

Weekly Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2020 | WEEK 6, TERM 3

From The Principal



Principal Mr David Mezinec congratulating newly appointed 2021 Deputy Principal Ms Michelle Coote this morning.

Announcement of Deputy Principal

I am excited to announce to the College community the appointment of Deputy Principal, Michelle Coote. I would also like to share a [letter](#) from Director of Catholic Education, Dr Neil McGoran congratulating Michelle.

Michelle will take up her substantive appointment at the commencement of Term 1, 2021.

Michelle is well known to us all in the community in her current role as Assistant Principal: Religious Identity and Mission of Tenison Woods College, a position she has held since 2013.

As you will know, Michelle has a deep personal faith and brings a demonstrated commitment and enthusiasm for ensuring excellence in teaching and learning to this leadership role at Tenison Woods College. Michelle has already developed many positive, professional relationships with the staff, students, parents and the parish community and demonstrates a servant leadership that walks side by side with those whom she works. I look forward to this ministry, inspired by a deep faith, continuing into the future and the impact it will have on our College community as we move through a very exciting time of the College story.

In wishing Michelle all the best as she begins this important role, I know she will also offer her characteristic support as Deputy Principal at Tenison Woods College.

Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist Masses

This weekend, 24 of our young parishioners, many of them students of Tenison Woods College, will be receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist.

There will be three Confirmation Masses in our parish this year; on Saturday 6:00pm at St Paul's Church, on Sunday 9:00am at St Augustine's Church (Pt MacDonnell) and on Sunday 11:30am at St Paul's Church. Fr Dean will be the celebrant at these Masses on behalf of Archbishop Patrick O'Regan.

Our prayers and thoughts are with these children at this very significant time of their life and faith journey.

It is an exciting time for these children, their families and our parish community. Please remember these children in your prayers this week as they are in their final stage of preparing to receive these life-giving Sacraments.

Social Justice Sunday - 30 August

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 August. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today. The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community.

The Border Watch Closure

Our thoughts and prayers are with the staff and their families affected by The Border Watch closure announced last week. In acknowledging the wonderful service that the paper has offered our local and regional community, we also walk alongside affected families at this time, ready and committed to supporting them through the challenges ahead.

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, who will assist you during this time. This can occur very easily for those families in need.

HHDL Four Point Plan

I reiterate that we will be continuing deliberately and carefully with our HHDL Strategy in Term 3. I thank you thus far for your attention to HHDL Four Point Plan; good **H**ealth, good **H**ygien e and hand washing, good **D**istancing and care for others and good **L**earning 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.

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, check out their Bring Your Own Device page on our [website](#).

You can also find this page in SEQTA Engage by choosing the Portal 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.

From The Principal continued...

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 phone 08 8725 5455. It would be ideal for volunteers have some hospitality experience.

OSHC Renovations

I advise families that renovation works on the OSHC facility have 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 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.

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/caregivers accompany young students to and from the council property (Marist Park) adjacent to Shepherdson Road entrance, across the poplars lined driveway. I ask this in an attempt to prevent any potential accidents which could occur to inexperienced and enthusiastic children, who make their own way from the school grounds to cars parked on the council property.

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.

Staff Reflection Day

Friday 4 September (Week 7, Term 3) our staff will attend our annual Staff Reflection Day, offering an opportunity to engage with the Head, Heart, Hands theme through a range of activities across the day. I remind families that this will be a student-free day.

God Bless,

David Meziniec | Principal



From the Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

Care for Creation

In June 2015, Pope Francis wrote a letter to the world regarding caring for our Earth, our common home. It was called Laudato Si. Later that year, he declared 1 September to be a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This annual day of prayer reminds us that God has entrusted that care for creation is in our hands.

Prayer For Creation:

'God of All Creation, may your Spirit change our minds and hearts so that we learn how to care for the land, the seas that surround us and the skies that over arch us, and how to wisely use their natural gifts.'

Laudato Si was written so we, as Christians, contribute to resolving the ecological crisis which humanity is presently experiencing. *"The ecological crisis thus summons us to a profound spiritual conversion. Christians are called to an ecological conversion whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them. For living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue"* (Laudato Si, 217).

