

Weekly Newsletter



Last day of Term 3: Friday 24 September
Junior School dismissal: 2:15pm
Middle and Senior School dismissal: 2:20pm

Team Colours Day



Today was a sea of colour as students dressed with accessories or clothing of their favourite sporting team. This enabled students to express their passion for a team and to celebrate their achievements throughout Term 3. The school bell played the AFL theme songs of the two grand final sides Melbourne and the Western Bulldogs.

A fantastic way to end a successful term!

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing





From the Principal

Thank you for a Wonderful Term of Making the Ordinary Extraordinary

As we conclude Term 3, I offer a sincere thanks to all the students, staff, parents and care-givers who have played their part in Term 3 to ensure, despite the challenges of COVID-19 we have thrived as a College community. Tenison Woods College is a place where every learner has a place, every learner has a pathway and every learner shines. We also understand that such a call to service is our daily challenge, and often our daily celebration. And this term there has been plenty to celebrate!

I am delighted about the range of planning and delivery that has occurred this term in preparation for exciting, evolved curriculum offerings this year. I thank the staff for their insights, creativity and commitment to offer the best possible integrated learning experiences for our young.

So thank you to the many students, staff, parents and caregivers who have played their part in the success of day-to-day learning experiences, as well as the planning for our preferred future as a Catholic school community of excellence, achievement and care.

Diocesan Assembly – 17 and 18 September 2021

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

I was delighted to represent 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 about the discernment which occurred please refer to <https://adelaiddiocesanassembly.org>.



COVID-19 – HHDL and Face Masks

I thank the whole College community for their continued deliberate, careful and patient approach to the South Australian COVID-19 restrictions.

Next term could families continue to ensure that Year 7-12 students arrive at school with a mask. These masks are to be worn on public transport, on school bus runs, and at school. Staff will ensure Middle and Senior School students are wearing a mask in enclosed spaces such as classrooms, tutorial rooms, offices and corridors.

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 needs 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.

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.

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 [here](#).

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

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

Parish Retreat Day

Parishioners from both Mount Gambier and Millicent are invited to our Parish retreat day on Sunday 10 October beginning with Mass at 9:00am at Millicent. Fr Kieran Gill SJ will lead us in celebrating the Mass and then beginning the retreat after morning tea in the hall at Millicent. He will lead us into the key elements of Jesuit Spirituality. The sessions will be as follows:

- 10:45am to 12:15pm - 1st Session - The life of St Ignatius
 - 12:15pm to 12:45pm - Lunch
 - 12:45pm to 1:45pm - 2nd Session - Guided prayer with the Examen
 - 2:00pm to 3:30pm - 3rd Session - Rules of Discerning God's will in our lives
- Please bring your own lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. Also, be ready to contribute to the cost of his time in celebrating Mass, leading the retreat and travel expenses. For further details contact our Parish offices.

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 mgo.littlelambs1@gmail.com.

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.

God Bless,
David Mezinac | Principal



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>



CIM Team News

Youth Mass

Thank you to all involved in the Youth Mass last weekend. It is so uplifting to see the growing number of young people involved in the St Paul's Youth Group and who offer their skills and talents to the music ministry within the Parish.

Each Youth Mass is followed by a meal and a gathering of young people. If this is of interest to you or to a young person you know please contact the Youth Ministry Coordinator on mgp.youth@gmail.com. Please RSVP for catering purposes.


The dates for these masses and gatherings for the remainder of 2021 are:

- 9 October
- 20 November
- 18 December

We look forward to seeing you there!

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 Gill, a Jesuit priest from St Ignatius College in Adelaide, will facilitate the day. Please see the [flyer](#) and [poster](#) attached for more information or to register your interest.



