

# Weekly Newsletter



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Welcome to the 2021 School Year!



Albie Paltridge and family



Makenna Cook



Charlie Holmes and family

## From The Principal

### Welcome

I was thrilled by the start that the Tenison Woods College Community made to the 2021 academic year on Wednesday 27 January. I was particularly pleased to see staff and students looking refreshed and relaxed after the holiday break, ready to greet the challenges of the school year.

I offer a special welcome for all new students and new families to our large school family. I hope you make many good long-lasting friendships and enjoy your learning at Tenison Woods College.

### Making the Ordinary Extraordinary in 2021

The Staff Planning Days at the commencement of the year offered staff an opportunity to reflect on our work as individuals and as a staff team. During these planning days we focused on our College approach to wellbeing, our strategy in relation to Living, Learning and Leading at Tenison Woods College, the ingredients of a deliberate start to the year and how we could serve our students, parents and colleagues in the best possible way.

This year we will make the ordinary extraordinary!

Mary MacKillop encouraged her sisters to see the sacred in the ordinariness of our lives, and as such the school theme for 2021 speaks to us about:

- Presence to the individual moments.
- Presence to people.
- Presence to God and the gifts God has given us.
- The I and E of SHINE + (Get involved and enjoy positive emotions)
- Teachers making our pedagogy extraordinary, where all matter, are included, achieve.

I look forward to us developing a deep appreciation of the extraordinary that surrounds us as we look with fresh eyes at our school, local and global community.

### All the best for 2021!

With the understanding that at Tenison Woods College every learner has a place, every learner has a pathway and every learner will shine, we will continue our deliberate attention to the 2020-24 Strategic Plan, with the eight areas of endeavour:

The 2021 Key Initiatives will be:

1. Simplification of Processes.
2. New Learning Management System – SEQTA.
3. Learning Imperatives and an evolved Middle School Community.
4. R-9 Literacy and Numeracy as expressed in NAPLAN.
5. EY-5 Design and Technology.
6. Resilient Impact and Growth Action Planning.
7. Pathways 10 - 12.
8. New Crossways and MITIOP Implementation.

*Making the ordinary extraordinary at Tenison Woods College*

# From The Principal *continued...*

## Building Success

What a delight to see the ELCC, OSHC and Reception Teams, children and families occupying the ELCC extension, renovated OSHC centre and new MacKillop Reception Learning Community building. These renovations and buildings are the result of a very collaborative approach to designing buildings which accentuates child competency and agency, as well as teacher collaboration.

We also look forward to continuing the planning of the Junior School (Year 1-6) building, which we will commence building at the conclusion of 2021 and then through 2022, ready for occupation in 2023.

## Parent Involvement In 2021

Over the coming month there will be a series of meetings for parents. Some events will be social, some curriculum-based and some pastoral. I encourage parents to attend and be involved. This partnership provides the best outcome for our students.

## I remind families of our first Working Bee:

Term 1, End of Week 3, Saturday 13 February 2021. I invite you to register [here](#). Please gather at the playground between the Year 1/2 and 3/4 playground.

Please bring any gardening equipment you think could be of use: gloves, shovel, rakes, wheelbarrow, even your ute. The working bee will commence at 8.00am. Morning tea and refreshments will be supplied with a BBQ available from 10.00am. For those able to assist on the day we ask that you please register as above by Tuesday 9 February and return it to the front office.

## Recognising SACE Board Achievement and Excellence in 2020

I look forward to our Dux Assembly, and welcoming graduates from last year who achieved outstanding SACE Board results.

Due to our current COVID-19 protocols, the ceremony will be held on Thursday 5 February from 9.00am until about 10:15am in the Gilap Wanga Learning Community, and will be for Years 7-12 students and parents.

As a College community we are extremely proud of the results of these students and look forward to acknowledging their success before the Middle and Senior School communities.

## SunSmart Approach

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world, with two in three Australians developing some form of skin cancer before age 70. Melanoma is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers in Australians aged 15-29. Yet most skin cancers can be prevented by using sun protection measures at appropriate times of the year. The sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the major cause of skin cancer. UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is strongly associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Given school hours fall within peak UV periods of the day, we have moved to a comprehensive policy will assist schools to adopt healthy UV practices.

We are pleased to introduce the SunSmart policy this year to our college community. Our SunSmart procedures such as wearing the College hats and sunscreen will be enacted according to the sun protection times forecasted by the Bureau of Meteorology for when the UV levels that are predicted to reach 3 or higher. Students will be notified during daily pastoral care about the need to wear their hat, and sunscreen will be supplied in the classroom. We encourage all students to leave their hats at school.

## Standing on the shoulders ...

During our days of preparation, we acknowledged the committed service of the following staff:

10 years of service	20 years of service	30 years of service
Nada Brookes	Domenica Dunn	Micki Greenham
Sue Rundle	Leanne Sandow	Chris Lloyd
Patrizia Viola	Lisa Bayre	Tory Brett
Marilena Wilson	Moni Kolhoffer	Trish Bruhn
David Gritton		
Karina Clements		
June Clarke		
Cassie Edwards		

40 years of service  
Tanina Morrone  
Steve Primer

We greatly appreciate the impact that the above staff have had on the story and culture of the Tenison Woods College learning community and so we acknowledge their contribution with deep appreciation and admiration.

Pictured below is Steve Primer, with all the staff Steve has taught in his 40 years of committed service to Tenison Woods College. Were you also taught by Steve Primer?



## Positions of Responsibility

I offer congratulations and thanks to staff who have taken on new challenges in positions of responsibility this year. I thank staff who offered their talents last year in relation to Positions of Responsibility and I trust the staff who are taking on roles this year for the next two and four years will build on their predecessor's efforts in a way that offers our community significant security, creativity and opportunity. A summary of the staff who hold Positions of Responsibility is located on our website [here](#).