Our College community is increasingly committing itself to a systemic and planned approach to care for creation. Such approach is complementing the effort of individual students, staff and parents/caregivers who are dedicated to ecological sustainability.

Book Week

Despite the current restrictions, students and staff are making the most of celebrating this wonderful week. The Early Learning and Community Centre had a visit from three baby Possums to complement their learning of the book Bat vs Poss by Alexa Moses which caused great excitement. Throughout the week there have been activities during the day and at lunch for students from Early learning to Year 7. This will culminate in a parade of costumes around the school on Friday when the Receptions will be accompanied by their Year 12 buddies. Please look out for the photos on Facebook! Hopefully next year we will be able to revert to full parent participation.

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development



CIM Team News

Sacrament Celebrations

Last Sunday, the children preparing to celebrate the Sacraments gathered for a Family Retreat Day after participating in the Family Mass. The children worked with the Parish Rosary Group to make a Rosary that will be blessed and given to them on Sunday. They also had a tour of the Sacristy with two Altar Servers and practised for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Students prayed together and reinforced their knowledge and understanding of the Sacraments and the Church through an online quiz.

We congratulate the following children as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation at Masses this weekend:

Saturday 29 August 6:00pm at St Paul's

Adelaide Bradley
Duke Bradley
Kiersten Cole
Zara Cole
Neve Dycer
Amity Fennell
Lawson Fennell
Ryan Fraser
Maegan Hayes
Emmy Jeffrey
Sebastian Morello
Molly Opperman
Gabrielle (Gabi) Yates

Sunday 30 August at 9:00am at Pt MacDonnell

Alyssa Hopgood
Riley Hopgood
Charlie Carroll
Gracie Carroll

Sunday 30 August at 11:30am at St Paul's

Raia Haggis
Jessica Oxlade
Banjo Stephens
Chloe Chiesa
Floyd Guthridge
Zoe Guthridge
Angela Walsgott

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Social Justice Sunday

This Sunday 30 August is Social Justice Sunday. The celebration of Social Justice Sunday is a long tradition in the Catholic Church in Australia.

For almost every year since 1940, our Bishops have joined together to issue a major social justice statement at this time.

Of course, the Bishops also make statements on matters of social and ecological justice at other times throughout the year too. These are often issued by individual Bishops delegated as spokespersons for particular issues, or by commissions of Bishops. By contrast, the social justice statement issued in time for Social Justice Sunday is approved by and issued in the name of the whole bishops' conference. It is hoped that these statements will inspire reflection and action throughout the whole year.

The Social Justice Statement 2020-21 is titled To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today. You can download the Statement and accompanying prayer card as well as previous statements on the Australian Catholic Bishop's [website](#).

Season of Creation

The Season of Creation spans five weeks between the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (1 September) and the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (4 October).

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we are awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. During the season this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation.

The Season of Creation unites the world's 2.2 billion Christians around one shared purpose. With so much injustice all around us, now is the time for Christians everywhere to come together and show the world how to love each other and creation.

Father's Day Breakfast

Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on social gatherings the Father's Day Breakfast has been cancelled.

Parish Mass

A Mount Gambier Catholic community parish Mass is held each Thursday of the Term and is led by a different class or year level each week. Mass is held at 9:00am in the College Chapel. Until further notice, due to current restrictions, only staff members and students of the College are permitted 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

Book Week Celebrations at the College

Book Week is finally here! We have kick-started the week with some fantastic classroom activities focusing on literature. Mrs Kathryn Domaschenz's Year 2 class created masks from the book 'Where the Wild Things Are' and the ELCC had a visit from Possums after reading 'Bat vs Poss'.

This fabulous theme of 'Curious Creatures: Wild Minds' has been our inspiration for our library, classroom activities and for dressing up on Friday 28 August.

Please note there will be no Parade in the Barrie Holmes Stadium 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 during our favourite week of the year. Details of this year's competitions can be found in this [link](#).