YOUTH RETREAT
Saturday - 9 October 2021

FACILITATOR
FR. KIERAN GILL, SJ

YOUTH RETREAT - ST PAUL'S HALL
10.00AM - 6.00PM
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
IGNATIUS SPIRITUALITY
REFLECTIONS & PRAYERS
PRAISE & WORSHIP
ADORATION & CONFESSION
Q&A PANEL

YOUTH MASS - ST PAUL'S CHURCH
6.00 - 7.00PM

COST
\$15
INCLUDING SNACKS, LUNCH, DRINKS & NOTES

YOUTH MINISTRY - MOUNT GAMBIER CATHOLIC PARISH

For catering purposes, please RSVP by 30 September
Youth Ministry Coordinator - mgp.youth@gmail.com

Year 10 Reflection Day

The Year 10 students will participate in their Reflection Day on Thursday 14 October (Week 1). Parents will have received information through Edsmart. We look forward to hearing all about their day next term.

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



Big Band

ABODA Musical Success for College Ensembles

Tenison Woods College's Big Band and Thunder Drum Corps both entered in the state-wide music festival run by ABODA South Australia.

I am very pleased to report that both of our ensembles placed. Our Big Band topped the ranks and won GOLD in the Novice Stage Band section and the Thunder Drum Corps won BRONZE in the Open Percussion Ensemble section.

Congratulations to the musicians who performed in these ensembles, and to the musical directors, Mr Jackson Heaven and Mr Nathan Creedy.

We eagerly await the adjudicator's comments and very well earned trophies which we will proudly showcase.

Penny Mansell | Head of Performing Arts



Thunder Drum Corps

Leader's Latest



Thank you to everyone for what has been a fantastic Term 3! Without the support of the College community events such as Green and Gold Day, National Homelessness Week, Founders Week, Charity Day, National Science Week, Book Week, R U OK? Day and more would not have reached the high level of success that they did. For this we are extremely grateful.

As we head towards the conclusion of our School Captain roles, we highly encourage the Year 11 students to consider applying for these roles for 2022. Application are due first back after holidays. Please see Mrs Sigley or Sarah and I for further information.

We hope everyone has an enjoyable and relaxing break, recharging themselves for another exciting term ahead.

Austin Rossi and Sarah McKinnon | School Captains



Green and Gold Day



National Homelessness Week



Founders Week



Charity Day



National Science Week



Book Week



R U OK? Day



Ecological Conversion Year 11 Tree Planting

As part of Year 11 Religious Education, students have been learning about Ecological Conversion – using our hearts and heads to hear the Cry of the Earth. We talked about, as young adolescents, contributing to carbon emissions with many of us getting our licences and looking forward to driving to school in the coming months. We thought it appropriate to plant some trees to offset the pollution our cars emit. We wanted to do something local to our school community, and initially we looked at planning trees around the senior car park, however this was not viable as eventually the school redevelopment would mean they would need to be removed, so with the help of the grounds staff (thanks to Justin, Andy and Sunny) we planted two trees near the ELCC. We prayed for God's blessings on the trees and for everyone who walks past them.

Sharon Brodie | Mathematics Teacher



Scarlet Ryan, Gabi Yates and Emmy Jeffrey

Year 5 Solar System Study

Year 5 students in Mrs Ransom and Mrs Johnson class have been studying the solar system this Term. The students wrote three inquiry questions that they wanted to research, undertaking their inquiry in the library. They were then given the opportunity to design and build a model showing something in the solar system, it was pleasing to see their creativity and how they built a range of designs that were all unique!

Donna Johnson | Year 5 Teacher



Floyd Guthridge



Amelie Adam



Sebastian Morello



Darcy Porter



Oscar Adams

Students Represent the College in U18 SANFL Grand Final

Congratulations to Year 12 students Oscar Adams and Henry Gould, as well as Old Scholars Harry Tunkin and Darcy Porter, who took the field for Glenelg in the Under 18 SANFL Grand Final on Saturday 18 September. Woodville-West Torrens Eagles came away with a win of 86 points to Glenelg Tiger's 69 points.

To view the stats from the game please click [here](#).



Henry Gould



Harry Tunkin



Hayden Tickle and Dom Gertners

Year 9 Carpentry Academy

This term, students in the Year 9 Design & Technology Elective Subject – 'Carpentry Academy' have been busily learning about Traditional Japanese Carpentry known as 'Miyadaiku Carpentry' and are now starting work on their Major Products.

