

Weekly Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2020 | WEEK 5, TERM 3



Charity Day for Timor-Leste

On Thursday 13 August, we held our annual Tenison Woods College Charity Day, raising funds for the Timor-Leste communities that we have supported for many years; The Dominican Orphanage, Francisco Xavier School in Hatolia and the Bakhita Centre.

Our College had an action-packed day of activities hosted by the Year 12 cohort. All other year levels were able to participate in a selection of games and activities for a gold-coin donation. Some of the activities included table-tennis, basketball, a small petting zoo, a dry-ice Science experiment and indoor soccer.

The main highlight and event of the day was the Hot Seat Quiz! Several of our brave College staff members and student leaders participated in answering questions about Timor-Leste and our College, with each wrong answer resulting in a bucket of water, flour or jelly being poured on each team member! This event was live-streamed to every classroom in the College. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for a short highlight reel of the day, coming soon!

A massive congratulations to all students and staff for raising a total of \$2,337.75 for Timor-Leste!

A big thank you to the following businesses for sponsoring our event: Collins Court Butchers, Cheap as Chips, Bakers Delight, Bunnings, Mount Gambier Foodland IGA, The Distributors, and PFD.

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing

From The Principal

Whole School Liturgy and Charity Day

Thank you to all the students, staff and families who contributed to the success of the Whole School Liturgy and Charity Day in support of our sisters and brothers in Timor-Leste.

Special thanks to our inspiring College Captains; Jessica Snell and Ethan Herpich with the support of our committed Year 12 cohort, who thoughtfully organised a day of wonderful activities which brought the community together, fostering buddy connections, fun inclusive activities, founder points and raising much needed funds for Timor-Leste. Thank you to the staff who offered their talents to the day and for supporting our students to shine.

A tremendous effort by students and staff who were able to SHINE Bravely against insurmountable odds during the 'Hot Seat' Slime Quiz at the end of the day. Plenty of fun, plenty of slime and plenty of commitment to a wonderful cause!

Recent Cross Border Information

From 12:01am on Friday 21 August, cross border community members crossing the Victorian border will have their essential travellers' status suspended. Cross border community members wishing to enter South Australia will be required to re-apply under another essential traveller category.

These changes take into account the current situation in Victoria and will be continuously monitored until the risk is significantly reduced. The New South Wales cross border arrangements remain unchanged. Further information on these changes are available on the [website](#).

'Game Plan' for Victorian Families

We will support our Victorian families utilising our *Connect@Tenison* approach, which was prepared earlier in the year by staff, ready for such situations. This means that teaching staff will connect with students and parents to determine the best way to support student learning from home, using the SEQTA Learning Management System, Microsoft Teams video-conferencing tool and telephone communication.



From The Principal *continued...*

Younger students may also receive a pack of resources to assist home learning. Teaching staff will work deliberately with families this week leading up to Friday 21 August, to determine the approach which will meet the individual needs most appropriately.

Should you also wish to discuss this situation further and our approach going forward please do not hesitate to contact me at mezid@tenison.catholic.edu.au or 0429 833 655.

HHDL Four Point Plan

I reiterate that we are continuing deliberately and carefully our HHDL Strategy. I thank you thus far for your attention to the HHDL Four Point Plan; good **H** Health, good **H** Hygiene and hand washing, good **D** Distancing and care for others and good **L** Learning regardless of student location. During this time of increased challenge, I reiterate that the wellbeing of our Victorian families and staff remain one of our highest priorities.

Fee Remissions

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 will lose significant income due to the new COVID-19 restrictions and there may be a need to freeze your payments, please contact Neal Turley, our Business Manager at turln@tenison.catholic.edu.au, who will assist you during this time.

BYOD – Year 6 Families, ready for Year 7 in 2021

As the year flies by and we look to 2021, I remind families that if they are thinking about purchasing a device for next year, just check out our Bring Your Own Device page on our [website](#).

You can also find this page in SEQTA Engage by choosing the Portals option and selecting BYOD Parent / Guardian Information. With the current COVID-19 situation and associated wait times for products we encourage families to think about their child's needs a little earlier to ensure that the device is ready for the start of 2021.

