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# LINK NEWS



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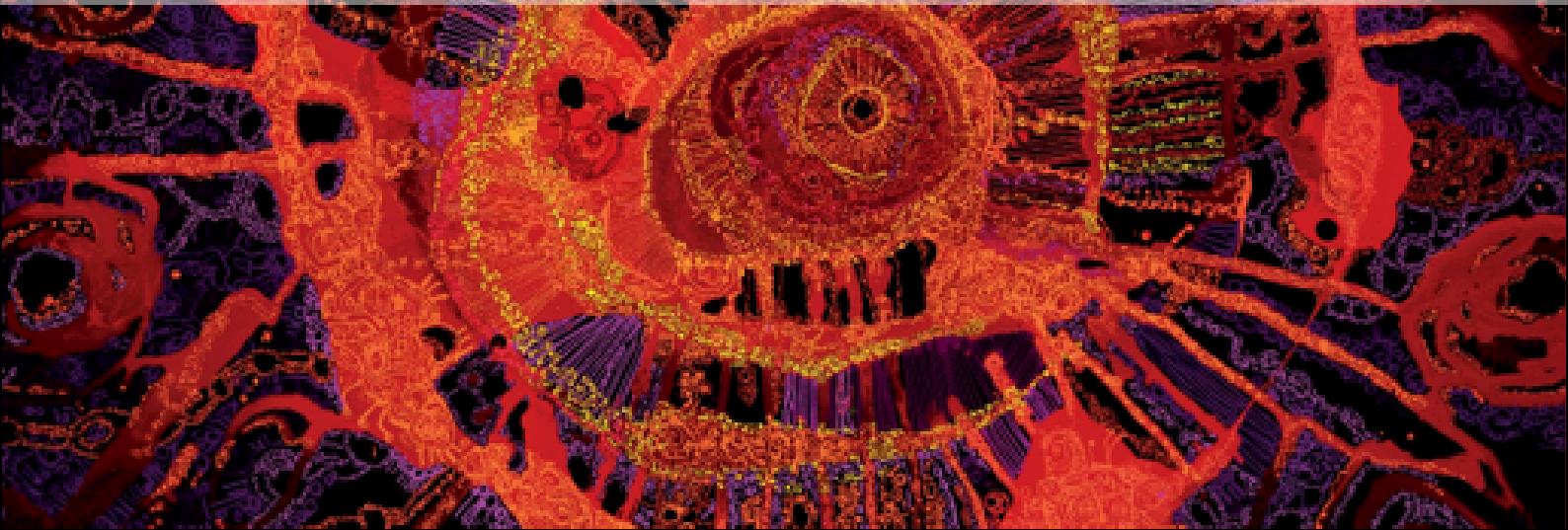


## FROM BUNURONG LAND

We respect, acknowledge, value, and celebrate the First Nations people, our heritage, cultural diversity, and multicultural strengths. We will provide an environment in which we aim to support every student to engage with truth, justice, and healing through reconciliation via the curriculum and listening to our elders and our family stories. An environment in which every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student has the opportunity to achieve their potential and feel strong and connected in their cultural identity.



# NAIDOC WEEK AT WYNDHAM CENTRAL COLLEGE



NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee. NAIDOC Week is a time for all Australians to recognise and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, while also learning about the ongoing journey towards recognition, respect and reconciliation. This year's theme, "50 Years of Deadly," celebrates 50 years of the NAIDOC Week logo and reflects on the strength, achievements and resilience of First Nations peoples.

As part of our NAIDOC Week learning, students explored the history of NAIDOC Week and discussed some of the significant achievements and events that have shaped its journey. They also explored a range of NAIDOC-related resources, including images, artworks and other cultural resources.

Students worked together to consider:

- What do you see, hear or notice?
- What does it mean?
- How does it make you feel?
- How does it connect to NAIDOC Week?

The lessons provided an opportunity for students to ask questions, share their perspectives and reflect on why it is important to celebrate and respect First Nations cultures and histories.

Our NAIDOC Week learning is an important part of building cultural understanding across our school community and supporting our ongoing commitment to reconciliation. We are proud to learn, celebrate and recognise the strength, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



# RAP 2.0 LAUNCH WYNDHAM LEARNING FESTIVAL

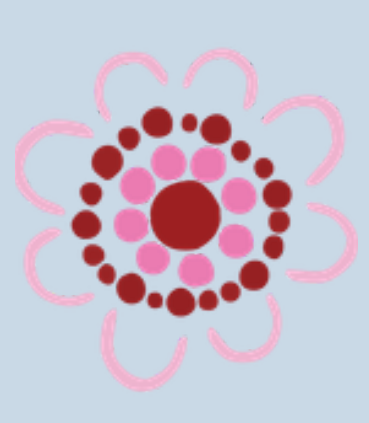
As part of the Wyndham Learning Festival, Wyndham Central College was proud to launch our second Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and open our doors to members of the wider community to share in our reconciliation journey.

