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WEEK 1, TERM 4

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Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 22 October

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Welcome Back!



Welcome back to an exciting Term 4. In only three days there has already been an abundance of happy faces and fantastic learning taking place. The College community looks ahead to the upcoming 9 weeks with enthusiasm and anticipation and leaders encourage all to get involved in the jam packed calendar this term. Altogether continuing the theme of making the ordinary extraordinary and finishing off another outstanding academic year.



Making the ordinary extraordinary at Tenison Woods College



From the Principal

Ready, set... for a very significant term

I look forward to Term 4 with all its rites of passage and the 'final quarter' effort that will ensure a wonderful conclusion to the 2021 academic year. In addition to all the finishing touches there will also be significant transition experiences to ensure our students make the best possible start to 2022.

Portable relocation and building starts in Term 4

And just to make the term interesting, Year 1, 2 and 5 transportables (10 in total) will be relocated in November 2021 once Year 12 classes conclude at the College. Friday 12 November (Week 5) will be FSD – Furniture Shifting Day, when effected classes will relocate. During Week 6 veranda removal and preparation for the portable relocation will occur. From Monday 22 November (Week 7) six portables will be relocated and four will be removed from the school site. The construction site will be created in Week 8 and construction will commence from December 2021. Construction of the contemporary building and nature play spaces will continue through 2022, ready for occupation by the twenty-four 1-6 classes in January 2023. It's starting to get very exciting!

Working Bee

Can you offer half an hour Saturday 23 October. During the Working Bee we are particularly looking to finalise the swale wetlands planting at the front of the school, barking, sand and planting replacement for the ELCC, Reception and Middle School areas.

We'd love as much help as you can offer – any time you could spare would be appreciated.

Please bring any gardening equipment you think could be of use: gloves, shovel, rakes, wheelbarrow, even your ute. The working bee will commence at 8:00am. Morning tea and refreshments will be supplied with a BBQ available from 10:00am. For those able to assist on the day we ask that you please complete this online form <https://forms.office.com/r/YtLFGAM4U7>

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.

Could families ensure that Year 7-12 students arrive at school with a mask for the first day of Term on Monday 11 October. These masks are to be worn on public transport, 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 Awards - Virtual Celebration This Saturday Night

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. The link/s to the awards will be shared this Saturday Night, via our Facebook Page, Website, and an email will also be sent out.

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.

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.

Staff Professional Learning Communities of Practice Conference, CoP21

Next Friday we will be attending as a staff the Communities of Practice Conference, CoP21, a celebration of communal and collaborative endeavour conducted in 2021 by teachers and co-educators in the learning environments of our region; an opportunity for staff to reflect on the above challenge and celebrate its reality in the lives of our young. We are also delighted to have staff of Mary MacKillop Memorial School and St Anthony's Catholic Primary School a part of this significant Heads, Heart and Hands of Learning Conference.

During the past five years we at Tenison Woods College has been undertaking professional learning underpinned by the philosophy that each learner is a valued, capable and competent learner, and our focus has been to support and enable student agency.

In 2020 we came to the campfire of Gilap Wanga Learning Community to accentuate and celebrate the communities of practice which have occurred and the collaboration that has been a feature of a year coloured by COVID-19 and when we have indeed responded to the invitation to SHINE Bravely. The Life Buoyancy Institute Intentional Resilient IMPACT Practice further brought a deep mindful awareness of the "What? What? How?" to our teaching, support, planning and communication occurring within our school.

This year in our region we have accentuated teacher collaboration and mutual accountability with an aspiration of determining clarity in what makes thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires. At this time of the Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) Living, Learning, Leading Framework, and celebrating the agency of our young, CoP21 is a commitment to continue reflecting on our craft as Catholic educators, who aspire to enable each and every learner in our region to shine, with all the deep reflection, critique, collaboration, humility, professional frailty and wonderful communal success that such whole staff endeavour brings.

I offer sincere thanks to all our committed staff, peer coaches, supportive CESA colleagues and talented LBI consultants who have supported our journey to

this point. I trust that the variety of discussions during the conference will be an opportunity for sharing and deep listening. In this way we will benefit from the rich tapestry of committed endeavour which is the hallmark of our talented staff in the South East region.

St Paul's Parish Bell Tower Wine Order Fund Raiser

To raise funds for the repairs to the St Paul's Church Bell Tower, the Parish will be having a wine sale. An order form for the wine order is attached [here](#). You will be able to pay via cash, EFTPOS or direct deposit into the parish account. You are asked to place orders prior to 12 November.

For more details, please ring the Parish Office during office hours on 87256566.

Fee Remissions

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 will lose significant income due to the new COVID-19 restrictions 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.

