

Last day of Term 3: Friday 24 September

Junior School dismissal: 2:15pm Middle and Senior School dismissal: 2:20pm

### **TENISON WOODS COLLEGE**

Early Learning to Year 12 Co-Educational Catholic College

Shepherdson Road PO Box 965, Mount Gambier SA 5290

> Telephone (08) 8725 5455 Facsimile (08) 8724 9303

Email: news@tenison.catholic.edu.au

www.tenison.catholic.edu.au

Cricos Provider Code: 01751G ABN 25 508 850 572

RUSK? DAY

Last Thursday 9 September the College celebrated R U OK? Day, a National day of action to remind everyone of the importance of asking 'R U OK?' to those who may be struggling and need support.

To highlight the importance of checking in on the wellbeing of others the Wellbeing Leaders lead a number of activities throughout the day, including handing out ribbons and stickers to students and staff, live music performed by talented music students under the sails and at the Reception Building, a scavenger hunt, delicious fundraiser food and a basketball game in the Barrie Holmes Stadium between staff and students! These were just a few of the activities that were held to promote healthy wellbeing.

The College welcomed Coordinator, Tracey Wanganeen, from StandBy Support After Suicide, and Nick McInerney from Headspace Mount Gambier. Both talked about supporting our friends and their wellbeing. Tracey brought some 'R U OK?' sports balls donated by Longriders CMC, to remind our students of the importance of healthy wellbeing.

The College also welcomed Blue Lake Obedience Dog Club with their beautiful therapy dogs for everyone to meet! They were a hit with all staff and students.

Supporting our friends and family is as important as it's ever been. A conversation could change a life; don't be afraid to ask 'R U OK?'













**TENISON WOODS** 

COLLEGE









Making the ordinary extraordinary at Tenison Woods College

### From the Principal



### The Sacraments Of Confirmation And First Eucharist – Come Holy Spirit

Last weekend Archbishop Patrick O'Regan was in the South East for the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. The celebrations occurred at

the Saturday Vigil Mass at 6:00pm at St Paul's, at the 8:30am Mass at St Alphonsus' in Millicent and at the 11:30am Mass at St Paul's on Sunday.

There were twenty children who celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion in our Parish. I congratulate Parish Sacrament Coordinator, Cisca Teodoro, with the support of Chloe Shanahan and our Catholic Identity and Mission Team, Sally Telford, Chris Lloyd, Marilena Wilson and Helen Mugavin in preparing the children and their families so well for this significant step in their faith journey.

### R U OK? Day ... but are you really Ok?

Thank you to the Wellbeing Staff and Student Leaders who organised activities for R U OK? Day. Thank you also to our teachers in supporting students in lessons with the important R U OK? messages, and creating awareness about caring for one another through deliberate conversations.

The day provided a good reminder of <u>knowing the signs and how to check in</u> <u>with someone if they are not ok</u>. As discussed with the community, R U OK? Day reminds us of the way we can make these ordinary conversations have extraordinary impact when completed with presence, deliberateness and intention. A daily ordinary challenge with extraordinary impact.

#### International Day of Peace

Monday 21 September is the International Day of Peace and the 2021 Peace Day Theme, *Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World*, celebrates the International Day of Peace by inviting us to join the efforts of the United Nations family as we focus on recovering better for a more equitable and peaceful world.

#### The United Nations indicates:

"In 2021, as we heal from the COVID-19 pandemic, we are inspired to think creatively and collectively about how to help everyone recover better, how to build resilience, and how to transform our world into one that is more equal, more just, equitable, inclusive, sustainable, and healthier.

The pandemic is known for hitting the underprivileged and marginalized groups the hardest. By April 2021, over 687 million COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered globally, but over 100 countries have not received a single dose. People caught in conflict are especially vulnerable in terms of lack of access to healthcare.

In line with the Secretary-General's appeal for a global ceasefire last March, in February 2021 the Security Council unanimously passed a resolution calling for Member States to support a "sustained humanitarian pause" to local conflicts. The global ceasefire must continue to be honoured, to ensure people caught in conflict have access to lifesaving vaccinations and treatments.

The pandemic has been accompanied by a surge in stigma, discrimination, and hatred, which only cost more lives instead of saving them: the virus attacks all without caring about where we are from or what we believe in. Confronting this common enemy of humankind, we must be reminded that we are not each other's enemy. To be able to recover from the devastation of the pandemic, we must make peace with one another.

