

# Weekly Newsletter

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## Year 9 Students SHINE on camp

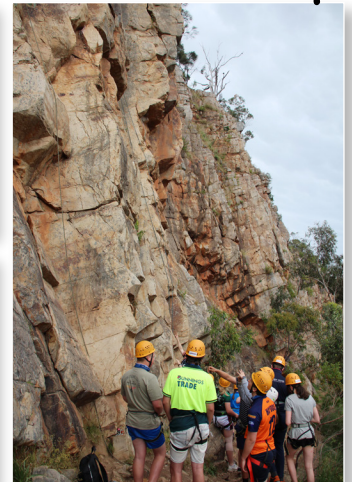
Last week, from 24-29 October, Year 9 students participated in the annual 9SHINE camp experience.

*9SHINE is a year-long learning experience and a unique educational adventure that teaches valuable life skills in*

*Gratitude, Empathy, and Mindfulness. The 9SHINE experience is viewed as a step or rite of passage to a rewarding adult life. Through 9SHINE, Tenison Woods College students have developed personal qualities beyond those possible in a traditional schooling environment whilst developing their overarching sense of Community. The 9SHINE program culminates with a 6 day/5 night Outdoor Experience throughout the Southern Fleurieu. The Outdoor Experience has achieved it's goals through the principle of experiential learning experiences that have been proven to engage students beyond traditional learning styles.*

While on the camp, students were given an opportunity to engage in a range of activities including bushwalking, fishing and kayaking.

To read more about this amazing experience please see the link below:  
<https://clarh1.wixsite.com/9shineblog2021>





## From the Principal

### 9SHINE and Camps

I congratulate the staff and students who participated in the 9SHINE experience last week, and indeed all year. The 9SHINE experience prepares, enacts and celebrates the rite of passage for our young in a very deliberate way with the resourcing support of The Resilience Project and our learnings of the Life Buoyancy Institute, Resilient IMPACT program. Ingredients of such rite of passage to adulthood invariably include:

1. Understanding that privileges are connected to responsibility.
2. Resilience if things don't go their way.
3. Emotional intelligence, social intelligence and generational intelligence
4. The ability to find creative solutions to problems.
5. Understanding the power of collaboration.

(Steve Biddulph, 2018; Dr Arne Rubenstein, 2013)

These ingredients were richly and deliberately present in the 9SHINE experience, which was enjoyed by our Year 9 cohort.

### "Anxiety and stretch"

I am thankful that families worked with our Middle School pastoral care teachers, wellbeing coordinators, counsellors and leadership to navigate the challenging space of student anxiety that is a salient issue in our young, and particularly heightened in the face of such experiences. While it is important to acknowledge the presence of such conditions for our young, the victory of gradually and deliberately encouraging the stretch and increased circle of security is a critical developmental milestone. I therefore thank parents for working with our staff in acknowledging the presence of anxiety in their children, but deliberately and thoughtfully inviting them to a zone of discomfort, stretch and ultimate personal victory in their development.

### The place of camps at Tenison Woods College

This week the Poplars Camp will take place in Robe, and it prompts me to think that I am continually grateful for the wonderful culture that has evolved with school camp, retreat, sporting and field experiences at Tenison Woods College. We as a school community understand the critical importance of these experiences in the development of all our young and it is inspiring to see staff and parents working together to ensure that such opportunities offer students the greatest benefit.

Thank you to committed staff, parents and carers who have committed themselves to the wonderful experiences. It is inspiring to see the passion of people who make these experiences possible for our young and ensure their life experiences are inspired by the wonderful world in which we live.

### 2022 College Trainees

I am delighted to inform you that the following students have been appointed as our trainees for 2022:

Daniela Ortiz Kaiser	Sugarloaf Café Trainee
Mitchell Evans	ICT Trainee
Faith Bierwirth-Leigh	Public Relations & Events Trainee
Jasmine Davey	Early Learning and Community Centre Trainee
Charlotte Oliver	Early Learning and Community Centre Trainee
Ashleigh Spicer	Front Office Administration Trainee
Bianca Dowdy	Classroom Support / OSHC Trainee
Elyse Willoughby	HPE and Sports Trainee
Amelia Taylor	Languages Classroom Support / OSHC Trainee

We congratulate these students and thank all those students who applied for positions with the College. Thank you also to staff who conducted the application and interview process. Their efforts and diligence have been appreciated.

The trainee program is a significant initiative for the College because it validates the students who leave our learning community as graduates, ready and well prepared for the workforce, and also underlines our commitment to training and development as an authentic learning community.

### Remembrance Day – Thursday 11 November

Remembrance Day is an opportunity for us to pay tribute to those men and women who have given their lives in the service of our country. As part of the College tribute our 2022 College Captains, Tess Kenseley and Riley Turnbull, will lay a wreath at the Mount Gambier service at Vansittart Park.

