

Weekly Newsletter



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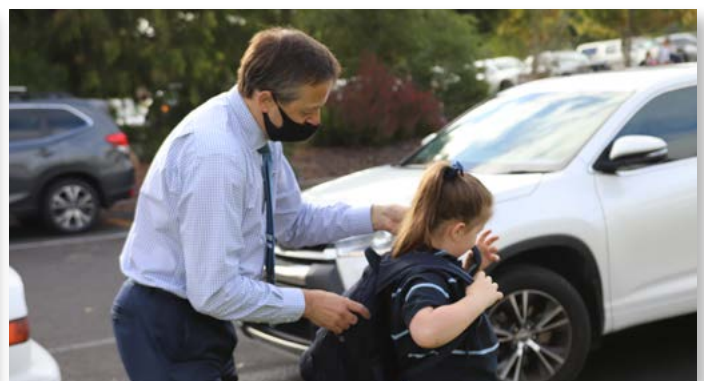
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Welcome Back Everyone!



Be The One at Tenison Woods College



From the Principal

Whole College back together again

I was thrilled to see the Tenison Woods College Community back together on site on Monday 14 February. It was a delight to see the enthusiasm of students to be back at school and several staff indicated that it felt so good to have children and adolescents in front of them in classes.

I hope new families and new students will now get a strong sense of what it means to be part of the Tenison Woods College family, with all the supportive relationships that make us who we are.

Be the One in 2022

This year we will be encouraging students to “Be the One” and decide to SHINE+ or express their agency, growth in confidence and commitment to the College community so that we SHINE+ as one. I look forward to us developing a deep appreciation of how we can “Be the One” and look with renewed commitment at how we can be present with commitment and conviction to our family, school, local and global community.

Our College Game Plan

With the understanding that at Tenison Woods College every learner has a place, every learner has a pathway and every learner will shine, we will continue our deliberate attention to the 2022-26 Strategic Plan, with our areas of endeavour. Specifically in 2022 Key Initiatives will be:

- The (critical) literacies of our community EY-12.
- Resilient Impact and Growth Action Planning.
- Developing our leadership capacity
- Simplification of processes.

COVID-19 and HHDL

As the community would know we have had several staff members, and some students test positive to COVID-19 so far this year, and we have followed the SA Health and CESA protocols of:

- The COVID-19 positive person student is offsite, recovering and isolating for the required 10 days.
- Staff classroom contacts were notified immediately.
- Letters have been sent to the parents of the student classroom contacts and staff classroom contacts – clarifying the process going forward.

Parents are asked to monitor and test student classroom contacts as they deem necessary if symptoms develop. Staff have commenced the RAT "test to stay" approach.

We continue to accentuate HHDL (Health, Hygiene, Distance, Learning) as our approach to keeping the community safe, accentuating particularly

- the wearing of masks;
- natural ventilation;
- minimising movement and visitors within the school; and
- maintaining sub-school delineation as much as possible to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission across the College community.

To this end we ask that parents try to minimise their entry to the College as much as their child's wellbeing (not the parent's) will allow.

Masks on Buses

We reiterate to families the expectation that Year 7-12 students wear protective masks on buses. Younger children are encouraged to wear masks to offer optimum protection in the confined bus space.

Caring for One Another – Road Safety in and Around Our School

Following on from the theme of helping one another, I remind families of the importance to monitor their speed and adjust it accordingly as they approach the school on Shepherdson Road and White Avenue in the interest of safety for all, but particularly our young. I also remind students to utilise the various designated crossing areas which are monitored by our staff. Crossing the roadways at other areas adds to the danger for our young but also increases the difficulty for drivers in the area.

NDIS Local Area Coordination Family Information Sessions

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eSmart School – Smart. Safe. Responsible.

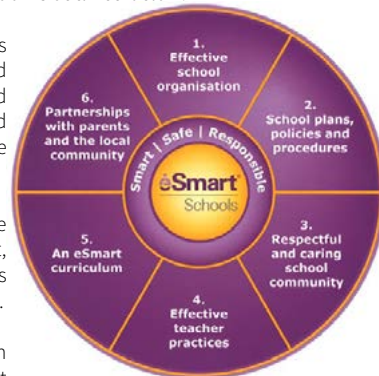
As a school community we are an accredited eSMART Alannah and Madeline Foundation school community where the smart, safe and responsible use of communications technology is the norm.

The essence of the eSmart approach is outlined below:

One of the aspects of this process was the review, analysis and updating of our ICT policy and User agreements. These updated policies are now available on the school website.

We also have an area of the website dedicated to eSmart, including information for parents and the wider school community.