Sugarloaf Café

We invite any community members who would like to volunteer in the Sugarloaf Café Thursday or Friday mornings to contact Mary de Nys at denym@tenison.catholic.edu.au or call 08 8725 5455. It would be ideal that volunteers have some hospitality experience.

OSHC Renovations

I advise families that renovation works on the OSHC facility has commenced. Below is a summary of the interruptions to our 'normal' operations. We will send out reminders as each date draws closer:

- Entrance to and from OSHC from the 17 August will be through the doors at the southwestern corner of the Barrie Holmes Stadium.
- We will be relocating to the Pam Ronan Centre from the 31 August to the 12 September.
- We will be using the Barrie Holmes Stadium for after school care on the 3 September and 8 September.
- We plan to return after school care to the OSHC room from the 14 September. Before school care will remain in the Pam Ronan Centre.

We hope to resume normal operations from the OSHC facility as of the 28 September. We apologise for any inconvenience in the short term, but we look forward to moving back into the newly renovated OSHC room upon its completion. We are also excited about the learning and care opportunities that the renovations will afford our young.

Gilap Wanga Ring Road Approach

We are currently using the Gilap Wanga Ring Road and I reiterate a few key points for us all to consider:

- The road is one way entering from the Moorak Homestead entrance and exiting adjacent to the College greenhouse onto the large roundabout road.
- We ask that merging traffic respect the alternating 'zip merge' approach so that traffic can flow most efficiently.
- We ask that parking in the area occurs from 24 August (Week 6). This is because the turning of wheels in the parking maneuver will tear up the top layer of the hot mix if it is not adequately cured and hardened first.
- We ask that student drop off and pick does not occur on the Gilap Wanga Ring Road.

Lines will be marked on the ring road and parking area in the Term 3 holidays.

Carpark Care

I remind families during these days of challenging weather conditions to

drive at no more than 15km/h while on the College grounds. I also ask that parents accompany young students to and from the council property, across the Poplars lined driveway. I ask this in an attempt to prevent any potential accidents which could occur to inexperienced and enthusiastic children.

Gilap Wanga Donations for the Native Gardens

I ask families for donations of any redgum or bluegum logs that could feature in the Gilap Wanga native plant garden areas. These logs will act as features in the gardens and possibly also be used as rustic seating. If families could assist us in accessing such logs, they would be warmly received.

Ongoing Construction Work at the College

We are delighted that the expansion of the ELCC and new Reception Building is well underway, as well as the OSHC renovations. As such, parents who enter the College site will note some continuing and increased parking challenges. Could I ask that you continue your care in the College driveways and parking areas, and particularly adjacent to the Early Learning and Community Centre. Should you have any concerns in relation to traffic and parking issues relative to the designated building site please contact Neal Turley at turln@tenison.catholic.edu.au or myself at mezid@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

Parish Planned Giving Rebate

I remind families that parents contributing to the Parish Planned Giving may claim a rebate from Tuition Fees of 50% of their contribution up to a maximum claim of \$750. Official Parish receipts are to be presented to the Finance Department after the 30 June 2020 for a deduction to be made.

God Bless,

David Mezinac | Principal



From the Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

SHINE + Health @ Tenison

At the Virtual Whole School Assembly this week I will be speaking to students about the plus in SHINE+. At this time of the year there are always colds, and bugs that invade our community, not to mention the sinister threat of COVID-19. So more than ever it is important to be aware of the plus guidelines to help keep ourselves and others healthy.

Sleep: Take time to recharge and get a good night's sleep: having some down time away from activities, homework/study and socialisation is a great way to personally relax and unwind both for young people and adults. Sleep is the other component of this guideline. If we are not getting enough sleep we lower our resistance to bugs making ourselves more susceptible to illness. Keep those devices out of the bedroom so that sleep is not interrupted by the pinging of alerts!

Eat well and drink plenty of water: Healthy food, healthy body! While it is tempting to go for comfort food when the days are cold and wet and you are feeling miserable good nutrition is far more sustainable. Try the soup option instead of hot chips!

Be active and exercise regularly: This is not only proven to be beneficial to our physical health but also to our mental wellbeing. This can be a challenge at this time of the year but it is well worth the effort.

Finally, if your young people are sick, please keep them home and if necessary, get a COVID-19 test. This not only gives them time to recuperate in the warmth of their own home it also stops germs from spreading and infecting others. If your child is absent please ring the absentee line in the morning: 8724 4659.

