

Weekly Newsletter



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Year 12 Celebrations

On Thursday 21 October our Year 12 cohort celebrated their last formal day of schooling!

The day started off with a beautiful breakfast before their Reception Buddies lead them to assembly, showcasing a liturgical dance as well as a performance from Reception students, capped off with some delicious 'Class of 2021' cupcakes.

Our Year 12's enjoyed their 'Guard of Honour', with the whole College joining together to celebrate their great achievement. The formalities finished with a Mass lead by Father Dean.

An incredible day celebrating their hard work! Well done to all on their outstanding effort, we wish our students all the best with their upcoming exams.



Making the ordinary extraordinary at Tenison Woods College

From the Principal



Honouring our Year 12 Students

Last Thursday we formally acknowledged the rite of passage for our Year 12 students and wished them well for the next critical stage of their learning journey.

I thank the students for the way they participated in the program of the day which included breakfast, a farewell assembly, morning tea with families, whole school guard of honour, and final Year 12 Mass.

I also thank staff and parents who played their part in making it a special day, as well as the Sugarloaf Café for their wonderful catering during the day, including final celebratory cupcakes made especially to acknowledge the Year 12's of 2021.

A feature of the day was the guard of honour as Year 12s moved to the chapel for their final Mass as a Year 12 cohort. The guard of honour symbolised the journey of the Year 12s with us in our College community. At this time as they move to a significant period in that journey we walk right along side the Year 12s and we are right behind them. The guard of honour indicated to the Year 12's that they have been very important to us and they will always be very important to us.

But in appreciating this communal support and enjoying these rite of passage moments we asked the Year 12s to remember, when they take responsibility for their future at this time there are often no short cuts – it takes time, persistence or grit and full presence to reach their potential. They are in the process of creating something very special, so we urged them to give it the space, time and the full attention it deserves.

At this time I also offer deep thanks to the Parish Rosary Beads Making Group, who presented hand-made rosary beads to each individual Year 12 student at their final Mass together. A day of special memories for our group of graduating students.

Student Leadership

At last week's whole school assembly we thanked our Year 12's for their efforts over the past year as our senior leaders. Our Year 12 Senior Leaders also concluded their active leadership in the School so that they have time to prepare for their exams and concluding assignments.

At this significant time of transition we thanked our wonderful school captains, Sarah McKinnon and Austin Rossi, for their efforts this year. We also thanked all our Mission Leaders, Wellbeing Leaders, Sustainability Leaders, Sports Leaders, Music Leaders, Learning Leaders, and Founder (House) Leaders for all their efforts this year.

Sarah and Austin also had the pleasure of announcing that, from an outstanding array of young people who offered their talents, Tess Kenseley and Riley Turnbull would be the College Captains for the next school year.

Pictured below 2021 school captains, Sarah McKinnon and Austin Rossi, and 2022 school captains Tess Kenseley and Riley Turnbull.



Following on from the student leadership this year I am excited about the next year of student leadership in the College and I pledge the College's support for Tess and Riley's efforts so that their servant leadership will have an impact. I also expect that their leadership will be critical to what we as a school achieve and how the student's voice is given expression in our school community.

Pictured below are the 2021 school leaders.



Pop Up Working Bee Work Out Circuit

Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who participated in the Working Bee Workout Circuit under the guidance of College Trainers Justin and Andy – a great morning!

Our 2022 School Captains, Tess Kenseley and Riley Turnbull lead from the front, improving their fitness through rejuvenation of the ELCC, Reception and Years 5-6 play areas. Sincere thanks to all involved!

CoP21 – Student Achievement through Staff Learning

Friday's Staff Communities of Practice Conference, CoP21, was a wonderful success and very important for our College community. It was a celebration of communal and collaborative endeavour conducted in 2021 by teachers and co-educators in the learning environments of our school.

At this time of the Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) Living, Learning, Leading Framework, CoP21 was a commitment to continue reflecting on our craft as Catholic educators, who aspire to enable each and every learner at Tenison Woods College to shine, with all the deep reflection, critique, collaboration, humility, professional frailty and wonderful communal success that such whole staff endeavour brings.

I trust that the benefits of such endeavour will be richly seen in the creative, challenging and life-giving experiences of our students.

Portable relocation and building starts in Term 4 ...

Term 4 will be full of learning, events and rites of passage. And just to make the term interesting, Year 1, 2 and 5 transportables (10 in total) will be relocated in November 2021.

Friday 12 November (Week 5) will be FSD – Furniture Shifting Day, when effected classes will relocate. During Week 6 verandah 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 on the new Year 1-6 building 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! If you are interested, plans are on display in the Front Office.

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. I inform you that we have been notified of changes in relation to mask wearing in schools (not beyond schools) in South Australia.

From Monday 25 October, the wearing of face masks will be optional for all students and staff in schools, preschools and children's centres.

