

Weekly Newsletter



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Celebrating 2020 Academic Achievement



On Thursday 4 February the College welcomed back the highest academic achieving Year 12 students from 2020, to acknowledge and celebrate their outstanding ATAR results. The College Dux was awarded to Chloe Mackenzie with an outstanding score of 99.00. The ceremony was blessed with superb weather and it was wonderful to see so many members of our parent community present.

The College was also proud to present Academic Excellence Awards to over 150 Year 6-12 students from 2020. These awards were presented to Year 6-12 students who achieved 10 or more semester based 'A' grade passes (Year 6-11) or four or more 'A' grades (Year 12) in their chosen subject areas throughout the school year, demonstrating a strong commitment to their learning. What a wonderful way to kickstart the year!

Usually set in the Barrie Holmes Stadium, this year the College kept COVID-safe and moved the formalities outdoors to the picturesque and calming setting of the Gilap Wanga Learning Community. Mid-ceremony entertainment was provided by the College's very own Saxophone Ensemble, lead by Head of Performing Arts, Penny Mansell. The event concluded with a morning tea, held on the Gilap Wanga board walk.

Pictured above: The students who received an ATAR score of 80 or above and College Dux with an ATAR score of 99.00, Chloe Mackenzie.



From The Principal

Parent Welcome and Community Gathering Evening – It's About Building Relationships

Thank you to all families who attended Tuesday's Welcome and Community Gathering Evening. It was clear from all the sub school gatherings within the larger school community that there was a wonderful sense of warmth, connection, and indeed community. Special thanks to our student leaders, school musicians and hospitality students who added wonderfully to the sense of welcome, warmth and presence. A great start to the year!

Beginning Year Mass - Making the Ordinary Extraordinary in 2021

We look forward to tomorrow's Beginning Year Whole School Mass at Marist Park. The Mass, which commences at 9:00am, will assist us to reflect on the College theme for 2021, where we will endeavour to make the ordinary extraordinary! Don't forget your hat and sunscreen.

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.

Making the ordinary extraordinary at Tenison Woods College

From The Principal *continued...*

- 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 students are included and encouraged to 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.

Working Bee – This Saturday 13 February

I remind families of our first Working Bee, this Saturday 13 February. I invite you to register [here](#). Please gather between the Year 1/2 playground and the Year 3/4 playground. 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 as soon as possible. Please bring any gardening equipment you think could be of use: gloves, shovels, rakes, wheelbarrow, even your ute.

Lenten Season and Project Compassion – Be More

Next week's Shrove Tuesday pancake fundraising day and Ash Wednesday liturgies mark the start of Lent; the season in which we prepare for Easter. Students are being encouraged in class to develop a communal action during the Lenten season to bring about change in our world. Fundraising throughout the six weeks of Lent will contribute to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Campaign. Once again, this Lent Caritas Australia calls us to support Project Compassion under the theme of Be More. As Saint Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." Through our generosity and by aspiring to "Be More," we are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

This message invites us to step up and step out for those who do not have the essential resources they need for their survival. Those whose needs at this time are far beyond ours. During COVID-19, it is through these partnerships with local communities and extensive church networks on the ground that Caritas has been able to respond swiftly to minimise the spread of the pandemic. They were also able to adapt our existing programs with new emergency training, medical and hygiene kits.

Supporting Project Compassion is a way we can proclaim the faith that is in our hearts and help our brothers and sisters in need. During Lent, we are invited to take up the call to fast, pray and give alms - in solidarity as a global community. Through our generosity during Project Compassion this year, we are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

Caritas Australia continues its long-term development of people in need, a model of development that acknowledges human dignity, works towards sustainability and self-reliance, and brings about social change. I urge parents to discuss this issue with their children and reiterate the point that individuals can create a better world through their daily decisions and the commitment they display to improving the plight of others.

Put simply, our commitment to marginalised people is a direct response to the Christian call to 'act justly, love mercifully, and walk humbly with our God.'

eSmart School – Smart. Safe. Responsible.

As a school community we are an accredited eSMART Alannah and Madeline Foundation school community where the smart, safe and responsible use of communications technology is the norm.

One of the aspects of this process was the review, analysis and updating of our ICT policy and User agreements. These updated policies are now available on the school website.

We also have an area of the website dedicated to eSmart, including information for parents and the wider school community.

