



# Weekly Newsletter



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## From the Principal

### Year 12 Graduation

The Graduation on Friday 3 December at the Barn Palais was not only an opportunity to celebrate the journey of the students in our community over the years, but also an opportunity to wish them well as they greet life and take their place in our community.

In amongst the celebrations we encouraged our graduates to have pride in the way they have made the ordinary extraordinary for this time and this place in a way that evokes pride in them as young people, and gives them confidence to continue using their head, heart and hands to SHINE and evolve an extraordinary life.

Thank you to the PR and Events Team, ICT Team, Head of School, Ciaran Buckley and Tanya Thomson for creating a wonderful rite of passage.

### Rites of Passage in the Junior School and Middle School

The Middle School Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, 7 December was a wonderful community celebration and rite of passage. Thank you to the PR and Events Team, ICT Team, Head of School, Nick Patzel, and teaching staff for planning and presenting the celebration. It was wonderful to see the students acknowledged and celebrated for their achievements, but also in their time of transition.

The Year 9 End of Year Celebration on Tuesday evening 7 December was another wonderful rite of passage event, and poignant reminder of just how fast our young develop and how precious, as it is fleeting, is this time with them. Thank you to Nick Patzel, Brad Maney, and the Year 9 staff for their efforts this year in creating the 9Shine program, leading to the 9Shine camp and significant family event for our young.

### Twelve Days of Christmas – a Special Musical Treat

Congratulations and thank you to our wonderfully talented students, Penny Mansell, Lucy Rossi, the Music Staff, Junior School Staff, the Friends of Music and PR and Events Team for a virtual celebration of Christmas.

In the midst of the COVID-19 challenges, the music team decided to take on a new challenge. As with last year because they couldn't run the usual very popular Carols on Campus, they have instead recorded 12 videos of our assorted bands/choirs and they will be released on social media in the 12 days leading up to Christmas. Watch out for something special on Christmas Eve!

### ELCC Graduations – Stepping up from Stepping Stones

This week we are enjoying three Early Learning and Community Centre Graduations, which mark a significant transition for the young children of our community. The children are stepping from the Stepping Stones Program (Kindergarten) to Reception.

I thank the ELCC staff who, under Domenica Dunn and Angela Cutting's passionate, experienced and nuanced leadership, have created a warm, inviting and engaging centre. I trust our children, who are well prepared for reception, confidently enjoy the benefits of our R-12 school community and look with fondness on their learning and care in the ELCC.

### Dance Talent On Display

Saturday afternoon 3 December I had the pleasure of enjoying the MJ Dance "Back on Stage" Performance. I had heard so much about the talent of graduating student Molly Clark so it was a delight to see her in full flight. In addition other wonderful dancers such as Madi Lane, Isabelle Hein, Violet Davis, Kiera McBain and Ava McCullough featured in a program which included many other Tenison Woods College students and also the choreography of former student, Cooper Terry. I congratulate Maria Slape and her talented team in presenting a performance that navigated the COVID-19 challenges to present such confident and skilful performances.

### Book Collection

Students in Years R-6 will have Book Collection Day at school on Friday 28 January 2022. Books can be collected from their new classroom between 8.30am - 10:00am and 12.00pm - 1.00pm.

Year 7-12 Stationery can be purchased from any location. As part of the College's focus on sustainability we encourage, where possible, to reuse folders or stationery from previous years. Booklists have been distributed via EdSmart.

### School Commencement Days for 2022

Reception, Year 7, 8,10,11 & 12 students will commence school on Monday 31 January with all other Year levels starting the school year on Tuesday 1 February, 2022. We also invite all parents, and particularly new parents to a Welcome Morning Tea at the Sugarloaf Cafe at 9:00am on Tuesday 1 February, 2022.

### School Front Office Opening Hours

The Front Office will be closed Friday, 10 December for our Whole Staff Development Day, and then closing for the year on Friday 17 December 2021 and reopening Monday 17 January 2022.

### 2022 School Calendar

The 2022 Tenison Woods College School Calendar will be available on the Tenison Woods College Website live calendar at, <http://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/school-calendar/> accessed through SEQTA and will be emailed to families from 10 December 2021.

