

Weekly Newsletter



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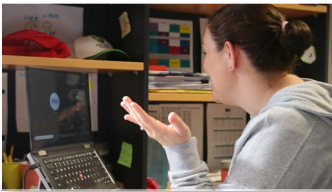
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Connect@Tenison

Last week we commenced Online Learning through our Connect@Tenison strategy, which was implemented and utilised exceptionally by our staff and students.

Classes operated using the Microsoft TEAMS environment, offering students the opportunity to collaborate with their teachers and peers from their homes. All staff and students hit the ground running with Connect@Tenison. Well done to all on a smooth transition to Online Learning!





From the Principal

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 3 to the Tenison Woods College community. We especially welcome new Reception and ELCC students who have this week commenced their respective journeys with us. We also welcome the other families whose students commence their schooling with us in other year levels throughout the school.

I trust that the spirit of community and commitment to building strong relationships, which are complemented by our innovative culture and dedication to fostering individual pathways, will support you as you strive to bring out the best in your child. I hope that you will also see, as I have indicated previously, and consistent with our theme this year, being a part of Tenison Woods College community is not hard, it just requires a little extra effort from everyone to make the ordinary extraordinary; to realise our potential as individuals and as a community of people.

Lockdown Thanks

The interesting times continue, and I thank the whole College community for their 'can do' approach to the South Australian COVID-19 Lockdown over the past week. We deliberately and carefully implemented the Connect@Tenison strategy complemented by our HHDL approach. I thank staff, students, parents and caregivers for their proactive, collaborative and patient approach to ensuring the learning, wellbeing and connection of our students.

We will continue to deliberately and carefully continue with our HHDL Strategy in Term 3, asserting good Health, good Hygiene and hand washing, good Distancing and care for others, and good Learning regardless of student location.

As always, the health and wellbeing of students, families and staff remain our priority. If your family are needing to self-isolate to start the term please contact your child's teacher and they will ensure that your child's learning will progress through our Connect@Tenison strategy.

It is clear to me that, as has been shown by recent national events, complacency continues to be our enemy at this time, so I ask that you maintain the high HHDL standards which have been achieved since 2020 and continued into 2021. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Staffing Appointments during Term 3

We wish Heidi Clark all the best in her role as Year 7-12 Sports Coordinator, covering Ian Ross who is taking leave this term. Leah Mullen will support Heidi and the HPE Team as the Sports Administration Officer for the first six weeks of term, while Sharon Adams enjoys some Long Service Leave.

We wish Helen Mugavin all the best in her role of Catholic Identity and Mission Administrative Support Officer, complementing her efforts in the ELCC, covering Nada Brooks who is enjoying long service leave.

We also welcome Matthew Glynn, who will support Daniel Royals in delivering the new Year 11 SACE Stage 1 Philosophy course to the many students who have chosen this new and stimulating course.

Nikita Lee has commenced as an Educator in the Early Learning and Community Centre, supporting the growing enrolments in the centre.

Furthermore, we welcome Susan Button and Shannon James as Classroom Education Support Officers / Co-educators. Many would know Susan from her service commitment in the Uniform Shop, and she adds to that commitment with supporting students in the classroom.

Stage 2 Approval by SACCS – Years 1-6 Junior School

I am delighted to advise the College community that, at its June meeting, the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools approved the Capital Development Application from Tenison Woods College for the construction of a new 2 storey Junior Primary (Years 1-6) building as well as new outdoor nature play learning spaces. Transportables will be relocated in November 2021 once Year 12 classes conclude at the College, and construction will commence in December 2021. Construction of the contemporary building and nature play spaces will continue through 2022, ready for occupation by the twenty four Year 1-6 classes in January 2023.

CESA Community LLL Perception Surveys

By the conclusion of Week 5 of Term 3 all Catholic Schools in South Australia will complete the CESA Living, Learning, Leading Perception Surveys. The surveys are a product of a collaboration between Catholic Education

SA (CESA) and Curtin University and are focused on the development, validation and use of a system-wide survey to examine the understanding of the vision and extent to which Catholic Education SA's Living Learning Leading Framework is taking place in schools as perceived by students, family and staff.

The surveys will be deployed to all schools ready for completion by the end of Week 5 in Term 3. Further details about the administration of the surveys are located [here](#). Each survey has been trialled, refined and piloted in a range of CESA school settings and the development team is confident that schools will derive very useful information for planning and improvement.