And we must make peace with nature. Despite the travel restrictions and economic shutdowns, climate change is not on pause. What we need is a green and sustainable global economy that produces jobs, reduces emissions, and builds resilience to climate impacts."

The Day of Peace helps us realise that we can shape peace together.

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on 21 September. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

This year is particularly significant as it is the 20th Anniversary of the UN Resolution on the Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, which you will find <u>here</u>.

#### Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

> Amen. St. Francis of Assisi

### Uniform Reminder – Extreme Hair

I remind families of the College policy in relation to uniform, and particularly students' hair. The policy indicates:

"Hair is to be clean and brushed or combed to maintain a neat and tidy appearance. Hair is also to be of a singular natural colour. All student hair, male and female, is to be tied up and secured neatly if at a length that can be pulled back. Students are not to have dreadlocks, rat's tails or other extreme styles and if a student's head is shaved, it is to be a minimum number two cut."

I further clarify that in a practical sense the College Leadership determine that hair which touches the collar of either the school shirt or school dress, would normally be tied up. This satisfies our duty of care, hygiene and Work Health and Safety obligations.

I further clarify for students and parents, the following haircuts are deemed as extreme: mullets of inappropriate length, rats tails, dreadlocks, mohawks, extreme uneven grades, extreme undercuts, and patterns or designs shaved into the hair.

I thank families in anticipation for your support in this matter. As I have often indicated, attention to the detail of clear and safe boundaries ensures that the larger issues do not eventuate in a school community.

### Our 2021 Shining Lights – A great deal to celebrate – But virtually!

The Friends of Tenison Woods College (Old Scholars Association) is very pleased to announce the four 2021 'Shining Light' award recipients. The awards aim to recognise significant contributions made by former students, families or staff to our local and global community in order to inspire current and future students about the essence of our community and their call to service.

Tenison Woods College and its predecessors, St Paul's School, Tenison College, Marist Brothers Agricultural College, Mater Christi College, St Mary's School and St Joseph's College value the contributions of all community members, past and present and we think it's important to recognise some of the stand out achievements within the community.

In 2021 we look forward to acknowledging the following Shining Light recipients:

- Sister Anne Foale
- Sunita Gloster (nee D'Souza)
- Barrie Holmes (dec)
- The Hon Rob Lucas MLC

While we are not able to gather this year in person, we look forward to viewing the video stories of these Shining Lights, and enjoy a night of celebration and legacy. Watch this space for more details.

### Key dates for the commencement of 2022:

A full list of 2022 key dates will follow soon, but to assist with planning I inform our College community of dates to commence the 2022 academic year:

Wednesday 26 January 2022	Australia Day Public Holiday
Thursday 27 January 2022	All Teaching Staff commence
Friday 28 January 2022	Book collection day and Staff planning day
Monday 31 January 2022	Reception, Years 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 commence
	Term 1.
Tuesday 1 February 2022	All other students commence Term 1.

### BYOD - Year 6 Families, ready for Year 7 in 2022

As the year flies by and we look towards 2022, I remind families that if they are thinking about purchasing a device for next year, to check out our Bring Your Own Device page on our website. The link is attached <u>here</u>.

You can also find this page in SEQTA Engage by choosing the Portals option and selecting BYOD Parent / Guardian Information.

With the current COVID-19 situation and associated wait times for products we encourage families to think about their child's needs a little earlier than they might to ensure that the device is ready for the start of 2022.

#### COVID-19 - HHDL The Way Forward

I thank the whole College community for their continued deliberate, careful and patient approach to the South Australian COVID-19 restrictions over the past week. We will continue to deliberately and carefully continue with our HHDL Strategy, 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 please contact your child's teacher and they will ensure that your child's learning will progress through our Connect@Tenison strategy.

A friendly reminder that masks are still mandatory for Year 7-12 students. Therefore, whilst the College does have masks available for students who have not brought their own to school, students are reminded of the importance of bringing their own. Students who repeatedly forget to bring their mask will have a courtesy email sent home to their parent/caregiver.

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.

#### **Reception Enrolments 2022**

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 8725 5455 who will help you organise this.

### "Little Lambs" Faith Formation Group

The Little Lambs program is now taking registrations for weekly Thursday morning sessions. The 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.

### Diocesan Assembly - 17 and 18 September 2021

This Friday night and Saturday the Diocesan Assembly will be held at Cabra College, Cumberland Park, Adelaide. The delegates for Mount Gambier along with Father Dean, as Parish Priest are: Suzanne Pepe (PPC Chair), Cisca Teodoro (Sacramental Coordinator), Brian O'Connor (PPC member), David Mezinec (Principal of Tenison Woods College) and Chloe Shanahan (REC at Tenison Woods College).