The event was a wonderful opportunity for people from across Wyndham to come to our school, learn about the work we are doing and hear directly from members of our school community about what reconciliation looks like in practice. We shared the journey behind the development of our RAP, the work of our RAP Management Group and some of the ways we are working to strengthen cultural understanding, build meaningful relationships and create greater opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and community.

It was particularly special to have community members come to learn from us, ask questions and share ideas about how we can continue to embed reconciliation into the everyday life of our school. It was also a chance for us to recognise that reconciliation is not something we do alone, it is strengthened through relationships, collaboration and a willingness to learn from one another.

The launch celebrated the work that has already taken place while looking ahead to the commitments and actions in our second RAP. We are excited to continue this important work with our students, staff, families and community.

A huge thank you to the Wyndham City Council team for organising the Wyndham Learning Festival and creating a space for schools and community organisations to share their knowledge, celebrate their work and learn from one another. We were incredibly proud to represent Wyndham Central College and share our reconciliation journey with the wider Wyndham community.





# AKT NOW GRADUATION



Congratulations to Cooper, Zoe and Jaynaha, who have completed their AKT Now qualification.

AKT Now (Aspiring Koori Teachers Now) is a Victorian education pathway that supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to develop skills and experience for a career in education. The program provides people with training and practical experience that can support pathways into education support and, for some, future teaching opportunities. Their qualification can build on the skills and experience of ES staff and provide opportunities to further develop their role within school, while also creating pathways to continue study and explore teaching in the future.

It's great to see Cooper, Zoe and Jaynaha taking up this opportunity and completing the qualification. Congratulations to all three!

## YOUNG MOB GIRLS GROUP

Our Young Mob Girls Group has been creating a safe and supportive space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls to connect, learn and strengthen their sense of identity and community. The group has been exploring important topics including women's health, connection to identity, culture and building strong relationships with one another. The sessions have provided an opportunity for the girls to yarn, ask questions, share experiences and learn together in a supportive environment.

The program has been facilitated by Kylie, our School Nurse through the Network, alongside Wathaurong Elder Aunt Judy, bringing together health knowledge, cultural connection and lived experience. Having Aunt Judy involved has provided an important opportunity for the girls to strengthen their connection to culture and learn through yarning and shared knowledge.

It has been wonderful to see the girls grow in confidence, build connections with each other and create a strong sense of belonging within the group.





# NGWALA OFFICE OPENING



## Ngwala Willumbong Western Office Opening

Kristy was honoured to attend the opening of Ngwala Willumbong's new Western Office in Werribee, celebrating an important new space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in the west.

The opening brought together community, local organisations and services to celebrate the new office and the important work Ngwala Willumbong does to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and families. The day included a Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony, cultural activities, food and plenty of opportunities to connect with community. Having services like Ngwala Willumbong strengthening their presence in Wyndham is a fantastic opportunity to build stronger connections between community organisations and our school. We look forward to developing our relationship with Ngwala and exploring ways we can work together to support our young people and families.

It was wonderful to be part of such a positive community celebration and to welcome this new service to Werribee.

Paw Ner Moo and Kristy were proud to attend the celebration of the Heeyersu Youth Reconnecting Program, recognising the achievements of a 12-week, community-led program supporting young people in Wyndham.

The program brought together culture, connection, sport, mentoring and practical support, creating a safe and trusted space where young people could build relationships, strengthen their connection to culture and identity, and access support when they needed it. The evaluation showed a powerful message: young people are not "hard to reach" when programs are grounded in culture and delivered through trusted relationships. Across the 12 weeks, 40 young people engaged, with 35 registered participants and 97% from Wyndham. Young people reported increased confidence, stronger relationships, greater cultural and community connection, support from mentors and increased hope for the future. The event also highlighted the importance of investing in community-led, culturally grounded early intervention that builds trust before young people reach crisis.

Wyndham Central College is proud to support and learn from community-led initiatives such as Heeyersu and looks forward to continuing to strengthen connections that create better pathways and opportunities for our young people.

# HEEYERSU GRADUATION





# PARENT ENGLISH CLASS

## Parent English Classes Return

Our Parent English classes have started again, providing an important opportunity for newly arrived parents to build their confidence and English language skills while connecting with other families in our school community.