## Parent Welcome and Information Evening – It's About Building Relationships

A significant way in which parents can support the learning of their children and adolescents is by attending the R-12 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 9 February. Parents will have a chance to meet our teachers, learn about the teachers' hopes for the year, and hear about the classroom processes that will ensure learning is achieved in the best possible way. Parents also have an opportunity to meet informally the Leadership Team of the school and ensure that we commence the journey of serving your child's individual needs in a deliberate manner.

All the best for 2021!

God Bless,

David Mezinac | Principal

## From the Deputy Principal



Welcome back to all staff, students and families. I am pleased to be Deputy Principal of Tenison Woods college.

It has been great seeing familiar faces back in the classrooms and yard as well as welcoming new students and families to the College.

Each week I will be presenting some helpful informations which will focus on the daily operations of the College.

This week let's look at how to get your child safely to and from school.

## Drop off and pick up

There are 2 drop off and pick up zones in the College for those not wishing to use the car parks. One is off Shepherdson Road and the other off White Avenue. Cars in both of these areas are encouraged to keep moving and not to park, other than for children to get in and out of the car. Drivers are asked to remain in the car. Staff on duty at the Shepherdson Road 'Kiss and Drop' will help children in and out of the car, close car boots and car doors in order to minimise the wait time.

We encourage students to use public transport, walk or cycle to the College – or even be dropped at one of the many walking paths nearby to walk the final part of the journey from home. This will minimise vehicular traffic around the school and support everyone's wellbeing. Our secure bike shed has shelter and there is a bike path from White Avenue.

If you have any questions about drop off and pick up areas or parking please do not hesitate to email me for clarification.

Michelle Coote | Deputy Principal

## CIM Team News



### Whole School Mass

The Beginning of Year Whole School Mass will be held at Marist Park on Thursday 11 February at 9.00am. All parents and friends are welcome to attend. Please BYO chair and hat.

### Term 1 Masses at the College Chapel

A Mass is held each Thursday of the term and is led by a different class or year level each week. Mass is held at 9.15am in the College Chapel. Until further notice, due to current COVID restrictions, only staff members and students of the College are permitted to attend.

### The roster for Term 1 masses:

Week 4	Thursday 18 February – Year 11
Week 5	Thursday 25 February – Year 4/5
Week 6	Thursday 4 March – Year 10
Week 7	Thursday 11 March – Year 8
Week 8	Thursday 18 March – Year 9
Week 9	Thursday 25 March – Year 6
Week 10	Holy Thursday – no mass
Week 11	Thursday 8 April – Year 7

### Year 12 Retreat

In Week 1, the 2021 Year 12 cohort attended their annual Retreat in Victor Harbor. During the three days, students explored the theme 'The Road of Life' where students and staff worked in a combination of large and small groups. Time was spent experiencing different forms of prayer, deep listening to the stories of others, reflecting on the paths taken and who God is to each of us. The Retreat was a wonderful opportunity for the cohort to reconnect after the holidays and to bond before delving into their Year 12 studies. Students and staff were also fortunate to be joined by Fr Dean on Thursday morning, where he shared his insight into the Christian faith and celebrated Mass that evening. We thank Fr Dean for making the Retreat a priority in his busy schedule. The Year 12's have now returned to the College and we wish them all the best for the year ahead.

### Youth Mass

Youth Mass is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the 6.00pm Saturday Mass at St Paul's Church, Penola Road. The next Youth Mass will be held on Saturday 20 February. The music and readings at this Mass are led by the young people from the College and the parish. Please contact either myself or Cisca Teodoro if you would like to be involved in this. The monthly Youth Mass is followed by a Youth Group dinner and discussion group. Students in Year 8 and above are encouraged to attend.

### Family Mass

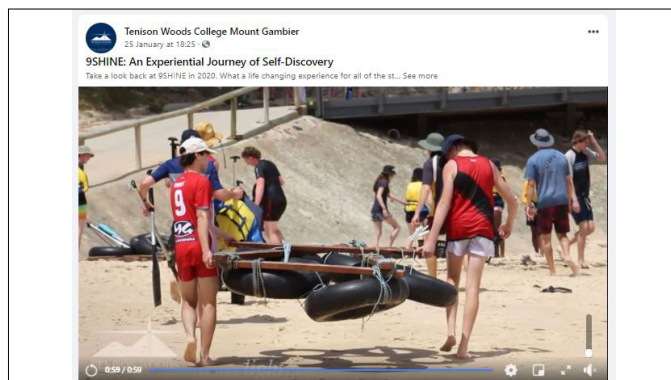
Family Masses are held on the 4th Sunday of the month at 11.00am Mass at St Paul's Church, Penola Road. The next Family Mass will be held on Sunday 28 February. Please contact either myself or Cisca Teodoro at [mt.gambier.catholic1@bigpond.com](mailto:mt.gambier.catholic1@bigpond.com) if you would like to be involved in this.

**Chloe Shanahan** | Religious Education Coordinator



## Donation Presented to SEAWL

Over the holidays, Year 4 student Ella Swiggs presented the South East Animal Welfare League with a donation of \$165. This money was raised from a Year 3 'Handmade Bookmark' sale in 2020, where hundreds of bookmarks were sold. Well done to students on raising money for a great cause!



## 9Shine - An experiential Journey of Self-Discovery

Have you watched the fantastic highlights package of the 2020 9Shine camp experience?

What a life changing experience for all! We look forward to it becoming bigger and better this year and into the future.

Click [here](#) to view the clip, or visit our Tenison Woods College Mount Gambier Facebook Page (and give it a 'like' while you are there if you haven't done so already!)