I look forward to representing the College and Parish Community at this significant gathering as we move forward together on the mission of building God's Kingdom. For more information please refer to the following link <a href="https://adelaidediocesanassembly.org">https://adelaidediocesanassembly.org</a>.

God Bless, David Mezinec | Principal



# CIM Team News

Sacrament Celebrations Congratulations to all of the children who celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion last weekend. Cisca Teodoro and I would like to thank all of

the families for their commitment to the program throughout the year. It has been a privilege to be on this journey with you all and to witness the children growing in their knowledge and faith. We look forward to seeing the children continue their full and active participation in the life of the Church.

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan reminded the children of the gifts of the Holy Spirit that they receive through Confirmation – Knowledge, Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Fear of the Lord and Piety. Although we are already given these gifts at our Baptism, our Confirmation activates these gifts so that

INSURANCE LET YOUR light SHINE we can give them away to make a difference in the lives of others. When we have given these gifts away, God fills them back up again. The Holy Spirit is our helper and guide, encouraging and strengthening us, and it is our mission to be a helper and a guide to others. The simple prayer that the Archbishop gave to the children makes Confirmation an every day Sacrament, not just something we receive once – Come, Holy Spirit.

We would also like to thank Fr Dean for his leadership throughout the preparation program, to Deacon Olek for assisting in the time he has been with us, and to Archbishop Patrick O'Regan for celebrating the Masses last weekend and for Confirming the children. We all appreciate the time you have dedicated to being actively involved in the preparation of the children and for the support you have given parents as the first educators, in faith, of their children.

The Sacramental Program for children preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation in 2022 will begin in Term 1 next year.

### Season of Creation

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

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

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

At Tenison Woods College our Sustainability focus is grounded in our relationship with our Creator. During the Season of Creation each year we take time to take stock of our wonderful achievements as our preferred future. We are reminded of our call to ecological conversion and the 2021-22 Social Justice Statement *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor* is a reminder of this call.

I encourage all members of our College community to explore the Laudato Si' Action Platform, putting Pope Francis' encyclical into practice, making communities around the world totally sustainable in the spirit of the integral ecology of Laudato Si'. For further information, please see <u>here</u>.

#### Youth Mass

The next Youth Mass at St Paul's Church will take place this Saturday 18 September at 6:00pm. If you would like to be involved in reading or other ministries, please contact Marilena Wilson at the College. The Mass is followed by a meal and a gathering of young people. If this is of interest to you or a young person you know, please contact the Youth Ministry Coordinator at mgp.youth@gmail.com. Please RSVP for catering purposes.

### Youth Retreat

The Mount Gambier Catholic Parish are holding a Youth Retreat on Saturday 9 October between 10:00am and 6:00pm, ending with Youth Mass at 6:00pm. It is an opportunity for young people to take a step back from their busy lives, and spend a day to focus on faith, friendship and fun for students in Year 7 and above. Fr Kieran Fill, a Jesuit priest from St Ignatius College in Adelaide, will facilitate the day. Please see the <u>flyer</u> and <u>poster</u> attached for more information or to register your interest.

#### Faith Facts

Answers to last week's question: Have you ever wondered why candles are used in church or in prayer? We hear Jesus say in John 9:5, *"I am the light of the world."* We light candles as a sign of Christ's continuing presence amongst us.

Faith Facts will return in Term 4.

#### 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.

#### Roster for Term 3 Masses:

Week 9 Thursday 16 September – Year 10 Week 10 Thursday 23 September – Year 7

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



Hello, it is Bree and Rajat, the Year 9 Middle School Leaders reporting on what has been going on this Term in the middle school.

Recently we held our 8th annual event to commemorate R U OK? Day. This is a National day of action to remind everyone of the importance of asking 'R U OK?' to those who may be struggling and in need of support.

To highlight the importance of checking in on the wellbeing of others, we held a number of activities at our College to promote healthy wellbeing. For Year 9 students this included a seminar on suicide prevention hosted by an 'R U OK?' Day representative and the Student Counsellors.

We started the morning with pledges and handing out ribbons and stickers to students as they arrived at school. At lunchtime there was a raffle for a signed Port Power guernsey, as well as face painting, jellies, cupcakes and drinks being sold. We came away from the day with the resounding message that a conversation could change a life; so never be afraid to ask 'R U OK?'