Carpark Care

I remind families during these days of challenging weather conditions and extensive building on our site to drive at no more than 15kmh while on the College grounds. I also ask that parents accompany young students to and from the council property adjacent to the College's Shepherdson Road, across the poplars lined driveway. I ask this in an attempt to prevent any potential accidents which could occur to inexperienced and enthusiastic children, who make their own way from the school grounds to cars parked on the council property.

God Bless,
David Mezinac | Principal



CIM Team News

Fr Julian Tenison Woods

Last Thursday, October 7, was the anniversary of the death of Fr Julian Tenison Woods. Fr Julian was a man of many talents: an environmentalist, scientist, priest, explorer, campaigner for social justice and the rights of Indigenous people, among many others. To hear about what he means to us here at Tenison Woods College, please see the following video [here](#).

Plenary Council

In October 2020 a historic gathering was due to take place in Adelaide; a Plenary Council. This Plenary Council presents an important opportunity for Catholic school communities to be involved in the shaping of the Australian Church. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this was postponed until October 2021. With the lockdowns occurring along the eastern seaboard, the First Assembly of this historic gathering was moved to an online format in the second week of the school holidays.

A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country, and the last one was held 80 years ago over Australia in 1937. It is being held "in order to give the Catholic community in Australia time to listen, dialogue and discern with one another and, guided by the Holy Spirit, discuss the future, the role and relevance of the Catholic Church in Australia". Staff and students at Tenison Woods College were provided with opportunities in 2019 to provide feedback to be considered by the Bishops.

Pope Francis has invited us all to become a "synodal" Church – a Church of faith-filled people who speak boldly and with passion, and who listen deeply with an open and humble heart. To do this, the voice of every person matters – whether currently involved in the Church or not. 16 questions formed the basis of the agenda of the small group discussions held throughout the week and proposals and requests for further investigation and research to create a more missionary, Christ-centred Church in Australia were put forward. Issues such as ecological conversion, personal and communal conversion, learning from the early Church, opening dialogue with those who feel excluded from the Church, listening to the voices of First Nations people, and the understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist as the Real Presence of Christ were discussed throughout the week.

To gain further insights into the Plenary Council, please visit the following link <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>. The Second Assembly of the Plenary Council will be held in July 2022.

Synod: The participation of everyone guided by the Holy Spirit

It was timely that at the conclusion of the First Assembly of the Plenary Council in Australia, Pope Francis officially opened the Synod of Synodality – where the Church walks together, listening to one another and above all, the Holy Spirit. This two year process will conclude in October 2023.

Youth Mass

The first Youth Mass for Term 4 will be held at 6:00pm on Saturday 16 October. We would love for youth and young adults to volunteer and help with the singing, music and reading. Please let Marilena Wilson know if you are able to help out in any way. Families of the College are encouraged to attend this vibrant celebration and stay for Youth Group after.

Faith Facts

Do you know the answer to this week's question?



Find out the answer in next week's newsletter.

Year 10 Reflection Day

The Year 10 students will participate in their Reflection Day TOMORROW Thursday 14 October. Parents have received information through Edsmart including information about the change of location due to restrictions. We look forward to hearing all about their day next week.

Term 4 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 4 Masses:

Week 2	Thursday 21 October – Year 12 Final Mass (11:00am start)
Week 3	Thursday 28 October – Year 11
Week 4	Thursday 4 November – Year 7
Week 5	Thursday 11 November – Year 4/5
Week 6	Thursday 18 November – Year 8
Week 7	Thursday 25 November – Year 10
Week 8	Thursday 2 December – Year 6

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



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Student Buddies Get Their Boogie On

At the end of Term 3, our Year 12 students and their Reception Buddies enjoyed a disco together in the Barrie Holmes Stadium! A great way to cap off an exciting Term.



Exciting Earthquake Experiments

Throughout Term 3, Year 6 students learnt about earthquakes, putting their self-designed structures to the test for a great hands-on experiment.



2021 Sport Captain and Old Scholar Australian Netball Squad Selection

Congratulations to 2021 Sport Captain and Year 12 student, Lucy Denton, as she has been selected in the 17 & Under Australian Netball squad for 2021/2022!

Lucy is joined in the squad selections by Old Scholar, Nyah Allen, as she has been chosen for the Australian 19 & Under squad.

Netball Australia is planning to deliver training camps later this year for selected athletes, as an opportunity to develop their abilities and provide elite training. Well done on your amazing achievement, Lucy and Nyah!

View the full squad list at the link here: <https://bit.ly/3AK3ahn>.