### Timetables for Year 7 to Year 12

Timetables will be available for students to view through their SEQTA Portal page from Wednesday, 15 December 2021. New Year 7 to 12 students will have a copy of their timetable mailed to them.

### School Reports

Parents will now be able to access End of Year Reports via SEQTA. Reports can be downloaded as a .PDF file and viewed on a device or a computer and printed, if a hardcopy is preferred.

### BYOD – YEAR 6 Families, ready for Year 7 in 2022

I remind families that if they are thinking about purchasing a device for next year, just check out our Bring Your Own Device page on our website. The link is attached here:

<https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/byod-information/byod-purchase-portal>

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

With 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.

God Bless,  
David Meziniec | Principal







## CIM Team News

### Christmas Eve Vigil Family Mass

Would your child like to be involved in the Nativity Play at Christmas Eve Family Mass? Mass is on Friday 24 December at 6:00pm, at St Paul's Church. Children who would like to be involved in the play are required to attend a rehearsal on Saturday 18 December at 11:00am at St Paul's Church. Costumes for the play will be distributed at the rehearsal. Participating in the Nativity play is a wonderful way for children to deepen their connection to the miracle of Christmas and be a part of the St Paul's community. We welcome all to be involved and attend. Please send me an email to [shanc@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:shanc@tenison.catholic.edu.au) if your child would like to be a part of the play.

### Christmas Mass Times

Please see the attached timetable of Christmas mass times across the South East Deanery. For the 6:00pm Christmas Eve Family Mass ONLY, families will need to book online as numbers are limited due to COVID density restrictions. 6:00pm Family Mass: <https://www.trybooking.com/BWCZV>  
Bookings open on Monday 13 December at 7:00am and close Thursday 23 December at 8:00pm. To see the flyer, click [here](#).

As per SA Health and Government requirements, masks must be worn in churches and people must adhere to social distancing.

### Sharing your Christmas

Today the Krist Kindl Giving Tree gifts and donations were collected by representatives from Vinnies and ac.care (pictured below). They spoke with gratitude and thanks for the generosity of our school community and the difference our donations will make in our community this Christmas. We will also be supporting the Community Christmas Lunch held on Christmas Day and the Sunset Community Kitchen in the lead up to Christmas. We would like to thank all families and staff who have so generously supported the Tenison Woods College Krist Kindl Giving Tree this year.



### Blue Lake Carols

Due to COVID restrictions, the traditional Blue Lake Carols will not be held at the Rail Lands, but will be livestreamed on Sunday 12 December at 7:30pm. Search for Blue Lake Carols on the internet. It will be on Facebook and YouTube.

Wishing you all a safe and blessed holiday season.

**Chloe Shanahan** | Religious Education Coordinator



## Key Dates for 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:

#### Tuesday 25 January 2022

*Uniform Shop Open 9.00am – 4.00pm, 12.30pm-1.00pm (Closed for lunch)*

#### Wednesday 26 January 2022

*Australia Day Public Holiday*

#### Thursday 27 January 2022

*All Teaching Staff commence*

*Uniform Shop Open 9.00am – 4.00pm, 12.30pm-1.00pm (Closed for lunch)*

#### Friday 28 January 2022

*R-6 Book Collection Day 8.30am – 10.00am or 12.00pm – 1.00pm*

*Staff planning day*

*Uniform Shop Open 9.00am – 4.00pm, 12.30pm-1.00pm (Closed for lunch)*

#### Monday 31 January 2022

**Reception, Years 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 commence Term 1**

*Uniform Shop Open 8.00am – 11:00am*

#### Tuesday 1 February 2022

**All other students commence Term 1**

*Morning Tea for New Parents - 9:00am Sugarloaf Cafe*

*Uniform Shop Open 8:00am - 12:00pm*

#### Wednesday 2 February 2022

*Rest day for new Receptions*

*Year 12 Retreat - Victor Harbour (until Friday 4 February)*

#### Thursday 3 February 2022

*Uniform Shop Open 12.30pm - 4:30pm*

#### Friday 4 February 2022

*Year 7-8 Welcome BBQ 1:20pm - 3:20pm, Gilap Wang Learning Community*

To view further dates, please visit:

<http://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/school-calendar/> or alternatively, the Calendar can be accessed through SEQTA and will be emailed to families from 10 December 2021.



