

Message From the Executive Principal - Mr Jeff Jones Alignment at Woodcrest

As the business end of the year approaches the importance of our student achievement is highlighted. Across our campus the alignment of our programs, processes and outcomes are being examined as we get into planning for 2023. This never-ending cycle of developing, prioritising, planning, acting and then monitoring and reviewing is how we make Woodcrest a great place for students to learn in.

We actively engage with our local early childhood centres to ensure that our future students' transitions into our college are as smooth as possible so they get the best possible start to their formal education. This work has been happening for the past 6 months and is certainly a focus for our primary sub school over the next few months. In the same way we also work with our feeder primary schools to create equally smooth transitions from Year 6 into Year 7. It's important for us to be able to meet the needs of our incoming student body that we have strong relationships with our local primary schools so we can prepare and cater for the next wave of high school students as they continue on their education journey.

Just as important as transitioning into the college is the work we do with our senior students as they transition out from learning at Woodcrest to further education, training, or employment. Our support of our most experienced students is designed to help them have the best opportunity to live a life of choice not a life of chance and their success are celebrated throughout the college on a regular basis. A large part of professional conversations focuses on our work being the right work to support our students' aspirations. Recent studies of Australian secondary students by social demographers McCrindle have found that just 14% of students are looking for traditional employment. The majority of students are now looking at a hybrid version of work whereby they have their own entrepreneurial work to sit alongside some employment.

This of course has implications for education in the manner of what we deliver that supports the new approach to post school activity.

Further findings from the McCrindle research found that the top three platforms that students use on a daily basis to teach themselves new skills were teachers, websites and TikTok. The intentional focus to create a Seamless P-12 curriculum has seen has Woodcrest staff working together to align practices and approaches that thoughtfully plan and cater for the crayon to career scope of our college as we strive to co-create a pathway for every student from Prep-Year 12.

We've recently revamped The Nest (our student operated café) and the dining room for our Hospitality students to work and learn in. We've also created an Esports room which means both our primary and secondary Esports club members can collaborate together to develop skills in this new team sport. In the future we will align this to our curriculum offerings to enrich the experiences of the students as they move through the college. Hopefully you had the chance to see this at the 25th Anniversary open day.

With 25 years of rich history and dedication from staff and the community, Woodcrest continues to be recognised as a school that puts students first. The college staff actively support each other's professional growth in order to provide the best possible education for each child no matter what their circumstances are. Woodcrest is a college for everyone.



Celebrating Amazing Teaching Staff

Did you know that recently we had teachers from our Home Economics & Hospitality team present at the annual Home Economics Institute of Australia (QLD) conference? The conference was attended by over 300 educators who came together to listen to international guest speakers and share current best practice around such topics as wellbeing, nutrition, and sustainability. Our amazing Woodcrest team of Ms Mayo, Ms Kinninment and Ms Jonker presented to a packed-out room on the topic of 'Academic games in the classroom'. It is so fantastic to see our Woodcrest teachers sharing and collaborating at a system's level. Congratulations!

Recently, Springfield celebrated 30 years with the launch of a documentary called '30 Years 30 eyes – Celebrating 30 years of Springfield'. This documentary featured none other than Woodcrest's own Visual Art and Design teacher, Mr Giuseppe Filardo. In the documentary, Mr Filardo discusses the importance of The Arts in our community and the contribution teachers, parents and community members can make in fostering the appreciation for and the sharing of art, song, dance of our Springfield community. Congratulations to Mr Filardo and the students involved in the making of the documentary.



Academic Achievements

Celebrating outstanding student achievement: Congratulations to all of the Year 7 – 12 students who received Academic Achievement awards on assembly during week 5. In semester one we had 234 students achieve Silver, Gold and Platinum Academic Achievement Awards.

To achieve these awards students had to receive the following results across their course of study.

