Wycheproof P-12 College

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TERM 4 DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

Mon - Fri	1-5	VCE HeadStart - Yr 10
Wed	3	P-4 Swimming
Thurs	4	P-4 Swimming
Fri	5	Last Day - Yr 10 students
		Yr 2/3/4 Penpal Morning Tea
Tues	9	One Up Day: Kinder - Yr 9
Wed	10	P-6 Concert
Thurs	11	P-4 Swimming
		VCAA Results
Fri	12	Knife sharpening service
Mon	15	Presentation Night
Tue-Thurs	16 -18	Year 9 Surf Camp
Tues	16	EOYA - Swan Hill Cinemas
Wed	17	EOYA - Fitnessworx Incursion
Thurs	18	EOYA - Pool Party

Words have consequences

As a school we are often told by others that our students are wonderful. On the whole, they mainly are. But that is not to say everything is perfect and everyone always behaves well. Raising children is not for the faint-hearted. It takes a lot of hard work to raise healthy, well-adjusted children. Teaching children how to socialise well with others is many years of work. While we live in a country where we have implied freedom of speech rights (it is not explicit in our constitution), that does not mean that children and adults can say whatever they like. This is because we, like other developed countries, need to balance this right with laws covering harmful racism, discrimination, harassment, defamation and other similar matters. Thus, while we encourage children to learn to use their voice, they do not get to do so if it is not respectful. Respect is a core school value of ours and we have clear consequences for any student that does not treat others well. Some children seem to know how to behave well instantly (they often go on to be School Captain), others take many years of work and reminders that we all need to treat each other with respect. Of course, we rely on families to reinforce all of these important messages at home.

Christine McKersie - **Principal**

School's out for the Class of '25

Congratulations to Whitney Jones, Gracie Humphreys, Keely Allan, Jacob Harrison, James Yasa, Mason Sheahan, William Ison, Lily Humphreys and Savannah Nicholls (absent) for completing 13 years of schooling! The Year 12s, their families and WP-12 staff gathered to celebrate at the Valedictory Dinner on Friday, November 14. It was a fun and heartfelt night, with plenty of laughs along the way courtesy of VCE Coordinator Mrs Ison. We wish our graduates all the best as they step into the next chapter of their lives. More photos inside.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE

P-6 Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 10

WYCHEPROOF P-12 SPORTING COMPLEX

Junior concert band playing from 1.30pm followed by P-6 class items and 5/6 'Battle of the Bands'

Families, caregivers & all community members most welcome

Wycheproof P12 College

ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

WYCHEPROOF SPORTING COMPLEX

STUDENTS MUST WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM

ALL WELCOME

DOORS OPEN 7PM

FORMALITIES BEGIN 7:30PM SHARP

MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2025

A light supper will be provided following the formalities.

Final MATES activity for 2025

MATES mentors Paddy, Amy and Tony and mentees James, Landon, Adele, Dane, Sophie, Hayley, Kaylah and Dalyss ready to take on 'The Great Escape'.

Our MATES mentoring program wrapped up for 2025 with a trip to The Great Escape in Bendigo on Sunday 26th October.

A group of 12 keen students and mentors attended, teamed up and got locked in a room together with only an hour to find their way out! Great teamwork by everyone to make it out of The Orphanage, A Wizard's Quest and Pirates of the Mediterranean. A big shout out and thank you to Tony who volunteered to drive the school bus and all the mentors and families who have contributed to our events throughout the year.

We farewell James from our mentoring program this year as he has completed his schooling. He will be missed from the fun and frivolity but maybe we can twist him arm to be a special guest next year to some of our games nights.

Looking forward to seeing you all again in 2026!

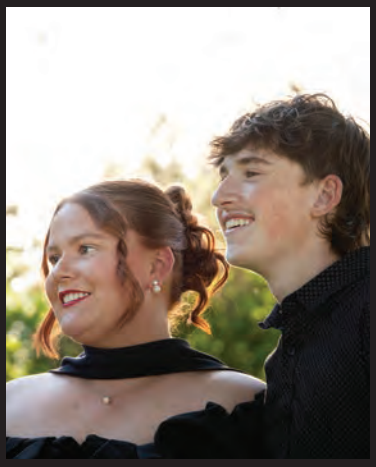
Wendy, MATES Coordinator

Mural With a Message

Check out our new mural! Local artist Kyle Torney recently transformed the shipping container in our native garden on Mount Street into a vibrant work of art. The mural reflects WP-12's commitment to celebrating cultural diversity and fostering a school environment where everyone feels respected and valued. WP-12 has a zero-tolerance stance on racism - we are a school that welcomes all cultures. Pictured in front of the mural is the Year 2/3/4 class.