**Nick Patzel** | Head of Middle School  
**Brad Maney** | Year 9 Wellbeing Coordinator



## Young Citizen Of The Year Awarded to Lily Irwin

Congratulations to new Year 7 student Lily Irwin who was awarded 2020 Young Citizen of the Year for the Glenelg Shire Council. Lily was presented with the award last week on Australia Day at Portland Civic Hall.

Lily received the award for 2020 after her exemplary work with education, the environment and health and wellbeing. She organised several clean-ups at her school last year which included the library, oval, bike shed and the school farm. She regularly volunteers for several organisations, including the State Library of Victoria, Kick Start and Landcare Victoria. She was also recognised as the 2019 Junior Landcare Award recipient, the 2019 National Volunteer of the Year Award recipient, as well as receiving a Fred Hollows Foundation Humanity Award last year.

We congratulate Lily on her achievements and look forward to her contribution and fresh ideas around Sustainability in our College community.

## 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](#).



## Oscar O'Leary Secures Electrical Apprenticeship

Congratulations to 2020 Year 11 student Oscar O'Leary on securing a 'Certificate II in Electrotech' apprenticeship with Brenton Moore Electrical. Oscar was offered an apprenticeship after impressing during his week of work experience during the school holidays with Brenton Moore Electrical. Well done to Oscar, we wish him all the best in his new journey.

*Pictured from Left-to-Right: Head of Senior School, Ciaran Buckley, Tanya Ewen 2020 Year 11 student, Oscar O'Leary, VET Coordinator and Business Studies Teacher, Joanne Maclean*



Community  
Noticeboard



See the Community Noticeboard for posters and notices of upcoming events within our College, and wider community.

Please click [here](#) to view this page.



## Early Learning Centre Shines A Light On Sustainability

Over the course of 2020, the Early Learning and Community Centre collected plastic lids and bottle caps for our onsite Project Recology facility. Families, students and staff donated hundreds of kilograms of plastic sorted into colours for us to turn into new items.

The recently commissioned plastic sheet press has enabled us to make unique recycled sheets which have already been utilised in a variety of applications. We recently saw some technology students create a one-of-a-kind student play table from HDPE (#2) lids and an old computer bench frame, rescued from a landfill tip. This table has been donated to the Early Learning and Community Centre for their efforts in collecting and sorting this plastic and for highlighting the importance of sustainability at such a young age. Keep an eye out for other applications for this recycled plastic around the school in 2021.

If you would like to be involved in any way, please connect with our Sustainability Coordinator Tom Linnell at [linnt@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:linnt@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

# TODDLER TIME

CALLING ALL  
PARENTS, BABIES AND TODDLERS!

## COME AND JOIN

IN THE PLAYGROUP

# FUN

HELD AT THE TENISON WOODS COLLEGE EARLY  
LEARNING & COMMUNITY CENTRE

WEDNESDAYS DURING TERM TIME

WITH SESSION RUNNING

8:45AM - 10:15AM | 10:30AM - 12:00PM

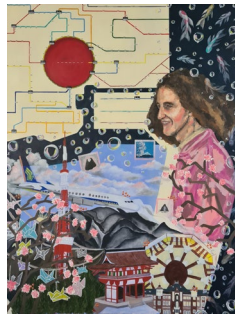
COST: \$20 PER TERM FEE

COME AND JOIN OTHER FAMILIES AND ENJOY TIME WITH YOUR CHILDREN

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
CONTACT TENISON WOODS COLLEGE ON (08) 8725 5455 OR EMAIL  
[dunnd@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dunnd@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

# Senior Students Shine In SACE Art Show

A big congratulations to 2020 Year 12 students Amelie Beltakis and Matisse Schmidt whose artwork was chosen for the 2021 SACE Art Show. The annual exhibition, held at Light Square Gallery in Adelaide, will display handpicked work from 134 Visual Arts students who completed their SACE in 2020. The exhibition will be held on Tuesday 23 March - Friday 16 April 2021.



Pictured at top is 'Japan' by Amelie Beltakis

## 'Japan'

The style of painting in this compilation imagery, which depicts random flashes of memory from my Japanese travelling...describes my personal, emotional travel experience to Japan...portray[ing] an immersive experience, whilst maintaining single media medium, instead of portraying a snapshot.

Pictured at bottom is '3679.6km' by Matisse Schmidt.



## '3679.6km'

On the grass at Bridget's feet, sits a sketchbook where she has drawn a picture of one of our cats. In her outstretched hands are pencils for me to join in. In Tiarna's hands is a green tree frog... when I realised Tiarna shared this same love, I found it quite special and had to include a frog. [It] capture[s] a piece of both of my sisters and their personalities forever.

**THE NATION**

**Renewables revolutionaries on a mission**

BY SIMON HUGHES

Green bank keeps failing mandated investment targets

MISSING BENCHMARKS

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Actual	-1.3	-1.24	-1.07	-0.12	-0.53	-0.92	-0.27
Benchmark	5.95-6.95	5.74-6.74	5.51-6.51	5.29-6.29	5.08-6.08	4.87-5.87	4.66-5.66

They are the youthful vanguard of South Australia's renewable revolution — and they're on a mission from God.

In a partnership that will illuminate climate's impact but is hailed by business and the South Australian government as a high-value program, a Catholic college in the state's southeast has entered a formal alliance with some of the biggest players in wind and solar to launch renewable technology as a recognised part of its school curriculum.

Just about every graduate who joins the school's renewable energy program is expected to be a part of the industry — it's about the future, not the past. It's about the future, not the past. It's about the future, not the past.

The school works with Tenison Woods College, which has a long history of providing a high-quality education to students in the region. The school's renewable energy program is a key part of its commitment to sustainability and environmental education.