As the Term draws to a close, we reflect on the efforts of the Middle School Council to introduce more student voice in our school community. In our fortnightly meetings we have been busy planning other events and brainstorming changes to be made to the College, so stay tuned for those in the upcoming Term 4.

Speaking of Term 4, as we are getting closer and closer to our 9SHINE camp, the Year 9's have been busy in our 9SHINE lessons finishing off our social butterfly unit, and now intensely preparing for the week long camp anticipated to take place in Week 3 Term 4. This includes creating empathy themed t-shirt designs to wear on camp, practicing cooking in the trangias, and going on a bushwalk through the stunning natural landscape that surrounds our College grounds. We all can't wait to put these skills to the test.

 Rajat Pandey and Bree Robinson | Year 9 Leaders



# Barbara Pocock Visit SA Greens' Lead Senate Candidate

Tenison Woods College was fortunate to receive a visit from Barbara Pocock, the SA Greens' lead Senate Candidate on Thursday 9 September. Barbara and her team of supporters had heard of our commitment to sustainability and student-led action and enjoyed an eye-opening tour of the College site.

Highlights of the tour for Barbara and her team included witnessing the 280+ solar panels installed on the College rooftops by students, our approach to waste management exemplified in the Project Recology workspace and the recently opened 6-star Green Star Junior School building.

Barbara commented that our commitment to environmental education and sustainability was commendable and placed our College as a true leader in this space across the State! More information about Barbara and her cause can be found at greens.org.au/sa/person/barbara-pocock.

We thank Barbara and her team for taking the time to tour our College!

Tom Linnell | Early Years to Year 12 Sustainability Coordinator



### Year 10 Netball State Champions

Congratulations to our Year 10 Netball team who have taken out the Pool A State Title, after defeating Cabra Dominican College by 8 goals in the Grand Final! The girls went undefeated all day despite some fierce competition from Scotch College, Blackwood High, Trinity College and Cabra. Many of these girls were a part of the 2020 team that won the Year 8/9 State Title; it's great to see their continued success in 2021. Congratulations to the team and coach Sharon Adams on their outstanding result!

Our Open girls, coached by Donna Denton, finished 3rd, while our Year 8/9 girls, coached by Heidi Clark, finished 4th. A tremendous effort by all!

WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2021 | WEEK 9, TERM 3



# Staff and Student Recieve Basketball Award

Congratulations to our very own Sports Administration Trainee Emily Dawe for winning the OneFortyOne Pioneers Coaches Award!

Congratulations to Year 9 student and Junior Laker Ambah Beveridge who was presented with the Pioneers Basketball Academy "Commitment to Excellence" Award at the Serle Scott Presentation Dinner on Friday 3 September. Presenter Darryl Starick spoke of Ambah's commitment to the Program and her personal drive beyond the demands of the Program, to reach her full potential as a basketballer.



# Book Week Winners

Book Week: 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds' Competition Winners

A big congratulations to the following students who submitted brilliant entries for our Book Week Competitions this year. There were so many impressive efforts.

### Winners

Arielle Haggis, Louis Prosperi-Porta, Max Yeates, Shubhan Vijaykumar, and Addison Abbott.

#### Runner-Ups

Ella Swiggs, Sully, Maw Ri Thaw, Nathan Murdock, Muhammad Usman, and Charlie Little.

### Chris Lloyd | Teacher Librarian





### Open Girls and Boys Basketball

On Monday 30 August, the Open girls and Open boys basketball teams travelled to Mount Barker to compete in the Division A Basketball State Finals. The girls started off the day against Seymour College, where they unfortunately fell short 15-27. After a quick break the girls were back on the court against St Francis de Sales College. After a nail-biting finish, the final score read 27-30 St Francis' way. The last minor round game was against Adelaide High School, where Tenison pushed through to a 29-22 victory. The Open girls played their consolation final against Pembroke School. Tenison won the game 40-37, and finished the day with two wins and two losses.



The Open boys started their campaign against Modbury High School. After a slow start, the boys found themselves playing the catch-up game, and lost their first match of the carnival. The next game was against Blackwood High School. With a chip on their shoulder, the Tenison boys pushed through for a massive 56-8 victory. The boy's last minor round match was against Eastern Fleurieu School. This was a must-win game, and a buzzer-beater three point shot by Zac Nulty secured the win 24-23. With two wins, the Titan's advanced to the semi-finals against Henley High School. Despite an even spread of points between our boys, they unfortunately fell short 29-51.

Massive congratulations to those involved, and a huge thank you to Tom Daly and Richard Hill for coaching, and Justine Forrest for managing and scoring. Well done to all!