I am delighted that Tenison Woods College is an eSmart School and I look forward to our continuing commitment to the highest possible level of ICT innovation that is complemented by safe and responsible use of ICT.



Building Excitement

Work is well and truly underway for the building of the Junior School (Year 1-6) building, in partnership with Edge Architect and Mossop Construction and Interiors, ready for occupation in 2023. Year 5 and Year 6 classes have been relocated to portable precincts adjacent to Gilap Wanga and the Thomas Ryan building.

Need a tutor? Studiosity is our free online tutoring service

I remind families that students of Tenison Woods College in Years 7-12 have access to a free online tutoring service. Students are able to connect to expert tutors for live, one-to-one conversations about homework, assignments and exam preparation from 3:00pm – 10:00pm Monday to Friday. Give it a try – I know you will appreciate the service offered by Studiosity!

Parent Involvement In 2022

Over the coming months (after the COVID-19 precautionary measures) there will be a series of meetings for parents. Some events will be social, some curriculum-based and some pastoral. I encourage parents to attend and be involved. This partnership provides the best outcome for our students. Two opportunities to get involved are our 2022 Working Bees:

Term 1	End of Week 5	Saturday 5 March 2022
Term 4	End of Week 1	Saturday 16 October 2022

I hope that all students will settle into a productive routine as quickly as possible. The new year also brings with it all sorts of new opportunities and experiences. In 2022 this is certainly so! It is an exciting time at the College, and we look forward to providing many rich learning experiences as the year unfolds.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact the College. We believe that it is critically important for your child's educational experience that a positive, healthy relationship exists between their parents and the College. This provides your child with a sense of security which is a foundation for good learning. I look forward to seeing you around the College in the weeks to come and wish you every blessing in the year ahead.

Office Staffing Appointments

On Monday we welcomed Melena Roughana to the College Payroll Officer position, and Jess Dalton to the Front Office Administration position, as they commenced their service with us. We look forward to Melena and Jess offering their talents to our community, and I know staff, students and families will make them feel welcome and part of the College staff team.

God Bless,
David Mezinac | Principal



CIM Team News

Staff/Board Commissioning Mass

This weekend, the Tenison Woods College Staff and School Board will be commissioned at both the 6.00pm Saturday 19 February and the 11.00am Sunday 20 February Masses.

Youth Mass

Youth Mass is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the 6.00pm Saturday Mass at St Paul's Church, Penola Road. The next Youth Mass will be held on Saturday 19 February. The music and readings at this Mass are led by the young people from the College and the parish. Please contact either Chloe Shanahan, Kate Carroll or Chris Lloyd if you would like to be involved in this. The monthly Youth Mass is followed by a Youth Group dinner and discussion group. Students in Year 7 and above are encouraged to attend.

Family Mass

Family Masses are held on the 4th Sunday of the month at 11.00am Mass at St Paul's Church, Penola Road. The next Family Mass will be held on Sunday 27 February. Please contact either myself or Cisca Teodoro at mgsacraments@bigpond.com if you would like to be involved. All families from the College are encouraged to attend.

Sacramental Preparation Program

This year, we are excited to work with 24 young people from our parish and school communities in preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and their first Holy Communion. A reminder that families involved in the program must attend the first session on Thursday 3 March at either 4.30-5.45pm or 6.45-8.00pm at St Paul's Hall.

Whole School Mass

The Beginning of Year Whole School Mass will be held at Marist Park on Thursday 10 March at 9.00am.

Faith Facts

Here is the answer to last week's question: Have you ever wondered why the Bible is called a holy book?

The Bible is called a holy book because it contains stories about God and Jesus. Listening and responding to Bible stories can help us know more about God. Stories about Jesus in the Bible tell people about God's love.

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



The answer will be in next week's newsletter.

Term 1 Masses in the College Chapel

Masses will not resume in the Chapel on a Thursday morning until Week 7. Until further notice, due to current COVID restrictions, only staff members and students of the College are permitted to attend.

Week 7	Thursday 17 March – Year 12
Week 8	Thursday 24 March – Year 4/5
Week 9	Thursday 31 March – Year 7
Week 10	Thursday 7 April – Year 9

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



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Key Dates

Saturday 19 February

Youth Mass and Staff Commissioning Mass - 6:00pm

Sunday 20 February

Mass and Staff Commissioning Mass - 11:00am

Tuesday 22 February

Infojection Session - 8:50am

Wednesday 23 February

College Board Meeting - 7:00pm



Scholastic Book Club Issue 1 Orders

All Scholastic Book Club Issue 1 orders are due by 21 February through the LOOP online ordering platform or returning the Scholastic catalogue order form to your child's classroom teacher with the correct money. LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's book club order if you wish to pay by credit card and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. Just follow the prompts to create a new account if it is your first-time ordering (only one account per family is required).