Learning English can make a significant difference for newly arrived families, helping parents feel more confident communicating with teachers, supporting their children with school, navigating services and becoming more connected to the wider community. The classes are also about much more than language, they provide a welcoming space to build friendships, share experiences and develop a stronger sense of belonging at Wyndham Central College.

It was wonderful to see our English learners getting involved in Book Week, with parents joining in the fun and dressing up alongside the school community. Their enthusiasm was a great reminder that learning a new language is also about finding opportunities to participate, connect and feel part of the community.

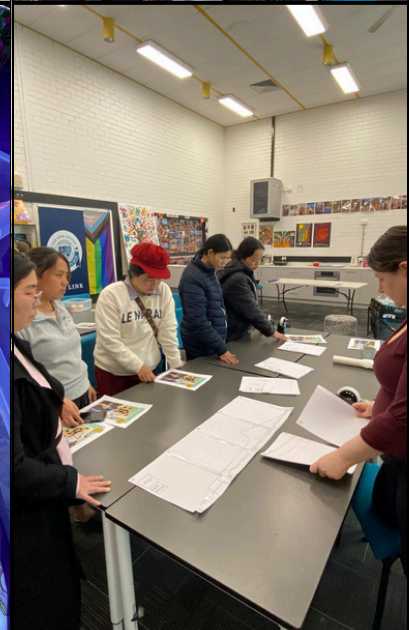


## PARENT SEWING

### Sewing Classes Continue

Our Sewing Classes have continued to provide a welcoming space for parents to develop their sewing skills, build confidence and work on projects at their own pace. Recently, participants have been busy creating bags, hair bows and scrunchies to sell as part of our Wear It Purple Day fundraiser. It has been wonderful to see their skills contribute directly to our school community while supporting an important cause.

Alongside these group projects, participants have also been working on individual sewing projects, consolidating their skills and learning new techniques. The classes continue to be a great opportunity for connection, creativity and practical learning.





# ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL

## WYNDHAM CULTURAL CENTRE

A huge congratulations to everyone involved in our production of The Addams Family Musical!

What an incredible achievement by our students. From the cast and chorus to the musicians, backstage crew, production team, designers, technicians and everyone who worked behind the scenes. Your talent, commitment, creativity and hard work truly brought this show to life!

To those who came along and supported and cheered all the students and Arts Community on THANK YOU!





# BOOK WEEK



Book Week got off to a fantastic start! Staff and students brought their favourite characters to life for our Dress Up Day, with some very creative costumes on show.

It was a full week of activities, celebrating books, reading and the stories that bring our school community together. From creative activities to special events, there was plenty happening across the week.

A big thank you to all of our staff who supported and helped make Book Week such a success, and to our students for getting involved and making the most of the week.

# SCIENCE FAIR

Our Science Faculty hosted our annual Science Fair and we had a fantastic time celebrating all things Science with plenty of experiments, curiosity, and hands on learning. It was amazing to see so many families getting involved in the evening session, including families who joined us to build on their learning, after an adult excursion to Scienceworks last year. Thanks to Paw Ner Moo for organising such a big group. And a huge shout out to our Science team for their ongoing work inspiring curiosity and a love of learning in our students through their teaching.





# WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

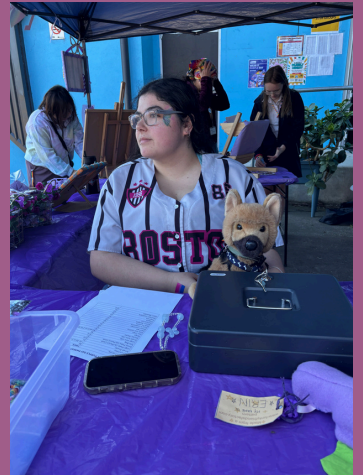
## LEARN ABOUT ...

The Community Hub hosted a market in celebration of Wear it Purple day. It was a huge success, raising more than double what we raised last year for Wear it Purple. Thank you to our students, staff and families who created and contributed handmade items, and to everyone who supported the market. A special thank you to our Parent Sewing Class, who made an incredible items for the market and played a huge part in its success. And, most of all, thank you to our Rainbow Group students for all their work creating things throughout the year.

Wear It Purple Day is an important opportunity to celebrate LGBTQIA+ young people and reinforce that everyone deserves to feel safe, supported, included and proud to be themselves.

A huge shoutout to alumni Felix and Alex for their support and for helping us celebrate the importance of visibility, belonging and community.