GRACIE, MASON, LILY, JACOB, WHITNEY, WILLIAM AND KEELY READY TO CELEBRATE

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner



MS McKERSIE FAREWELLS THE CLASS OF '25

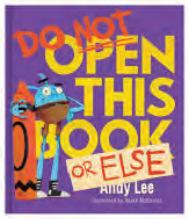
Williamson

December 2025

LIBRARY LIFE

2025

#1 MOST POPULAR PICTURE BOOK

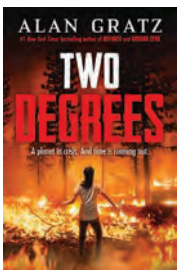


1523 TOTAL BOOKS BORROWED

16,195 TOTAL BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

#1 MOST POPULAR SERIES!

#1 MOST POPULAR FICTION BOOK



Holiday Challenge

Summer Reading BINGO

READ OUTSIDE	READ TO A STUFFED ANIMAL	READ TO SOMEONE ELS	READ WHILE WEARING A HAT	UNDER THE COVERS
READ ON A BEACH TOWEL	READ ON A FRIDAY	READ IN A CAR	READ A NON-FICTION BOOK	WHILE EATING BREAKFAST
READ AFTER DINNER	READ UNDER A TREE	FREE SPACE	READ ON THE COUCH	READ SIT-TING ON T HE FLOOR
READ IN A SWIMSUIT	READ WITH A FLASHLIGHT	READ IN A FORT	READ POETRY	READ TO SOMEONE ON THE PHONE
READ SOMETHING THAT CAME IN THE MAIL	READ TO YOUR PET	READ IN SOMEONE ELSE'S BED	READ IN YOUR PAJAMAS	READ A BOOK ANIMALS

Library Laughs

Don't count down the days, make the days count!

Hayley, Priya, Saeed, Lana, Mitchell, Adele and Morgan

Hayley and Sophie

WILDERNESS FIRST AID FOR YR 9 & 10S

Neil Ritchie from Wilderness First Aid graced us with his infectious and enthusiastic presence to conduct his biennial Level 2 First Aid course with our current cohort of Year 9 and 10s. Neil has been conducting this course with the Wycheproof P-12 pupils for many years and his hands-on approach with fake blood and real-life scenarios are always a fun and an educational experience that these kids will hopefully never have to utilise in the future.

- Mr Duffy

Dane

Saeed and Desmond

2025 NCD Lawn Bowls Report

A few days before the annual Wycheproof Races, our college sent three teams of triples down to St. Arnaud for the traditional NCD lawn bowls tournament. Played under perfect blue skies and with a relaxed atmosphere in the air, our pupils did a great job of meeting new people and enjoying the slow but exciting nature of this wonderful sport. Although we didn't bring home any silverware like previous years, our Yr 10 girls team of Lana Fawcett, Dakota Connolly & Grace McKersie won 2 of their 4 games and only got pipped by one shot in the other two games. The boys team of Harry Humphreys, Logan Pollington & Mitchell Coatsworth claimed one win and three losses as did the team comprising of Adele McNaughton, Kiarah Browne & Morgan Beattie. Wycheproof finished 5th overall for the day but on shots won per game we placed third which is encouraging for 2026. Big cheers to Beau Knight from St. Arnaud for putting on another great event.

Mr Duffy

2026
SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1

Thursday, January 29* - Thursday, April 2

Term 2

Monday, April 20 - Friday, June 26

Term 3

Monday, July 13 - Friday, September 18

Term 4

Tuesday, October 6 - Saturday, December 19

*staff return to school Tuesday, January 27

Parenting Payment Arrangements for 2026

School Council has endorsed the Parent Payment Arrangements for 2026, and these are now available on our school website. Families can view the documents and further information by visiting the Wycheproof P-12 College homepage.

2026
UNIFORM SHOP DAY
NOTICE

WEDNESDAY
28TH JANUARY
10 am - 2 pm

PAYMENT VIA
DIRECT DEPOSIT/CASH or
remaining SSB funds

SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

PRESENTATION NIGHT EDITION

LAST WEEK OF TERM 4

This will be the final newsletter for 2025

SCHOOL HATS SUMMER REMINDER

It is uniform policy that students MUST wear a school hat when outdoors in Term 1 & 4.
Hats available for $11 each through the office.

SUPERVISED HOURS

Wycheproof P-12 College's grounds are supervised by school staff from 8.35am until 3.20pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students unless special arrangements have been made with school staff. Students and families are encouraged to regularly read our school policies found on our school website. We thank all our School Council members who spend many hours regularly reviewing our school policies. We invite and welcome feedback relating to these policies and other school procedures.