Chris Lloyd | Teacher Librarian



Year 10 Class Makes History at Local Competition

The Year 10 Child Studies students took on the challenge and role of fashion designers as they upcycled old clothing items into a glamorous outfit suited to the 1920's theme at the local Recycled Runway competition held over the weekend. The students used their creativity and newly learned sewing skills to complete the outfit which was modelled by student Claire Brooker. The class made history as it was the very first time a Tenison Woods College team entered the competition. The two judges were scoring outfits for the 'Best Effort' prize and the 'Overall Best Outfit' prize. Unfortunately, the students were not successful in winning a prize, but I am incredibly proud of their efforts!

Pictured above is Year 10 student Claire Brooker modelling the upcycled outfit.

Georgia Asimakopoulos | Child Studies Teacher

Charity Day Slime Quiz Highlights Reel

Slime-time! It gives us great pleasure to share the hilarious highlights of the Slime Quiz from our recent Charity Day for Timor-Leste.

On Thursday 13 August, selected staff and student leaders bravely took the hot-seat to answer questions about our College and Timor-Leste, with an incorrect answer resulting in a bucket of water, flour or slime being poured over the whole team!

Enjoy the viewing [here!](#)



Scholastic Book Fair

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

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

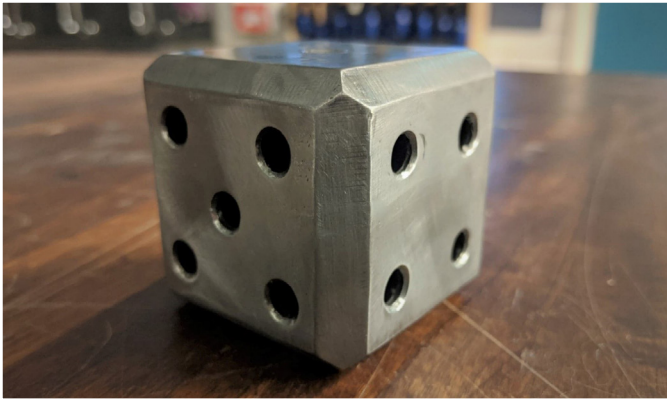
Students will receive a wish list order form to take home and select their books.

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



Mr A's Metal Technology Students on a Roll

My Year 10 and 11 Metal Technology students have been impressive so far this semester with the completion of their very first skills task 'Making a Metal Die'. For the assessment, students were asked to cut lengths of flat metal into six equal squares, mark and drill each number on the die using an array of tools, prepare the mild steel (low carbon steel) ready for welding, as well as attach the pieces together using a MIG welder and jig of their choice.

All students completed this task to an excellent standard and demonstrated a high level of competency exemplified in the die you see pictured above.

I cannot wait to see the students' fabricating skills deepen and improve even further as we approach our major product in weeks to come!

George Adamopoulos | Design and Technology Teacher



All the Best for our SAPSASA Basketball Teams

This Friday 28 August, two very talented Tenison Woods College teams will compete in the SAPSASA Regional Basketball Tournament at the Mount Gambier Icehouse. Thank you to Mr Tom Daly who formed the teams and ran lunchtime training sessions in the lead up to this event.

The following students will be representing our school:

Girls:

Maggie Collins
Elodie Adam
Lily Brook
Meah Beveridge
Ruby Mitchell
Mckayla Maney
Maddison Harrold
Alex Hudson
Sienna Lewis

Boys

Owen Feetom
Seth Fraser
Henry Pedler
Isaak Bouchier
Robert Case
Oliver Pohlner
Jacob Salmon
Lewis Sigley
Angus Levison
Benjamin Braithwaite

Umpires

Bayley Berkefeld
Matilda Lamb
Sophie Pedler
Harry Mules
Harry Wright
Jack Berkefeld

Good luck to these students for Friday!

Tina Opperman | Year 5 Teacher / R-7 Sports Coordinator

2020 Year 12 Group Photo Tomorrow

The 'Class of 2020' Year 12 group photo has been scheduled for tomorrow 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



From Garden to Plate

Our talented Academy of Hospitality students have grown lettuces, ruby golden chard, coriander and a crop of violas over the past few months in our greenhouse, and have used this produce to create delicious salads in class for sale through our Sugarloaf Café at lunchtime.