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# SAPSASA Sport 2021

SAPSASA Sport will take a different format in 2021.

Prior to each sporting event, trial information will be received by the College and sent to students/parents via Edsmart. Additionally, a link will be sent to all Year 6 and Year 7 students containing information for the sporting opportunities available to each student. If any of these opportunities are a point of interest to the student, parents/carers will be required to click on the link and register. This registration will then be sent to SAPSASA. Once the form has been submitted, students will receive a confirmation email which must be printed, signed and returned to school so it can be filled as per department records management process for camps and excursions. If you do not have a printer available, the College is more than happy to print off the form and send it home with the student.

Parent/carers can email Emily Dawe, our Sports Administration trainee for 2021 at: [dawee@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dawee@tenison.catholic.edu.au)  
It is imperative that the link is sent to Emily as the form contains the student's details on it.

The importance of needing to return the email slip to the front office as soon as possible cannot be stressed enough as the College will not be allowing the students to leave the College for trial purposes if the form is NOT returned. In addition, this year SAPSASA will be confined to Year 6 and Year 7 only. Swimming and Athletics will allow some younger students to participate.

## Dates for SAPSASA Term 1:

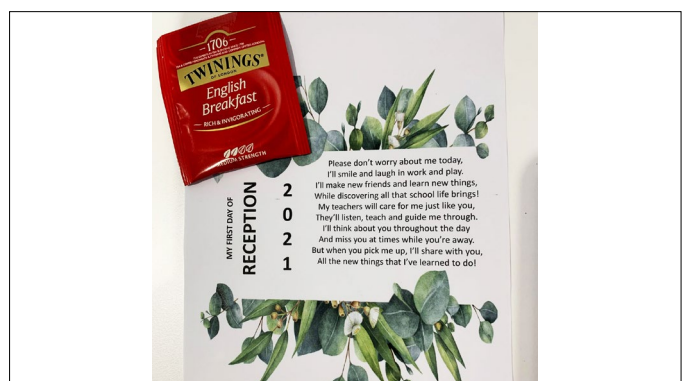
Term 1	Week 4	Friday 19 February	District Swimming Day (Penola)
Term 1	Week 8	To be announced	Football Tryout Day
Term 1	Week 8	To be announced	Netball Tryout Day
Term 1	Week 9	Tuesday 23 March	District Athletics Day (Mount Gambier High School)
Term 1	Week 9	Friday 26 March	State Swimming Championships (Adelaide)
Term 1	Week 10	29 - 31 March	Softball State Carnival (Adelaide)

**Tina Opperman** | Year 5 Teacher / R-6 Sports Coordinator

# College Featured In National Newspaper

On Monday 28 December Tenison Woods College featured in The Australian Newspaper. The article highlighted our industry partnerships in both wind and solar to teach renewable technology as a part of the school curriculum, with the mission to take the entire College off the grid by 2030. With plenty of solar panels already installed, we are well on our way to reach this goal!

Picture taken from The Australian, 28 December 2020.  
Image: The Australian Newspaper.  
Click [here](#) to enlarge.



# Thoughtful Gift From The Reception Team

Our Reception teachers sent a lovely poem, along with a teabag home with our new Reception students after their first day of school. A wonderful way to help put parents' minds at ease with their children attending school for the first time!



## Learning Assistance Program Volunteers Needed

Tenison Woods College continues to offer the Learning Assistance Program (LAP) to our students and we are seeking interested parents and friends of the school to assist as volunteers.

The Learning Assistance Program is a program whereby volunteers, in partnership with teaching staff, work with students on a one-on-one basis, for one hour regular sessions each week.

This significant individual time creates more learning situations where students can experience success, and supports their achievement at school. There are often students in junior primary, who would benefit from individual time with a volunteer.

Students may need support with class or subject work; they may be shy, disruptive, or just need someone to listen to them and show they care. LAP can be a positive factor in breaking the cycle of educational disadvantage. The volunteer becomes the student's friend and mentor, sharing in the challenge and excitement of learning through a variety of experiences. The support and encouragement that a volunteer can give, fosters the development of a student's self-esteem and confidence.

The success of the program is based on five simple principles.

These are that LAP:

- Is always one-to-one;
- Is about relationships;
- Builds confidence and self-esteem;
- Takes a creative approach to learning; and
- Promotes parent and community participation in schools.

(This information has been taken from 'Building Bridges With LAP' Coordinators' handbook)

If you have time, knowledge, special talents or interests which may either facilitate a student's learning or enhance a child's experience at school, and you are willing to share them with students, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Tenison Woods College on (08) 8725 5455; or Jess Lucas, Email: [lucaj@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lucaj@tenison.catholic.edu.au) or Tania Sigley (08) 8724 4609 Email: [sigt@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sigt@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

Jess Lucas | LAP Coordinator



## Poplars Playground Now Open

On Thursday 28 January the Poplars playground was officially opened. With a new set of swings and widened track for bike riding, play time for Poplars students has become an area of excitement. The natural landscapes and textures of the playground also adds a point of interest. Thanks to the new developments, students are eager to get out and play, putting their gross motor skills into practice and allowing many fun educational hours to be had this year!



Nicola Harradine | Junior Poplars Teacher



## Walk For Life - Saturday 6 February

I continue to encourage your attendance at the "Walk for Life" next Saturday, February 6, from 10.00am till 12noon at Pennington Gardens, walking to Parliament House.