## Fletcher Rossouw Gains Electrical Apprenticeship

Congratulations to 2021 Year 11 student, Fletcher Rossouw, on securing a Certificate III Electrical apprenticeship with OneFortyOne!

After studying his Certificate III in Electrotechnology at Tafe, Fletcher was given the opportunity to complete a week of work at OneFortyOne. During his work experience he gained insight into a variety of maintenance work on industrial machinery where he displayed a willingness to learn, leading him to gain this career opportunity.

Congratulations, Fletcher, we wish you all the best in your bright future!

*Pictured is Head of Senior School Ciaran Buckley, Fletcher and his mother Kim.*





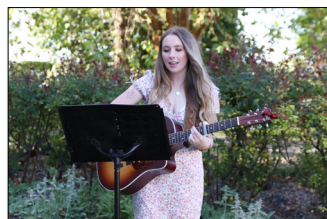
# Year 12 Graduation

Friday 3 December

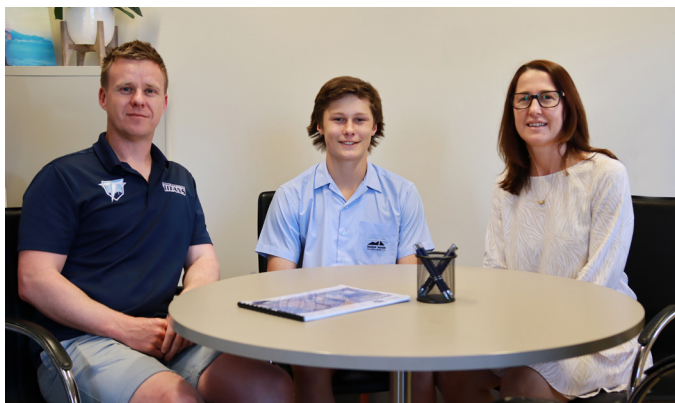
We recently held our Year 12 Graduation at the Barn, as we celebrated our Class of 2021 and presented students with their hard-earned graduation certificates. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal with their friends and family, musical performances from our students, a photo slideshow of their schooling years, as well as a special video presentation. An incredibly special night commemorating the hard work our Year 12's have put in this year, as they marked the end of their secondary schooling! We wish you all luck in wherever your next journey in life takes you.











## Jack Lawrence Apprenticeship

Congratulations to 2021 Year 10 student, Jack Lawrence, on securing a Cabinet Making apprenticeship with Cabinets by Michael!

Jack completed an outstanding week of work experience which led to him being offered 3 days of work a week at the business from the start of Term 4, with Jack attending school the other 2 days.

Jack was then offered a full-time apprenticeship which he commenced on Monday 6 December. Congratulations Jack, we wish you all the best in your bright future!

Pictured is Head of Senior School Ciaran Buckley, Jack and Mother Tracey.



## Old Scholar, Shalini McCarthy – DCP Awards

Congratulations to Old Scholar, Shalini McCarthy, as she has won the Leadership Excellence Award and the Making a Difference Award at the 2021 Department for Child Protection Recognition Awards.

Well done, Shalini!

Pictured is Shalini McCarthy (centre), with Cathy Taylor, CE, Department for Child Protection & Nick Reade, CE, Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

*Photo courtesy of the Department for Child Protection SA Facebook page.*



## Recycled Plastic Guitar Picks

Students from Mr Creedy's Year 7 'School of Rock' are the first students to receive a guitar pick made from recycled plastics. ESO Callum Unger has pressed recycled plastics into a thin sheet for the music department's guitar punch to cut through. With just a little sanding of the edges, these guitar picks are hot off the press and ready for use in 2022 in our music classes, instrumental lessons and ensembles.

The Music Department is proud to play an active role in the war on waste to stop plastics from entering landfill.

**Penny Mansell** | Head of Performing Arts



## Chinese Language Awards

Students Maixence Williams and Bonny de Nys (pictured above) have won the 2021 Chinese Language Award for their outstanding performance in language-learning!

