

Message From the Executive Principal - Mr Jeff Jones

This year the Community News will focus on the four pillars of improvement that underpin 'Quality Teaching' at Woodcrest State College. The first pillar is People, so let's look at who we are at Woodcrest.

Our College started the 2022 year with 1750 students, 760 in the Primary and 990 in the Secondary sector. We also have 470 students from multiple school sites enrolled in WesTEC our Trade training Centre.

Our college community is a vibrant multicultural one where we have 445 students coming from families where English is an additional language or dialect. There are 32 different first languages spoken by students at our school. This creates multiple opportunities for greater understanding of others within our community.

We are very much staff and student learner focused at the College.

We recently launched our Leadership Development Framework which focuses on four target groups:

Edge - our primary and secondary students.

Aspire - our teachers who are looking for promotion.

Flourish - our facilities staff, teacher aides and office staff.

Eureka – the senior leaders of the College.

Whilst each target group has their own identified programs the overall purpose of this framework is to provide opportunities for personal growth and leadership skill enhancement.

Our work is always focused on students so the outcome we expect for our people from this framework is the creation of a community of learners with high levels of confidence and expertise to deliver quality teaching and learning.

Regards,



Introducing Woodcrest's new 2022 School Captains

Congratulations Primary School Captains: Lylah Congdon, Hayden Turner, Lian Jacobs & Tyler Lutrel.



Congratulations Secondary School Captains: Jeremy Collins, Chloe Hendry, Max Kukielyczynski & Chloe Skornsek

Woodcrest Celebrates 2022 Journey Students

Woodcrest recently celebrated our 'Journey Students' with an evening of acknowledgement and celebration. A Journey Student is one who has attended the College from Prep or Year One and is now in their final year of schooling.

These students have contributed an enormous amount to the cultural fabric of the College during their 12 or 13 years here and we sincerely thank their families for their commitment and support during that time. This year the College has 27 Journey Students whom we are proud to say are Woodcrestians. Students received a certificate, tie pin and a shirt to commemorate the milestone.



WSC's Radio Broadcast is Creating a BUZZ

Woodcrest's Media Crew has been a valued extra-curricular program at Woodcrest since 2019, although COVID presented some road blocks the Media Crew continue to capture the culture of Woodcrest through livestreaming events, photography and in 2022, digital radio, live broadcasting and a Podclast.

2016 was the last radio broadcast made from our radio room and the nine Media Crew members are inspired to make a come back in 2022 with *The Hive*. The Hive will be delivering a pre-recorded Podclast for each fortnight Term 1 and Term 2 learning how to structure content, and develop use of voice.

"Our role is to inform and empower the Woodcrest Community. We are here to build a vibrant community, to promote kindness, to give voice to the marginalised groups and to discuss current events and how they relate to Woodcrest! We will create a space where we can learn from each other outside the classroom. " – 2022 Media Crew



Robotics Club Strives High

The Woodcrest Secondary Robotics club has been running since 2016 and in that time has had success at regional and national levels. The Junior Team is open to all students in years 7 to 9 while the Senior Team is for students in years 10 to 12.

The Junior Robotics Team focuses on building and programming robots using the LEGO EV3 hardware. The team competes in the LEGO League each year, which takes place in September. Teams have twelve weeks to build a robot to complete a series of challenges and then compete against other teams in regional competitions.

In 2021, Woodcrest placed 4th (out of 28 teams present) in the Rochedale Regional and were afterwards invited to compete at the National Championships.



The Senior Robotics Team provides students with the opportunity to further develop their engineering and coding skills by building more complex robots. The team competes in the FIRST Tech Challenge each year and has seen many successes since first competing in 2019. Like the LEGO League, teams in the FIRST Tech challenge have 12 weeks to build a robot to complete very specific tasks and then battle it out with other teams in regional competitions.



Winners of the regionals are invited to compete at the National Championships. In both 2019 Woodcrest's Secondary Team qualified for the National Championships where they travelled interstate to Sydney.



In 2020 the Senior Team took out victory at the State Championship and again qualified for the National Championships.

Although COVID has had an impact on how these championships are now held it is evident that the skill of Woodcrest's robotics team still remain.

Both Woodcrest's Junior and Senior Teams look forward to their upcoming competitions.

2021 Dux

Congratulations to Christian Risco who was announced as Woodcrest State College's 2021 Year 12 Dux.

The College recently invited Christian back to talk to the current Year 10, 11 and 12 students about inspiration and tips on how to achieve their goals.

The former School Captain has been described as being dedicated to studies, as well as being an exceptional role model of our College's core values.