Out of School Hours Care

Eight years of deliberate care, deliberate learning.

I have been delighted by the response to our OSHC service that has now been servicing our community for eight years. The attendance at our holiday program was further validation of the carefully prepared program and the commitment to a fun, safe, nurturing and supportive environment, which is reflective of our community's family values.

At this time, I offer appreciation to the range of staff who offered their service to the OSHC program under Sarah Seebohm's leadership during the student vacation; service which was greatly appreciated by the families of our community.

For further information and bookings contact Aleisha or Sarah on 87244633 or email oshc@tenison.catholic.edu.au. You can also visit the OSHC page on our College website where you'll find more details about the OSHC Program www.tenison.catholic.edu.au.

ELCC – Holiday Program

The Early Learning and Community Centre also operated during the student vacation with its stimulating and individualised holiday learning program under Domenica Dunn and Ange Cutting's discerning and passionate leadership.

Reception Enrolments 2022

I advise parents and caregivers that interviews are beginning for all 2022 Term 1 Reception Enrolments. If you have a child who is due to start school in 2022 and have not lodged an enrolment form, please contact Tracey Davey on 87255 455 who will help you organise this.

Professional Learning Day

Staff used the professional learning day, on Monday 19 July 2021, in a variety of ways including:

- Junior School - Building a Community of Writers – Conferencing Strategies
- Middle School - Integrated Learning and Community of Practice 2021
- Senior School - Classroom Climate Questionnaires, Student Agency and Community of Practice 2021
- Poplars - Communities of Practice - What, What, How – Implementation Practice

I trust you will see the benefits of the day in the experiences of our young as the term progresses.

Fee Remission

Amongst all the worries that we have at this time – worrying about the payment of school fees should not be one of those things. Please be assured of our support for your family. If your family has lost significant income due to COVID-19 and there may be a need to freeze your payments, please contact Neal Turley, our Business Manager, who will assist you during this time. This can occur very easily for those families in need.

“Little Lambs” Faith Formation Group

Little Lambs program is now taking registrations and will start their first session on Thursday 29 July. Registration fee is \$10 per child per year and entry per session is by gold coin donation. Please grab a brochure and a registration form from the Bulletin stands in St Paul's Church or email mgp.littlelambs1@gmail.com.

God Bless,
David Mezinic | Principal



CIM Team News

Sacramental Preparation Program

Families enrolled in the Sacramental Program will have received an email about the postponement of Family Session E which was scheduled for this Thursday. Revised dates will be sent to all families in the coming days once we know how we are able to run these sessions with the new restrictions.

National Homelessness Week

National Homelessness Week runs from Sunday 1 August to Saturday 7 August and the theme this year is 'Everybody Needs a Home'. Currently in Australia there are 116,000 people experiencing homelessness on any given night.

As individuals and families, we can eliminate homelessness by:

- Advocating for the rights of people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness;
- Identifying and striving to address the conditions that create homelessness and inequality;
- Promoting a society where all people are valued and included; and
- Encouraging active participation, cooperation and innovation.

Lord our God,

You who so mysteriously call upon us to share in the sufferings of Christ,
 Fill our hearts with compassion for those who lack the warmth of a home.
 We commend to you in prayer all the men, women and children who suffer
 because they have no shelter;
 those who sleep in our streets and public places,
 who have nowhere safe to lay their heads,
 and who wander from place to place as a way of life.

God of compassion,

Your love for us is revealed in your beloved son Jesus,
 Who was born into homelessness and lived with nowhere to lay his head,
 and died for us on the cross.

Inspire us to act with justice,

To right the wrongs of people who are suffering from homelessness,
 and to see in them the dignity of a brother and sister.

Let us have the commitment to be mindful of our obligations we have to the
 poor and marginalised,
 to work in your name, to turn sorrow into joy,
 and to bring all those who live in darkness into your own wonderful light.

Amen.