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development



CIM Team News

Sacrament Retreat Day

This Sunday, the children preparing to celebrate the Sacraments will gather together for their Family Retreat Day. The children will celebrate the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation during Masses next weekend.

Family Mass

We look forward to reconvening the Family Mass this Sunday 23 August and seeing many of our Tenison Woods College families there. If your child would like to read something at this Mass please contact Cisca Teodoro at the Mount Gambier Parish office on 8725 6566. Due to the latest COVID-19 restrictions

for church gatherings in the Archdiocese of Adelaide, there is unfortunately no congregational singing allowed, so children who lead singing will not be required for this week.

Year 9 Reflection Day Donations for Sunset Community Kitchen

This is an email I received by Maree Thompson at Sunset Community Kitchen regarding the donations of biscuits, lollies and chocolate & apricot balls made by the Year 9 cohort at their Reflection Day on Tuesday 11 August.

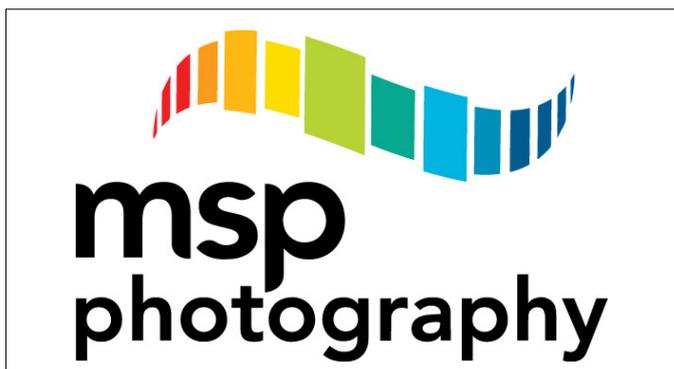
We at the Sunset community kitchen would like to thank all of the young people at Tenison who recently donated the yummy bags of biscuits, lollies and chocolate and apricot balls to us. We distributed these on the evening of Wednesday 12 August to the people who came along to collect a meal and they were very grateful. It is nice to be able to occasionally give a special treat and our volunteers enjoyed being able to do this. It was especially nice that the bags had little messages on them.

The volunteers and I very much appreciate the wonderful support that we get from the staff and students at Tenison Woods College and the students in particular who made these bags, deserve a big pat on the back.

Remaining Term 3 Masses:

Week 5	Thursday 20 August – Year 8 (No parents/carers or grandparents to attend).
Week 6	Thursday 27 August – Year 4/5
Week 7	Thursday 3 September – Year 10
Week 8	Thursday 10 September – Year 9
Week 9	Thursday 17 September – Year 12
Week 10	Thursday 24 September – Year 11

Michelle Coote | Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

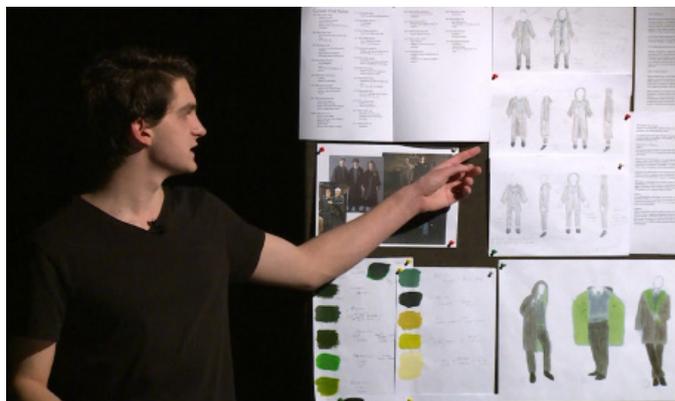


Catch Up School Photos Wednesday 26 August

Catch up school photos will take place next Wednesday 26 August (Week 6) from 1:20pm in the Staff Room.

The catch up photos are for students who were absent for photos this week. A schedule will be prepared for sibling photos and families will be contacted with a set time. Students who only require individual photos can present themselves to the staff room any time from 1:20pm on the day. The list of students who require their individual photo will be sent out on daily notices next week.