On Monday 24 August, students made salads consisting of potatoes tossed in herb aioli, seared beef with salad greens, fresh coriander and vinaigrette with crisp bacon and violas which were a huge success.

Jen McCourt | VET Academy of Hospitality Teacher / SAKG Co Coordinator R-7



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



2020 PLP Wraps Up

Although the Personal Learning Plan (PLP) course formally wrapped up for Year 10 students this week, their career investigations have only really just begun. Obviously a lot has happened in the last eight-months, but in January, Session 1 kick-started the new academic year by asking students to complete a number of online quizzes and surveys (via the Tenison Woods College Careers website page) that formed part of a broader Career Profile. Students were able to discover which jobs may potentially suit their individual personalities and consider what they would like to pursue after they finish school.

"PLP Tasks 1 and 2 really helped me look into different areas and improve on my understanding of the SACE Capabilities. Undertaking the interviews of four different people in the workforce was very beneficial, as it allowed me to investigate potential career paths for my future. The final task has enabled me to gain better skills for sitting future job interviews."

- Seb McCarthy, Year 10 PLP Student.

Task 2 coincided with the COVID-19 lockdown and added further complexities to a demanding task that was focused on developing a specific capability over an extended period of time. However, students rose to the challenge impressively and it's safe to say that the diverse and high-quality projects truly blew the teaching team away.

Similarly, Work Placement was negatively impacted by the global pandemic and although a number of students have managed to experience life in the workforce, many will be holding out for that opportunity in Year 11. The subsequent interview process helped to open up many different avenues for students, who proved very resourceful in connecting with people all over the country.

"The PLP has helped me with being more confident about which subjects I should choose for Years 11 and 12 and put a lot of queries about my career choice at bay."

From completing the four PLP tasks, I have been able to have a greater understanding of the pathway I will be exploring to reach my goals and hopefully the career I want."

Each task has helped me feel more confident about the way I am headed with my schooling and that I can succeed to the best I can as long as I follow my goals and keep a strong mindset to where I want to go in the future."

- Joey Jones, Year 10 PLP Student.

Jody Elliott completed a mountain of work which established a successful 'Career Exploration Week' at the end of Term 2, interviewing four entrepreneurs and recording on ClickView for us to watch in the newly created Gilap Wanga precinct. The workplace Safety Certificate enabled students to consider the many and varied hazards that are ever present in the different environments where people work. While Session 6 marked the final session, during which the students reflected back on all the learning that had taken place in 2020, they were also required to project forward and suggest where they may be once they turn 21. A scary thought indeed!

"The 2020 PLP program adapted well in response to the cancellation of work placement, with students reaching out to employers across a diverse industry base to broaden their knowledge of different careers. The program has prepared students well for the 2021 subject selection process, with many having a clearer direction of the areas of interest that they want to pursue in their future."

- Kate Carroll, PLP Teacher

David Cole | PLP Coordinator



Furry Friends Pop into the ELCC

To celebrate Book Week, our Early Learning and Community Centre children are currently reading the award-winning book 'Bat vs Poss' by Alexa Moses. The children were extremely lucky to have a special visit from three beautiful baby possums, aged 2-4 months on Monday 24 August.

The children were able to hold and gently pat the baby possums, learn what they eat, learn about their sleeping patterns and their behaviours. A big thank you to wildlife rescuer Simone Kostal for bringing these possums to our College.

Pictured above is Willow Kerr holding a three month old Possum.

Angela Cutting | Teacher, Assistant Director of Early Learning



Staff Shine Through Servant Leadership

Narelle Drew is one of our committed staff members who ensures our students are well nourished during the day. Whether it's at Breakfast Club in the morning or a freshly made lunch during the day, our staff make sure no student misses out on good brain food as a critical ingredient to learning and wellbeing success.

After School Study Centre

This important learning support for Year 8 to 12 students recommenced on Thursday 23 July. This term the Study Centre will be in the Library. Students wanting assistance from staff and/or a warm and welcoming place to study, are very welcome from 3:30pm – 4:15pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please refer to the accompanying [poster](#) for further details about the particular subject support available each day.