Silver - GPA 4.0 – 4.49 (Minimum B Average)

Gold - GPA 4.5 – 4.99 (B+ Average)

Platinum - GPA 5.0 (All As)



We had 9 students achieve the platinum award, which is outstanding! To achieve these awards, our students have displayed the three school values of 'Respect, Responsibility and Resilience' for their learning. Well done students.

Diversity Day 2022

Since 2020 Student Council has been in charge of running Diversity Day at Woodcrest State College. Each year the council takes a unique approach for how they run the day, but the one thing that stays consistent is the message. Woodcrest State College celebrates the differences within the college, through students' multiculturalism, their sexualities, nationalities and their religions. That's why the theme is always, "what makes you, you."

The 2022 Student Council ran Diversity Day in two segments, a dance and singing concert followed up by workshops during break. The concert was attended by students across primary and secondary, as well as supporting parents/guardians and members of the community. All attendees were treated to incredible performances from a range of cultures such as Samoan, Tongan, Fijian, the Philippines, Spain and a compilation of African countries. Since the end of last term, students have been practising for Diversity Day, which strongly reflected in their excellent performances.

Following the wonderful school unity shown during the concert, students eagerly engaged in a range of lunch time workshops including: tie dye, Indigenous bracelet creation, henna ink, face painting and many more. During the break Woodcrest's radio station, The Hive, broadcasted songs, interviews and the message of Diversity Day. This day signified a day where students could recognise and celebrate their differences that makes this community truly stand out.

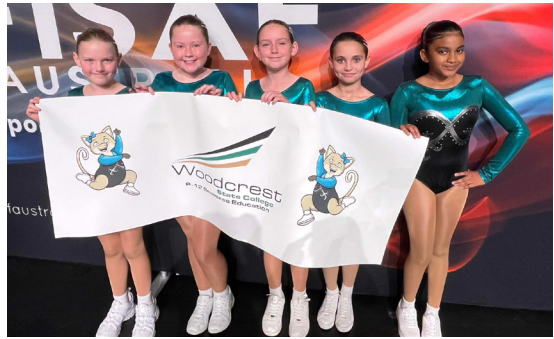


Student Council would like to thank all the student volunteers, teachers and the wonderful performers that helped make Diversity Day quite the experience for all involved!



FISAF

At Woodcrest State College Primary school, we run the Federation of International Sport Aerobics & Fitness (FISAF) program. The teams and coaches work hard, are dedicated to the sport and train multiple times a week. Each year we have teams competing in different championships, which lead to qualifying into the Australian National Championship. On Saturday July 30, we had 5 primary teams represent Woodcrest State College at the Queensland FISAF State Championships and 3 of them qualified for Nationals. There were approximately 1500 athletes in attendance just from Queensland. What an incredible achievement for our teams. We are so proud of all of our athletes and can't wait to see our qualifying teams represent Woodcrest at the Australian National Championships on September 10.



WASP - Woodcrest Academy Sports Programs

The Woodcrest Academy Sports programs have had a busy year within and beyond the school community. The academies aim to provide our students the opportunity to develop and implement their skills in a supportive and safe environment that provides exposure to challenging competition and unique challenges as part of the academy schedule. As part of the academy, students train multiple times a week either before, after or during school time and have access to coaching by our experienced staff who run and continually drive excellence in their program. Students also are provided access to specialised equipment, academy uniforms and excellent facilities in which to hone their skills.

In 2022 we have seen growth in the academy space with the addition of the Netball academy. This has seen a great investment of time in its first year and will look to grow further moving forward. The other academies continue to go from strength to strength with over 100 students from all year levels involved in various school sport Gala days, external competitions including but not limited to:

AFL Schools Cup

Vicki Wilson Cup

Elite 8 Basketball

All Schools Volleyball

Our students have represented well at these events and continue to build their teamwork, skills and enthusiasm to continue their journey through the academy and stages in these competitions. We are always looking to involve more students and inspire students to look beyond the classroom and build their sporting skills. If this sounds like you or your student please don't hesitate to contact the college for more information and we look forward to hearing about your interest in WASP.