The College will also honour Remembrance Day at the Assembly on Thursday with a ceremony, silence and ode, presented by Bob Sandow and also the presentation of the Tenison Woods College Flyers Award.

Such commemoration helps us reflect on events that have shaped our history and on the lives that have been impacted by the will of others. As we reflect on those who have offered themselves for the cause of freedom, let us not forget the part our faith can play in bringing peace to our world.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*

*Ever Patient Teacher,  
show us the ways of tolerance, teach us the ways of justice.  
Draw us all in heart and mind nearer Jesus Christ your son,  
Prince of peace. Amen*

### Feast Day of Venerable Catherine McAuley, Thursday 11 November

Our College draws inspiration from four founders. One of them is the Venerable Catherine McAuley and from her "House of Mercy", which opened in 1827 through to the founding of her religious order, Religious Sisters of Mercy, in 1831 through to today where there are more than 12,000 Sisters of Mercy worldwide, running 200 health care facilities, 19 colleges, 58 schools and provide many other services that help people of every age, their mission has remained constant. Catherine knew that to be a real help to the poor and needy, she needed to be among them so that she could see the realities of the struggles they faced on a daily basis.

Known in Ireland as the "walking nuns" because they spent so much time in the community helping people, the Sisters of Mercy gave, and still do, give voice and hope to many in our world. Catherine died in 1841 and Pope John Paul II declared Sister Catherine McAuley "Venerable" in 1990. This is the first step on the path to sainthood.

Catherine always said that "proof of love is deed." For Catherine McAuley, 'putting her hand up to help out' was her daily endeavor and it is an inspiring example of how we can let our empathetic and caring deeds be the proof of our love for Jesus and others.

### Ready, set ... Portable relocation starts Friday 12 November

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!

### COVID-19 Immunisation Clinic & Community Days

SA Health have organised 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 have sent a team of 5 to us for the 4-day clinics: 2 immunisers, 1 first aider, 2 clerks/record keepers.

### Carpark Care and Phone Usage

SAPOL officers have completed some traffic duties around the College campus. Parents have been 'cautioned' in the "kiss and drop" line for using their mobile phones, and as such I remind our community of the legal imperatives regarding telephone usage in cars:

"The driver of a vehicle must not use a mobile phone while the vehicle is moving, or is stationary but not parked, unless:

- (a) the phone is being used to make or receive an audio phone call and the body of the phone
- (i) is secured in a mounting affixed to the vehicle while being so used; or
- (ii) is not secured in a mounting affixed to the vehicle and is not being held

by the driver, and the use of the phone does not require the driver, at any time while using it, to press anything on the body of the phone or to otherwise manipulate any part of the body of the phone."

The fines are quite hefty – currently at \$646.00 (inclusive of a victim of crime levy) and three (3) demerit points, so I urge our community to pay due diligence to this issue for the safety of all, not least our young.

### 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

### 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 myself with the name and year level of the student/s being nominated and a brief description of the students contribution.

### 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 [mgspsacraments@bigpond.com](mailto:mgspsacraments@bigpond.com) for more information or for a copy of the enrolment form.

### Whole School Mass

All families, parishioners and friends of the College are invited to attend the End of Year Mass on Tuesday 16 November at 12.00pm in the Barrie Holmes Stadium. Visitors must check in using the COVID QR codes and wear a mask.

### Faith Fact

Answer to last week's question: Have you ever wondered what is a sacrament?

They are special celebrations in the lives of Christians. There are seven Sacraments in the Catholic Church. Sacraments are sacred actions of the Church through which God is actively present, inviting people into a relationship with God and one another.

### 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 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



## Year 12 Exams Have Begun

Monday 8 November marked the start of the 2021 Year 12 exams at Tenison Woods College.

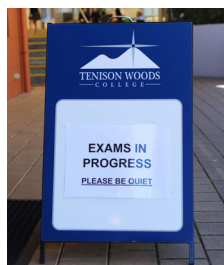
During this period of SACE exams we especially pray for students from the College and across South Australia.

*'God, we ask that they especially feel your closeness during the time. Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand.*

*Bless them with keen understanding and retentive memory. Give them the ability to grasp things correctly. Point out the beginning, direct their progress and help them in the completion of each of their responses.*

*Holy Spirit, send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.*

*Amen'*



During this time of final examinations it is asked that all staff, students and visitors to the College be mindful of their noise level especially when in the Pam Ronan Center as to not disturb the students.

The final exam at the College will conclude on Monday 15 November at 11:10am. To view the SACE Board Examinations timetable for 2021 please view the following link [here](#).

