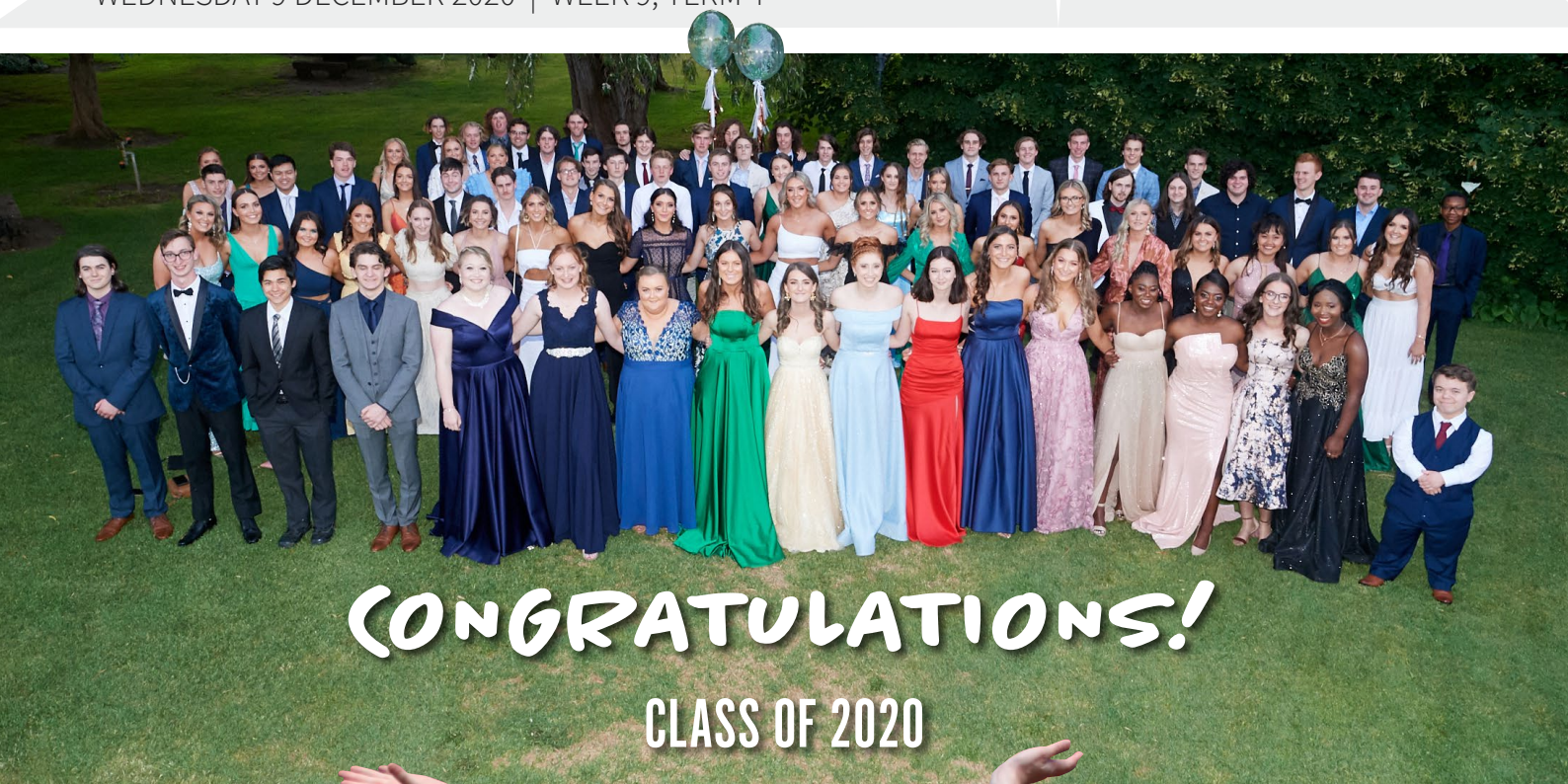


Weekly Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2020 | WEEK 9, TERM 4





From The Principal

Year 12 Graduation Ceremony and Dinner

What a wonderful celebration we had in the Barrie Holmes Stadium last Thursday. I was so proud of the Class of 2020, for their resilience and for Shining Bravely throughout the year. In a modified format, Graduates spent time with their closest family members at the College, before heading to The Barn for a dinner with their peers and key staff members. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all. I wish the Year 12 Students all the best in their future endeavours. I thank Head of Senior School Ciaran Buckley for leading the students in their final year of schooling, as well as all the staff that have contributed to shaping these young adults.

