

Weekly Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 6 May 2020 | WEEK 2, TERM 2

140 Years of Mercy Education



140 Years

On this day in 1880, 24 Sisters of Mercy arrived in South Australia from Argentina and began a remarkable journey.

We pay tribute to the founding sisters and the fine women who have followed in their footsteps over the past 140 years.

These sisters, working with our partners in Mercy, have ensured that the face of Mercy continues to shine brightly today.

We invite you to spend some time watching a video prepared by our sisters,

'Our Argentinian Connection – 140 Years of the Sisters of Mercy in South Australia.'

Eveline, Caroline, Gaye, Elizabeth and Maureen

Mercy Education Values

An education in the Mercy tradition invites us to take up a challenge – one that encourages us to develop fully our own God given talents.

At the same time, it kindles within us a desire to assist others, so that they too 'may have life, and have it to the full.' (John 10:10)

Today we particularly shine a light on the wonderfully committed and courageous women who journeyed from Dublin, via Argentina to Millicent and then Mount Gambier to leave a rich legacy, as expressed poignantly in the Mercy Keys of Compassion, Loyalty, Justice, Integrity, Responsibility and Mutual Respect. These are core values that are an integral part of the way of life for our community. So, in acknowledging the journey of these women we also say thank you; a thank you that carries the weight of our commitment to add to the story and steward this story for our time.

At this time, we think about those on whose shoulders we stand, and this week commences the 140th anniversary of Mercy Education in South Australia, from Dublin via Argentina.

David Meziniec | Principal

From The Principal

Catholic Education Week – Raising Hearts and Minds

Every day, in every Catholic School we help to raise hearts and minds.

Catholic Education in South Australia has been doing that since the very early days of white settlement in the South East of South Australia, when Fr Julian Tenison Woods and Mother Mary MacKillop established the first Parish School in Penola in 1866.

140 Years of Mercy Education

A pilgrimage of Mercy Sisters was due to visit the South East to retrace the steps of those early courageous women in 1880 from their arrival by boat in Beachport, to their journey to Millicent, Mount Gambier and Penola. We had planned a range of commemorative and story telling celebrations, which we look forward to enjoying now in 2021. However, I for your interest share the link to the Mercy Story, [here](#).

Mercy and Marist Charisms in the Fabric of our Region

The Sisters of Mercy began teaching in Mount Gambier in 1880 and moved into the Penola Road Convent in 1908, at that stage called St Joseph's Convent of Our Lady of Mercy. In 1952 the Parish School of St Paul's was merged with St Joseph's to become Mater Christi College, however in 1969 the primary section once more became St Paul's School with secondary education functioning independently as Mater Christi College.

In 1972 Tenison College was formed following the merging of Mater Christi College and Marist Brothers Agricultural College. In the ensuing years since, both St Paul's and Tenison College emerged as significant Catholic educational institutions within the South East of South Australia.

Marcellin Champagnat, the founder of the Marists and Catherine McAuley, founder of the Mercy Order, had similar aims when they established their orders of Religion. They would teach children, but in the Catholic faith. They devoted themselves to the poor, often the rural poor, whose need for a Catholic education had not been met.



From The Principal *continued...*

The Marist and Mercy charism that reached out to the people of Mount Gambier and outlying districts in those early years of Catholic education continues to thrive today. It is marked by deep faith in Jesus and His mother, Mary and a desire to serve Christ through educating young people. The lay leadership of both schools brought new challenges and successes to the community and will continue to do so as responsibility for 'Church in the World' is devolved to the laity, working closely with the Mount Gambier Parish to support the faith formation of the whole family.

Tenison Woods College – A Rich Legacy

The amalgamation of St Paul's Primary School and Tenison College in 2001 formed Tenison Woods College, starting a new chapter in the history of Catholic Education in the Mount Gambier region. Tenison Woods College has a strong commitment to educating all students to achieve their personal best in academic, spiritual, social and sporting achievements. We enjoy a College community of abundance and we pay tribute to all those who have played their part in evolving and intensifying the story of service that is expressed richly through faith, hope and love of our young.

Connect@Tenison

Thank you for your commitment to the start of Term 2. Overall students in the community were learning in the following way in Week 1:

- Students learning at school - 76 %
- Students learning at home - 15 %
- Unexplained / family / illness - 9 %

Student numbers in the ELCC are at their usual level, while the OSHC attendance levels are tracking at about half of the usual levels.

Whether you choose to send your child to school, or keep them at home a little longer, I hope our staff are supporting your child in their learning through Connect@Tenison.

HHDL Four Point Plan

I reiterate that we will deliberately and carefully continue to work with our HHDL Strategy in Term 2. I thank you for your attention to the HHDL Four Point Plan; good Health, good Hygiene and hand washing, good Distancing and care for others and good Learning regardless of student location. During this time of transition in Term 2, the health and wellbeing of students, families and staff remain's our priority. We will continue to ensure that our school is a safe environment with additional cleaning measures in place.