Term 3 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 2 Masses:

- Week 2 Thursday 29 July – Year 4/5 (Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion)
- Week 3 Thursday 5 August – Year 12 (Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion)
- Week 4 Thursday 12 August – Founders Week Online Virtual Liturgy (no Mass)
- Week 5 Thursday 19 August – Year 11
- Week 6 Thursday 26 August – Year 9
- Week 7 Thursday 2 September – Year 6
- Week 8 Thursday 9 September – Year 8
- Week 9 Thursday 16 September – Year 10
- Week 10 Thursday 23 September – Year 7

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



Green & Gold Day This Friday 30 July

The Olympic Games are on and we want you to show your support for Australia!

On Friday 30 July we will celebrate 'Green & Gold Day'. We encourage students to wear a touch of green and gold to show support for the Australian Olympic team.

We look forward to seeing all the Australian Olympic team pride!

Nathan Fleetwood | High Performance Sports Program Coach

Leader's Latest



Hi everyone and welcome back to Term 3. We hope you have enjoyed the two week break from school and have been making progress with schoolwork over the extended week for lockdown!

Sarah and I are extremely excited for the term ahead with numerous events occurring across the next eight weeks, in hope of COVID-19 restrictions easing.

To show our support for our Australian Olympic team currently competing in Tokyo, this Friday 30 July we encourage all members of the school community to wear 'a touch of green and gold' and get behind our Olympic athletes. In doing this, we hope to bring joy and laughter back to the College grounds after some difficult times over the past week.

The major event for the Year 12's this term is Charity Day, which will be held on Thursday 12 August (also falling during Founders week) to raise as much money as possible for Timor-Leste who are going through troubled times at the moment. Throughout the day, a variety of activities will be held by the Year 12's in the gym with our new lunch time fundraiser of Timor-Leste stalls lined up along the mall. The stalls will be run by individual classes selling small accessories, costing between \$1 to \$5, with all proceeds going to Timor-Leste.

In Week 6 we hope to celebrate book week, with the theme this year being 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'. We hope everyone can get into the spirit by dressing up.

Lastly, R U OK Day will be held on Thursday in Week 8, encouraging everyone to constantly check in with our friends and loved ones to make sure they are okay. This is a really special day for the College, and we hope everyone can support this day.

Sarah and I hope you all have a great Term 3, looking after each other during these unprecedented times, continuing to persevere and strive for your goals!

Austin Rossi and Sarah McKinnon | School Captains





Eisteddfod Success for Maixence Williams

During the Term break, the 2021 Mount Gambier Choral Vocal Eisteddfod committee regrettably had to make the hard decision to cancel this year's competition due to the latest COVID-19 state restrictions. We will continue to highlight music ensembles in as many performances as possible so watch this space!

Year 11 student Maixence Williams recently participated in the annual 95th Bendigo Contemporary Vocal Eisteddfod, where she achieved two 1st placings and a 2nd placing. Congratulations Maixence!

Penny Mansell | Head of Performing Arts



Staff Professional Learning Day

On Monday 19 July, staff enjoyed a Professional Learning Day, using this time to further their teaching craft in a range of areas.

Our Reception to Year 6 staff completed a Writer's Conference professional learning, Year 7-9 staff undertook integrated teaching and learning sessions, while our Year 10-12 and Poplars staff enjoyed Communities of Practice planning.

A productive Professional Learning day for staff, as they enhanced skills which will be significantly utilised in the ensuing term!



OSHC Fun in the Holidays

OSHC children enjoyed their time at the College during the holidays! Children engaged in a range of activities such as making teddy bears, paper mache, creating flying machines and cooking delicious food to name a few! On Friday 16 July, children and staff also went on a special trip to the Treehouse Adventure Centre! What a way to cap off an amazing school holidays.



Year 3 String Art

Last Term our Year 3 students created a piece of 'String Art' in their Design and Technology sessions. Students designed their artwork and learnt correct hammering techniques, before they hammered nails into their wooden boards to form their design shape. Once the nails were in place, string was weaved around them to form their pattern, creating some amazing art pieces! Well done to all!



9SHINE Shirt Designs

As a part of the 9SHINE program, students have been exploring 'empathy' and making great connections. Throughout the latter part of Term 2, students were tasked with designing a t-shirt that represented the theme of empathy; they achieved some amazing results!