Rites of Passage in the Junior School and Middle School

The Middle School Awards Ceremony on Tuesday 8 December was a wonderful community celebration and rite of passage. Thank you to the Public Relations Marketing and Events Team, ICT Team, Head of Middle School, Nick Patzel and teaching staff for planning and presenting the celebration. It was wonderful to see the students acknowledged and celebrated for their achievements, but also in their time of transition.

The Year 9 End of Year Celebration also on Tuesday was another wonderful rite of passage event and poignant reminder of just how fast our young develop and how precious, as it is fleeting, is our time with them. Thank you to Nick Patzel, Brad Maney, Justine Forrest and the Year 9 Homegroup teachers for their efforts this year in creating the 9SHINE program, leading to the 9SHINE camp and significant family event for our young.

Twelve Days of Christmas – A Special Musical Treat

Congratulations and thank you to our wonderfully talented students, Music Staff Beth Creedy and Lucy Rossi, the Junior School Staff, the Friends of Music and PR Marketing and Events Team for a virtual celebration of Christmas.

In the midst of the COVID-19 year, the music team decided to take on a new challenge. As they couldn't run the usual very popular Carols on Campus, they have instead recorded 12 videos of our assorted bands/choirs and they will be released on social media in the 12 days leading up to Christmas. Watch out for something special on Christmas Eve!

ELCC Graduations – Stepping up from Stepping Stones

This week we are enjoying three Early Learning and Community Centre Graduations, which mark a significant transition for the young children of our community. The children are stepping from the Stepping Stones Program (Kindergarten) to Reception.

I thank the ELCC staff who, under Domenica Dunn and Angela Cutting's passionate, experienced and nuanced leadership, have created a warm, inviting and engaging centre. I trust our students, who are well prepared for Reception, confidently enjoy the benefits of our Reception – Year 12 school community and look with fondness on their learning and care in the ELCC.

ELCC Playground Blitz – Saturday 5 December

Well we blitzed it! Thank you to the people who gave their time in amongst all their other weekend commitments to ensure our ELCC nature play spaces were planted and given a very significant facelift with cleaning, sanding, painting and polishing occurring.

I was also heartened to see the number of parents who brought their children with the intent of teaching them what it means to be in a community and doing their bit to make things happen. This is a very significant life lesson and I am glad that the working bee was a vehicle to model and teach this to our young.

In amongst all the other changes occurring in our community next year, I am glad that our students will start in a new, refreshed, appealing and safe Early Learning and Community Centre.

Book Collection

Students in Reception – Year 6 will have Book Collection Day at school on Friday 22 January 2021. Books can be collected from their new classroom between 8:30am – 10:00am and 12:00pm – 1:00pm.

Years 7-12 stationery packs can be purchased from any location. As part of the College's focus on sustainability we encourage, where possible, to reuse folders or stationery from previous years.

Booklists have been distributed to your child and has been followed up with a Broadcast to parents/caregivers.

School Commencement Days for 2021

Reception, Years 7,8,10,11 and 12 students will commence school on Wednesday 27 January with all other year levels starting the school year on Thursday 28 January, 2021. We also invite all parents/caregivers and particularly new families to a Welcome Morning Tea in the Sugarloaf Cafe at 9:00am on 28 January.

School Front Office Opening Hours

The Front Office will be closed Friday 11 December for our Whole Staff Development Day and then closing for the year on Thursday 17 December 2020. We will reopen on Monday 11 January 2021.

School Calendar

The 2021 Tenison Woods College School Calendar will be available on the Tenison Woods College Website here and can be accessed through SEQTA and will be emailed to families from 11 December 2020.

<http://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/school-calendar/>

Timetables for Years 8 to 12

Timetables will be available for students to view through their SEQTA Portal Page from Wednesday 16 December 2020. New Year 8 to 12 students will have a copy of their timetable mailed to them.

School reports

Parents/caregivers will be able to access End of Year Reports via SEQTA on Wednesday 9 December, students will be able to access their End of Year Reports the same day via SEQTA. Reports can be downloaded as a PDF file and viewed on a device or a computer and printed, if a hardcopy is preferred.