I am delighted that Tenison Woods College is an eSmart School and I look forward to our continuing commitment to the highest possible level of ICT innovation that is complemented by safe and responsible use of ICT.



Junior School Morning Play

Following Junior School Staff reflection on the benefits of play in the morning, suggestions and consultation with the Year 6 Junior School Leaders and Founder Leaders, and consideration by the College Leadership Team, we look forward to implementing before school play in the Junior School. The following approach will be used:

8:20am Tenison Woods College Junior School Staff and Support Staff commence morning duty as per the yard duty roster.

Students arrive at Tenison Woods College from 8:20am.

Tenison Woods College Junior School Students may play on the playground.

8:35am The first bell/music sounds. Staff on yard duty begin to support students in the yard to leave play equipment, to get organised for class which includes going to the toilet and washing hands, ready to start the school day with their class teacher.

8:40am The second bell/music sounds and the students are in classrooms ready to commence learning.

We ask parents to note the following to assist with the safety of all community members:

- All year levels play in their allocated playground zone.
- All ball games are to be played in areas allocated for ball games.
- Walkways are to be kept clear.
- Non-school aged siblings are supervised by parents/carers on playgrounds that are suitable and safe for their age.

We will review the approach as we 'live' the experience of morning play, so we look forward to your feedback and suggestions as we proceed this term.

Caring for One Another – Road Safety In and Around Our School

Following on from the theme of helping one another, I remind families of the importance to monitor their speed and adjust it accordingly as they approach the school on Shepherdson Road and White Avenue in the interest of safety for all, but particularly our young. I also remind students to utilise the various designated crossing areas which are monitored by our staff. Crossing the roadways at other areas adds to the danger for our young but also increases the difficulty for drivers in the area.

Need a tutor? Studiosity is our free online tutoring service

I remind families that students of Tenison Woods College in Years 7-12 have access to a free online tutoring service. Students are able to connect to expert tutors for live, one-to-one conversations about homework, assignments and exam preparation from 3:00pm – 10:00pm Monday to Friday. Give it a try – I know you will appreciate the service offered by Studiosity! Refer to the Tenison Woods College Portal page for further information.

God Bless

David Mezinac | Principal

From the Deputy Principal



Over the past two weeks I have enjoyed moving around the College and visiting a whole range of indoor and outdoor learning areas. Students seem to have settled well and teachers and support staff are offering such a great array of learning experiences. In addition to this I have noticed the positive relationships between our students and their educators, where learning and wellbeing have reciprocal importance. On Tuesday evening, what I observed, was affirmed by the many parents and students who talked positively about the start to 2021. I look forward to many more of these interactions in coming weeks. As mentioned last week, each week in the newsletter, I will focus on one aspect of daily operations to assist parents with the smooth running of the College. This week let's look at the way the school crossings work.

School Pedestrian Crossings

There are 4 main crossings to assist students to come and go from the College safely.

1. The Flashing Light crossing on Shepherdson Road – this crossing is manned by Tenison Woods College Staff with 'STOP' signs. Staff will stop all traffic to enable students to cross. They will try to do this when there is a break in the traffic along Shepherdson Road, to enable cars to exit the College driveway easily. The speed limit through this crossing is 25kmh when the lights are flashing.
2. The Pedestrian crossing on White Avenue – this crossing is unmanned but does offer an island in the centre of the road for safety. All students crossing White Avenue should cross at this place.
3. The White Avenue internal crossing (PRC Mall) - this crossing is manned by Tenison Woods College Staff with a 'STOP' sign. The purpose of this crossing is for groups of students to cross the driveway and for cars to be stopped at an appropriate place to allow the buses to exit the driveway

safely. Cars do not need to stop unless the STOP sign is upright- the traffic is kept moving as much as possible to avoid a bottleneck of cars.

- The Shepherdson Road internal crossing (Marist Park) - this crossing is manned by Tenison Woods College staff with a 'STOP' sign. The purpose of this crossing is for groups of parents and students to cross the driveway to/from the Marist Park parking area. Cars do not need to stop unless the STOP sign is upright, as the traffic is kept moving as much as possible to avoid a bottleneck of cars in the Kiss and Drop Area.

We greatly appreciate the cooperation of all drivers to ensure the smooth flow of traffic and the safety of our students both before and after school.