Woodcrest Takes First Place in the Big Battery Rescue



2021 LEADERBOARD



Sustainability Impact Statement



2,005kg of batteries recycled equates to over 77,115 AA batteries that have been diverted from landfill.

End Of Life recycling* of 77,115 AA batteries:
≈ 7,241kg CO₂e avoided

Which is the equivalent** to:

- Greenhouse gas emissions from a car driving 28,926km
- CO₂ emissions from 880,814 smartphones being charged
- Carbon sequestered by 120 tree seedlings grown for 10 years

This also creates a direct contribution to the circular economy with battery materials being recycled and reused, and offsets the climate impact derived from the mining, refining, manufacturing and packaging which all contribute to Greenhouse Gas emissions.***

Much of the material that makes up alkaline batteries can be used as agricultural fertilizer, as well as being used in steel making.

Source:
*Source: Environment: Life Cycle Analysis of AA Alkaline Batteries
**www.era.gov.au
***The effects of the climate impact of lithium-ion batteries and how to measure it, Circular Energy Storage, July 2020

Woodcrest State College (Kalina Springfield) QLD	1,035 KG
Leppington Public School (Willowdale) NSW	207 KG
Rowville Primary School (Waterlea) VIC	188 KG
Santa Sophia Catholic College (The Gables) NSW	77 KG
St Luke's Catholic College (Elara) NSW	67 KG
Brabham Primary School (Whiteman Edge) WA	56 KG
Hercules Road State School (Newport) QLD	53 KG
Aitken Hill Primary School (Highlands) VIC	52 KG
Kororoit Creek Primary School (Mt Atkinson) VIC	50 KG
Coomera Springs State School (Foreshore Coomera) QLD	44 KG
Dapto Public School (Brooks Reach) NSW	35 KG
Ripley Valley State School (Providence) QLD	35 KG
Ramleigh Park Primary School (Evergreen) VIC	30 KG
Berwick Chase Primary School (Minta) VIC	24 KG
Christ The King Primary School (Orion) VIC	22 KG
St Clare's Catholic School (North Shore) QLD	21 KG
Rouse Hill Public School (The Gables) NSW	9 KG
Brookside P-9 College (Grandview) VIC	KG



Year 12 2021 Outcomes and Achievements

The high expectations of the staff combined with the diligent work of our students led to our 2021 Year 12s achieving some fantastic outcomes.

Some of the highlights included:

- Students with a Certificate II qualification: 100%
- Students with a Cert III or above qualification: 37%
- 73.53% of students with ATARS 60 and above
- Average pass rate of 91% across all Year 12 subjects
- 99.3% QCE attainment

Congratulations to the class of 2021. We are so pleased for you all and continue to enjoy hearing the stories of your successes.

Woodcrest Wellbeing - Woodcrest Warriors

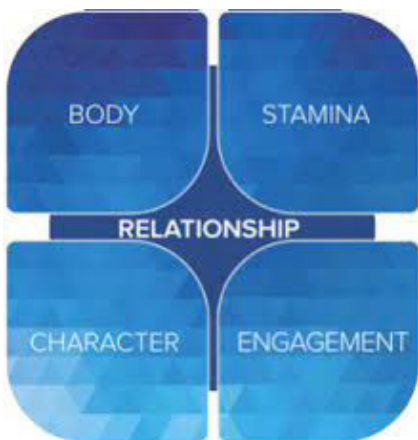
Woodcrest State College recognises the importance of wellbeing and the connection to learning. Healthy, confident and resilient young people will be able to respond to the complex world at school, at home and in the workplace in the future.

The Woodcrest State College Wellbeing Framework provides a model for the wellbeing of students and staff across the College. We provide a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for the college community to develop the skills and attributes that will enable all members of the Woodcrest State College community to flourish.



Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is an integral part of education and human development (CASEL, 2020). During SEL, students acquire and apply the knowledge and skills to develop healthy identities, manage emotions, feel and show empathy for others, develop and maintain supportive relationships and make caring and responsible decisions. Students will also explore character development and the values of the College: Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

In primary, students have been working through the 'Woodcrest Warriors' program. This program has been aligned to the Berry Street Education Model, the College Values and Restorative Practice. In secondary, the students engage in weekly SEL lessons that are aligned to the ACARA Personal and Social Capabilities, the Berry Street Education Model and exploring aspects of the PERMAH model.



"We know that a supportive environment that combines a focus on wellbeing with a focus on learning is optimal — without one, the other will not happen" (DOE, 2022).



Woodcrest State College Enrolments Open

At Woodcrest State College we pride ourselves on providing the ultimate learning experience for the needs of the students in the Greater Springfield area.

We offer high academic excellence, state of art facilities
and Seamless Prep to Year 12 Education.

Visit our website or call our Enrolments Officer for more information.

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