Please email Centre Coordinator Chris Lloyd at lloyd@tenison.catholic.edu.au with any questions you may have.

Chris Lloyd, Nick Patzel and Ciaran Buckley



Junior School Shine Awards

With our Junior School Assemblies currently restricted, we felt it was important to still acknowledge our student's ability to SHINE BRAVELY at Tenison Woods College. Students pictured have been demonstrating a variety of skills and attitudes such as Striving to be successful, Helping others to be their best, getting Involved, knowing others by Name and Enjoying positive emotions. Congratulations to our certificate recipients.

Congratulations to our certificate recipients;

Reception: Tyler Kilsby, Evie Cole, Mac Stratford, Sathyanga Fernando, Olivia Su, Poppy Window, James van den Hurk and Thomas.

Year 1: Piper Mulroney, Brock Lewis, David Kulimushi, Payton Bilney, Josh Lamond and Achol.

Year 2: Stella Marcus, Esther Mbuyu, Molly Sutton and Cooper Stephen.

Year 3: Jackson Baker, Lucas Johnson, Linc Beggs, Lucy Elmslie and Scarlett Strachan.

Year 4: Oliver Stapleton, Fergus Tarr, Aliyah Papuni, Kuek Mayom, Aaliyah and Jasper.

Year 5: Harrison Xanthopoulos and Zane Lewis.

Music: Andy Guan, Ava Halloran, David Beaufort, Sabine Teodoro, Blake Humphries and Hannah.

Liz Snell | Student Wellbeing Reception - 5

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 27 August

- Parent Teacher Interviews Requests Close
- Reception Liturgy 11:00am, Tenison Woods College Chapel (No parents/caregivers to attend)
- Year 2 Liturgy 11:30am, Tenison Woods College Chapel (No parents/caregivers to attend)
- Year 1 Liturgy 12:00pm, Tenison Woods College Chapel (No parents/caregivers to attend)
- Year 3 Liturgy 12:30pm, Tenison Woods College Chapel (No parents/caregivers to attend)

Friday 28 August

- SAPSASA Basketball Tournament 9:00am, Mt Gambier Icehouse
- Junior School Book Week Dress Up Day

Saturday 29 August

- Confirmation and First Communion Mass 6:00pm, St Paul's Church

Sunday 30 August

- Confirmation and First Communion Mass 9:00am, St Augustine's Church (Port MacDonnell)
- Confirmation and First Communion Mass 11:30am, St Paul's Church

Monday 31 August

- Scholastic Book Fair, 8:40am-3:20pm, Staffroom
- Year 11 Retreat Tenison Woods College/Valley Lakes/Rail Lands/Penola

Tuesday 1 September

- Scholastic Book Fair, 8:40am-3:20pm, Staffroom
- Year 11 Retreat Tenison Woods College/Valley Lakes/Rail Lands/Penola
- Year 8/9 Division B Knockout Netball, Olympic Park Mt Gambier
- Year 6/7 Knockout Netball, Keith

Wednesday 2 September

- Scholastic Book Fair, 8:40am-3:20pm, Staffroom
- Year 6/7 Knockout Football, Adelaide

Thursday 3 September

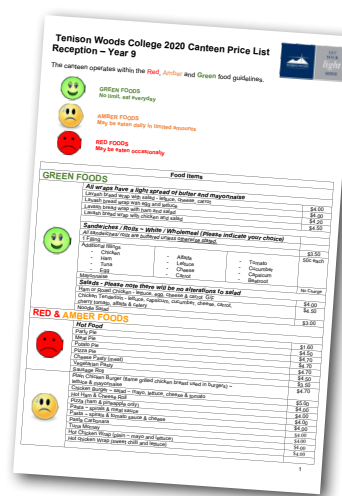
- Reception-12 Parent Teacher Interviews to be conducted by phone

Friday 4 September

- Whole School Pupil Free Day, OSHC Available

2020 Canteen Pricelist

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



Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Tuesday 8:00am-12:00pm
Thursday 1:00pm-5:00pm

For further enquiries please contact the school at 8725 5455.