

Weekly Newsletter



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Catholic Education Awards Ceremony



Photo courtesy of Catholic Education South Australia

I am delighted to inform you that our very own Project Recology and SEED Framework was awarded one of the 12 inaugural Catholic Education SA Awards as an Innovative Program.

I am also delighted to share with you the 12 outstanding recipients of the inaugural Catholic Education Awards for 2022. The Awards were presented on Thursday 12 May at Sacred Heart College in the presence of recipients' friends, families and school supporters. Special guest presenters included the Hon Blair Boyer MP, Minister for Education, Training and Skills; Ms Sally Egan, Deputy Director NCEC; and Professor Denis Ralph, Chair of the Commission. I was joined at the Awards by Louise Stanley and her parents, Michelle and Nathan, Colby and Chris Ind, Tom Linnell and Neal Turley, who all represented the College. Louise and Colby received the award and offered an acceptance speech on behalf of the College.

As part of our deep long-term commitment to sustainability we have established a Sustainability and Ecological Environment Education Development (SEED) Framework. The purpose of this is to integrate sustainability and ecological conversion to ensure a sustainable future and address our environmental footprint.

We are on track for achieving zero waste by 2025 and zero reliance on the energy grid by 2030 through student led initiatives. Our Project Recology Centre is the vehicle for an innovative Electro-technology program involving student supported solar installations, installation of a 100kg anaerobic bio-digester to capture and process our streamed organic waste through student managed micro-enterprise and

implementation of a "Precious Plastics" program, where students repurpose the College's plastic waste into bespoke usable items.

We partner with local, national and international organisations and hope to share the SEED Framework with other school communities in implementing sustainability into their curriculum, culture and community.

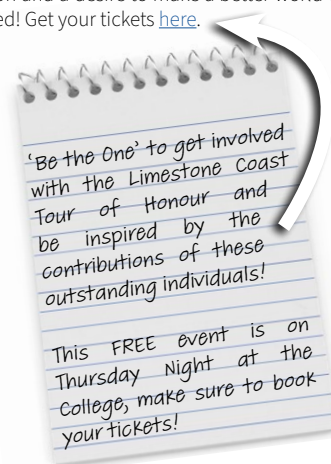
I say thank you to the community – it is a credit to all our students, staff and parents who know that a commitment to ecological conversion and sustainability, and ultimately caring for the planet is an expression of our Catholic identity; to stand with the poorest in our society, walking tenderly and living justly for the benefit of our human family.

David Mezinec | Principal

Australia Day Tour of Honour

We are delighted to be partnering with the Australia Day Council in bringing five amazing recipients of the Australian of the Year Awards. On Thursday the College will be hosting an event for Year 12's, our student leaders and then an evening event for the Mount Gambier community at 5:15pm.

As we welcome our distinguished South Australians who have seen a need and responded with commitment, clarity of vision and a desire to make a better world we reflect on our College motto, "Let your Light Shine" and our College theme this year "Be the One." Come, listen and be inspired! Get your tickets [here](#).



From the Principal



Congratulations Aden Clarke - South Australian Student Representative Council

We are delighted that Aden Clarke has been selected to represent SA high school students on the inaugural South Australian Representative Council (SA SRC). We look forward to Aden's representation and hearing about his experiences.

National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. From Monday 16 to Sunday 22 May 2022, NVW celebrates the significant contribution of Australia's almost six million volunteers.

The theme for NVW 2022 is 'Better Together,' which acknowledges that volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone. National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you. Together, through volunteering, we are changing communities for the better. We are, 'Better Together.'

At Tenison Woods College we are so thankful to the parents, students and staff who volunteer their time to our school and parish community in a variety of ways. People like our LAP volunteers who know how significant LAP (Learning Assistance Program) can be in the lives of our young.

I am also so proud of our staff, students and parents who volunteer their service on a roster every Saturday morning to ensure that the Vinnies Shop on Crouch Street is able to offer its service on Saturdays. They tell me that the commitment to volunteering and serving our community is only rivalled by the sense of fun, welcome and community that is created each Saturday. Parents and carers who would love to join the Vinnies Saturday roster can email Chris Loyd at: lloyd@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

It is through such examples of volunteering that we appreciate the true essence of our school motto *Let your Light Shine*. The Gospel indicates "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:13-16). As such our shining is about inspiring others to a good life so that ultimately they can be invited to see and experience the abundance of God's love.

Any parents who would like to offer their time to LAP, please contact Jess Lucas (tel. 08 87255455 or lucaj@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

Attendance – The First Step – Duty of Care

The way Tenison Woods College cares for each learner commences with its diligence in relation to school attendance. That is not only because each child or adolescent matters unequivocally, but also because the College has a significant legal obligation to accurately record student attendance. As such our collaborative approach with carers and parents in relation to this issue is foundational to our partnership.