They have practiced the Wooden Joints, known as 'Castle Joints', which they will be using for their Products – Miyadaiku Inspired Tables!

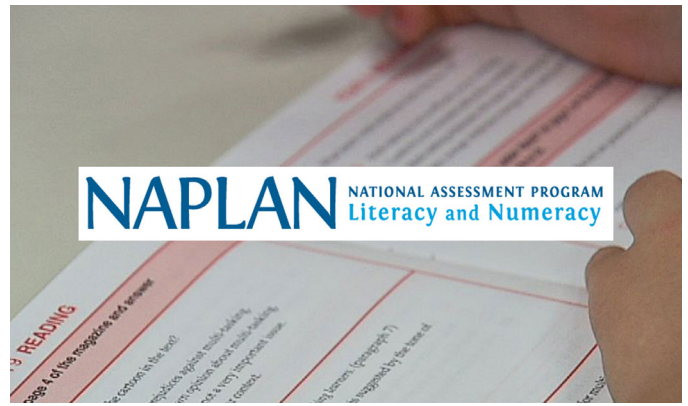
Joe Prosperi Porta | Year 9 Design and Technology Teacher



Harry Pettman



Matthew Thomas



2021 NAPLAN results

The 2021 NAPLAN Results were sent home with students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in an addressed envelope on Wednesday 23 September. NAPLAN is a point-in-time assessment that allows parents and carers to see how a child is progressing in literacy and numeracy against a national standard and compared with their peers throughout Australia. At the classroom level, NAPLAN provides additional information to support teachers' professional judgement about student progress.

Contact your child's Home Group Teacher if your results do not arrive at home.

Please also contact your child's Home Group Teacher or myself at loyc@tenison.catholic.edu.au with any questions or concerns you may have.

Chris Lloyd | Online Assessment Coordinator



Award Winners – Middle and Senior School Art Exhibition

As part of the recent Middle and Senior School Art Exhibition, students and staff enjoyed a walk through of the spectacular showcase of digital and visual arts on display, before casting a vote on their favourite artwork.

The Award Winners were recently presented with their awards:

- Principal's Award – Drew Nieuwenhuizen
- Creative Arts People's Choice Award – Fletcher Leopold
- Creative Arts Most Improved – Joel Schubert
- Creative Arts Packing Room – Jacob Hawthorne
- Visual Arts People's Choice Award – Lucy Catlin
- Visual Arts Most Improved – Chanceline Alpha
- Visual Arts Packing Room – Lucy Catlin

Congratulations to all on your outstanding work!

Yunita Manfrin | Year 7-12 Visual Arts Design Teacher





Jack Koopman, Riley Chapman, Louis Prospero-Porta and Max Yeates

Recipe of the Week

Last week the Year 3 students enjoyed making Salsa Verde on Grilled Focaccia with Parmesan in their Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program lesson.

To view the delicious recipe please click [here](#).

Jamie Edwards | Home Economics Teacher



Concert Band

Mount Gambier Eisteddfod Success

Tenison Woods College music ensembles that participated in the Mount Gambier Eisteddfod earlier this term were presented with their ribbons during their rehearsals.

The music faculty is also very proud of the students that enrolled in an exam through the Australian Music Examinations Board.

To date the College has been notified of the following grades.

Student	Exam	Awarded Grade	Music Teacher
Gabriel Strachan	Grade 6 Piano for Leisure	A+	Jodi Swiggs
William	Grade 2 Trumpet (full comprehensive exam)	A	Tameka Nube
Laura	Grade 1 French Horn (full comprehensive exam)	A+	Tameka Nube

Congratulations to all on these fabulous grades. Many hours of work go into preparing for AMEB exams.

