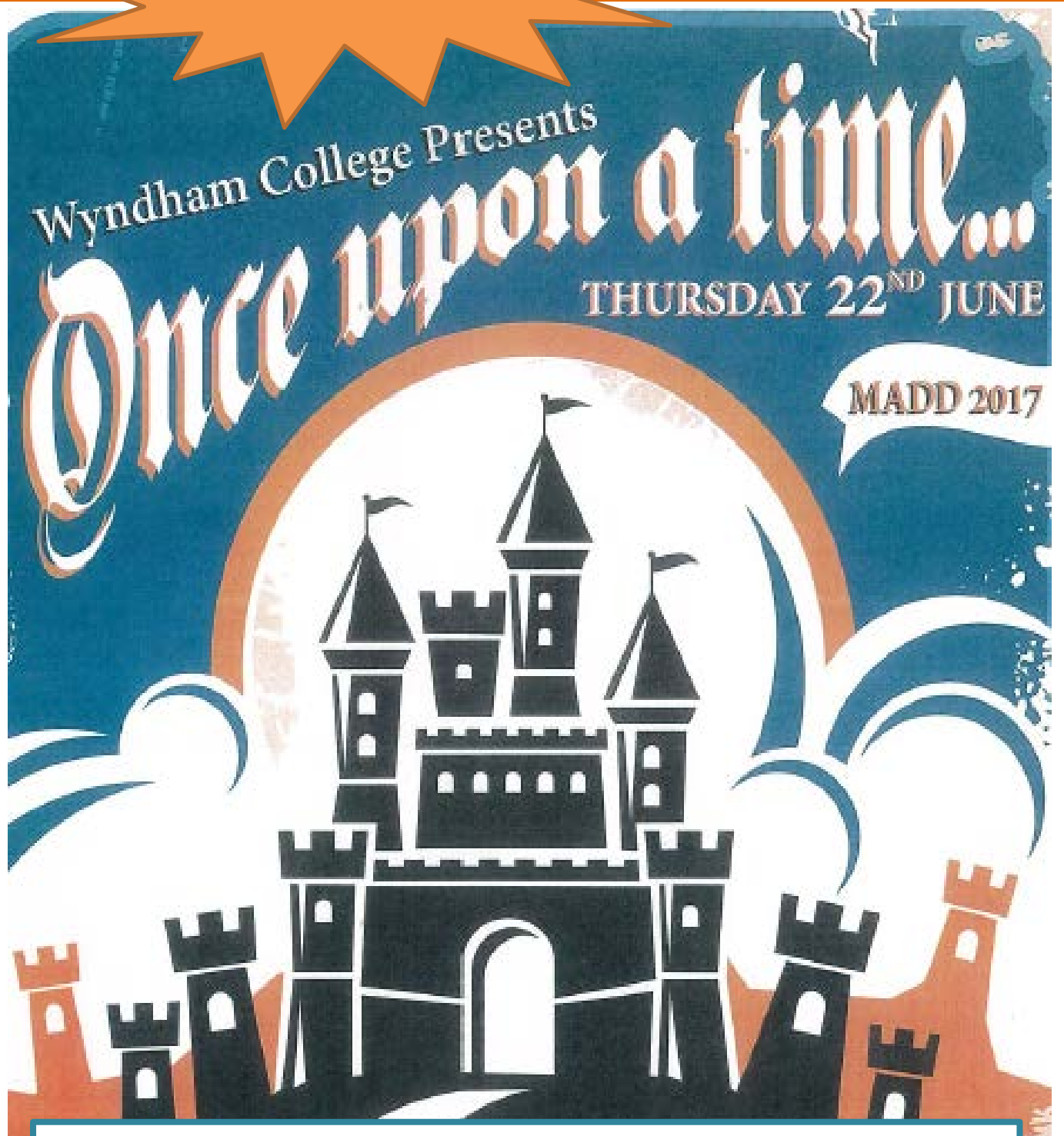
REGISTER WITH YOUR CHESS  
CO-ORDINATOR

Hosted by Riverstone High School

## COLLEGIATE CHESS COMP

Students have been accessing the games room on a regular basis as recess and lunch in preparation for the Nirimba Collegiate Chess Competition that will be held on the 22nd June at Riverstone High School. Please come and see Library staff to collect a permission note if you would like to participate in this event.