Perception and Satisfaction Surveys

We thank the parents/caregivers, staff and students who have completed Perception and Satisfaction Surveys, assisting us at Tenison Woods College to review our offerings and approach, refining as required, with the aim of ensuring that we offer our young the best possible opportunities and outcomes.

Continuous improvement is a critical focus at Tenison Woods College and the Perception and Satisfaction Surveys are a critical opportunity for us to ascertain the initiatives and behaviours to evolve further, initiatives to start, and areas to stop. We thank the College community members for their candid and constructive feedback.

Parish Facebook Page

Check out the Parish Facebook page, and give it a 'like' and 'follow' here. www.facebook.com/mtgambiercatholicparish.

Key Dates for the Commencement of 2021:

To assist with planning, I inform our College community of dates to commence the 2021 academic year:

<i>Thursday 21 January 2021</i>	<i>All Teaching Staff Commence</i>
<i>Friday 22 January 2021</i>	<i>Book Collection Day and Staff Planning Day</i>
<i>Monday 25 January 2021</i>	<i>Staff Planning Day</i>
<i>Tuesday 26 January 2021</i>	<i>Australia Day Public Holiday</i>
<i>Wednesday 27 January 2021</i>	<i>Reception and Years 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 Commence Term 1</i>
<i>Thursday 28 January 2021</i>	<i>All Other Students Commence Term 1</i>

You will note the staggered start to the commencement of the year for students. This approach will assist students in the identified year levels to complete the best possible transition processes. We also look forward to preparing transition programs that will accentuate our relationship with parents and carers in the support of student learning and wellbeing.

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

As the year flies by and we look also 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. Please click here.

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 student's needs a little earlier to ensure that the device is ready for the start of 2021.

God Bless,

David Mezinac | Principal

From the Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development



As I write my final newsletter article, I look back on my career and think how privileged I am to have worked in such a variety of schools, systems and countries. I am also very blessed to have worked with a significant number of amazing and inspiring educators. The highlight of my career, however, are the students I have taught and interacted with over the years. It has been a delight to be a part of their development and to see them grow into self-assured young adults.

I have been at Tenison Woods College for 24 wonderful years, 20 of them in a leadership position which has given me the honour of working with a significant number of students, staff and families across all areas of the College. The friendship, collegiality and memories created throughout this time has been a lasting gift that I will treasure. The Limestone Coast is truly blessed to have a high standard educational facility, under the guidance of David Meziniec, who is an inspiration to staff and students alike. I would like to thank the College community for the partnerships formed with all the community members, for their dedication and commitment to Tenison Woods College and I look forward to hearing of the many accomplishments in the future.

Finally, I wish the College Community every happiness and God's continuing love now and in the years to come. May you have a Happy and Holy Christmas, farewell and every blessing to you all.

Jennie Sanderson | Assistant Principal Student and Staff Development

CIM Team News



Youth Mass and Youth Group will be held this Saturday 12 December, at 6:00pm (instead of Saturday 19 December). This will be the last one for the year. Please let Youth Leaders know of your attendance at mgpyouth@gmail.com for catering purposes for dinner.

Year 8 Reflection Day

Last Thursday, 3 December, Year 8 students were involved in a day focusing on gratitude and service. The day began with a Prayer Celebration in which students reflected on God's creation and our stewardship role. Two groups then travelled to either Nene Valley or Lighthouse Bay for a beach clean-up. Students and staff were confronted with a large amount of debris on the beaches. The main litter was plastic which is so dangerous to sea life. Staff and local residents were impressed with the diligence and enthusiasm shown by all the students during the clean-up activity. We appreciated the support of Vanessa from Landscape SA with this activity.

Everyone then returned to the College for lunch and some fun cooperative games. The day concluded with a liturgy, reflecting that when we give freely to others and to our world we are being the hands of God on earth. By acting we are also being thankful to God for all that has been provided to us. Only through God do we have so much we can give.

A day to remember God's love as they move to Year 9 next year.

Christmas Eve Vigil Family Mass

Would your child like to be involved in the Nativity play at Christmas Eve Family Mass? Mass is on Thursday 24 December at 6.00 pm, at St Paul's Church. Children who would like to be involved in the play are required to attend a rehearsal at a time to be confirmed. Costumes for the play will be distributed at the rehearsal.