Fee Remission

Amongst all the worries that we have at this time – worrying about the payment of school fees should not be one of those things. Please be assured of our support for your family. If your family has lost significant income due to COVID-19 and there may be a need to freeze your payments, please contact Neal Turley, our Business Manager, who will assist you during this time. This can occur very easily for those families in need.

Mother's Day Celebrations and Mary in the Month of May

This week during Catholic Education Week we celebrate mothers, grandmas, godmothers, aunts, big sisters and all those who provide motherly care to our young.

Our virtual celebration will be issued later this week and is one to share as a family.

As we celebrate motherly care of those who are with us and those who are now enjoying their heavenly reward, we also acknowledge that during May we as a Catholic Church offer our devotion to Mary; our model of devoted motherhood, grace, unconditional love and maternal integrity.

Webinar for Parents - Supporting Young People through Uncertainty - Thursday 7 May 6:30pm-7:30pm

This webinar is tailored for our community to assist families at this challenging time.

During this period, we believe that maintaining a focus on wellbeing and resilience is even more important than ever. The approach of our partners LBI Foundation in these difficult times is to consistently reinforce three major pillars of the IMPACT approach:

1. Stability;
2. Connection to community; and
3. Growth as a mindset.

LBI has heavily invested in online integration and learning management systems and LBI developed resources, tools, videos and methods that draw upon Resilient IMPACT which can support your family through this period. So, don't forget to log in using the link sent via email on Monday.

Carpark Care

I remind families of the care required in the carpark area. The speed limit of 15km / hour is designed to assist with maintaining the safety of all community members. Likewise, the smooth running of the 'kiss and drop' area depends on the courtesy of all users to keep the traffic moving. Should children not be at the 'kiss and drop' area ready for pick up, I ask parents to complete another cycle of the area to ensure others can collect their waiting children.

Food Allergy Awareness – Awareness, Avoidance and Action

Living with the risk of a severe allergic reaction, or anaphylaxis, takes planning, diligence and clear communication. At Tenison Woods College we believe that our community has a significant role in supporting those who live with the risk, so that through awareness, education and training they and their families can lead normal, healthy lives.

The website <http://www.allergyfacts.org.au> offers support for individuals, parents and carers of people living with this risk, supporting the critical more personalised treatment and care. We encourage anyone who suspects they may have an allergy or those who have already been diagnosed to consult their allergist, immunologist, paediatrician or GP for personalised treatment and care. This includes regular follow-up so that they can access up to date information on managing their risk of anaphylaxis, and communicating that information to our staff so that our community can support them in the best possible way.

God Bless,

David Meziniec | Principal



From the Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

Looking back to this time last year, our students were preparing to host their mothers and grandmothers at the Mothers' Day Liturgy which is always a highlight of the school year. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 were undertaking the NAPLAN assessments. How things have changed! The Mother's Day Liturgy is going virtual, and the NAPLAN will not be occurring this year, due to the complexities of online learning.

As mentioned last week we have released SEQTA Engage to Reception to Year 12 families. SEQTA Engage replaces our previous Learning Management System, SIMON/PAM and keeps families involved in all aspects of their child's education. Through user-friendly apps and web portals, parents can access their child's class timetables, attendance records, school notices, homework and assessments, from any device, anytime, anywhere. SEQTA Engage has a powerful continuous reporting functionality, bringing parents and caregivers into the learning journey and enabling students results to be viewed immediately. If you require assistance logging in, please email info@tenison.catholic.edu.au or call the College on 8725 5455 and our designated support team will respond to your query.

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

CIM Team News



Mothers' Day Events

We may not be able to physically gather for our much loved annual Mother's Day event, but rest assured we will still be inviting families to join together in prayer and thanksgiving for the people in our lives who bring us love and comfort.

On Friday we will share a link to our Regional online Mother's Day liturgy celebration and families are encouraged to take some time over the weekend to view it, share it with those you love or use it to help your family celebrate Mother's Day in a way that is meaningful for you.

May is the Month of Mary

For May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue, a picture or some representation of our Blessed Mother.

Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue. Use your Mary focus during May to regularly pray Marian prayers such as the Hail Mary, The Holy Rosary or the Angelus.

Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone’s mother – and she cares for all of us, day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters.

Masses online

As Churches continue to be closed and public Masses prohibited, the Archdiocese of Adelaide is providing a weekly live stream Mass each Sunday from St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral to support the faithful during this time. The Mass is available each week at: www.adelaide.catholic.org.au

While Sunday obligation for Catholics has been lifted, we are still encouraged to keep the Sabbath holy. We have loved hearing from parents and children about some of the Masses they have been participating in online and family prayer spaces that have been set up in homes.