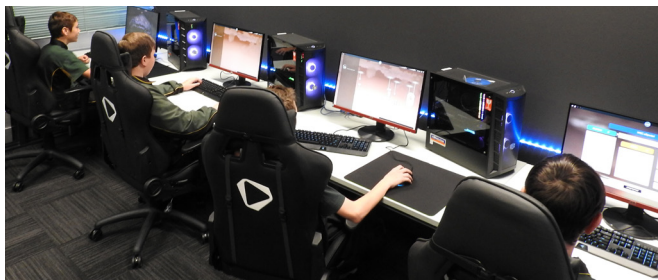


Esports At Woodcrest

Did you know that Woodcrest now supports eSports? Students have the opportunity to compete against each other in Mario Kart, Smash Bros, Rocket League and other online games.

As a P-12 College, Woodcrest eSports' vision is to create a program that caters for the diverse needs and interests of all of our students. As part of our College's commitment to this vision Woodcrest eSports Team has been established to foster and develop skills, abilities and participation of students. We aim to maintain a positive approach to online competitive play by encouraging a healthy balance between competition and education.

"A lot of the older generation think that the kids of today are just sitting in front of their screens, they're not going out, communicating and having fun and doing everything that they used to do when they were kids. However, if we can engage the students in something that they're passionate about and teach them implicitly along the way then that's exactly what we want in education."



Woodcrest eSports will uphold the College values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience, as we continue to strive for excellence both in-game and in the classroom.

Extracurricular programs have commenced for students in both Upper Primary and Secondary Schools.

Woodcrest eSports will train on a regular basis working on skill development, strategic thinking and teamwork. Teams will be aiming towards competition preparation both within and outside of the College.

Facilities

Throughout Term 3 our campus facilities have had a refresh with the following repairs and enhancements. We are so thrilled to be able to continue updating & enhancing our amenities for our students, to create a better environment within our school & facilitate exceptional learning outcomes.

- * Extensive roof repairs to our Primary Hall, Hangar and Auditorium Building
- * External paint in new colour scheme applied to all of Primary Campus buildings
- * External paint and render repairs to our Senior Gym and retaining walls
- * External paint and repairs to our Junior Hall entry block work
- * Internal paint & revamp to 'The Nest'
- * Internal paint to our Hospitality Dining Room
- * Internal paint applied to ST01 & ST02
- * Internal paint to our Junior Hall
- * Window tint applied to all Primary Buildings
- * Window tint applied to all M Block Buildings
- * New college signage applied to external Secondary Gym
- * New E-Sports room created and mural painted in the Senior Resource Centre for
- * Primary and Secondary Campus Students to access
- * External Junior Hall concrete stencil crete paint to our Primary Hall (in progress)
- * New top coat and line marking applied to Junior Hall Sports Flooring – to be completed September School Holidays.

'The Nest' Makeover

At the beginning of 2022 Year 12 Design student Alex approached our HOD of Applied Technology with a proposal for an interior design concept to revamp the Home Economics dining room. Our students have since implemented skills learned in Year 11/12 Design & worked with us as clients to refine this concept further. The finished space – The Nest Dining - includes plants, fairy lights and an amazing mandala mural designed and painted by Maddie. With new furniture on the way, this space will be a wonderful location for Year 12s to visit for a lunchtime coffee on Friday to hang out, and an inviting location for senior hospitality functions.

When celebrating big events, it's always good to look your best, and The Nest Café is getting a chance to do just that! Over the last month The Nest has transformed from a multicoloured student training space and teacher hangout, to a cool and sophisticated retreat, just in time for the 25th anniversary celebrations. We love the way the design brings the outdoors inside, and provides a modern aesthetic to learn and to relax in. The Nest, as well as being a training space is open to Woodcrest staff, which enhances well-being and connection opportunities across the campus.

A before & after to show the astounding transformation!





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.

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