On Friday 26 November, Maixence also offered a beautiful Chinese song at the award ceremony at Elder Hall, University of Adelaide (pictured below).

Congratulations to Maixence and Bonny. Keep up the great work!

**Sophie Xing** | Chinese and Future Thinking Teacher





The Year 5 camp was recently held at Woodhouse Activity Centre. Students enjoyed a range of activities including the Tube Slide, Challenge Hill and Laser Skirmish. The camp was a fantastic opportunity for students to work together and further develop and foster relationships formed throughout the year. It was very pleasing to see students step out of their comfort zones to participate in activities with the support of their peers. We would like to thank the amazing parents who supported both students and staff whilst away on camp. An enjoyable experience for everyone involved!

Donna Johnson | Year 5 Teacher

# Year 5 Campers step out of their comfort zones!





# Year 6 Graduation

We recently held our Year 6 Graduation, as students ended their Junior School journey and prepared for Middle School. Students and staff enjoyed a musical performance, a farewell message from Head of Junior School Francesca Dickson and their teachers, as well as a message from Head of Middle School Nick Patzel. Each student proudly accepted their Year 6 Graduation Certificate. We also acknowledged our 2021 Year 6 Leadership team, as well as announcing our new Year 6 Leadership team for 2022! Congratulations to all students on completing their Junior School journey!



2022 Year 6 Student Leaders,  
Emmy Jeffrey & Louis Fritsche.



2022 Year 6 Champagnat Leaders,  
Raia Haggis & Paddy Sigley.



2022 Year 6 Woods Leaders,  
Gabi Yates & Duke Bradley.



2022 Year 6 McAuley Leaders,  
Fergus Tarr & Jessica Oxlade.



2022 Year 6 MacKillop Leaders,  
Lachie Cutting & Amelie Adam.



L-R: 2021 Year 6 Woods Leader,  
Shen Tee Shin, 2021 Year 6 McAuley  
Leader, Cooper Fear, 2021 Year 6  
Woods Leader, Albert.



L-R: 2021 Year 6 McAuley Leader,  
Ashlyn Cornolo, 2021 Year 6  
Champagnat Leader, Lily Jacob,  
2021 Year 6 Champagnat Leader,  
Jasper Coe.



L-R: 2021 Year 6 MacKillop Leader,  
Allegra Rzepiela, 2021 Year 6 MacKillop  
Leader, Bryan Van Zyl,  
2021 Year 6 Student Leader, Samuel  
Swiggs, 2021 Year 6 MacKillop Leader,  
Ava Prosperi-Porta.

# Junior School Arts Showcase

Junior School students were treated to the annual Junior Arts Showcase in the Barrie Holmes Stadium on Monday afternoon. It featured a variety of Art, from visual arts masterpieces to video productions. A special highlight was the Year 5 play, 'Caught Red Handed', with an Academy Award winning cast displaying outstanding acting skills. There were also David Attenborough style documentaries presented by Year 2 students, stop-motion videos created by Year 1 students and an infomercial produced by the Year 6 students. The Showcase was a medley of artistic learning experiences throughout 2021. Well done to all involved!

**Monika Kolhoffer** | Junior School Specialist Arts Teacher





# Variety Club Poplars Christmas Show



Last week, Poplars students were very lucky to be able to go to the Treehouse Play Cafe for a morning of fun. The outing was funded by the Variety Club SA Christmas party community grants. The students loved the opportunity to all go on an excursion together and enjoy the awesome facilities at the Treehouse. Some of the highlights included the climbing walls, bouncy castles, and big bikes. The students enjoyed a lunch provided by the Treehouse and when they returned to school, they had a special visit from Santa! who brought along a sack full of gifts for everyone. The Poplars staff and students would like to thank the Variety Club of South Australia, The Treehouse Play Cafe and Santa for making the day very special for everyone involved.

Alex Window | Poplars Coordinator



## Congratulations Woods! House Cup Winner 2021

This year we have accumulated points from Athletics Day, Clean up Australia Day, Caritas K's, Vinnies Day, Founders Week, Charity Day and HPE week and we have been announcing these points at the Whole School and virtual assemblies throughout the year. It gives us great pleasure to announce the final results:

In fourth position: MacKillop on 7602 points

In third place: Champagnat on 8373 points

the runner up is..... McAuley on 8482 point

**Woods is the 2021 winner of the House cup on 9142 points**



L-R: Junior School Year 6 Woods Founder Leaders  
Gabi Yeates, Shen Tee Shin Shin, Albert, and Duke Bradley  
proudly holding the 2021 House Cup for their winning team, Woods.