Penny Mansell | Head of Performing Arts



Junior Saxophone Ensemble



Olive Paltridge, Annelise King and Kade Parker

Year 4 Scroll Baking

The Year 4 classes have been busily cooking as an end of term activity. Students worked in small groups to follow a recipe to produce some amazing cinnamon scrolls. All of the classes were very grateful for Mrs Bradley's "expert advice" as she took us through her recipe.

Students first mixed a dough and left it to rise. The next steps were to roll out the dough, add fillings and then bake. As soon as the scrolls came out of the oven the icing was drizzled over the top. The scrolls tasted delicious!

To view the recipe please click [here](#).

Julie Hopgood | Year 4 Teacher



MacKenzie Morris and Eliza Harvey



Aayush Sirsat



ELCC Drumming Workshop

The children from the Early Learning & Community Centre recently enjoyed a Bongo Drums workshop in the Moorak building.

Children were joined by instrumental teacher, James Owen, as he taught them where to tap on the drum to create unique high and low sounds, before leading a jam with the drum kit that the children really enjoyed joining in on!

A fantastic music workshop everyone loved!

Hannah Proud | ELCC Teacher



Muhammad Usman and Max Yeates

Nature Play Designers

On Tuesday 7 September Simon Hutchinson, Landscape Architect and Principal of Climbing Tree, visited the College to work with students on constructing their own nature play and hard play areas as part of the Stage 2 Master Plan extension; our Years 1-6 primary building zone.

Students visited the Indigenous Garden to gain inspiration and collect items that would be used to create a model of their ideal play space. Following Simon's questions and critique, he developed a clear picture of what the students would desire from a play space.

Student agency and co-creation at its best, well done Simon and our Primary Students!

David Mezinac | Principal



Moonshine Win and Arshia Gulati



Chinese Language Teachers' Association Visit

On Friday 17 September the College welcomed Jenny Jin. Jenny is the coordinator of the Early Career Teacher Project for The Chinese Language Teachers' Association of South Australia (CLTASA), as well as being an experienced language teacher.

Jenny, Principal David Mezinac and myself enjoyed delightful discussions about supporting language teachers, especially early-career teachers, thoughts on multi-cultural and language learning, pedagogies and connections to the world.

The College thanks Jenny for visiting and sharing her knowledge!

Sophie Xing | Chinese and Future Thinking Teacher



Emily Dawe, Elodie Adam, Ruby Mitchell, Macca Burke, Raine Darimaani, Tom Daly, Mckayla Maney, Maggie Collins, Lily Brook and Tahni

SAPSASA Basketball

Recently 16 of our young student athletes competed in the SAPSASA Basketball State Country Final. With their success at the regional day, both the girls' and boys' Year 7 teams made it through to the finals in Adelaide, where they competed against other country schools from South Australia.

The Year 7 girls started their day off against Redeemer, where a strong start led the girls to an easy victory. Their second game was against Our Lady of the River. After a close start, the girls turned up their defensive pressure, getting them over the line with a win. The last minor round game was against Maitland Lutheran. The girls played well and secured their spot in the final against St Anthony's. Coming into the final, the girls were ready to play, knowing this would be a very tough game. After regulation time, the scores were tied and the game moved into overtime. Unfortunately, St Anthony's hit two free throws after the siren at the end of overtime, with the girls going down by two. Despite the loss, the girls played very well, and the College is extremely proud of the efforts that the girls put in.



Tom Daly, Bailey Noble, Henry Pedler, Charlie Williams, William Humphries, Cooper Clayfield, Riley Lawrence, Joey Ottoson-Crossing and Ryan

The Year 7 boys had a great start to the day against St Joseph's – Renmark, scoring nearly 50 points in only 20 minutes of game time and keeping the opposition to under 5 points. The next game was against Redeemer, who proved to be a strong team, however the boys managed to come out on top with an 11-point win. The third game of the day was against Central Yorke. Working as a team, the boys secured the win and a spot in the final against Loxton Lutheran. The boys came out strong, getting rebounds and creating transition baskets. At the end of regulation, it was Tenison that came out victorious and were named as the State Country Final champions! Well done boys, the College is tremendously proud of your performance and the way you represented Tenison Woods College.