In celebration of the completion of the English Literary Studies exam yesterday 2 November, Year 12 English Literary Studies teacher Katrina Mott awarded her class a 'smash cake' that she had so kindly made herself. Together Katrina and the students smashed the cake, unlocking lots of delicious lollies and chocolates, celebrating the outstanding work the students have achieved and a fantastic year together.



The College wishes the Year 12s well for their final moments of revision and for the remaining exams.



## Fergus Calderwood Secures Apprenticeship

Congratulations to 2021 Year 11 student Fergus Calderwood for securing an electrical apprenticeship with MED in Penola.

Fergus secured his apprenticeship after impressing the electrical company while completing work experience with MED.

Fergus has also completed an electrotechnology course through Tafe this year. Congratulations Fergus, we wish you all the best in your bright future.

*Pictured is VET Coordinator Joanne Maclean, 2021 Year 11 student Fergus Calderwood and Mother, Joley.*

**Joanne Maclean** | VET Coordinator

## South East Primary Schools' Music Festival

Eight Tenison Woods College Woods students made significant contributions to the South East Primary Schools' Music Festival which was held in October this year at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre.

Ethan Hopgood, Ryan Creedy, and Laura Stephens all performed in the band, and Maixence Williams, Gabriel Strachan, Amelie Salmon, Tilly Salmon, and Aidan Salmon all performed as assisting artists.

One of the organising committee members commented, "They were amazing all week. We could not have done it without them."

**Penny Mansell** | Head of Performing Arts



*Photo courtesy of the Mount Gambier Pioneers Facebook page.*

## Tom Daly Re-Signs with Pioneers

Our HPSP Basketball Coach and Pioneers Basketball Men's Team Captain, Tom Daly, has re-signed with the Pioneers. Good luck for the upcoming season, Tom!



## Year 8 HPE Core – Lawn Bowls

In Year 8 Healthy Lifestyles, students have been engaging in a variety of target games including golf, bocce, croquet and lawn bowls. Last week, Mrs Metzger's class participated in lawn bowls at the RSL bowl club. Two sessions were attended in the week in which the students could learn and refine their skills to this popular Mt Gambier sport. The RSL bowls club had acquired several sets of colourful bowls, specifically for students to learn the game. The RSL were very proud to share them with us. Special note goes to Jolie Vaughan, Tilly Salmon, Caitlyn Aldridge and Brianna Philby who were touted by our hosts as having a Division A layout of their bowls for one of their games, insisting that a photo of the bowls be taken to mark the achievement. On both days the students put in a fantastic effort representing our school.

**Barb Metzger** | Middle School Teacher



## Year 10 Students Successful in GovHack Open Data Competition

Year 10 students Alex McCarthy and Hayden Luo recently competed in the GovHack Open Data Competition that was held over 21 and 22 August, 2021. In the past the local Mount Gambier Library has run this competition, however this year they could only compete remotely, being completely online.

Alex and Hayden entered the competition under the team name 'Stract' and developed a project called 'Smart Water Meter'. The boys were extremely successful, gaining placings and honourable mentions in many categories within the competition.

To view the project designed by Alex and Hayden please see the following link: [https://hackerspace.govhack.org/projects/smart\\_water\\_meter](https://hackerspace.govhack.org/projects/smart_water_meter).

**Saad Habib** | Senior Digital Technologies Teacher



## Year 11 Beach Clean-Up

On Monday 25 October, as part of their assessment in Religious Studies, Year 11 students participated in a beach clean-up. This practical activity is a response to 'the cry of the earth', as identified by Pope Francis in the encyclical Laudato Si. It saw students picking up not only litter left behind but also debris washed ashore, with some unusual items among them, encouraging them to be good stewards of creation.

**Adam Taylor** | Senior School Teacher



## New South Wales Pen Pals

Our Year 3 students have made new 'Pen Pal' friends at the Brentwood Retirement Village in Kincumber, New South Wales!

Students have been exchanging letters with 'Rainbow of Kindness' messages as well as artwork with residents of the 484-home village, as they learnt more about each other and what's been happening 1,300km away.

Thanks to Micki Greenham for raising awareness on this great initiative that's putting a smile on everyone's faces!



*Check out the  
Tenison Woods College  
Social Media Pages*



## Surf's Up Camp

On Monday 1 November, the Year 8 Surf's Up class with Miss Gill and Mrs Lawrie as our bus driver, left Tenison Woods College bound for Long Beach, Robe.

Arriving in perfect conditions for surfing, the students were quickly organised to begin their 2x2hour sessions under the guidance of surfing expert; Charlie of Charlie's Surf School.

Charlie and Hamish took the students through the necessary drills and skills required for surfing.

After a few falls into the sea, the students quickly grasped the techniques and after their recess break, enthusiastically re-entered the water to practise and refine their new-found talents.

Deagan Bogie demonstrated resilience and came out on top of quite a few waves. Fergus Kentish showed off his pre-existing skills and learnt a few more tips along the way.

