2016 Year 7 Information Evening. Part 2
“By instilling young learners with the confidence and ability to think through problems, we envisage that they will be better equipped to navigate challenges in the 21st century.”

• Mindsets

• Neuroscience
Carol Dweck

Achievement and success
Fixed  

Growth
Fixed Mindset
Intelligence and abilities are fixed.
I’m hopeless at maths.
Failure is catastrophic.
Why should I try?
I’ll just fail.
Focus is on proving.
Why work?  
I’m already smart.
Flees from difficulty.
I just don’t get it!
Growth Mindset
Abilities and intelligence can change through effort and learning.
I know I can get better at this.
Mistakes are opportunities.
So how will I do it next time?
Persist despite obstacles.
I’ll never give up!
See effort as path to mastery.
I need to practise to get better.
Can mindsets change?

Praise and feedback

Understanding of how we learn
What do we praise?

- Effort
- Strategies
- Choices
- Focus
- Persistence
What do we teach?
• The brain
• Neuroplasticity
• Learning process
Many studies show:

- Have an empowering perspective on learning
- Respond differently to challenge
- Focus on improvement
- See effort as a way to build ability
- See failure as a natural part of the learning process
- Do better in school over time
Einstein

“Anyone who has never made a mistake, has never tried anything new.”
WELS School – ‘Inspiring Global Citizens & Leaders’


School Holiday Leadership & Health Programs

Leadership & Health Program – Middle Years

Day 1-3: Core Program

+ Day 4 & 5: Camp & Leadership Challenge Days (advanced option)
Summer & 2016 Programs

Great options for all boys & girls @ Kingswood or any school

**Summer: Programs in Dec & Jan**
- Dec 14 - 18
- Jan (week before school): Transition to Year 7 Personal Development Program

**2016: Programs Every Holidays**
- Middle Years & Junior Programs

More info and links online
www.wels.com.au
Hi Tim and Ben,

I wanted to belatedly thank you ( & Charlotte) for the amazing experience that you offered Zoe during the September holidays. She had an amazing time, pushed herself out of her comfort zone, made friends and discovered strengths that she didn’t know she had. She is looking forward to hopefully participating in another program soon.
Function of the Parents & Friends Association

- Social Get togethers
- Information Sharing
- Support Council Objectives
- Pastoral Support
- Regular Feedback
- Home: School Links
PFA Class Reps

“the most critical role of all”

* A point of contact between the parents of a class or year level and the PFA
  – Sending emails to class parents with class specific information
  – Organising class rep helpers (telephone tree)
  – Encouraging class parents to volunteer for events

* Organise social functions for your class or year level
  – Typically done once a term
  – Could be a morning coffee at a local café, a year level dinner (organised with other class reps) or a family outing

* Assist with PFA functions (when able to)
  – Encourage class parents to participate
PFA Meetings

* Held monthly during term time, usually last Tuesday of month
  * Dates are in the College calendar
* Format: every 2nd meeting has a speaker followed by a short meeting
* Next meeting: Tuesday 23rd February at 7.30 pm in the Cato Centre
  * ThinkPlus Educator, Bernadette Lanyon
    Discussing growth mindsets, good thinking dispositions and practical tools for collaboration, problem solving and creativity preparing students with skills to successfully navigate the challenges of living in the 21st century.
Volunteers

* Without volunteers PFA events WON’T happen
* Every family volunteer ONCE a year – PERFECT!
* Lots of different types of jobs
  - we can find one to suit you – ask us
  - No experience necessary
* VolunteerSpot™ - Mobile device volunteer sign-ups

We Plan  You Sign Up  We Remind  Easy!
February
- **Welcome to Country Morning Tea**
  Thursday 4\textsuperscript{th} February 2016
  09:00am-11:00am

- **Men’s Health Dinner**
  Thursday 25\textsuperscript{th} February 2016
  6:30pm-9:30pm

- **Kingswood College Open Day**
  Saturday 27\textsuperscript{th} February 2016

March
- **Year 7 Welcome Dinner**
  Tuesday 1\textsuperscript{st} March 2016

- **International Women’s Day Dinner**
  Tuesday 8\textsuperscript{th} March 2016

- **Year 7 Family Picnic In the Park**
  Sunday 20\textsuperscript{th} March 2016

- **Great Easter Egg Hunt**
  Wednesday 23\textsuperscript{rd} March 2016
  school hours