Brad Maney | Year 9 Wellbeing Coordinator



Isabella Lamb Selected for the RAAF Airforce Aviation Program

Congratulations to Year 11 student, Isabella Lamb on being selected to undertake the Royal Australian Air Force Aviation Program 2021. The four day Aviation Program will run from 15 - 19 Aug 21 at the Edinburgh base in Adelaide. The aim of Aviation Program is to provide aspiring women with an overview of life in the Air Force, particularly in aviation and engineering roles. With a total of 43 flying hours completed (31 with an instructor and 12 solo), Isabella has already gained her passenger carrying endorsement which allows her to take passengers. Isabella's father was her first passenger and she was able to fly him over Mount Gambier (including her home), the Blue Lake, Mount Schank, Port MacDonnell and along the coastline to Nelson before successfully landing at the Mount Gambier Airport. Isabella hopes to become a commercial pilot when she completes school.

Jody Elliott | Careers Coordinator



Old Scholar Takes on Exciting Opportunities

2020 Year 12 Graduate and aspiring actor, Ava Jones has featured in the latest tourism campaign by the South Australian Tourism Commission.

The 18 year-old jumped at the opportunity to appear as an extra in the shoot in April, when the crew travelled to Mount Gambier to film a component of the campaign at Kilsby Sinkhole.

Ava showed incredible grace and determination, dressing in a wetsuit and swimming in the sinkhole on a freezing cold autumn day! This experience will no doubt open up future opportunities for Ava as she relocates to Sydney to pursue a career in acting.

To see Ava and our beautiful Limestone Coast in the campaign, click the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6AKtjdKjins>.



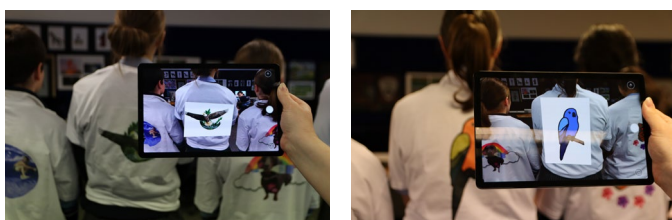
Year 8 - Put the T in Shirt

Throughout Term 2, Year 8 'Put the T in Shirt' - Creative Art students have been busy creating wearable animated t-shirts. Due to the ability to animate from Augmented Reality, students have spent Term 2 creating the concept for a design and animation and learnt the skills in Adobe Photoshop to produce these amazing t-shirts. Each student had to decide on three of their favourite things and then combine them into an image that represents them. The t-shirts are dynamic and students were asked what this type of design could be used for in the real world and the future; the possibilities are endless!

To view the video of the animated shirt designs, click the link here: <https://bit.ly/2Tn6LBP>.

Well done to all!

Yunita Manfrin | Visual Arts – Design Teacher Year 7-12



Mary MacKillop Memorial School Visit

At the end of Term 2, our Reception students and staff welcomed Mary MacKillop Memorial School, Penola for a visit!

Students played fun games, made art and formed new friendships as they enjoyed their first visit to the Reception building. We thank Mary MacKillop Memorial School for visiting our College, we hope they enjoyed it as much as our students and staff did!





Counsellor's Corner

This week we will focus on some very pertinent tips on how families can cope with the uncertainty of COVID-19 Restrictions and Lockdowns, as well as ways families can help their wellbeing. We invite you to read this insightful excerpt by parent expert Michael Grose:

In this article, Michael Grose, Parenting expert, relays some tips for coping as a family to enhance wellbeing during these uncertain times.

The disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic continues, with the scale of its impact dependent on geography. Regardless of where you live, the sense of the pandemic is always present, ready to disrupt daily life at short notice.

To continue reading the excerpt by Michael Grose click [here](#).

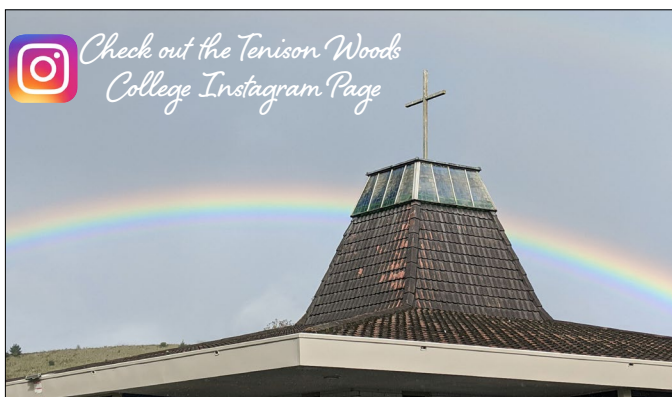
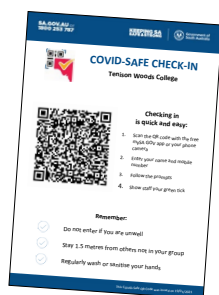
Year 10 Work Placement