Emily Dawe | Sports Administration Trainee



Counsellor's Corner

This week we will focus on children understanding their big emotions and how they can regulate them. We invite you to read this insightful excerpt by trauma and stress specialist Dr Bruce Perry:

The brain is continually sensing and responding to the needs of the body. Specialised "thermostats" monitor our internal (for instance, levels of oxygen and sugar in the blood) and external worlds. When they sense something is wrong (that the body is "stressed"), they activate the brain's alarm systems. These stress-response systems then act to help the body get what it needs.

To continue reading the excerpt by Dr Bruce Perry click [here](#).



ELCC Fire Officer Visit

This term the ELCC kindergarten children have been focusing on people in the community who help us. Following recent visits from SAPOL and SA Ambulance, the children had a visit from the Mount Gambier Fire Station.

The Fire Officers spoke to the children about the importance of fire safety and the emergency number, with a highlight being a look at the Fire Truck with its lights and sirens and getting to use the hose! The children also enjoyed playing as Fire Officers climbing ladders, driving bikes as Fire Trucks, dressing up and creating art work.

Angela Cutting | Teacher, Assistant Director of Early Learning



Abby Denton, Portia McRae, Annelise Janssen, Rylee Kenny, Ellie Bouchier, Sharon Adams, Sophie Wrightson, Tess Porter, Siobhan Adams, Paige Lucas and Daisy Tunkin

Knockout Netball Finals

Recently the 8/9, 10 and Open netball teams competed in the Netball State Finals. After winning all of their games in the local round of competitions, all three teams made it through to the finals in Adelaide.

The 8/9 girls started the day with a solid win against Henley High, with the girls easily scoring and working together. The second match against Trinity proved to be a tough game. Despite playing hard, the girls fell short in the final result. Finishing second in their pool, the 8/9 team crossed over with Westminster in the semi-finals. The girls started well, however some sharp shooting from the opposition team proved to be too much, with Tenison Woods College going down in the semis. Overall, the Year 8/9 team finished fourth in the state, which is a fantastic effort.

The Year 10 team started their victory campaign against Blackwood. After a tight start, the girls broke away and won their first game convincingly. A games break meant the girls could rest before coming up against tough opponent Scotch College. Once again, the girls proved to be too strong, securing their spot in the cross-over semi-final against Trinity. The Year 10 team hit the court determined to win, and with some skillful intercepts and great defending, the girls made it through to the grand final against Cabra Dominican College. At the quarter time break, the score was tie with 8 all, both teams desperate to win the State Title. The College's Year 10 team played with intensity and talent, and at the end of the game claimed victory by 8 points and were named the State Champions!

The Open girls had a great start to the day with a 16-goal win against Tatachilla. The girls' second match against Trinity was a much tougher game, and the open team had to work hard, but with some vital defensive stops, Tenison Woods College came out on top by two goals. The cross-over semis saw the girls come across favourites, Immanuel College. A good start meant the girls were only one goal behind at the half-time break, however some changes to Immanuel's lineup proved to be too strong and tall under the basket, with the girls eventually going down by 10. Overall, the open girls finished third in the state, a tremendous effort.

Congratulations to all girls involved on the day, and a massive thank you to Heidi Clark, Sharon Adams and Donna Denton for coaching! Well done to all!

Emily Dawe | Sports Administration Trainee



Changing Tunes Concert Information

The Changing Tunes Concert will take on a different look this year due to COVID-19 restrictions on numbers at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. More details will be released soon.

Penny Mansell | Head of Performing Arts



Raine Claims Gold at SAPSASA

Raine Darimaani was the talk of the SAPSASA Athletics Championships at the SA Athletics stadium in Adelaide with her blistering speed in the 12 year old girls sprinting events. Raine thoroughly enjoyed her first opportunity of sprinting on a fast, synthetic running track. She has been training twice a week throughout Term 3, and achieved gold medals, and outstanding personal best times in the 100m (12.94) and 200m (26.74). Unfortunately, the windy and wet conditions were not ideal for breaking records but Raine was close to both sprint records, but particularly the 200m record of 26.40, which has been standing since 1976.