The Mount Gambier Pro-life Group "Love them Both" is organizing a bus:

- 21 seats available @ \$25 for the return trip
  - To leave the carpark of St Paul's on Saturday, Feb 6, at 4.00am and to return that same day by 7.30pm
  - Booking essential
  - Book and pay through the Parish Office on 8725 6566, with the close of bookings at 3.00pm on Tuesday, Feb 2.
- Or organize your own cars with parking at Adelaide Oval carpark, enter from Pennington Tce, opposite St Peter's Cathedral at a cost of \$2.

In the meantime, it is very important that our local members are contacted and informed of our stance against abortion. Make an appointment, write a letter or use the postcard "ABORTION UP TO BIRTH-Are you okay with this?" which are available in our churches and contact Troy Bell or Nick Mc Bride:

Hon Troy Bell  
Member for Mount Gambier  
24a Bay Road.  
Mount Gambier SA 5290  
Hon Nick Mc Bride  
Member for Mackillop  
146 Smith Street  
Naracoorte SA 5271

I also encourage you to register with Love Adelaide at their website [www.loveadelaide.org.au](http://www.loveadelaide.org.au) to be part of the growing momentum against this bill. We continue to be a voice for the voiceless.

God Bless, Fr Dean.

SA.GOV.AU or 1800 253 787    KEEPING SA SAFE & STRONG    Government of South Australia

### COVID-SAFE CHECK-IN

Tenison Woods College

**Checking in is quick and easy:**

1. Scan the QR code with the free mySA GOV app or your phone camera
2. Enter your name and mobile number
3. Follow the prompts
4. Show staff your green tick

**Remember:**

- Do not enter if you are unwell
- Stay 1.5 metres from others not in your group
- Regularly wash or sanitise your hands

This COVID-Safe QR Code was issued on 19/01/2021



## Sport at Tenison Woods College 2021

Tenison Woods College has a rich sporting culture and tradition that strives to provide students of all abilities to be involved in a broad range of sports. At the primary level, the College will be entering in regional school competitions and carnivals, participate in Come 'N' Try activities and strongly encourage individuals to participate in the array of SAPSASA events.

At the secondary level, the College will have teams and individuals in Come 'N' Try activities, regional carnivals and competitions, Statewide Knockout competitions, and potentially National Carnivals for both Netball and Basketball. While COVID has delayed our 2021 international Basketball tours to the USA, a new Netball tour to New Zealand is planned for the near future. In Term 1, the Trinity College Netball exchange will be hosted by our College. In Term 2, our long standing exchange (since 1986) with Cardijn College, Adelaide, will be an away trip with our squad consisting of 10 sports teams and one debating team.

With all of the above activities, events, competitions and carnivals, we value the gifts and talents of each student and our dedicated staff will be utilising our wonderful facilities and resources as they strive to facilitate student achievement. Within a safe and supportive learning environment, these broad range of learning opportunities will nurture and celebrate athletic abilities that are underpinned by our motto 'Let Your Light Shine' that challenges all students to reach their full potential.

Students will be encouraged to nominate themselves for upcoming events that will require attendance at important squad meetings. Subsequent training sessions will be an expectation to ensure each student is best prepared for the event.

Representation in sporting teams will require adherence to behavioural and academic expectations. In addition, each student will have the responsibility to ensure they comply to the highest principles of respect, responsibility, integrity, fairness and community. Participation in sporting competitions need to be non-discriminatory and promote good sportsmanship while fostering a positive attitude among all participants. Tenison Woods College values of Hard Work, School Pride, Sportsmanship, Community, Opportunity, Leadership, Participation, and Excellence are expectations of our sporting programs.

A community sporting calendar at the start of each term aims to inform all staff, students and families of upcoming events. Regular newsletter articles and College social media platforms will promote and celebrate these events.

### Term 1 events include;

#### Week 3

- Friday 12 February - Interschool Swimming – Bordertown
- Tuesday 16 February – 8/9 Boys T20 Cricket Carnival – Round 1 – Grant High School

#### Week 4

- Wednesday 17 February – Open Boys and Girls Tennis – Olympic Park
- Friday 19 February – Year 7-12 Athletics Carnival – Marist Park
- Friday 19 February – SAPSASA District Swimming Day - Penola

#### Week 5

- Tuesday 23 February - Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival - Adelaide
- Thursday 25 February - Open Boys T20 Cricket Carnival – Round 1

#### Week 6

- Friday 5 March - R-2 Sports Day 9:00am-12:00pm

#### Week 7

- Friday 12 March - Year 3-6 Sports Day

#### Week 8

- Monday 15 March – Stableford Golf – Attamurra Golf course – Mount Gambier
- Wednesday 17 March - Interschool Athletics Carnival - Penola

#### Week 9

- Monday 22 March – Trinity Netball Exchange
- Tuesday 23 March - SAPSASA District Athletics Day – Mount Gambier High School
- State Swimming Championships – Adelaide

#### Week 10

- Softball State Carnival - Adelaide

It is expected that all staff, students and families abide by the Tenison Woods College STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT.

**Ian Ross** | 6-12 Health and Physical Education Coordinator / 7-12 Sports Coordinator / Physical Education / Outdoor Education teacher

**Tina Opperman** | Year 5 Teacher / R-6 Sports Coordinator



## Guest Speakers Inspire Our Year 10's

On the second day of the Personal Learning Plan Program, Year 10 students were audience to a panel of local successful and inspiring guest speakers: Ben Hood (Founder and Director of Hello Friday and George the Farmer), Kellie Nobes (Fashion Stylist and Image Consultant), Ebony Cunningham (Senior Lawyer) and Xavier Player (Teacher and ex-Olympian).

I thoroughly enjoyed hosting a Q&A session with panel guests who shared details of their career journeys, insights into challenges, decisions and attributes that have led to their success, and advice they had for students as they embark on their own career exploration.