After Work Placement not proceeding in 2020 due to COVID-19, we were very relieved that 100 Year 10 students were able to complete their work experience in Week 10 of Term 2. Placements were completed in Mount Gambier, Naracoorte, Penola, Millicent, Adelaide, Queensland and Victoria. Employer feedback during teacher visits and phone calls indicated that students performed well, followed instructions, asked questions and were keen to be involved. Students chose areas such as physiotherapy, teaching, pharmacy, mental health support, a range of trades, hospital, forestry, business, veterinary, real estate, airport services, media, and law. Students will now complete a reflection piece in Term 3 on how work placement may have shaped their views on future career options. We again thank the extensive list of local and interstate employers who hosted students and offered this invaluable experience.

Jody Elliott | Careers Coordinator

COVID Safe Check-In at Tenison Woods College

When you arrive at Tenison Woods College, please check in using the My SA GOV QR Code for COVID Safe Check-in.



Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 28 July

- College Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Microsoft Teams

Thursday 29 July

Friday 30 July

- Green and Gold Day

Saturday 31 July

- Parish Mass, 5:00pm, St Paul's Church

Sunday 1 August

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

Monday 2 August

Tuesday 3 August

- Online 2022 Year 7-12 Information Evening (information to be emailed today)

Wednesday 4 August



Pathways Expo and Curriculum Information Evening

As a response to the current COVID-19 restrictions, the Tenison Woods College Pathways Expo and Curriculum Information Evening will be hosted using an alternative online approach similar to 2020. An email will be sent home later today with information regarding the online event and how to access the prepared videos and links to the 2022 Curriculum Handbooks and Subject Selection Forms.

This information is designed to assist students and parents to gather information regarding subjects that are offered at Tenison Woods College and to assist students to make informed decisions regarding their subject choices.

Our 2022 Subject Selection Finalisation Evenings around the region will still take place, however, as always, the health and wellbeing of students, families and staff remain our priority. More information about this process will be sent out at a later date.

You may also access the 2022 Curriculum Handbooks on the Tenison Woods College website from Tuesday morning at 9:00am.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me for further information Scott Dickson, Director of Learning dicksc@tenison.catholic.edu.au or 87255455.

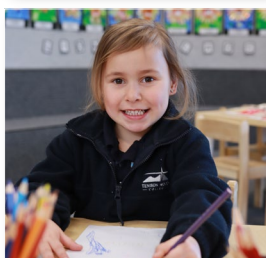
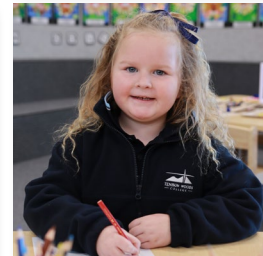
Scott Dickson | Director of Learning

Term 3 Reception Students' First Day

On Tuesday 20 July we welcomed many new faces to our College; our Term 3 Reception students enjoyed their first day!

All were thrilled to begin their 'big school' journey, as they made new friends in their classes and familiarised themselves with the College.

Students also took home a laminated copy of their first day photo to remember their special day, we look forward to seeing their happy faces around the College!



POSTPONED



PARENT CONNECTION TRIVIA NIGHT

Raising funds for Timor-Leste

GET A TABLE OF 8-10 TOGETHER
AND WHY NOT CONNECT WITH
PARENTS IN YOUR CHILD'S YEAR
LEVEL?

**ALL YOUR FAVOURITE TRIVIA
CATEGORIES PLUS COLLEGE THEMED
QUESTIONS**

WINNER OF EACH QUESTION WILL
GAIN HOUSE POINTS FOR THEIR
CHILD'S HOUSE TEAM

**FRIDAY 13 AUGUST, 7:00PM, UPSTAIRS PRC
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TICKETS COST \$10, CAN PURCHASE VIA**

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MONDAY:

RESEARCH PROJECT

PLP

CHEMISTRY

MATHS

TUESDAY:

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