Michelle Coote | Deputy Principal

CIM Team News



Whole School Mass

The Beginning of Year Whole School Mass will be held at Marist Park tomorrow, Thursday 11 February at 9.00am. All parents and friends are welcome to attend. Please bring a hat and, if able, a chair. All visitors must sign in at the designated COVID check in table upon arrival at Marist Park.

Shrove Tuesday

Next Tuesday 16 February is Shrove Tuesday. There will be pancakes available to purchase for \$1. All money raised will go to Project Compassion which begins its appeal on Wednesday 17 February. Reception to Year 7 classes will visit the Pancake Kitchen during class time. Year 8-12 students will be able to purchase from stalls that will be set up on the lawns near the Home Economics Centre during recess time.

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday 17 February we will mark the start of the 40 days of the Liturgical season of Lent. All classes will attend liturgies where each person will be marked with ashes on their forehead as a sign of repentance. The ashes are an outward symbol of the inward change we will make during Lent. Ash Wednesday is a time when we stop and assess how we are doing in our walk with God. Lent helps us identify spiritual areas in which we can grow and sinful areas that we need to avoid. To repent, put simply, means to turn away from sin and turn toward God.

Sacramental Preparation Program

This year, we are excited to work with 15 young people from our parish and school communities in preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and their first Holy Communion. A reminder that families involved in the program must attend the first session on Thursday 18 March at either 4.30-5.45pm or 6.45-8.00pm at St Paul's Hall.

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 at mt.gambier.catholic1@bigpond.com if you would like to be involved in this. The monthly Youth Mass is followed by a Youth Group dinner and discussion group. Young people 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 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 if you would like to be involved in this.

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 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

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



Information from the Front Office

Front Office and PRC Closed Tomorrow Morning

The Front Office and PRC Administration will be closed Thursday morning (11 February) between 8.55am – 10.15am to allow all staff to attend the Whole School Mass, held at Marist Park. If students arrive late to school, they will need to report to a Front Office Staff member at Marist Park.

Student Information Form

Over the next two weeks students will be bringing home a Student Information Form that families will need to check carefully. Please ensure all contact details, address details, email address etc are correct and up to date. Once changes have been made, please return to the Front Office, via your child's homegroup teacher. In an emergency it is important that the College has the correct information to contact students' families.

Tracey Davey | Enrolment Registrar/Office Manager



Working Bee This Saturday!

Please be reminded that there will be a working Bee this Saturday at the College! Please indicate your attendance (for catering purposes) by [here](#).

There will be a free BBQ on offer from 10.00am. The Working Bee will commence at 8.00am and conclude at approximately 12.00pm. If you are able to offer even a small portion of your time, we would be very grateful.



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](#).



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 students 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 contact me directly at Email: lucaj@tenison.catholic.edu.au or Tania Sigley (08) 8724 4609 Email: sigt@tenison.catholic.edu.au

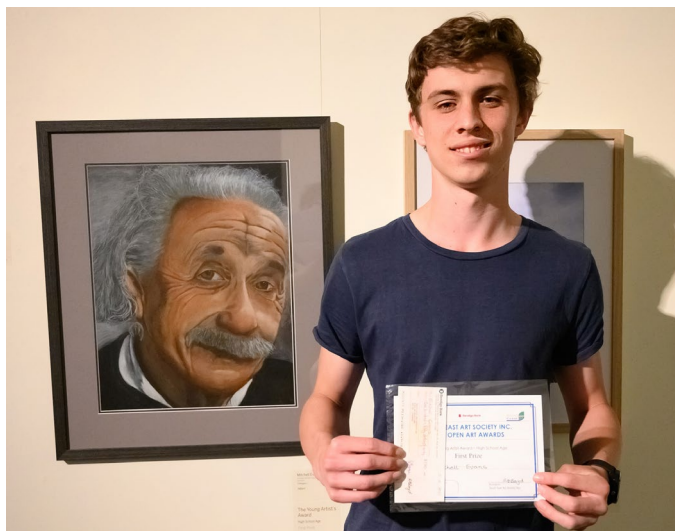
Jess Lucas | LAP Coordinator



Music Triumph on the (virtual) World Stage

Year 11 music student and 2021 Co-Music Captain, Maixence Williams is a bronze medal winner, after competing in the 2020 World Championship of Performing Arts: Vocal Solo Category in her age group. Maixence was part of the Australian team and was just one of over 2500 participants from more than 68 countries. The Championship event was carried out as a virtual program and as such, Maixence has only just received her medal. Congratulations Maixence!