**Jody Elliott** | Careers Coordinator



## Hockey Stars Impress Selectors

11 students have been selected to participate in Hockey South Australia's leading Development & High-Performance Program, The Fire Academy, as well as 3 students being selected into State Teams.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected into the Fire Academy: Sophie Waters, Tillie Derrington, Zoe James, Madi Derrington, Heidi Collins, Mercedes Theobald, Sarrah Ryan, Rhys Earle, Owain Earle, James Miller, (Absent: Lauren Smith)

The Fire Academy is Hockey South Australia's leading Development & High-Performance Program. Approximately 250-300 athletes will gain selection into the Academy in 2021 over three age groups, across both Metropolitan and Regional areas.

Congratulations also to students Mercedes Theobald, Rhys Earle and Zoe James, as they have been selected for the Under 18 Girls State team, Under 15 Boys State team and Under 15 Girls State team respectively. Rhys and Zoe will travel to Bathurst in April, while Mercedes will travel to Launceston in April as well to compete with their teams. Well done to all students.

*Pictured above (Left-to-Right): Sophie Waters, Tillie Derrington, Zoe James, Madi Derrington, Heidi Collins, Mercedes Theobald, Sarrah Ryan, Rhys Earle, Owain Earle, James Miller, (Absent: Lauren Smith)*



*Pictured above (Left-to-Right): Mercedes Theobald, Rhys Earle and Zoe James*



## Swimmers success at SA Country Championships

Eight Tenison students representing Blue Lake Y Swim Club recently competed at the SA Country Championships at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre in Adelaide. There were lots of PBs, medal wins, including three overall medals and a Country Championship record broken over the three days of competition.

*Pictured above: Silver in Both - 14 and Under Girls Freestyle and Medley Relays – from left: Mikayla Pearson, Keira Flowers, Annabelle Solomons, Aleisha Pearson.*

### Placings:

Hayley Pearson:  
Overall Silver - 50m Butterfly  
Silver - 16-17YO 50m Butterfly  
Bronze - 50m Freestyle and 100m Butterfly

Thomas Bignell:  
Overall Silver - 50m Breaststroke and 100m Breaststroke  
Silver - 16-17YO 50m Breaststroke, 100m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke, 100m Backstroke  
Bronze - Open 200m Breaststroke  
SA Country Championship Record – 16YO 50m Breaststroke

Annabelle Solomons:  
Bronze - 13YO 50m Backstroke

Aleisha Pearson:  
Bronze - 14YO 50m Backstroke

### Relays:

Mikayla Pearson, Keira Flowers, Annabelle Solomons, Aleisha Pearson:  
Silver in Both - 14 and Under Girls Freestyle and Medley Relays

Alexei Georgiou and Nicholas Bignell:  
Bronze - 16 and Under Boys Medley Relay

### Finals and Personal Bests:

Hayley Pearson:  
5th - 16-17YO 100m Breaststroke, 50m Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle  
5th - 17 and Over 200m Individual Medley  
7th - 17 and Over 50m Backstroke



Hayley Pearson (overall medal winner) and Thomas Bignell (overall medal winner and SA Country Champs Record)

Thomas Bignell:  
4th - 16-17YO 100m Freestyle

Mikayla Pearson:  
4th - 12YO 50m Butterfly  
4th - 12YO 50m Breaststroke  
7th - 12YO 50m Backstroke  
8th - 12YO 50m Freestyle  
PB in All Events, Biggest PB - 200m Individual Medley, 18.84 sec

Keira Flowers:  
5th - 14YO 50m Breaststroke  
8th - 14-15YO 100m Breaststroke  
PB - 200m Freestyle, 23 sec

Annabelle Solomons:  
4th - 12-13YO 100m Backstroke  
8th - 13YO 50m Freestyle  
8th - 13YO 50m Butterfly

Aleisha Pearson:  
5th - 14YO 50m Freestyle  
5th - 14YO 50m Butterfly  
10th - Open 200m Backstroke

Nicholas Bignell:  
6th - 14YO 50m Breaststroke  
9th - Open 200m Breaststroke  
10th - 13-14YO 200m Freestyle  
PB in All Events

Alexei Georgiou:  
PB in All Events, Biggest PB 14.57 sec 100m Breaststroke

## Upcoming Events:

### Thursday 4 February

- 2020 DUX and Academic Awards Ceremony (Years 7 – 12), 9:00am – 10:30am, Gilap Wanga Learning Community

### Tuesday 9 February

- Year 8 Infojection Session, 8:55am
- Reception – Year 12 Welcome and Community Gathering Evening, 4:00pm

### Wednesday 10 February

- Library Lovers Day
- Rest Day for New Reception Students

### Thursday 11 February

- Beginning of Year Mass, 9:00am, Marist Park



## Uniform Shop Opening Hours

If you are needing new uniform items for the 2021 school year, visit the Uniform Shop during the trading hours below:

Tuesdays 8:00AM - 12:00PM  
Thursdays 1:00PM - 5:00PM

To view the Uniform Policy click here <https://bit.ly/3iQLPJZ>

To place an order for uniform items, visit the link here <https://bit.ly/3lBouxF>

Please note: Due to COVID, there may be stock level issues for some items. Thank you for your patience.



# Welcome to our new Year 7's

Last week, we warmly welcomed many new faces to Tenison Woods College, however, for these following students, it was their first day of High School as brand new Year 7's!

Not only did these students take the big step into High School, they settled in to the all new Gilap Wanga Learning Community for Year 7 to 9 students.

And to top off this wonderful learning journey, brand new curriculum offerings were launched for these students!

Please read below some of our new students' experiences of their first day at Tenison Woods College...



Macca Burke

**How was your first day of High School as a Year 7 student?**

I enjoyed everything, I did lots of new things.