Jessica Herring | Manager - Public Relations, Marketing & Events Department



Year 12 Drama Production Presented in a Different Way

On Tuesday 11 August, the Year 12 Stage 2 Drama students presented their individual studies for external moderation. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, their group production at the Wehl Street Theatre was cancelled.

Their individual tasks were adapted by:

- Ava Jones acting and presenting three monologues from different plays;
- Ethan Michielan designing and sewing the costumes;
- Liam Moulden in charge of set design and creating a model to-scale of his design for a production; and
- Tyler Redway writing the play inspired by one of his favourite albums.

Each student discussed their process and journey of exploration, which was a part of their assessment. The socially distanced audience were impressed by their efforts! Liam's set design and Ethan's costumes are currently on display in the Pan Ronan Centre administration area for the rest of Week 5, and will be in the Front Office during Week 6.

We are very proud of the students' adaptability in what has been a very different year in Drama!

Pictured above Ethan Michielan with his costume designs.

Eliza Suggate | Drama teacher



Jump Rope For Heart

Thank you very much to all staff, students and families for the positive attitude that you have all shown in being involved in 'Jump Rope For Heart'. The event took place last Friday 14 August and it was impressive to see the energy and positive approach that the students exhibited during the 'Jump Off' and the commitment from them and their families when raising money for the Heart Foundation charity.

The Reception – Year 5 students raised an impressive \$3,988.17, which will be used by the Heart Foundation to research and develop ways to reduce heart disease.

A fantastic effort from all involved in this activity!

Pictured above Payton Bilney during the 'Jump Off'.

Troy Mustey | Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator



Top Achievement at State Futsal Competition

Tenison Woods College took the opportunity to participate in the Open Boys Futsal Statewide competition at MARS sporting complex in Adelaide on 12 August. The boys landed in a tough group of competition with Roma Mitchell (previous State champion), Parafield Gardens, Unley, Adelaide and Oakbank.

The team found the opening exchanges challenging and took a little bit of time to find their feet in the opening game going down 6-3. In the second game, the boys were moving the ball around with speed and precision, executing the game plan to a tee, coming out eventual winners 2-1 over a strong Unley High School. The team were now in full flight and we had all the momentum going into third and fourth games winning both in convincing fashion. The boys totally dominated Oakbank with a 13-0 score line and finished off the day with a 6-1 win over the highly regarded Adelaide High. At the end of the round robin tournament, Tenison Woods College finished second with three wins and one loss. It was a huge effort from the boys and something as a coach I was extremely proud to be part of. All players performed and behaved in an exceptional manner throughout the trip.

Over the last few years we have been travelling up to Adelaide to take part in these tournaments to test ourselves against the best in the state and it is evident now that we are more than capable of winning a state title. We are no longer the underdog and people are talking about 'the team from Mount Gambier' and how strong we are. It is a credit to the boys that the soccer fraternity in Adelaide know who Tenison Woods College is and that we are a force. I look forward to the what the future holds for these exceptional young men. The team consisted of Connor Prior, Broc Linden, Ruben Gustavsson, Austin Rossi, Kaleb Gentile-Meznar, Zac Sneddon, Noah Gazzard, Gay Lay Htoo and Harris Livingstone.

Nathan Fleetwood | Futsal Coach



UniSA STEM Girls Program

On 11 August, four Tenison Woods College Year 11 girls took part in the UniSA STEM Girls program. The aim of the program is to inspire girls to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

The students took part in DNA - a Data and Analysis program - that provided them with the opportunity to explore concepts and applications across Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics. The students joined girls from other schools in the region and used mathematical modelling to explore epidemiological applications and investigated how data is used to inform strategic responses. They used techniques of gel electrophoresis and chromatography which are used to investigate DNA profiling and applications.

Career Conversations allowed the girls to explore their career aspirations, and to meet and engage with female STEM professionals – Dr Mel Fraser – PIR-SA; Sally Duffett – SA Water; and Rhiannon Mathers – Kimberly Clark. These inspiring women spoke about their jobs and the importance of STEM and some of the challenges and rewards of working in male dominated careers.