It was a wonderful day of learning, connection and showing our students that they belong, they are valued and they are supported.





# MAX B - WOODSTREET ART PRIZE



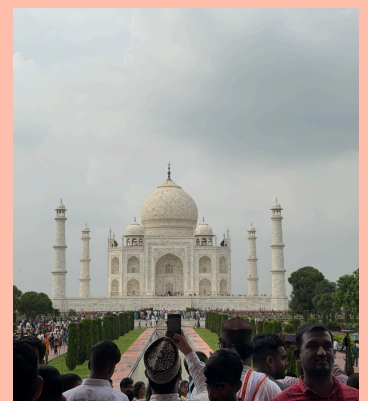
Congratulations to Max, whose artwork has been selected for the Woods Street Arts Space Youth Art Shortlist Exhibition 2026.

Being selected for this exhibition is a significant milestone for Max and a wonderful recognition of his creativity, artistic skill and dedication to his practice. It also marks an exciting opportunity for his work to be exhibited and celebrated beyond our school community.



# MISSION SHAKTHISAT

We are incredibly proud of Year 12 student Kathleen, who was one of just two successful First Nations young people from Australia selected to participate in Mission ShakthiSAT, an international space technology program. Kathleen joined young women from 108 countries as part of the global mission, gaining experience in STEM, leadership and international collaboration. The program included training in areas such as physics, mathematics, coding, ham radio and PCB design, with students working towards developing technology for a lunar-orbit payload. For Kathleen, this was an incredible opportunity to represent Australia and First Nations young people on an international stage, while developing skills, connections and experiences that she can carry into her future. Congratulations Kathleen on this outstanding achievement and for representing Wyndham Central College and our Young Mob community.





# EQUITY ALLIANCE GATHERING



Six Wyndham Central College students- Abigail Bhattacharjee, Annabella Mesiti, Manning Bricknell, Max Borhillo, Mekdes Mokenen and Sienna Williams had the opportunity to attend the Achieving Education Equity Gathering at Melbourne Connect.

The sold-out event brought together more than 200 young people, educators, community organisations, government representatives and others committed to achieving greater equity in education. The day focused on three key priorities: developing a vision for an equitable education system for low-SES communities, strengthening coordination of support for schools and students, and strengthening student-teacher relationships.

Our students participated in workshops and discussions alongside young people and education leaders from across Victoria, contributing their perspectives and ideas about what an equitable education system should look like.

The Gathering was a valuable opportunity for our students to have their voices heard, build connections and contribute to conversations about creating positive change in education. WCC Community Engagement Leader Kristy Gray, a member of the EEA Leadership Council, also supported the organisation of the event.

**We are proud of our students for stepping up, sharing their perspectives and representing Wyndham Central College in this important conversation.**

## MICARE VOLLEYBALL

Wyndham Central College has partnered with MiCare and Reclink Australia to provide a new volleyball program for people from Myanmar and their friendship groups. The program brings people together through sport, creating a relaxed and welcoming space to build friendships, connect with others and strengthen community connections. Volleyball provides an opportunity for participants to get active, have fun and meet people from across the local community.

The program is another way the Community Hub is working alongside local organisations to create opportunities for connection, participation and belonging.





# PARENT OPINION SURVEY

## Parent/Carer Opinion Survey

The annual Parent/Carer Opinion Survey is now open, and we encourage families to share their feedback about Wyndham Central College.

The survey helps us understand families' experiences and perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and engagement, and helps identify areas for improvement and future school planning.

The survey takes approximately 20 minutes and is available in English and 10 other languages, including Arabic, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish and Vietnamese. Support is available from the school if you need assistance in another language.

Survey closes: Friday 18 September 2026.

To complete the survey:

- Visit <https://research.orima.com/parent>
- Select Wyndham Central Secondary College
- Use PIN: 264603

Only one parent/carers per household is invited to complete the survey. Responses are anonymous and confidential.

Your voice matters. Your feedback helps us understand what we are doing well and where we can continue to improve.

# VM COMMUNITY PROJECT



Our Year 12 VCE VM Personal Development Skills students have partnered with Big Group Hug for their 2026 community project, Little Steps, Big Hugs.

As part of the project, students organised a Walk Fundraiser for Year 11 and 12 students and a Donation Drive to support families experiencing hardship. The initiative aimed to raise funds and collect essential items for local families in need. Through the project, our students have developed valuable skills in leadership, teamwork, communication and event management, while making a meaningful contribution to their community. A huge congratulations to our Year 12 students for their commitment to supporting others and turning their learning into positive community action.