2026 STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

School Captains

Angus Cowell & Jessie Fawcett

Vice Captains

Libby Thompson & Ruby Ison

Broadway House Captains

Max Fawcett & Libby Thompson

Calder House Captains

Dane Bartram & Jack Cowell

School Council Student Member

Priya Coatsworth

SRC President

Grace McKersie

Music Captains

Mitchell Coatsworth & Kelly Hogan

The 5/6 class, Paddy & Mrs Coatsworth in costume at Sovereign Hill

Year 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp

The Year 5/6 class had an awesome time at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat last week.
The first thing we did when we arrived was explore the museum and then we went and did some gold panning. Everyone found some gold – we got to put it into little vials to bring home. After dinner it was time for the Aura sound and light show, a 3D inside/outside show about gold. We all loved it.
On day two we got up really early and went to costume school where we met our teacher and became a 'living exhibit' in the Sovereign Hill Outdoor Museum. We had to call our teacher Ma'am and all the men Sir. We got to experience being at school in the 1850s on the goldfields. It was really interesting to learn how different girls and boys roles were back then. The girls did lots of sewing while the boys did writing and drawing.
We got to see a goldsmith pour gold and even hold the bar of gold worth $615,000! Another highlight was a visit to the lolly shop. We all got some of the famous raspberry drops.
On the last day we went back to costume school and then we got to do a little bit more panning for gold. It was so much fun - thank you to Miss Smith, Mrs Coatsworth and Paddy.

- Jewels, Year 6

Miley, Mason & Jewels

Leeah & Charlotte

Arnav

Miley, Jewels, Tory & Bella

Paddy

Enda

Zoo and school sleepover fun!

The Prep/1 class had an exciting adventure to the Halls Gap Zoo on Friday, November 7th. Students loved getting up close with a range of animals - from towering giraffes and mighty rhinos to cheeky monkeys, slithery reptiles and kangaroos. After exploring the zoo, it was time for a visit to the famous ice-creamery in Halls Gap and a play at the park. After returning to Wycheproof, the fun was far from over. It was straight into the much-anticipated school sleepover, complete with a glow-stick party, games, pizza and a movie. Thanks Mrs Coatsworth for organising such a fun experience for the class!

The P/1 class with the giraffes at Halls Gap Zoo

Fletcher & Scottie

Lucas & Jayden

Feeding the goats

Adeline

Max & Scottie

Jayden, Flynn & Lucas

Sleepover time!

Glowstick dance party

home economics

In Year 10 Home Eco this week, students got into the Christmas spirit making mini pavlova nests with cream and berries. Pictured are Grace & Dakota with their yummy desserts.

CLP project update

Jenna, Morgan, Mitchell, Priya & Kelly at the School for Student Leadership earlier this year & back home working on their CLP project.

This year, Kelly, Jenna, Mitchell, Priya and I went to School for Student Leadership. During our time up there, one of the main things we did was work on our Community Lead Project (CLP). It came to our attention that road safety and road conditions in our area were appalling. We decided to write a letter to the shire to fix the Swan Hill-Donald road and to also raise money to donate to the Australian Road Safety Foundation.
I oversaw raising money. I designed a poster explaining what we were doing and why, then I placed money tins in 4 different businesses: the Terminus, the Newsagency, the IGA and the Bakery. In total we raised $273.10. All this money will go to the ARSF to fund their safety and awareness courses.

Morgan Beattie, Year 9

CAREER & PATHWAYS

With Sue Clay, North Central LLEN

YEAR 12 REMINDERS

VCE & ATAR RESULTS - Thursday 11th December!
Don't forget to register https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au
Change of VTAC Course Preferences for First Round
Close: Saturday 13th December @ 12noon
Year 12 VTAC webinars – www.vtac.edu.au/events
Getting your results – what happens next?
Tuesday 9th December – 12pm - 1pm
Preferences, pathways and offers
Thursday 11th December – 12pm – 1pm
VTAC 1st Round Course Offers - Tuesday 23rd December

Year 12 Careers Availability

CAREERS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Sue is still available for Career appointments with the 2025 Year 12 students. Appointments can be face-to-face, via email, phone or WEBex
Email: s.clay@nclen.org.au
Mobile: 0429 426 950

2025 Post Results and ATAR Service

The Post Results and ATAR Service (PRAS) is a phone and email enquiry service which can assist with questions about your VCE results and your ATAR. The PRAS is run by the VCAA and VTAC and operates for five days following the release of results. PRAS is a joint service between the VCAA and VTAC.

The operational hours for 2025 are:

- *7.00am to 5.00pm Thursday 11 December*
- *9.00am to 5.00pm Friday 12 December*
- *10.00am to 4.00pm Saturday 13 December*
- *10.00am to 4.00pm Sunday 14 December*
- *9:00am to 5.00pm Monday 15 December*

Phone support: 1800 653 080 (Free call)
Email support: pras@education.vic.gov.au.

For Further Information Visit:
https://pras.resultsandatar.vic.edu.au/