L-R: Middle School Year 9 Woods Founder Leaders  
Samantha Considine, Lana Shepherd, Nikolai Greenham and Charles Moore  
proudly holding the 2021 House Cup for their winning team, Woods.



# Middle School Awards

We recently held our Middle School Awards, as students end their Middle School journey and prepare for Senior School. We also presented several awards to deserving students. The Tenison House Cup was awarded to Woods for 2021, after they collected the most House Team points throughout the year. Students and staff also enjoyed a great Musical Performance, before proudly accepting their graduation certificates. We were proud to offer a livestream to parents and caregivers that were unable to attend the assembly to view the event, follow the link here: <https://bit.ly/3lrOurJ> A big thank you to VideoLive for livestreaming our event. We also acknowledged our 2021 Year 9 Leadership team, as well as announcing our new Year 9 Leadership team for 2022! Congratulations to all students on completing their Middle School journey!



2021 Middle School Awards  
Head of Middle School Address



2021 Barker Shield Community Service and Spirit Recipient  
Bree Robinson



2021 Barker Shield Academic Achievement Recipient  
Geoffrey Slattery



2021 Barker Shield School Pride Recipient  
Rajat Pandey



Taylor Baggio and Paul Hammond recipients of the Lions Club Awards presented by President Jill Austin



Julian Tenison Woods Awards - Year 7  
Colby Ind and Mackenzie Burke



Julian Tenison Woods Awards - Year 8  
Charles Moore and D'Arci Bell



Julian Tenison Woods Awards - Year 9  
Jayden Prior and Lauren Smith



Faith in Action Award - Year 7  
Harry Carroll



Faith in Action Award - Year 8  
James Taylor



Faith in Action Award - Year 9  
Jaimee Smith



Lauren Smith performed 'The River Flows In You' on the Piano



2021 Year 9 Student Leaders  
Bree Robinson and Rajat Pandey



2021 Year 9 MacKillop Leaders  
Erykah Van Gaans and Jayden Prior



2021 Year 9 Champagnat Leaders  
Raine Scott and Jacob Bidese



2021 Year 9 McAuley Leaders  
Taylor Baggio and Paul Hammond



2021 Year 9 Woods Leaders  
Lana Shepherd and Nikolai Greenham



2022 Year 9 Student Leaders  
Chelsea Lucas and Mason Bentley



2022 Year 9 MacKillop Leaders  
Kobe Cole and Harriet Clark



2022 Year 9 Champagnat Leaders  
Alexi Georgiou and Cedar Scott



2022 Year 9 McAuley Leaders  
Jacob Salmon and Matilda Hunt



2022 Year 9 Woods Leaders  
Charles Moore and Samantha Considine





# Year 9 End of Year Celebration

Last night the Year 9 Cohort came together with their parents/caregivers to reflect on their journey through the 9SHINE program. The Barrie Holmes Stadium hosted families as they watched a special video presentation, showing highlights of the year, as well as hearing from students about their experiences. Afterwards, students enjoyed celebrating with their peers in the Pam Ronan Centre where they were treated to a Met Gala themed event, complete with all the glitz and glam! Congratulations Year 9's on a wonderful year!