It may be necessary to make masks mandatory again in the future if conditions require. Therefore, please keep your supply ready to use.

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.

COVID-19 Immunisation Clinic & Community Days

SA Health are organising for a COVID-19 vaccination team to visit Tenison Woods College and offer free vaccinations to students aged 12 and above.

Parent consent packs have been issued to families of Middle and Senior School students this week for your voluntary consent to the vaccinations.

The Clinics will be conducted in the following vein:

- 1st visit will be from Wednesday 3 November through to Saturday 6 November 9:00am to 4:00pm.
- 2nd visit will be from Wednesday 24 November through to Saturday 27 November 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Vaccinations will be for Students and Staff only on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (Staff 3:00pm to 4:00pm each day) and the Saturdays will be promoted as a Community Day, being open to the broader public on a walk-in basis.

The immunisation program will be conducted by Health Care Australia, who will be sending a team of 5 to us for the 4-day clinics: 2 immunisers, 1 first aider, 2 clerks/record keepers. Vaccinations will be conducted from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

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.

St Paul's Parish Bell Tower Wine Order Fundraiser

To raise funds for the repairs to the St Paul's Church Bell Tower, the Parish are 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 8725 6566.

God Bless,
David Mezinec | Principal



CIM Team News

All Saints and All Soul's Days

The month of November begins with All Saints Day, 1 November, followed by All Soul's Day, 2 November. Traditionally this month the Catholic Church honours and remembers the Saints and heroes of the Church and relatives and friends who have died. We are reminded that living or dead, we belong to the Communion of Saints, that those living on earth, and those who have lived before, are all united in the Body of Christ.

The pagan festival, Halloween, celebrated with growing enthusiasm in Australia, and interestingly, 'hallow' is an Old English word and literally means holy and can be used to describe saints. Halloween then actually means All Hallows Eve - or the day before All Saints Day.

These saints and these souls who have gone before us and responded to the invitations of their time with an imagination, creativity and courage. In honouring their journey, we also commit ourselves to evolving our vibrant faith tradition in a way that honours the past, with excitement for the future, and confidence in a life beyond what we know.

Please see local Parish Bulletins for Mass times on All Saints Day and All Soul's Day.

Sacramental Program 2022

Mount Gambier Catholic Parish invites parents to enrol their children to take part in the Parish Sacramental Program for 2022.



This is preparation for a full initiation into the Catholic Church by the celebration of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. There is also an opportunity for those seeking Baptism to be involved in the Sacramental Program and to celebrate Baptism in addition to the other sacraments.

If one of your children will be in Year 4 or above in 2022 and might be ready to join this preparation program, you need to attend the Enrolment Evening to be held in St Paul's Hall on Thursday 18 November 2021 from 7:00pm until 8:00pm. The important dates, the structure of the program and the expectation of your involvement will be explained in detail at the meeting.

You will need to bring the Enrolment Form, the registration fee of \$50.00 and a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate to the Enrolment Evening. Please contact Cisca Teodoro, Parish Sacramental Coordinator, on 8725 6566 or mgpsacraments@bigpond.com for more information or for a copy of the enrolment form.

Faith Fact

Answer to last week's question: Have you ever wondered why images and statues of Saints are displayed in a Catholic Church?

Saints are people who lived out their call to be disciples of God. Having images and statues of them help people to remember and honour them as inspiration models of faith.

Do you know the answer to this week's question?
Find out the answer in next week's newsletter.



Middle School Faith in Action Awards

The Tenison Woods College and wider community are able to nominate a Middle School student in Years 7, 8 or 9 for the Faith in Action Awards. These awards are presented to a student from each grade of the Middle School who has contributed to the betterment of the school or wider community throughout the year. Please email Chloe Shanahan with the name and year level of the student/s being nominated and a brief description of the students contribution.

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 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



Get ready to Rock! Tickets on Sale for the 'Back to the 80's' Musical

Tickets are on sale now for the Stage 1 Creative Arts-Musical performance Back to the 80's. Supported by a chorus of Year 8 and 9 students and our very own live band, this is a performance you don't want to miss.

A pop culture trip down memory lane, Back to the 80's tells the story of Corey Palmer and his senior year of high school: his best friends, the class bully, and the girl he loves. Packed with many great hits such as Love Shack and Video Killed the Radio Star, this is an event the whole family will enjoy.

The performance is Wednesday 3 November at 7:00pm at the Sir Robert Helpmann theatre.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for concession/children under 17. Please note that all audience members will be required to wear a mask for the duration of the performance.

To get fully in the spirit of the party, we're inviting audience members to go 'back to the 80's' themselves, and dress up for the occasion! So, get ready to have a totally radical time - this musical is going to rock, dudes!

You can get your tickets now by heading to the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre website or calling the box office on 8723 8700.

We can't wait to see you there!