If you have any questions please contact me via email at: mccos@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

Happy reading!!

Stacy McCourt | Year 3 Teacher



Week 3 Shine FM Podcast - Welcome Fr. Peter Zwaans

Tune in to our Week 3 edition of the SHINE FM Podcast, where we welcome our new Parish Priest, Fr. Peter Zwaans. Enjoy! Listen [here](#).



Year 12 Prayer Experience

Last Friday morning, the Year 12 students took part in a series of different prayer experiences. This was in lieu of Year 12 Retreat which has been postponed until later in the year. The prayer experiences involved Christian Meditation with Mr Glynn, Lectio Divina with Mr Taylor, Imaginative Contemplation with Deacon Olek and Mrs Carroll, Indigenous Prayer with Mrs Shanahan and Praying in Colour with Mrs Wilson. All these experiences helped us to connect with God and find ways to further develop our faith. This was a great opportunity for us to get some ideas for our first task in religion. Thank you to all the staff who helped run this experience, it was greatly appreciated.

Keeva Shepherd and Sarah Taylor | Year 12 Mission Leaders



SAPSASA Returning

SAPSASA events are up and running this term. We ask that you look out for emails from me (in a broadcast) in relation to when and where the SAPSASA events will be held.

This term we have the following dates for your diary:

- Friday 18 March (Week 7) – SAPSASA Swimming Day (Penola)
- Monday 4 April (Week10) – Football trial day (Reidy Park Primary School)
Times to be advised
- Thursday 7 April (Week 10) – District Athletics Day (Mount Gambier High School) team to be picked from Sports Day
- 11-13 April (Week 11) – Softball State Carnival

Please note that all SAPSASA competitors, apart from District Athletics Day and District Basketball students, are needed to get to their trials and events by parents. There are also fees attached to all events which will be needed to be paid to the school – please check Edsmart Broadcasts for additional information.

Tina Opperman | Year 5 Teacher / R-6 Sports Coordinator



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Josh climbs the ranks in the Australian Air Force Cadets

Year 10 student Joshua Milan is a member of the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) and at the end of 2021 was awarded a prestigious perpetual trophy for being the best cadet on bivouacs. This involves teaching, camping and survival skills as well as bush cooking using defence force ration packs. Over the summer holidays Joshua was also selected to participate in a demanding 2-week promotion course at the Edinburgh Air Force base near Adelaide. He passed the course and has been promoted to Corporal.

The AAFC is open to all interested students from the age of 13 and up and consists of a vibrant group meeting at the barracks of 612 Squadron at Mountt Gambier Airport weekly during school terms. Please contact Joshua or check out the AAFC website if you'd like more information.



Congratulations to Trixie

Congratulations to Year 10 student Trixie Crouch, as she has been named as a reserve for the U18 Girls SA Country Basketball Team for the Australian Junior Championships in April!
Well done, Trixie!

Photo courtesy of [SA Country Basketball](#).

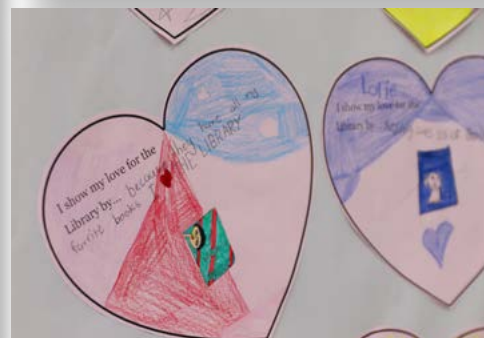


Library Lovers Day

On Monday 14 February we celebrated Library Lovers' Day, with this year's theme being 'Show the Love.'

Library Lovers' Day is an annual opportunity for people to celebrate the valuable role that libraries play in their lives, which our College library has participated in and celebrated for the past 15 years. Students and staff were asked to fill in a heart for the library with a quote from their favourite book and it was great to see so many wonderful responses, as well as being the perfect day to have all our students back on campus to 'show the love.'

It's a day to remember that our libraries are a place where we can get lost in an idea we are following, find an adventure we are seeking in a book, discover more about an issue we feel passionate about or get help from someone about something we want to know. These are all the reasons (and more) to celebrate the valuable roles libraries play in our lives.



Whole College Reunited



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Wednesday 30 March, 5:30pm for a 5:45pm start

Our 2022 Twilight Tour is open to all prospective families, with two tour options available:
Junior School Focus | Middle/Senior School Focus

We ask that you please register your attendance via our website or Facebook page or via this link:
tenison.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/twilight-tour



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