Brad Maney | Year 9 Wellbeing Coordinator

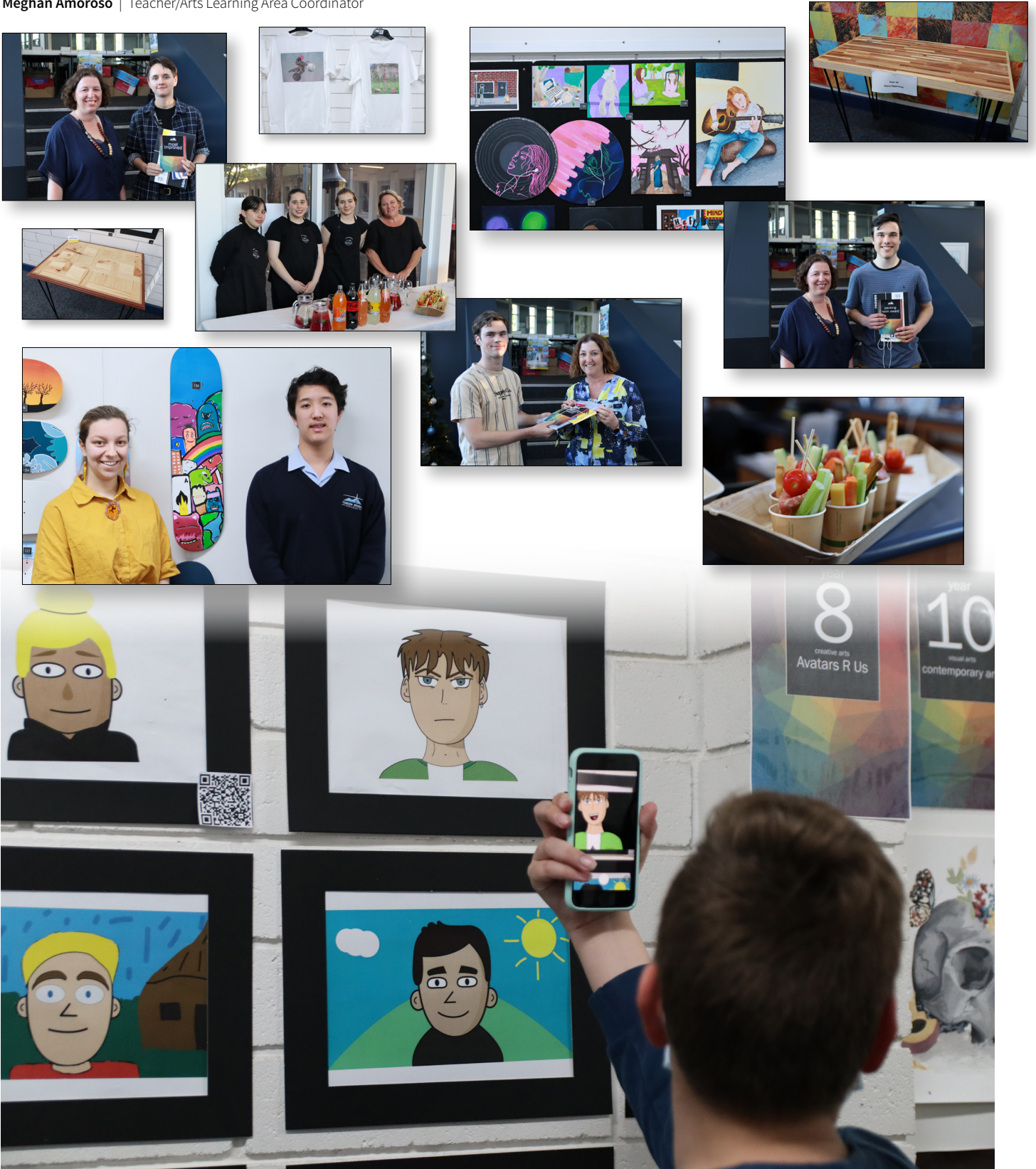




# Middle & Senior School Art Exhibition

As part of the Middle & Senior School Art Exhibition, students and staff have been enjoying a spectacular showcase of digital and visual arts. The work on display is a result of Semester 2 Creative and Visual Arts Middle and Senior School students' problem-solving and creativity. Each piece was chosen by The Arts teachers, with the exhibition curated to let artworks shine in each of their subject areas. The exhibition includes a mix of digital painting, traditional mediums such as pastels and charcoal, acrylic and oil paints, ink, photographic manipulation, vector illustration, animation and augmented reality. Students visited the exhibition with their peers and voted for their favourite piece, with awards given to several students. Congratulations to all the students whose incredible work has been chosen to be part of what is a biannual event at the College! Well done to all!

Meghan Amoroso | Teacher/Arts Learning Area Coordinator







# End of Term! School is out!