Year 1 Student Claims MINI State Grand Champion Award

Congratulations to Year 1 student, Violet, on her recent South Australia MINI State Grand Champion award!

Maixence Claims Musical Success

Year 11 Music Leader Maixence Williams participated in the 130th Royal South Street Contemporary Vocal Eisteddfod in August of this year.

Maixence was awarded the Sutton House of Music encouragement Award.

She was also the runner up for the aggregate award in her age group. She was awarded multiple 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Honourable Mention and Highly Commended awards, placing in every section she entered.

Congratulations to Maixence on a very impressive result in her pursuit of developing her musical skills.

Penny Mansell | Head of Performing Arts





National Education Facility Award Nomination

Congratulations to Dycer Constructions on being selected as a finalist in the 'National Education Facility Award' category, in the 2021 National Excellence in Building and Construction Awards! The awards will take place in April next year.

The nomination comes after Dycer Constructions recent award win in the 'Master Builders South Australia Building Excellence Awards 2021', following their incredible work with our Gilap Wanga - Ngula wangingi mraata ba wanginyi - Learning Community.

Principal, David Mezinac and Cath and Shane Dycer are pictured with Dycer Constructions recent 'Master Builders South Australia Building Excellence Award'



Tenison Woods College Zero Waste by 2025

Tenison Woods College is aiming to be a zero waste school by 2025 and off-grid by 2030, with sustainability officer Tom Linnell guiding students towards the ambitious goal.

The school's Project Recology Centre is currently processing 20kg of plastic a day, having recycled more than five tonnes since its inception while providing a safe and creative space for students.

To read the article written by ABC News please click [here](#).



Changing Tunes Concert Information

A modified version of the Changing Tunes Concert will be held in the Barrie Holmes Stadium on Tuesday 26 October. Due to COVID-19, audience numbers will be restricted. More details will be released soon via EdSmart.

Penny Mansell | Head of Performing Arts



Australian Basketball Championships





Congratulations to Year 9 student, Oscar Marr-McGuire and Year 10 student, Jackson Bowden, who recently competed in the Australian U/16 Basketball Championships in Darwin!

Oscar and Jackson were selected in the SA Country U/16 team to compete in the championships against country and metro state teams from Western Australia, South Australia, Queensland, Tasmania and Northern Territory, with Victoria and New South Wales unfortunately unable to compete due to COVID restrictions.

The Australian U/16 Basketball Championships is one of the best junior competitions in the country, where Oscar and Jackson will compete against the best players in Australia in their age group. Good luck, boys!

Emily Dawe | Sports Administration Trainee

Top tips for exam revision

-  **1. Organise your notes**
Summarise each subject of your exam topics.
-  **2. Practice, practice, practice**
Write an essay about a key aspect of an English text.
-  **3. Avoid all-nighters & cramming**
You won't remember everything if you're exhausted.
-  **4. Ask for help**
If you're unsure now, you won't know on exam day. Ask!

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Exam Revision Tips for Students

From being organised with your notes, getting sufficient rest, to asking for help and doing practice essays - there are lots of ways students can enhance their exam revision study.

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It's all driven by a 'help, not answers' policy, which is why we have no hesitation in recommending your children log in whenever they're stuck and get guidance from a real person.

Students can find their school and log for free in at: studiosity.com/access



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.

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing

Family Business Directory Is Live!

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! The Page is live, at link here: <https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/community/family-business-directory>

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!

Jessica Herring | Manager Public Relations, Marketing and Events Department

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 14 October

- Year 12 Trial Exams
- Year 10 Retreat, Casadio Park
- Year 8/9 Cricket, 8:30am - 3:00pm, Grant High School

Friday 15 October

- Year 12 Trial Exams
- Vinnies Badge Day
- Year 3 - 6 Assembly, 2:05pm - 2:35pm, Barrie Holmes Stadium
- Reception - Year 2 Assembly, 2:40pm - 3:10pm, Barrie Holmes Stadium

Saturday 16 October

- Tenison Woods College Working Bee, 8:00am - 12:00pm
- Parish Mass, 5:00pm, St Paul's Church
- 2021 Virtual Shining Light Awards Celebration, 6:00pm

Sunday 17 October

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

Monday 18 October

- Election of 2022 School Captains

Tuesday 19 October

Wednesday 20 October

- Year 8 Immunisations
- Year 10 Catch Up Immunisations



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





SHINING LIGHT Awards

2021

THIS SATURDAY



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:

RESEARCH PROJECT

PLP

CHEMISTRY

MATHS

TUESDAY:

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PSYCHOLOGY

BIOLOGY

MATHS

ENGLISH

THURSDAY:

CHEMISTRY

ENGLISH

MATHS

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