



Wanniassa School

Preschool to Year 10



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Message from Shane Gorman, Principal

We would like to welcome you to Semester Two and thank you for engaging with us to support your child's education. Showing children that education is important by connecting with the school helps to shape their learning and well-being and I would like to thank you for attending the Learning Exhibitions earlier in the year. Wanniassa School believes that rigorous, connected and relevant education builds the foundation for life-long learning and it is through personal projects we provide a context in which young people can flourish. We are committed to excellent classroom practices based on quality teaching and learning and our teachers and leaders work tirelessly to continually improve student outcomes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their commitment to personalising learning for our students. We are also committed to providing students with a positive and respectful environment which focuses on high expectations for success and which builds resilience and future-mindedness. We recognise both teachers and parents play an important role in children's learning and well-being and we are looking forward to continuing to foster positive family-school partnerships. I look forward to seeing you at our Learning Exhibitions this semester.

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Parent Meeting, Wednesday 17th August at 5:00pm and outline of assessment for Semester Two

We would like to congratulate Year 8 students for the way in which they enthusiastically apply themselves to personalising learning. We were able to celebrate the end of Semester One with some outstanding Exhibition presentations where students proudly presented their learning.

We would like to talk with you more about the learning that is happening in Year 8 and provide opportunities for you to meet with your child's teachers. We invite you to a Parent Meeting on Wednesday 17th August at 5.00pm, beginning with the Principal's address followed by a meeting in the Year 8 area. During this meeting, we would like to chat with you about the Personalised Learning model, the requirement for students to bring their Personal Electronic Devices to school, and have individual conversations with you about your child and their learning.

All Year 8 students engage in explicit Maths, Science and History lessons within our MAP times. We will be welcoming two new teachers into our team this term, a mathematics/science and an English/SOSE specialist. Until then, students will attend mathematics/science classes with:

Estelle Gillingham (Executive Teacher, Science and Year 10)

Kellie Keeffe (Executive Teacher, Mathematics and Year 9)

Adam Carter (Mathematics, IT and Year 7 MAP teacher)

MAP classes will continue as previously, where students focus on a personal project and learn how to brainstorm, plan, research and complete a project to bring to exhibition. Exhibitions will be held in Week 5 - 6 of Term 4 and we encourage parents and siblings to attend. We encourage all families to be involved and celebrate their child's learning at this final exhibition for 2016.

Google Classroom enables students to engage with learning anytime, anywhere provided they have an internet connection. We have a Google Classroom homepage for each of our subjects in addition to your child's MAP class page. All Year 8 students have been invited to join these homepages so that students can show you at

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home what we are doing each week in MAP Projects, English, History/Geography and Mathematics. Assignment information and Australian Curriculum documents will also be available on these pages.

Year 8 History/Geography Homepage code: **16csmy**

Year 8 English Homepage code: **tm3qs8**

Year 8 Mathematics Homepage code: **z06mace**

Year 8 Science homepage code: **7qjkbeu**

Year 8 MAP Projects Homepage code: **cq2hzkw**

On Google Classroom, you will find an outline of the Year 8 Australian Curriculum outcomes which will be covered over the semester during MAP classes in English, History/Geography and Mathematics; some of these outcomes will be covered in Personal Projects whilst others will be explicitly taught and assessed as a discrete subject.

Parents can be invited to the pages; please email me using the address below if you would like to request an invitation.

In addition to Personal Projects, our MAP class assessment for the semester is as follows:

ENGLISH	<i>Trash</i> by Andy Mulligan creative writing response Friday, Week 6, Term 3	<i>Trash</i> feature article/essay Friday, Week 9-10, Term 3	MAP Exhibition presentation Wednesday Week 5, Term 4
HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY	Japan in the Edo period Creative assignment and rationale Week 7, Term 3	Civics & Citizenship "question time" debates Week 7, Term 4	Civics & Citizenship essay Wednesday Week 9, Term 4
MATHEMATICS	Assignment Week 6	Topic assessment Week 12	Topic assessment Week 16

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time to discuss your child's education.

Yours Sincerely,

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