Participating in the Nativity play is a wonderful way for children to deepen their connection to the miracle of Christmas and be a part of the St Paul's community. We welcome all to be involved and attend.

Please reply to cootm@tenison.catholic.edu.au if your child would like to be a part of the play.

Revised schedule for Masses in the Mount Gambier & Millicent Catholic Parish:

Please note that with the restrictions on numbers allowed at mass, there is an extra 9.00am Mass being celebrated on Sunday. Please consider coming to the early Mass.

Masses For This Weekend:

Saturday 12 December:

- 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Paul's

Sunday 13 December:

- 9.00am Mass at St Augustine's, Port MacDonnell
- 9.00am & 11.00am Masses at St Paul's
- 9am Mass at St Alphonsus', Millicent
- 11am Mass at St Brigid's, Beachport

Christmas Mass Times

Given the COVID-19 restrictions to numbers at Masses, please see the schedule for extra Masses this Christmas.

Please note that with limited numbers at each church you must register to be assured of a place for you and your family.

If the Mass is full you need to register for one of the other Masses. If you don't have computer access to book, please contact the Parish Office.

****Please note that if you have put your name down to be a reader / COVID Marshal / Special Minister / usher etc, you DO NOT NEED to register via this link. The Parish office will register you on your behalf. All other family members attending MUST register using one of these links:**

St Paul's Mount Gambier

Christmas Eve - 24 December

6.00pm Family Mass: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMVJN>

8.00pm Vigil Mass 1: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMVJQ>

10.30pm Vigil Mass 2: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMVJZ>

Christmas Day - 25 December

9.00am Mass 1: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMVKI>

11.00am Mass 2: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMVKR>

In order to be able to enter St Paul's Church for Masses over Christmas, you need to bring your printed tickets and hand them to the COVID Marshal, or you can show your ticket to the COVID Marshal on your phone.

St Augustine's, Port MacDonnell

Christmas Eve - 24 December:

6.00pm Vigil Mass: Register upon arrival

Sharing your Christmas

On Wednesday, the Giving Tree gifts and donations were collected by representatives from Vinnies and A.C. Care. They spoke with gratitude and thanks for the generosity of our school community and the difference our donations will make in our community this Christmas.

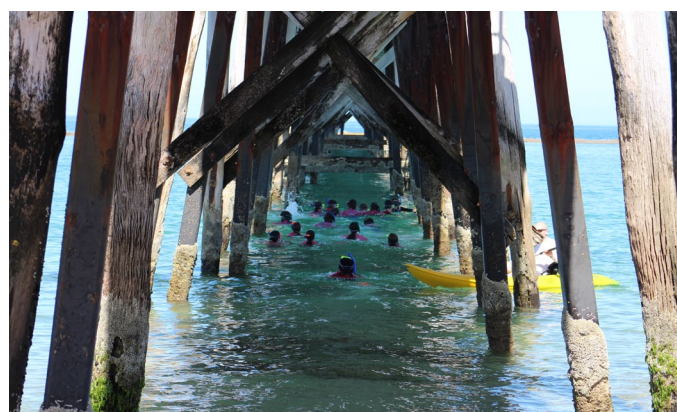
We will also be supporting the Community Christmas Lunch held on Christmas Day and the Sunset Community Kitchen in the lead up to Christmas.

We would like to thank all families and staff who have so generously supported the Tenison Woods College Giving Tree this year.

Blue Lake Carols

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the traditional Blue Lake Carols will not be held at the Rail Lands, but will be livestreamed on Sunday 13 December at 7.30pm. Search for Blue Lake Carols on the internet. It will be on Facebook and Youtube.

Michelle Coote | Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission



Year 9 SHINE Camp and Finale

The 9SHINE Outdoor Experience was a yearlong journey of self discovery culminating in an unforgettable week for our students.

Students travelled to the Fleurieu Peninsula and got stuck into their activities straight away. Students participated in activities such as bush walking, kayaking, mountain bike riding, snorkeling, high ropes and surfing.

Follow along our journey for the week via social media and the blog at the link here <https://bit.ly/3oe6Wca>

A massive thanks to Wilderness Escapes who worked tirelessly to facilitate the program and to our staff who supported our students immensely. Their hard work does not go unnoticed.