Formed.org

With more time at home it has been great to hear from families who have spent some time exploring some of the videos and movies on Formed.org. There are many animated programs suitable for younger children that adults are also enjoying. The discussions that take place in families are a wonderful source of faith formation and education. As adults we have so much to learn from our children.

Subscription to Formed.org is FREE under the parish membership and it takes less than a minute to subscribe.

1. <https://formed.org/>
2. Click ‘I belong to a Parish’
3. Type in ‘Mount Gambier’

Michelle Coote | Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission



Wooden Outdoor Children’s Tables For Sale

Some of our talented Year 12 students have constructed outdoor wooden children’s tables to raise money for Bushfire Relief. The tables are for sale at \$120 each and all proceeds will be donated to the WWF’s Australian Wildlife and Nature Recovery Fund.

As pictured, the tables come in three different finishes: raw, varnished and painted. There are only a limited amount of each finish. If you are interested in purchasing a table to support this great cause, please email me at collb@tenison.catholic.edu.au or phone 08 8724 4626.

We would sincerely like to thank One Forty One Wood Products who kindly donated all the timber and Banner Mitre 10 Mt Gambier for donating all the fixings for the tables.

Brad Colliver | BET Coordinator



Shining In the Classroom

Term 2 has seen Junior School students continue with their Visual Arts curriculum.

The first art project for students from Reception to Year 2 was to create an animal leaf collage using resources found in nature such as leaves of different shapes, sizes and colours, bark, flowers, petals, sticks, stones, nuts, berries etc.

Students were required to explore their outdoor environments, select and collect a range of these natural objects and then arrange them to form some kind of animal or insect.

This activity helped to draw student attention to the Line, Shape and Colour of objects. These are important elements to consider when constructing artworks. It gave students the opportunity to explore their ideas and use their imagination as well as experiment with different materials.

Like most art projects, this activity also sought to help foster wellbeing and develop the student’s connection with the world.

Students took on this challenge with gusto and as you can see, they have produced very creative results.

The next time you are outside, think about what artwork you could create using nature... God’s beautiful gift to us all.

Monika Kolhoffer | Junior School Specialist Arts Teacher



After School Study Centre

Tenison Woods College now offers an after-school study program which is held every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30pm to 4:15pm. The program offers assistance to students in Years 8-12 in the subject areas of Chemistry, Research Project, Physical Education, Art, Music, English, Tech Studies and Mathematics. For any enquiries or further information please do not hesitate to contact me at dicksc@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

Scott Dickson | Director of Learning



Upbeat Craftsmanship Shown

Our Design and Technology team decided that our Year 8 Design and Technology subject needed a major upgrade in 2020. After extensive amounts of research and development, they decided that the chosen product needed to integrate traditional hands-on skills, design, electronics and emerging technologies; such as laser.

One of our key Design and Technology teachers led the charge with the concept of redesigning a speaker, which needed to better suit the interest of a specific client - themselves! The students worked through a range of tutorials, on our laser design software to finalise their individual designs for client approval.

Over the course of four weeks the students deconstructed an existing speaker, critiqued, redesigned, laser cut, soldered and assembled their own portable Bluetooth speaker. An excellent outcome! Well done to the students for the outstanding final designs!

Tom Linnell | Sustainability Coordinator

2021 Year 7 and 8 Information Evening

The Tenison Woods College 2021 Year 7 and 8 Information Evening will be offered via live stream on Wednesday 13 May at 5:30pm.

Due to Covid 19 our scheduled Information Evening and Twilight tour has had to take on a different format this year. We have endeavoured to provide families with as much information as possible. Parents and students will receive a link via email to log on and join us at 5:25pm on Wednesday 13 May.

We will also enclose a Frequently Asked Questions sheet to the livestream link.

On Wednesday 20 May at 5:30pm we will be offering an online whole school tour – again you will receive a link to log on and join us.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au

Tracey Davey | Office Manager and Enrolment Registrar

Tenison Woods College Umbrellas Now Available

With this wet weather setting in for the next few days, now is the best time to grab a Tenison Woods College umbrella! These brollies are big, light, strong and only \$35!

Grab one now from the College front office!



A Wellbeing Welcome

We are thrilled to welcome new Wellbeing Counsellors; Sarah Milne and Mary Castignani who join Laura Herbert and Josie Ashby on the counselling team. The team supports teachers with the delivery of proactive wellbeing programs and provides counselling to support students, teachers and families.

Sarah, Mary and Laura are Social Workers who have worked across all age groups and agencies including; Child Protection, Child Adolescence Mental Health, Department for Education, Disability, Youth Opportunities, to name a few. Josie is a teacher and a Neuro Developmental Practitioner focusing on prosocial programs.