**MADD NIGHT 2017**



MADD NIGHT TICKETS ON SALE AT THE FRONT OFFICE  
\$12 EACH - CHILDREN UNDER 5 FREE - No assigned seating

Doors open 6pm for 6.30pm start  
Café opens 5.30pm  
Intermission BBQ



## LEADERSHIP AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

On Wednesday March 29th two Year 12 Legal Studies students, **Rebekah Jerrow** and **Jarrold Rixon** were invited to participate in the Secondary Schools leadership program which is run by the NSW State Parliament. The tour was part of the Secondary Schools Leadership program. This program provides students with the opportunity to meet their elected representatives and to develop their knowledge of constitutional and parliamentary proceedings including the role of the Governor and the workings of the Parliament.

Rebekah and Jarrold were fortunate enough meet with several sitting and elected members of the NSW Parliament including Premier Gladys Berejiklian and the leader of the NSW Opposition Luke Foley. They also meet our local member of Parliament, Kevin Connolly.

NSW Parliament was sitting, so the students had the chance to view both Houses in action before heading off to the stunning grounds of Government House to meet His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley, the Governor of NSW, for afternoon tea.



**OFFICE PROCEDURES****Student Early Leavers**

If you require your child to leave school before the end of the day, please send them with a signed note stating their name, date, time and reason you would like them to leave. This should be brought to the front office upon arrival at school, then an early leaver's pass will be issued, allowing the student to leave the classroom at the correct time.



**OFFICE  
PROCEDURES**

**If this procedure is not followed, the student may not be allowed to leave the classroom.**

**Absences**

If your child is absent from school or you know they will be absent on a certain day please contact the front office by phoning **9208 7100**.

Email is **not** the most effective point of contact.

**Thank you**

**Administration**



## Can Saver Plus assist you with high school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Domenic Rosina your local Saver Plus Worker:  
(02) 9895 1212 / 0466 745 311  
or [domenic.rosina@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:domenic.rosina@thesmithfamily.com.au)

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## Is your child starting school next year? Would \$500 assist you with education costs?

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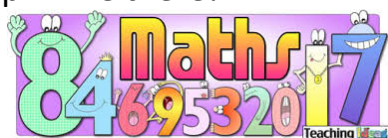
# STUDENT INFORMATION

## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open on **MONDAYS** and **THURSDAY 12.30pm -1.30pm**. It is located at the top of C Block. EFTPOS is available with a surcharge of \$3.00. Orders are to be paid in full at time of ordering.

## FREE -MATHS TUITION

**YEARS 11 & 12** are invited to join the free Maths tuition held in **C8** every Monday from 3.00pm to 5.30pm. Be there!



## FREE -PHYSICS TUTORIALS

**YEAR 11** – Mondays - 3pm-4pm

**YEAR 12** – Wednesdays -3pm-4pm  
In **B1**



## FREE -CHEMISTRY TUTORIALS

**YEAR 11** – Fridays -1pm-2pm

**YEAR 12** – Thursdays -3pm-4pm

In **B1**



## EXCURSION PAYMENTS DUE DATES

Warragamba Dam-\$20 - Thus 18 May **or** online Tues 16 May

HTA Study Day History- \$35 -Thurs 8 June **or**  
online Tues 6 June

Year 11/12 International Maths Competition -\$9.90 Fri 9 June  
**or** online Wed 7 June

Year 12 Formal Balance - Monday 19 June

Yr 11 Dance Bangarra Dance Theatre -\$25-Wed 19 July **or**  
online Mon 17 July

## CHRISTIAN GROUP

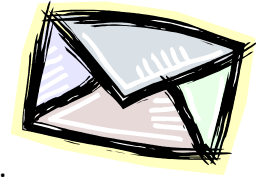
All students are invited to join the Christian Group at **recess** in **B2** on **Wednesdays**.

There are also free pancakes on Wednesday mornings before class.  
Join us for pancakes and a chat.



### CHANGE OF DETAILS

To keep student records as up to date as possible please complete the slip below if you have changed address or changed phone numbers, and return to the front office.



Student Name .....

New Address .....

Home Phone .....

Mobile Phone –Mother..... Name.....

Mobile Phone -Father ..... Name.....

Signed ..... Date.....

### EMAILS



If you have recently changed your email address please complete this slip and return to the office:

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please print carefully*