New friendships were forged, comfort zones were broken and personal development was evident.

We enjoyed sharing our experiences with family at the 9SHINE Evening, where parents learned about the values that inspired the 9SHINE experience.

Brad Maney | Year 9 Wellbeing Coordinator



Makinlee Futchter wins Chinese Language Award

Congratulations to Year 10 student Makinlee Futchter, for winning a Chinese Language Teachers' Association of South Australia (CLTASA) award this year.

Makinlee was nominated for this award for the outstanding way in which she approaches her studies of Chinese. She has shown a high level of interest in Chinese and Asian culture, shown great respect for her teacher and classmates and she applies herself to her studies of Chinese, allowing her to achieve excellent results. Well done, Makinlee!

Chengsheng Sun | Chinese Teacher



Oscar Adams Makes SANFL Talent Hub

Congratulations to Year 11 student Oscar Adams, who has made the 2021 SANFL Torrens University State Talent Hub.

Part of the new AFL Talent Pathway program, Oscar is currently attending an elite high-performance program with a four-day training camp at Thebarton Oval.

Well done Oscar!

Ian Ross | Year 6 12 Health and Physical Education Coordinator



Year 3's Raise Money For Great Cause

A wonderful team of Year 3 artists have been hand drawing and making bookmarks for the last two terms in preparation for a bookmark sale. The sale took place on Thursday 3 December and raised money for the South East Animal Welfare League. The sale was a huge success, with hundreds of bookmarks sold. The students raised an amazing \$120, with all proceeds going to the Animal Welfare League in time for Christmas. Well done to students on raising money for a great cause!

Amanda Sinkunas | Year 3 Teacher

2020 School Fee Statements

School fee statements have been posted out. If you do not have a current payment plan in place for 2020, please ensure all fees are finalised with the school by today.

If you have an existing payment plan in place, your payment plan should be finalised by 31 December.

If you are having any difficulties in meeting this commitment, please feel free to contact a member of our Finance Team who may be able to assist you further.

Please note, the College Board has determined not to increase School Fees in 2021. A revised fee schedule will be sent to families early next year.

Neal Turley | Business Manager



Year 8 Student Bree Robinson Secures Dance Scholarship

Congratulations to Year 8 student Bree Robinson on being awarded a summer school dance scholarship at the Adelaide Terry Simpson Studios Annual Summer School. She was one of 10 recipients to receive this scholarship for the Summer School, which she will attend in January!

Photo courtesy of Envy Dance Studio

Ian Ross | Year 6 12 Health and Physical Education Coordinator

Library Book Returns

Any books that are outstanding or overdue can be returned tomorrow December 10, or they need to be returned in Week 1, Term 1, 2021. If your student has any concerns in returning the items they currently have borrowed please see myself in the library.

Alexandra Nicholson | Library Manager



Lime FM Visits Our Media Studies Students

Our Year 10 Media Studies and ShineFM students recently welcomed Rohan Battersby from Lime FM to the College.

Rohan discussed the new partnership between Lime FM and the College, which will give students the opportunity to visit the studio and be involved in production from 2021. While Rohan was here, students also had the opportunity to participate in fun activities and games, putting their radio and podcasting skills to the test.

Rohan's visit was a great opportunity for students to further their knowledge on audio production. Thank you to Lime FM for taking the time to visit our College.

Scott Dickson | Director of Learning



2021 Middle School Leaders Announced

It is with great excitement that in 2021 we will be introducing a Year 6 and 9 male and female student leader, along with a male and female founder leader for each house. These students will be collaborating with the 2021 Senior Student Leadership group. We hope these students will represent the College, as well as the student voice for their Sub-School, encourage participation in events for house points and work with the other leaders to build a strong college community. *Pictured above: Bree Robinson and Rajat Pandey, Year 9 Student Leaders for 2021.*

Please click [here](#) to view the 2021 Student Leaders.

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing



Costumes Needed

The Junior School Drama Department would greatly appreciate donations of costumes in good condition. They can be dropped off in the Multi Purpose Room any time in 2021.