**Are you excited about the new subjects?**

I'm keen for the 'Stick It' Art subject.

**What are you looking forward to most at Tenison Woods College?**

I'd say the opportunities with different subjects and making new friends.



Nash Perryman

**How was your first day of High School as a Year 7 student?**

Really cool, everyone was so friendly, the teachers are great!

**Are you excited about the new subjects?**

I'm excited to see what 'Think It, Build It' is like.

**What are you looking forward to most at Tenison Woods College?**

The 'Art Bootcamp' subject.



Summer Veltmeyer

**How was your first day of High School as a Year 7 student?**

Really enjoyed Chinese, loved learning a new language.

**Are you excited about the new subjects?**

Yes, I'm looking forward to the new art subjects like 'Stick It'.

**What are you looking forward to most at Tenison Woods College?**

Getting involved in the 'Art Bootcamp' subject!



Logan Brodie

**How was your first day of High School as a Year 7 student?**

First day was exciting, keen to make new friends!

**Are you excited about the new subjects?**

Yes, I think there's a great selection of new subjects at Tenison Woods College.

**What are you looking forward to most at Tenison Woods College?**

I'm most looking forward to improving my basketball and footy skills!



Aleah Ferguson

**How was your first day of High School as a Year 7 student?**

A bit nervous starting at a new school but I enjoyed meeting new people.

**Are you excited about the new subjects?**

I can't wait to see what the 'Master of Meals' subject is like!

**What are you looking forward to most at Tenison Woods College?**

I'm looking forward to getting to know new people.



Lily Irwin

**How was your first day of High School as a Year 7 student?**

I had fun, I met lots of new people!

**Are you excited about the new subjects?**

I'm excited for the Art subjects like 'Stick It' to be able to create things.

**What are you looking forward to most at Tenison Woods College?**

I can't wait to start Cricket academy!



Oliver Wardle

**How was your first day of High School as a Year 7 student?**

It's been great, I've met new people and learnt new things.

**Are you excited about the new subjects?**

The 'Think It, Build It' subject is something I'm looking forward to!

**What are you looking forward to most at Tenison Woods College?**

I would say AFL Academy and learning Italian.



## 2021 Junior School Student Leadership



Ava Prosperi-Porta  
Junior Student Leader



Samuel Swiggs  
Junior Student Leader



Allegra Rzepiela  
MacKillop Founder Leader



Bryan Van Zyl  
MacKillop Founder Leader



Lily Jacob  
Champagnat Founder Leader



Jasper Coe  
Champagnat Founder Leader



Ashlyn Cornolo  
McAuley Founder Leader



Cooper Fear  
McAuley Founder Leader



Shen Tee Shin  
Woods Founder Leader



Albert Peters  
Woods Founder Leader

## 2021 Middle School Student Leadership



Bree Robinson  
Middle Student Leader



Rajat Pandey  
Middle Student Leader



Erykah Van Gaans  
MacKillop Founder Leader



Jayden Prior  
MacKillop Founder Leader



Raine Scott  
Champagnat Founder Leader



Jacob Bidese  
Champagnat Founder Leader



Taylor Baggio  
McAuley Founder Leader



Paul Hammond  
McAuley Founder Leader



Lana Shepherd  
Woods Founder Leader



Nickolai Greenham  
Woods Founder Leader

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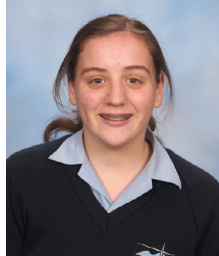
# 2021 Senior Student Leadership



**Sarah McKinnon**  
School Captain



**Austin Rossi**  
School Captain



**Alice Circelli**  
Mission Leader



**Madi Fatchen**  
Mission Leader



**Patrick McCourt**  
Wellbeing Leader



**Sophie Skeer**  
Wellbeing Leader



**Daniela Ortiz-Kaiser**  
Sustainability Leader



**George Wimshurst**  
Sustainability Leader



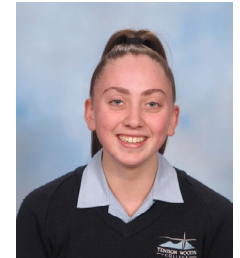
**Anushka Kumar**  
Learning Leader



**Ben Lawson**  
Learning Leader



**Kiah Connolly**  
Sport Leader



**Lucy Denton**  
Sport Leader



**Amelia Taylor**  
Music Leader



**Maixence Williams**  
Music Leader



**Nadia Munguakwokwa**  
Champagnat Founder Leader



**Emma O'Callaghan**  
Champagnat Founder Leader



**Jemma Skeer**  
McAuley Founder Leader



**Mykaela Thiele**  
McAuley Founder Leader



**Kaleb Gentile-Meznar**  
Woods Founder Leader



**Mitchell Sims**  
Woods Founder Leader



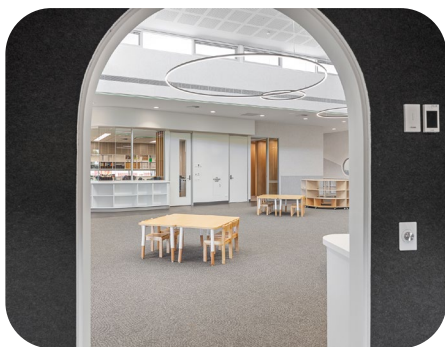
**Hannah Nitschke**  
MacKillop Founder Leader



**Elyse Willoughby**  
MacKillop Founder Leader

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# Photo Gallery - New Reception Building



# Photo Gallery - Reception Students First Day



# Photo Gallery - Year 7 & 8 Welcome BBQ



# Photo Gallery - Junior School Arts Showcase 2020



# Photo Gallery - Master Plan building, Fresh Paint around the College and new Poplars playground



# Let's get to know our 2021 School Captains, Sarah McKinnon and Austin Rossi!

## How does it feel to be selected as a school captain for 2021?

**Sarah:** I feel extremely lucky and privileged to be selected as the female school captain for 2021.

**Austin:** It is an honour and privilege to have been selected as the male school captain for 2021, especially as the process involves being selected by my peers. This has given me the opportunity to represent the school which I have attended for the past 13 years.