The Lower South East 4x100m relay team comprising of three Tenison Woods College students Raine, Maggie Collins and Mackenzie Burke just missed a medal (photo finish) after Raine stormed home in the anchor leg. An amazing spectacle for the cheering crowd!



Oscar Adams - U19 State Game Before AFL Grand Final

It'll be the experience of a lifetime for Year 12 student, Oscar Adams, as he'll be running onto Perth's Optus Stadium on Saturday in the prelude game to the 2021 AFL Grand Final!

Oscar will be donning the SA guernsey as a member of the State Under 19 Football team, taking on Western Australia in the curtain-raiser game on the biggest day of the AFL calendar.

What an opportunity! All the best, Oscar!

Tanya Thomson | Senior School Administration



Centenary Tower Hike 9SHINE Preparation

Year 9 students recently participated in a hike from the College grounds to Centenary Tower, carrying a weighted back-pack to simulate the hike that will take place on the 9SHINE camp in Term 4, Week 3.

Prior to commencing, students gathered together under the trees on the edge of Marist Park for Prayer and Reflection. Students enjoyed the delightful sunshine and immersed themselves in nature, pausing to practice mindfulness along the way.

Simone Gill | HPSP Teacher



Season of Creation Sunflower Seeds

Over the coming days, families will find some seed envelope containing sunflower seeds in children's bags. This initiative, driven by the Sustainability Steering Committee (SSC) and student leaders, aims to celebrate the Season of Creation with our large community. The Season of Creation takes place every September and calls all within the Catholic community to connect with creation. The SSC and student leaders felt that what better way to do this than by providing the youngest family member in each homegroup a pack of sunflower seeds to plant as a family over the term break and that when the seeds start to germinate and grow, that photos can be shared around the school. Why not start your photo journal with the planting stage! We'd love to have any photos shared via email to sustainability@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

A big thanks to Ian Freebairn of S&W Seed Company for donating the seeds and also the Year 7/8 Make A Different class and Year 7 HG's for preparing the seed packs!

Tom Linnell | Early Years to Year 12 Sustainability Coordinator



Community
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Adelaide Thunderbirds Training Session

The Year 7 and 8 Netball Academy had the pleasure of hosting Adelaide Thunderbirds Captain Hannah Petty and defensive star Matilda Garrett this week. The Thunderbirds ran a skills-based training session focussing on agility and ball skills and introduced the Academy players to new team-based drills that they can hopefully take back to their club trainings next season.

Hannah and Matilda spoke about their journey to becoming a high-performance athlete and the opportunities that are available to players if they work hard. The Academy players particularly resonated with Hannah's story as she explained her journey from starting as a junior in Wudinna on the states West Coast to State and National representation to now captaining the Adelaide Thunderbirds.

We would like to thank the ladies for their visit and for giving our students the opportunity to engage with and learn from such wonderful role models.

Angela Queale | HPE Teacher



Academy of Hospitality Graduation

Today we celebrate our Academy of Hospitality students by presenting certificates to graduating students from 2020. These students are the first to complete 12+ units of study over 2 years in VET Hospitality Certificate II and today are rewarded for showing enthusiasm and passion, working many times out of hours and on their own merit to not only complete their study but also to support the school community through student representation and volunteering.

Although COVID-19 had a considerable impact on the practical aspects of the course, the students adapted just as they would be required to in industry. Highlights of many students have been learning the skills of a barista and baking items to a commercial industry standard to share with families and the school community.

Together with Jenny Vanikiotis, Alison Gwilym, Benji, Bec and Mel, I congratulate our graduates today and thank them for their hours of service and contribution to the Sugarloaf Café and Tenison woods College.