Please note their contact details and days working:

- Mary Castignani, castm@tenison.catholic.edu.au - Monday to Thursday
- Sarah Milne, milns@tenison.catholic.edu.au - Thursday and Friday
- Laura Herbert, herbl@tenison.catholic.edu.au - Tuesday to Friday
- Josie Ashby, ashbj@tenison.catholic.edu.au - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

To find out more about our new Counsellor's, we have created two video's. Please click [here](#) to view Sarah's and [here](#) to view Mary's.

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing

Canteen Volunteers Needed

Are you looking to meet new people while helping out in a fun and friendly environment?

We are currently preparing the Canteen Roster for the rest of this year, and we are looking for support from parents, grandparents and carers.

Working in the Canteen is a rewarding experience and it is a fun place to volunteer.

The Canteen requires volunteers Monday to Thursday in two time slots; 10:00am to 11:30am and 12:30pm to 2:00pm

We are looking forward to meeting new parents plus welcoming back any helpers from previous years.

Unfortunately, due to Workplace Health and Safety Guidelines, pre-schoolers are unable to attend with parents when working in the Canteen.

Volunteers require a Catholic Education Police Check or Working with Children Check which can be organised with the girls in the Front Office.

Please contact me, Leanne Sandow in the Canteen if you are interested in volunteering in the Canteen at sandl@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

We would love to hear from you!

Leanne Sandow | Canteen Manager

Visit our Instagram Page

Every day exciting things are happening in and around the College. To follow the fun, check out our Instagram Page! [@tenisonwoodscollege](https://www.instagram.com/tenisonwoodscollege)



Photo Gallery HPSP



Upcoming Events:

Friday 8 May

- Virtual Mother's Day Liturgy

Sunday 10 May

- Mother's Day

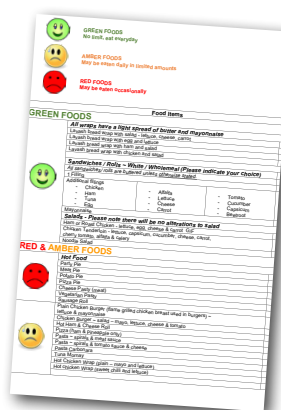
Wednesday 13 May

- 2021 Year 7 and 8 Information Evening via Live Stream Space-5:30pm

Canteen Roster

For those rostered to work in the canteen, your starting time is 10:00am and your finishing time is 2:00pm. If you or your children have been unwell in the week leading up to your rostered day we require that you do not attend and contact the Canteen Manager, Leanne Sandow at 87244607. Thank you for your assistance.

Please note: Lunch order bags can only be used once, they are not reusable. If you are using the QKR! app you do not need to supply a lunch bag. If using the QKR! App for online orders, please remind your child/ren to collect their lunch orders from the Canteen.



2020 Canteen Pricelist

Please visit the website for the 2020 canteen pricelist or click [here](#)

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop are not able to offer a walk in service at this time, however, to assist our community they are offering an increased number of personalised fitting appointments.

ALL BELOW OPENING HOURS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. To book your appointment, click [here](#).

Thursday 7 May 11:00am - 3:00pm
3:00pm - 5:00pm - Collection of Online Orders only

Tuesday 12 May 8:00am - 12:00 noon

For further enquiries please contact the school at 8725 5455.



Are you an Old Scholar?

Old scholars are an integral part of the history, tradition and future of Tenison Woods College. We invite all old scholars, past parents, friends and former staff members to reconnect through our 'Friends of Tenison' committee. Keep up to date with all the news in the College community. Register your details today, via our [website](#).

Year 7 will be offered as Secondary School in 2021 @ TWC
in the newly built Gilap Wanga Learning Community

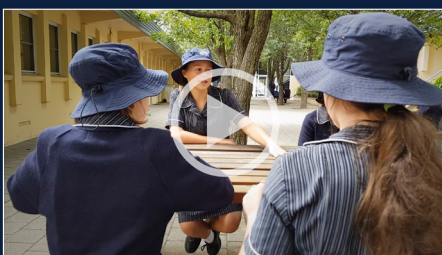


2021 Year 7 & 8 Information Evening

Join us via live stream on Wednesday 13 May

We invite all prospective 2021 Year 7 & 8 Students and families to join us via live stream. Hear from Head of Middle School Nick Patzel, hear from current students attending the College and see for yourself what our College has to offer. New curriculum opportunities, new buildings and much, much more.

To obtain the 2021 Year 7 & 8 Information Evening live stream link, or for any enquiries - please contact our Enrolment Registrar, Tracey Davey on (08) 8725 5455 or davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au



View 'A Day in the life of a Middle School Student' Video

vimeo.com/413015473



Take a tour of the Gilap Wanga Learning Community

vimeo.com/403556320

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