Penny Mansell | Head of Performing Arts



Students and Staff Shine in Local Arts Awards

Two of our students and one staff member have been recognised for their artistic talents at the South East Art Society (SEAS) Open Arts Awards.

Year 12 student, Mitchell Evans won first prize for his piece, 'Albert' in the Young Artist's Award (High School age) category and Year 8 student, Lily Cain received second prize in the same category for her piece titled 'Roadside Grasses'. Visual Arts/Design Teacher Yunita Manfrin was first prize winner in the Digital Art/Video category with the submission of her digital print 'A Loveable Lab'.

The award ceremony took place on Friday 5 February at the Main Corner in Mount Gambier. Further details from the event, including a live stream video, can be found on the Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre Facebook page. Congratulations to all three members of our College community.

Pictured above: Mitchell Evans



Happy Library Lovers Day!

Through the many challenges of 2020, a shining light has been the outpouring of appreciation of the contributions that all libraries have made in the community. Library Lovers' Day is an annual opportunity for people to celebrate the valuable role that libraries play in their lives. Our library has participated in and celebrated this day for the past 14 years.

The 2021 theme for Library Lovers' Day is 'Make a date with your library'. Our Tenison Woods College library staff have asked students and staff to fill in a "book dating" profile which will be displayed throughout the library. The idea is to give staff and students suggestions on reading books they haven't read before with different genres, different authors or a new series!

Junior School students will have the opportunity to participate in a lunchtime craft activity, making a Library Lovers reading caterpillar as well as book displays, bookmarks and stickers promoting the day.

Happy Library Lovers Day from the library staff!

Alexandra Nicholson | Library Manager



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

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



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Tenison Woods College



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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



TODDLER TIME
CALLING ALL PARENTS, BABIES AND TODDLERS!
COME AND JOIN FUN
IN THE PLAYGROUP

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 088 8725 5466 OR EMAIL
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early learning & community centre

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 11 February

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

Friday 12 February

- Interschool Swimming Carnival, Bordertown

Saturday 13 February

- Tenison Woods College Working Bee, 8:00am - 12:00pm
- Parish Mass, 6:00pm, St Paul's Church

Sunday 14 February

- Parish Mass, 11:00am, St Paul's Church

Monday 15 February

- Year 8 Orientation for Year 8A, 8B and 8C, Noorla Yo-Long

Tuesday 16 February

- Shrove Tuesday, Pancakes available for students to purchase for \$1
- 8/9 Boys T20 Cricket, Grant High School

Wednesday 17 February

- Ash Wednesday – no meat in the Canteen
- Last Rest Day for New Reception Students
- Year 8 Orientation for Year 8D, 8E and 8F, Noorla Yo-Long
- Open Boys and Girls Tennis, Olympic 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.



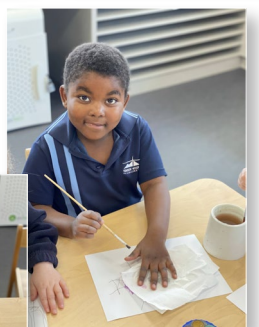
Thank You Baker's Delight!

Thank you to Baker's Delight, Compton Street Mount Gambier for their generous donation of bread for our Welcome and Community Gathering Event last night. Families were incredibly grateful for the quality bread on offer at our Junior and Middle School Barbeques.

2021 Dux Assembly



Reception Makers Space



Welcome and Community Gathering Evening





PARENT CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES

AT TENISON WOODS COLLEGE

BECOME A ...

CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

FAITH, HEALTH & WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEMBER

UNIFORM COMMITTEE MEMBER

BOARD MEMBER

...PLUS MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES!

JOIN US FOR ...

PARENT COFFEE MORNINGS

Informal catch up at the Sugarloaf Café every Friday at 9.00am

PARENT SESSIONS

Tuesday evenings in the staff room

ASSIST WITH ...

BREAKFAST CLUB

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8.00-8.30am

LEARNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LAP)

WORKING BEES

CANTEEN

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM

EXCURSIONS AND CAMPS

SPORTING DAYS

If you are interested in becoming involved and connecting with other parents and carers, please contact our Director of Wellbeing, Tania Sigley:

sigt@tenison.catholic.edu.au

Or visit the volunteer page on our website:

tenison.catholic.edu.au/community/volunteers