Eliza Suggate | Middle/Senior Teacher



Small Jazz Ensemble GIJ Conference Performance

This past Saturday, members of the College Small Jazz Ensemble performed for the Generations in Jazz Strategic Launch held at the Mount Gambier Hotel.

The quartet made up of Ethan Hopgood (Alto Sax), Amelia Taylor (Tenor Sax), Edie Jones (Bass) Angus Aitken (Drums) and directed by Jack Heaven, performed a variety of Jazz tunes as attendees of the launch entered the hotel. Some of those attending the launch were Mayor Lynette Martin, James Morrison, and Premier Steven Marshall.

Well done to the students for their fantastic efforts!

Jack Heaven | Music Teacher



SAKG Gardening Lessons

Our SAKG garden lessons offer so many chances for learning life skills – students learn about working together as teams to get jobs done, learn how to grow their own food and how a healthy garden system works.

Our students love to get out into the garden each week and enjoy the sunshine while they work on different tasks to explore and build the environment – this morning they weeded around the 42 garden beds, mulched, raked the walkways and watered in the mulch before the wind could blow the mulch away.



Year 11 Biology Excursion to Piccaninnie Ponds

Last week the Year 11 Biology classes visited Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park to learn more about the area's ecology. The excursion coincided with 'Water Week' and helped students to connect their classwork with a real-world context.

Students learned about the rehabilitation of the wetland and restoration of water levels that has enabled wildlife to flourish from Damien Bickley and Vanessa Freebairn from the Limestone Coast Landscape Board. Macroinvertebrates were examined and their importance as an indicator of water quality was discussed. Students also heard from Maureen Christie, from Friends of Shorebirds South East (FoSSE), who introduced them to the shorebirds of the district, some of which fly here from Siberia each year. They also learned about the impact of microplastics on sea and birdlife. It was inspirational to meet such dedicated people.

The Friends of Shorebirds South East are currently looking for volunteers to survey the local hooded plover populations. If you are interested in helping out, you will find a link on the Limestone Coast Landscape Board Facebook page.

Jason de Nys | Science Coordinator and Mathematics Coordinator



Communities of Practice 2021



Last Friday 22 October, staff enjoyed a Professional Learning Day, using this time to further their teaching craft in a range of areas.

The Reception-Year 6 staff enjoyed Collaborative Writing professional learning, Year 7-9 staff undertook Integrated Subject Reflection, while our Year 10-12 and Poplars staff participated in a Wellbeing Survey.

Staff also had the opportunity to get together on Thursday evening, 21 October, and enjoy an afternoon at the Gilap Wanga - Ngula wangi mraata ba wanginyi - Learning Community, before collaborating and sharing their ideas Friday.

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





Teacher Claims CA3 Innovate and Initiate Award

Congratulations to Yunita Manfrin, Year 7-12 Digital Creative Arts/Design Teacher, for winning the 'CA3 Innovate & Initiate Award' as part of the World Teachers' Day Awards!

The Award Ceremony will take place in Adelaide this Friday 29 October, where Yunita will accept her award.

Well done, Yunita!



Upcoming Events:

Thursday 28 October

- 9SHINE Camp
- Year 12 SWOT VAC/Tutorial Week

Friday 29 October

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- Year 12 SWOT VAC/Tutorial Week
- Teacher Appreciation Day

Saturday 30 October

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

Sunday 31 October

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

Monday 1 November

- SAPSASA Cricket State Carnival, Adelaide
- Year 12 Exams
- Year 8 Surf's Up Excursion, Robe
- 2022 Reception Information Evening, 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Staffroom

Tuesday 2 November

- SAPSASA Cricket State Carnival, Adelaide
- Year 12 Exams

Wednesday 3 November

- Musical - Back to the 80s, 7:00pm, Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre
- SAPSASA Cricket State Carnival, Adelaide
- Year 12 Exams
- COVID-19 Vaccination, Staffroom
- Year 8 Surf's Up Excursion, Robe

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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College Working Bee



Year 12 Celebrations



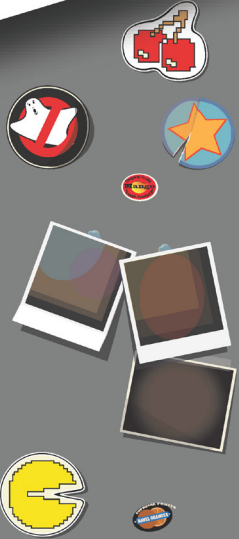
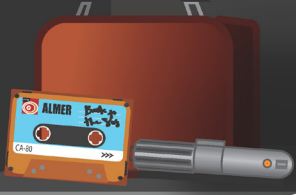
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November
At 7:00 pm
Doors open
at 6:30 pm

1980's



BACK TO THE 80'S

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Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre
Concession and Youth under 17 - \$10 Adults - \$15
Tickets available from bit.do/80stix



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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:

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PSYCHOLOGY

BIOLOGY

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