Monika Kolhoffer | Junior School Specialist Arts Teacher



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Patrick McCourt Awarded for Commitment to Army Cadet

Year 11 Student, Patrick McCourt (pictured above) recently received the Highest Achiever Award 48ACU 2020 in recognition of his commitment and leadership in the Army Cadet Unit over the past four years of service. Patrick has worked his way through the cadet ranks since 2016 to the position of Company Sergeant Major Warrant Officer Class Two. He will leave the unit in 2021 to accept an appointment as Regimental Sergeant Major for the Coorong Battalion. Patrick also raised funds for Cancer Council Australia by shaving his hair at the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) Annual Field Exercise in Murray Bridge earlier this year.



Students Create Incredible Ukulele Rack

The Year 10 Concept to Construction class under the direction of teacher George Adamopolous have created a ukulele rack for the Junior School music classroom. Collaborating with myself as their client, the students heard what the requirements were and were given basic plans to construct the ukulele rack. The outcome is fantastic, and the rack will allow for safe access for the students to the instruments as well as keeping the ukuleles protected. Congratulations to all involved!

Beth Creedy | Head of Music

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/caregivers, 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 9 Students Take Up Coaching

As part of their Physical Education unit, Year 9 AFL and High-Performance Sports Program Netball students have been coaching Year 4-6 students. For their final assessment, the students had to prepare, plan and execute their coaching lessons to the younger students.

It was great to see the younger students take the opportunity to learn new skills and enjoy the social interactions while encouraging our Year 9's to improve their skills at coaching.

Ian Ross | Year 6-12 Health and Physical Education Coordinator



Year 10's Lend A Hand In The ELCC

A group of helpful Year 10 students volunteered their time to help put together flat pack furniture, which will be used in our Early Learning and Community Centre extension. Well done boys!

Domenica Dunn | Director Early Learning & Community Centre

A Year In Review For Physical Education

2020 has been a successful year for the Tenison Woods College Sports Program.

Despite COVID -19 disabling sporting opportunities from mid-Term 1 and all of Term 2. The College has been well represented in all SESSSA and SAPSASA sporting events and is proud of its performances in all the School Sport SA competitions. Reflecting on the year, we witnessed outstanding participation in the 8-12 Athletics and Swimming carnivals with students and staff enjoying the "theme" days. While no Interschool Athletics was held, our swimming team won the Interschool shield for the 6th year in a row.

At the SA Co-educational Catholic Swimming Carnival, our talented team were highly competitive in the Pool A competition. In the absence of Term 2 sport, the virtual X-Country witnessed outstanding participation with 550 reception to Year 9 students running, jogging or walking the course.

In Term 3 and 4, the college entered all available events and we achieved wonderful results with regional and knockout finals in Adelaide. At the primary level, a large number of year 6 and 7 students represented SAPSASA Basketball, Football, Netball, Soccer, Cricket, Hockey, Tennis and Athletics. At the secondary level, a total of 427 individual representations from Year 8-12 were made across all SESSSA affiliated sports representing 45 individual sports teams, spread over 13 different sports.

In summary, we achieved four state championship titles with 8/9 Girls Basketball, 8/9 Girls Netball, 8/9 Boys Football and Open Boys Football. We were state runners up in 8/9 Boys T20 Cricket, Year 10 Girls Netball and Open Girls Basketball. The Open Boys Basketball team played in the Semi-finals in Keith while state finals were played in Adelaide with 8/9 Girls Tennis, Open Boys FUTSAL, 8/9 Boys Soccer, Year 10 Boys and Year 10 Girls Basketball, 8/9 Boys Basketball, 8/9 Mixed Hockey and Open Girls Netball.

A big thank you must go to the following staff members for their outstanding coaching and management of our sporting teams this year:

<i>Mr Maney</i>	<i>Mr Fleetwood</i>	<i>Mr Marshall</i>
<i>Mr Buckley</i>	<i>Ms Clark</i>	<i>Mr Patzel</i>
<i>Mrs Egan</i>	<i>Mr Primer</i>	<i>Ms Willoughby</i>
<i>Mrs Denton</i>	<i>Mrs Adams</i>	
<i>Mr Hill</i>	<i>Ms Mutch</i>	
<i>Mr Daly</i>	<i>Mrs Chapman</i>	
<i>Ms Coote</i>	<i>Mrs Opperman</i>	
<i>Ms Lloyd</i>	<i>Mrs Dempsey</i>	
<i>Mr Kourmouzis</i>	<i>Mr Dickson</i>	

On behalf of all the Sports coaches, a big thank you to the families for encouraging and supporting their children with sport in 2020.