Sari Mutton
Rosemary Rosemary
Leyton Smith
Skye Flint

Charlie Facy
Ellen Ortiz Kaiser
Tally
Lydia Nashed

Lara Dodds
Megan Chant

Jen Mc Court | VET Academy of Hospitality Teacher



Reception Dress Up Day

Throughout Term 3, Reception students and staff have been looking at special people and places in our community, country and world.

On Wednesday 22 September, they celebrated this with a Reception Dress Up Day! Students showcased their amazing costumes of someone they would like to be when they grow up.

A fun day that all loved!



Ronny Shine



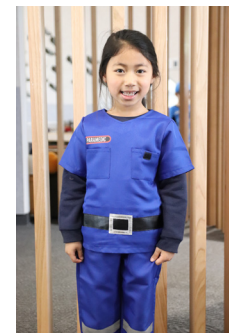
Aizah Ahmad



Makenna Cook



Albie Paltridge



Rutha Htoo



Archie Crozier



Albert Van der Westhuizen

Leaving Families Function

I am delighted that on Thursday 23 September we took time to say farewell to a number of families who will complete their formal association with the College with their last child currently in Year 12.

During the evening I thanked families for the trust they have shown in the College over several years.

They have shared an outstanding journey with Tenison Woods College, and the College's success is in no small way due to their partnership with the school. The College appreciates the loyalty of families to the school, for challenging us to be the best we could be, for acknowledging our successes and for forgiving us when we 'dropped the ball.'

I also thanked the families for the legacy they have left other families – the legacy of outstanding facilities, the legacy of outstanding achievement, but most of all the legacy of an outstandingly pastoral community, where people feel welcomed, safe and respected. Other families will stand on their shoulders, on what they have helped create.

Many of these families have had a long association with the College and I was thrilled to celebrate with them and also thank those families who have committed many years to Catholic education in our region.

David Mezinec | Principal



Something That Makes You Happy

As part of R U OK? Day held in Week 8, Year 11 student Keeva Shepherd held a competition where the prize was receiving a lolly tree.

To enter the competition, staff and students had to send through a photo of something that makes them happy. Many students sent through photos of their families, pets, favourite foods, and more.

Keeva's idea for supporting the R U OK? Day cause was sparked through her passion for student voice and community. Her intention was raising awareness rather than funds and to get people thinking about something that makes them happy.

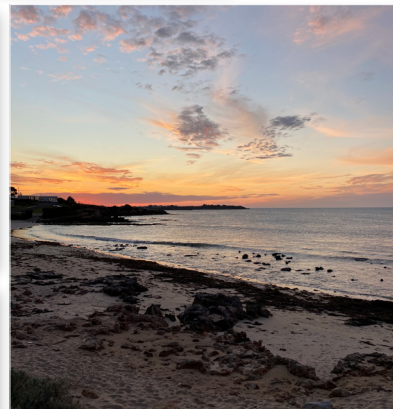
Keeva received over 60 outstanding submissions, however there could only be one winner. Abbey Edwards, submitting a photo of her friend's horse named JB, won the competition and took home the delicious prize.

What a fantastic way to support and raise awareness for the mental health of others and to encourage students and staff to reflect on and be grateful for the things in our lives that bring us happiness.

Although R U OK? Day is only celebrated once a year, it is important to continue to check in on those around us and ask R U OK?



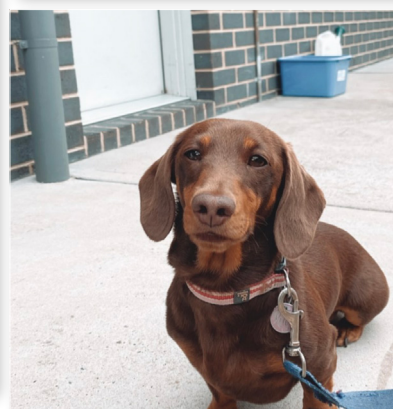
Competition Winner Abbey Edwards



Winning Submission



Competition Organiser Keeva Shepherd





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 francesca.dickson@tenison.catholic.edu.au or Nick Patzel, Head of Middle School (Years 7 - 9) at patzn@tenison.catholic.edu.au 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 news@tenison.catholic.edu.au:

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 herrj@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

Jessica Herring | Manager Public Relations, Marketing and Events Department

Upcoming Events:

Friday 24 September (Last Day of Term 3)

- Team Colours Day
- Whole School Assembly, 12:40pm - 1:20pm, Barrie Holmes Stadium
- Reception - Year 6 early dismissal, 2:15pm
- Year 7-12 early dismissal, 2:20pm

Saturday 25 September

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

Sunday 26 September

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

Monday 27 September

- School Holidays

Monday 11 October

- Term 4 Commences

Carers SA Young Carers

Carers SA supports Young Carers, people up to 26 years of age, who find themselves caring for someone who has an illness, a disability, a mental health issue, are frail aged or who has an alcohol or other drug problem. The person(s) receiving care may be a parent, partner, sibling, their own child, relative or friend.

Carers SA estimates there could be 30,500 young carers aged 25 years and under. Many of these are hidden carers.

Many young carers emphasise that caring is a positive experience. However, research clearly indicates that, when inadequately supported, young carer's health, mental health and wellbeing can be seriously affected. This, in turn, can influence schooling, socialising with friends and future careers.

The Young Carer worker may be able to support these young people further by linking them with FREE services such as:

- Counselling: Young Carers can access six sessions of counselling with a qualified youth counsellor.
- Carer Directed packages to help fund supports like cleaning and food preparation services, ensuring Young Carers can spend some time engaging in fun, meaningful activities to give them a break.
- Carer Directed Packages that provide financial support to keep Young Carers engaged in their education (for example financial contributions to textbooks or tutoring).
- Assisting Young Carers to access financial scholarship programs to help with the ongoing costs of education resources www.youngcarersnetwork.com.au
- Outreach Case-management for 3- 6 months, supporting Young Carers to work on their goals while building wellbeing and resilience in their caring roles.
- Peer Support Programs which provide group activities for Young Carers, allowing them an opportunity to connect with each other and have fun on a regular basis. This could be pizza nights, trips to the beach or cinema. We will look at creating activities based on the feedback and needs of the Young Carers involved in the program.
- Information sessions for school students and/or staff members to raise awareness of Young Carers in the community and the supports available for them, including the Carer Gateway and Young Carer Programs.

The Young Carer Bursary Program supports young carers to continue with their education. Young carers may be caring for parents, siblings, or grandparents that have an illness or disability. The program offers 1000 bursaries of \$3000 each year. Young carers aged 12-25 across Australia can apply now until 30th September.

The money can be put towards electronic equipment such as a laptop, school fees, uniforms, school camps, transport, and a range of other options. These items and expenses are often what young carers will go without when they are in a caring role. Please note that the application is not income tested.

Please see the link to apply also testimonials of young people that have applied <https://youngcarersnetwork.com.au/bursary/young-carer-bursary/>.

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing



SHINING LIGHT Awards

2021



PRESENTING THE 2021 RECIPIENTS



Sunita Oloster

ST MARY'S (1974-1980)
ST PAUL'S (1981)
TENISON COLLEGE (1982-1986)



Barrie Holmes (DEC)

ST PAUL'S & MARIST BROTHER'S
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
(1948 - 1959)



Sister Anne Foale

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE
(1963-1970)



The Hon Rob Lucas MLC

ST. MARY'S (1959 - 1961)
MARIST BROTHER'S
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
(1962 - 1969)



Visit our Facebook Page and join our free Virtual Shining Light Awards Celebration Event:
<https://fb.me/e/1Hx9plv06>

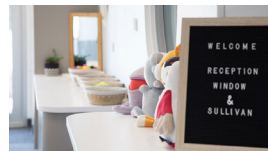
Have you heard?



Tenison Woods College is pleased to offer free tuition for 2022 Mid-Year Intake Reception Students

This offer is in line with Catholic Education South Australia's initiative to assist families with the financial implications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT THE ENROLMENT REGISTRAR: davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au



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MONDAY:

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