Emily Dawe | Sports Administration Trainee



### Mask Required on Buses

Just a friendly reminder that masks must be worn for students from Year 7-12 that travel on any bus runs.



More than Acting

This Term in 'More than Acting', students have been learning about the careers that are available in Drama that go beyond the stage. This culminated in classes presenting a 'Career Fair', where each group prepared a booth displaying information about a particular career path.





### Class Placements for 2022

Planning for 2022 classes is about to begin in both the Junior and Middle Schools. Staff give deep and careful consideration to the class placement of students, ensuring the best and most informed educational and wellbeing decisions are made.

At the beginning of Term 4, Junior and Middle School students will receive a note from their homegroup teacher regarding this process; please ensure that you discuss this with your child, sign and return the relevant section.

If you feel there are exceptional and valid circumstances for your child that need to be considered, please address these in writing to Francesca Dickson, Head of Junior School (Reception - Year 6) at <u>francesca.dickson@tenison.catholic.edu.au</u> or Nick Patzel, Head of Middle School (Years 7 to 9) at <u>patzn@tenison.catholic.edu.au</u> by Friday 21 October 2021 (end of Week 2, Term 4).

Please note that requests for specific teachers are unable to be considered.

Francesca Dickson | Head of Junior School Nick Patzel | Head of Middle School



### Family Business Directory Launch

Tenison Woods College invites families to be a part of our new Family Business Directory, which is free of charge for current families of the College.

This may assist when making decisions to support local businesses, especially those within our College Community!

To be included, please send the following information to the PR and Events team at <a href="mailto:news@tenison.catholic.edu.au">news@tenison.catholic.edu.au</a>:

Family Surname (not for publishing): Business Name: Sample Family Business Business Phone Number: 1800 SAMPLE Business Email Address: sample@familybusiness.com.au Business Website: www.sample.com.au And your business logo or photo (small file size is fine)

We look forward to seeing many College families businesses get involved! If you have any questions, please contact myself <u>herrj@tenison.catholic.edu.au</u>.

Jessica Herring | Manager Public Relations, Marketing and Events Department

# Upcoming Events:

### Thursday 16 September

- 2022 Year 10, 11 & 12 Subject Counselling
- STEM Girls Conference, Mawson Lakes

### Friday 17 September

- 2022 Year 10, 11 & 12 Subject Counselling
- STEM Girls Conference, Mawson Lakes
- Year 4 Patch Theatre Performance, 9:00am 2:00pm, Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre and Railway Lands
- Year 1 Penola Excursion, 9:00am 3:00pm
- Year 3-6 Assembly, 2:05pm 2:35pm, Barrie Holmes Stadium
- R-2 Assembly, 2:40pm 3:10pm, Barrie Holmes Stadium

### Saturday 18 September

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

### Sunday 19 September

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

### Monday 20 September

- SAPSASA State Athlectics Championships, Adelaide
- Year 11 (Stage 2) Outdoor Education Camp, Robe
- 2022 Year 10, 11 & 12 Subject Counselling, 4:30pm 7:30pm, Penola

### Tuesday 21 September

- International Day of Peace
- Year 11 (Stage 2) Outdoor Education Camp, Robe
- 2022 Year 10, 11 & 12 Subject Counselling, 4:30pm 7:30pm, Millicent

### Wednesday 22 September

- Year 11 (Stage 2) Outdoor Education Camp, Robe
- College Board Meeting, 7:00pm 10:00pm, Board Room



# Uniform Shop Summer Uniform Required for Term 4

The Uniform shop will be closed during the first week of the school holidays and will re-open in the second week.

Tuesday 5 October – 8:00am to 12:00pm Thursday 7 October – 1:00pm to 5:00pm

The Uniform Shop will be open in Term 4 every Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon commencing 12 October.

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



Thonks Winny! RUOK? Day



























Sacrament Celebrations



























# AFTER SCHOOL STUDY CENTRE

## SENIOR SCHOOL - PRC COMMON ROOM

ART AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST, TUTORING IS PROVIDED EACH NIGHT FOR STUDENTS

### **MONDAY:**

RESEARCH PROJECT PLP CHEMISTRY MATHS

### **TUESDAY:**

Р.Е.
PSYCHOLOGY
BIOLOGY
MATHS
ENGLISH

### THURSDAY:

CHEMISTRY ENGLISH MATHS TECH STUDIES

Studiosity connects Australia's best and brightest educators to students during homework time.

Students can easily access the Studiosity site via the link on the Portal@TWC page.



Studiosity