## Why do you believe it is an important role?

**Sarah:** I believe it is a very important role as it involves setting an example for the rest of my peers.

**Austin:** I believe this is an important role as captains we represent the school at major functions and events, and it is our responsibility to pass on relevant information from students to teaching staff and school leadership.

## What do you hope to achieve as school captain?

**Sarah:** As a school captain I hope to achieve many things! My main goal is to encourage all students to strive to build positive relationships and to do their best for themselves and the school community in 2021!

**Austin:** A goal of mine is to have a greater interaction between the younger students and older students through a buddy system similar to the one that exists between the Year 12's and Receptions. Looking back at my early years at Tenison, I always wished I had an older buddy or person which I could visit in the yard and say hello to or even a person to talk to rather than my usual friends. As this is our last year of schooling, I hope that our Year 12 cohort have an enjoyable and memorable year.

## What are your goals for Year 12 and beyond i.e: dream career, university course, or sporting achievement?

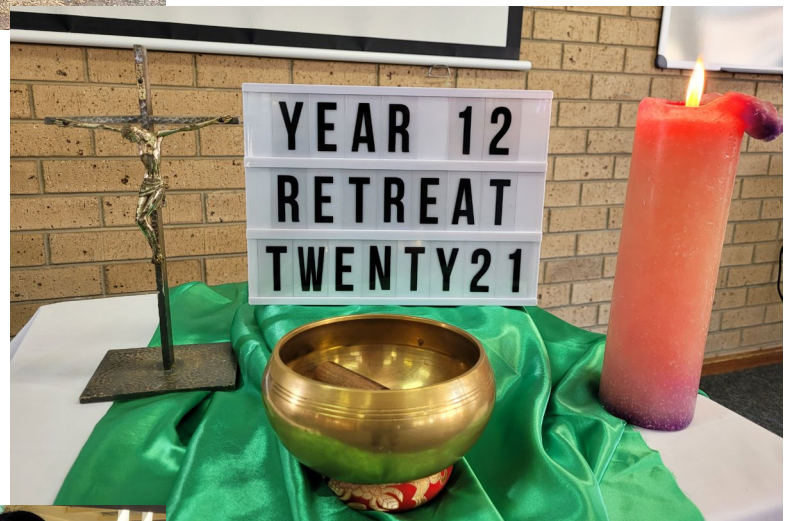
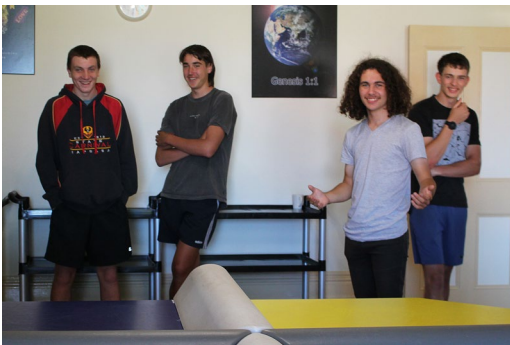
**Sarah:** My goals for year 12 is to maintain a healthy relationship with my studies and try my absolute best in all of my subjects! As of now my dream career is to become a doctor but who knows what I will be thinking in twelve months time.

**Austin:** I hope to complete Year 12 to the best of my ability and further my studies by attending university to study physiotherapy. A goal of mine is to also travel the world post coronavirus. My soccer dreams are still an option after school, by moving away, I hope to play at the highest level.





# Photo Gallery - Year 12 Retreat



# 2021 R-12 WELCOME AND COMMUNITY GATHERING EVENING

TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2021

## JUNIOR SCHOOL FAMILIES

**4:00pm to 5:30pm:**  
Reception to Year 6  
open classrooms

**4:00pm to 5:30pm:**  
Junior Primary BBQ  
in the Junior School

**5:30pm to 5:55pm:**  
**INFORMATION SESSION**  
Year 5 Instrumental  
Program information  
session (*downstairs in the  
PRC Lecture Theatre*)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL Families

**4:30pm to 5:45pm:**  
Year 7, 8 and 9  
open classrooms in your  
child's home room

**4:30pm to 6:00pm:**  
Middle School BBQ  
at Gilap Wanga

**6:00pm to 6:30pm:**  
**YEAR 7 / 8**  
**INFORMATION SESSION**  
Barrie Holmes Stadium

**6:45pm to 7:15pm:**  
**YEAR 9 Shine**  
**INFORMATION SESSION**  
Barrie Holmes Stadium

## SENIOR SCHOOL FAMILIES

**5:30pm to 7:00pm:**  
Please join us in the  
Pam Ronan Centre (PRC)  
Upstairs to mingle and chat with  
your child's teachers and other  
key staff that your child will be  
supported by in the Senior School.  
Enjoy drinks and nibbles as we  
welcome you and your child to  
2021.

**5:30pm-6:00pm: YEAR 10**  
**6:00pm-6:30pm: YEAR 11**  
**6:30pm-7:00pm: YEAR 12**

If you need to attend outside of these  
suggested year level times, please contact  
Tanya Thomson to confirm availability  
on 8724 4650 or  
[thota@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:thota@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

## POPIARS FAMILIES

**BBQ 4:00pm-5:30pm**  
**Open Classrooms 4:00pm - 5:30pm**