Ian Ross | Tenison Woods College Year 8-12 Sports Coordinator



Middle School Awards Ceremony and Year 9 Graduation

On Tuesday 8 December, Middle School award winners, Year 9 Graduates and staff gathered in the Barrie Holmes Stadium to celebrate the achievements of the 2020 Academic Year.

Numerous awards were presented during the ceremony. These include the Poplars Awards, Shining Light Awards, Faith in Action Awards, St Paul's Awards, Julian Tenison Woods Awards, Barker Shields and the Lions Club Award. We also reinstated the Tenison House Cup, which began in 1962. After a hiatus of nearly 20 Years, the cup has been renovated, with house team points being allocated throughout the year. The Cup was awarded to McAuley for 2020. We had the talented Small Jazz Ensemble led by Jack Heaven perform at the awards. Well done to Beth Creedy and Penny Mansel and her team for supporting the students in their performances.

We also celebrated the Graduation of the Year 9 students who will be transitioning into the Senior School in 2021.

The ceremony was a great opportunity for outstanding students to receive recognition for their efforts, and a great chance for students and families to catch up before the end of the school year.

Nick Patzel | Head of Middle School

Photo Gallery Year 8 Reflection Day



Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 9 December

- Collage Board Dinner

Thursday 10 December

- (McAuley and MacKillop Room) ELCC Graduation, 9:00am-10:30am – ELCC
- (McAuley and MacKillop Room) ELCC Graduation, 2:00pm-3:00pm – ELCC

Saturday 12 December

- Mass, 6:00pm – St Paul's Church

Sunday 13 December

- Third Sunday of Advent
- Mass 11:00am – St Paul's Church

Tuesday 15 December

- ELCC Christmas Celebrations – ELCC

Friday 18 December

- Front Office Closes
- Reception Nature Play Working Bee, 9:00am – 12:00pm, Tenison Woods College

Saturday 19 December

- Mass, 6:00pm – St Paul's Church

Sunday 20 December

- Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Mass 11:00am – St Paul's Church

Wednesday 23 December

- ELCC Closes
- OSHC Closes

Friday 25 December

- Christmas Day

Monday 28 December

- Boxing Day Public Holiday

Thursday 21 January

- All Teaching Staff Commence

Friday 22 January

- Book Collection Day and Staff Planning Day

Monday 25 January

- 2021 Staff Planning Day

Tuesday 26 January

- 2021 Australia Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 27 January

- 2021 Reception and Years 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 Commence Term 1

Thursday 28 January

- All Other Students Commence Term 1

Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Uniform Shop Trading Hours Remainder of 2020

Tuesdays 8:00am – 12:00pm

Thursdays 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Uniform Shop Trading Hours for January 2021

- Tuesday 19 January – Friday 22 January, 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Wednesday 27 January, 8:00am – 11:00am
- Thursday 28 January, 8:00am – 10:00am and 1:00pm – 5:00pm

For further enquiries please contact the school at 8725 5455.

Photo Gallery - Year 12 Graduation



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Photo Gallery - Year 9 SHVME Camp

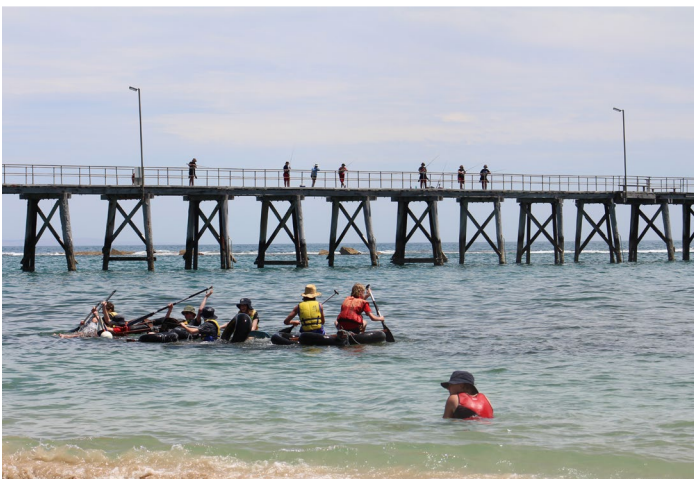


Photo Gallery - Year 9 Graduation