"My favourite part of the day was being able to collaborate with students from other schools across the South East, having similar passions and interests allowed for a more enjoyable and social day as we took part in many practical activities such as gel electrophoresis and chromatography." Alice Circelli

"My favourite part of the day was the practical aspect of learning and discovering how different methodology can apply to situations. Mainly, I loved the forensics practical and analysing the dye and its segments." Lily Tucker

"I enjoyed meeting and chatting with some local STEM female professionals the most, where we were shown how far we could go and how much we will love our jobs if we continue to follow our passions." Tess Wight

Pictured above (L-R): Lily Tucker and Tyla Damhuis

Mary-Anne Sheppard | Senior Physics and Specialist Mathematic Teacher / STEM Ambassador



Scholastic Book Fair

It is that time of the year for our annual Scholastic Book Fair!

The Scholastic Book Fair will run Monday 31 August until Tuesday 8 September. This year Reception – Year 5 students will be visiting the Book Fair in the Staffroom during school hours with their class.

Students will receive a wish list order form to take home and select their books.

Ordering process:

- Student fills in wish list at school,
- Student takes wish list home,
- Parent/carer can pay for books online, write receipt number on wish list, and return wish list back to school with student,
- Alternatively, send cash and completed wish list to school with student.

Students will then be able to collect their books in the mornings before school (from 8:30am) from Tuesday 1 September until Tuesday 8 September. A staff member will be present to take payments and hand out books.

Francesca Dickson | Acting Head of Junior School

Book Week Celebrations at the College

This exciting week will be celebrated in Week 6 of this Term (next week); 24 to 28 August. We have a fabulous theme, 'Curious Creatures: Wild Minds', as our inspiration for our library, classroom activities and for dressing up on the Friday of that week.

Please note there will be no Parade in the Gym this year.

Some dress up ideas students have shared include a 'mixed- up' creature, adding something curious or wild to an existing costume, curious occupations such as scientists, explorers and astronauts, adding wild hair or curious shoes to a usual outfit or putting a twist to a character. We ask please that only hair chalk be used for hair, not coloured hairspray.

As always, the library will be having a range of competitions and activities for students before and during our favourite week of the year. Further details of these will be in future newsletters.

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Chris Lloyd | Teacher Librarian



Science Week Activities in the Junior School

This week is National Science Week, where we celebrate all things Science and Technology! Students in the Junior School are taking part in some amazing experiences, with many activities and projects continuing throughout the term.

Year 2 students have been investigating the topic 'Watch it Grow' during Science lessons this term. Students have planted bean seeds and are eagerly watching their beans sprouting into an adult plant. Each week students are tracking the growth by observing changes, drawing diagrams and documenting their observation.

Year 2 students also recently had a visit from Natasha Sprcic from Pine Ridge Honey. Natasha presented information about bees, including types of bees, the important roles bees have, what dangers they face and what plants they help to pollinate. Natasha will re-visit the Year 2 students later in the Term to look more closely at how honey is produced. The students will also be provided a jar of honey with a label that they designed in class. Students have been busy in the garden behind their classrooms replacing the weeds with bee-friendly plants, and they will also have the opportunity to design their own bee-friendly gardens.

Reception students in Mrs Jeffrey and Mrs Sullivan's class have been exploring weather and how it influences their daily lives like the clothes that we wear and the activities we do. They also conducted an experiment to see how rain is formed. Visit our Facebook Page for photos each day of Science Week.

Pictured above Reception student Hamza Rizwan conducting a rain experiment.

Francesca Dickson | Acting Head of Junior School



'Project Recology' on show

Last Friday 14 August, Assistant Minister for Waste Reduction and Environmental Management, Mr. Trevor Evans and Elected Federal Member for Barker, Mr. Tony Pasin visited our new Waste Management Centre at the College.

As a recipient of the Environmental Communities Grant, our College was blessed to share a tour of our many innovative sustainability initiatives and the 'Project Recology' centre was definitely a point of interest for our guests. The centre demonstrates best practice in waste management, working closer to our goal of being a zero waste school by 2025.

Tom Linnell | Sustainability Coordinator



College Waste Management Centre Receives Generous Donation

Today, Wednesday 19 August, the new waste management centre at Tenison Woods College, named 'Project Recology' received a very generous donation of a custom fabricated plastic sheet press from local sustainable engineering firm, DMK Engineering. The machine will soon be converting our recycled plastic material into 1x1m sheets which will then be used around the school in a number of different ways. At a minimum, we plan to use the materials in our Design and Technology Faculty. Once we are up and running, the possibilities will be endless!