Magnificent sunshine, blue skies and perfect waves made for an awesome day out on the water.

Special mention must go to Holly Flint and Neve Rossouw who were the strongest contenders the entire day out on the water. Each of them used their skills to catch many awesome waves.

**Simone Gill** | HPE Teacher



# Changing Tunes Concert



Tenison Woods College music students from Years 3-6 made up the enormous cast of the 2021 “Changing Tunes” Concert which was held in the Barrie Holmes stadium on the 26th October.

The concert showcased the musical talents that our junior students are able to achieve at the College.

The night was a musical spectacular full of singing and music being performed on a wide variety of instruments. Families and our junior school music students saw for themselves how their skills can further progress as they watched a performance of senior music students from our Small Jazz Ensemble.

The smiles on the faces of the performers says it all and any nervousness of performing to a large audience was soon replaced by pride.

Many thanks to everyone who helped this concert come together.

**Penny Mansell** | Head of Performing Arts



# World Teachers' Day

Last Friday 29 October, the College celebrated World Teachers' Day! We are blessed to have so many incredible teachers at our College striving to inspire students. We asked students what they love about their teachers and they gave us some great answers.



*Mr Lock is nice, funny and all round the best teacher  
- Year 6, Axel Page*



*Miss Jones is really kind and she's really funny  
- Year 1, Axel Makin*



*Mrs Domasch is very nice and kind. She's very helpful and encouraging  
- Year 2, Piper Clements*



*Mrs McCourt is nice and caring and she teaches us very well  
- Year 3, Hudson Zwar*



*Mr Eitzen is amazing in helping me with my career path  
- Year 11, Philip Rankin*



*My favourite thing about Mrs Snell is that she makes maths lessons fun  
- Year 3, Jack Freckleton*



*Miss Lynch is the most fun teacher to work with in any circumstance  
- Year 11, Bae Nae*



*Prof is funny and his lessons are really interesting and fun. He is the best Italian teacher ever  
- Year 4 Class*



## Junior School Hard Court Design Competition

As part of our new Primary School Build, we are running a 'Junior School Hard Court Competition', where students can enter their design ideas for what they would like added to the courts!

The task was presented to Junior School students in a recent lunchtime, as they discussed their ideas before starting their designs. The design sessions will run each Wednesday at lunchtime, with the competition closing on Friday 19 November.

We have seen some great ideas already, including race tracks and mazes to name a few! Good luck to all entering!



## Upcoming Events:

### Thursday 4 November

- SAPSASA Cricket State Carnival, Adelaide
- Year 12 Exams
- COVID-19 Vaccinations, Staffroom
- POPLARS Camp, Tarooki Campsite Robe

### Friday 5 November

- Year 12 Exams
- COVID-19 Vaccinations, Staffroom
- POPLARS Camp, Tarooki Campsite Robe
- Year 8 Surf's Up Excursion, Robe
- Year 3-6 Assembly, 2:05pm - 2:35pm, Barrie Holmes Stadium
- Reception - Year 2 Assembly, 2:40pm - 3:10pm, Barrie Holmes Stadium

### Saturday 6 November

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

### Sunday 7 November

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

### Monday 8 November

- Year 12 Exams
- PE Week
- SAPSASA Tennis Carnival, Adelaide

### Tuesday 9 November

- Year 12 Exams
- PE Week
- SAPSASA Tennis Carnival, Adelaide
- Year 10 Basketball State Final

### Wednesday 10 November

- Year 12 Exams
- PE Week
- SAPSASA Tennis Carnival, Adelaide
- SE Zone Lawn Bowls
- SAPSASA Volleyball, Barrie Holmes Stadium
- Year 10 Basketball State Final

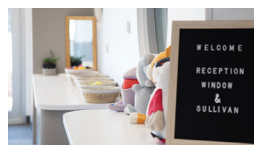
## Have you heard?



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](mailto:davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au)



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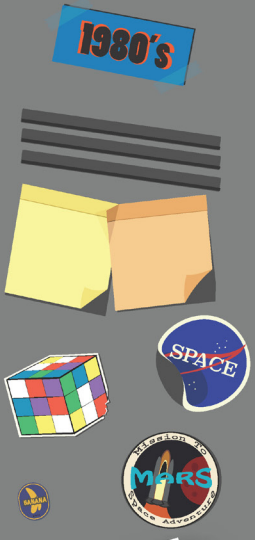
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# AFTER SCHOOL STUDY CENTRE

## SENIOR SCHOOL - PRC COMMON ROOM

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

### MONDAY:

RESEARCH PROJECT

PLP

CHEMISTRY

MATHS

### TUESDAY:

P.E.

PSYCHOLOGY

BIOLOGY

MATHS

ENGLISH

### THURSDAY:

CHEMISTRY

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MATHS

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