Thank you to DMK Engineering for their ongoing support with this project. We also thank them for all of their work in the new Gilap Wanga Learning Community.

Pictured above Tom Linnell and DMK Project Manager Josh Agars.

Tom Linnell | Sustainability Coordinator



Photo of the Week

This amazing image of the College was captured by Year 2 Teacher Tamara Hayes as she took an early morning walk along the Sugarloaf last weekend.

The magnificent show by mother nature, provided a beautiful and unique perspective of our historic College grounds.

We encourage staff and students to share any standout images of the College or surrounding area with us. Simply email your image to the Public Relations and Events team at news@tenison.catholic.edu.au.



See the Community Noticeboard for posters and notices of upcoming events within our College, and wider community. Please click [here](#) to view this page.



SAKG Seeds Available at the Library

Students in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program have been busy collecting, saving, sorting and packaging seeds from the school garden for the 2021 re-launch of the beautiful seed library initiative.

Seed packets are scanned through the school system for accessing and when plants from those seeds bear their own seeds, they can be returned to the library to be shared again. Year 5 students have started the term by designing these beautiful seeds packets for the library and learning about the potential of seeds, to encourage people to grow their own gardens and plant habitats for wildlife. For further information, please speak with the Library Staff or myself.

Jen Mc Court | SAKG Co-Coordinator R-7



Free Online Study Help for Our Students

Tenison Woods College Year 8-12 students have access to a free online tutoring service. Studiosity is designed for after-hours, one-to-one help with homework and study questions.

Studiosity is 24/7 on-demand study help - from one of the many Subject Specialists - with academic literacy skills and core subject support. The 'Connect Live' service offers one-to-one, personal help in real time.

2020 wall planners are available to download and print from their website. These planners include public holidays, school terms and school holidays for each state!

Visit the Studiosity website at the link [here](#). For an information guide on Studiosity, visit our website [here](#).

You can also download the Studiosity mobile app, available in the app store and Google Play store, and link it to the child's account for extra features like saving a question for later, snapping a quick photo of a problem or using voice-to-text technology.

Happy studying!

Scott Dickson | Director of Learning



Year 8/9 State-Wide Schools Final

The Year 8/9 mixed hockey team travelled to Adelaide on Tuesday 18 August to play in the South Australia State-wide Schools final. The team played six round-robin games against some tough competition at the State Hockey Centre. The team began the day with a 2-0 win over Trinity College with Alexander Waters and Jacob Hawthorne scoring a goal each. Game 2 against Unley High School had our defenders Madison Derrington, Rhys Earle, Sophie Waters, Emily Eastwood and goalie Harrison Drew working hard to stop Trinity from scoring, resulting in a 0-0 draw. The team worked together to create some fantastic attacking play in Round 3 against Henley High School, resulting in a 1-0 win. Zoe James, Tom Lawrence and Tillie Derrington were strong in the midfield and created a quick turnover that saw Joshua Milan take the ball down the field to score the winning goal. The team played local rival Grant High School and had several opportunities in attack led by Tillie Derrington, Rhys White and Lauren Smith. However, neither side were able to convert their attacking efforts, resulting in a 0-0 draw. With Whyalla High School forfeiting, our final game was played against St Michael's College. The team demonstrated great skill during the game but unfortunately St Michael's scored late in the game resulting in a 1-0 loss.

The team had a wonderful day filled with fun, outstanding hockey skills, and wonderful teamwork as we went on to finish in the top 3. Congratulations to all the players for their fantastic results.

A big thank you to Mr Ross, Amy Smith and parents for coming along to support the team.

Sarah Mutch | Year 8/9 Hockey Coach



2020 Year 12 Group Photo

The 'Class of 2020' Year 12 group photo has been scheduled for next Thursday 27 August at 9:00am.

We ask that all Year 12 students please be in attendance for the photo which will take place on the oval adjacent to the Barrie Holmes Stadium. Look out for the cherry picker!

Please come dressed in your winter uniform with your Year 12 jumper and aim to arrive prior to 9:00am to allow time to setup the photo.

Jessica Herring | Manager - Public Relations, Marketing & Events Department