As such:

If a student is absent, parents/carers are asked to either,

- (1) call the absentee phone line 8724 4659 and leave a message
or
- (2) send a text message to 0429 134 568
or
- (3) provide an email to their Pastoral Care teacher stating the child's name, their homegroup, and the reason they are away for the day.

- Students must sign in at the school office using the Kiosk (R-6 at the Front Office, 7-9 Middle School Student Office & 10-12 at the Pam Ronan Centre) if they arrive at school after 8.45am.

- If a student needs to leave early, parent communication to the College is required to confirm arrangements, prior to signing out at the Kiosk.

- If a student is to be absent from school for a one-week period or more, a pre-arranged exemption form is to be completed and forwarded to the Principal for approval.

- An SMS will be sent (0429 134 568) if a parental call has not been made, to confirm absence and also to provide an opportunity to confirm a reason for a student's absence.

HHDL Four Point Plan

I reiterate the settings for schools in South Australia, which will complement our continuing deliberate and careful HHDL Strategy in Term 2.

1. Masks will continue to be required to be worn by Year 7-12 students, staff and adults indoors. Masks are also strongly encouraged for Years 3-6 students.
2. Asymptomatic close contacts will no longer be required to quarantine. They will instead be required to take five Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) over seven days and wear a mask when leaving home. To access free RATs, close contacts must register [here](#) and nominate on the form the collection point from which they will collect a free pack of RATs.
3. Close contacts who develop symptoms are still required to get a PCR test and isolate until a negative result is received.
4. Parents are permitted to enter school grounds and classrooms. Though parent meetings/events may generally resume as usual, schools should continue to hold parent meetings/events online where this can reasonably occur (such as for most parent teacher interviews).

I thank you in anticipation for your attention to HHDL Four Point Plan; good Health, good Hygiene and hand washing, good Distancing and care for others and good Learning regardless of student location.

During Term 2, the health and wellbeing of students, families and staff remain our priority. We will continue to ensure that our school is a safe environment, maintaining the additional cleaning regime, which was commenced in 2020, accentuating natural ventilation, minimising movement and visitors within the school, and maintaining Subschool delineation as much as is possible to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission across the College community.

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.

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!

Parish Planned Giving Rebate

I remind families that parents contributing to the Parish Planned Giving may claim a rebate from Tuition Fees of 50% of their contribution up to a maximum claim of \$750. Official Parish receipts are to be presented to the Finance Department after the 30 June 2022 for a deduction to be made.

EY-12 Staff Professional Development Days – 9 and 10 June

Early Years to Year 12 staff are looking forward to the staff professional development days Thursday 9 and Friday 10 June, when they will devote time to literacy experiences in the Junior School, integrated curriculum in the Middle School, Student Agency in the Senior School, as well as evolving further our wellbeing approach at the school, focusing on our response to attachment issues and trauma. Early Learning Centre Staff will devote time to their significant whole staff inquiry in relation to communication with parents, in addition to the College's wellbeing focus. Education Support Officers will also be involved in the two days, which will additionally offer all staff the opportunity to refine their SEQTA Learning Management skills.

I remind families that these days are student-free days for the ELCC and R-12 students.

God Bless,

David Meziniec | Principal

Key Dates

Thursday 19 May

- Applications for Marist Brothers & Mercy Sisters Scholarships open this week
- Year 8 Surf Camp
- Tour of Honour Public Event - 5:15pm, Pam Ronan Centre

Friday 20 May

- SAPSASA Regional Cross Country
- Walk Safely to School Day - Rail Lands, 8:00am.

Monday 23 May

- Stage 1 Rock Climbing Camp (1) - Until 25 May
- Jazz Warm Up Concert - 5:30pm
- Term 3 Reception Information Evening - 7:00pm

CIM Team News



May is the month of Mary

During the month of May, the Church honours, with special love, Mary the Mother of God. The Hail Mary is an important prayer of our Catholic Tradition and one that we encourage classes and families to pray regularly.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with you;
Blessed are you among women,
Blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God,
Pray for us sinners
Now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

Faith Facts

Do you know the answer to last week's question, "Have you ever wondered what is the Sacrament of Reconciliation?" The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers opportunities to restore relationships with God, self, others and creation. It is a Sacrament of healing.

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



Find out the answer in next week's newsletter.

Gospel of the Liturgical Year: Luke – the World of Luke

Last week we discovered that Luke's Gospel was written for a predominately Gentile Christian audience. This is evident through the main theme of salvation for all that is present throughout the Gospel – a salvation that is not just for the Jewish community. The Gospel was also aimed at the wealthier members of society living within Antioch, to encourage them to consider the poor and marginalised. Luke's Gospel is also one of a journey as Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem for his crucifixion upon the cross.

National Families Week, 15-21 May

Celebrate families! National Families Week is held every year between Sunday 15 May to Saturday 21 May. Take a moment this week to pray a simple prayer for our families.

*Thank you God, for our family.
Help us to care for each other, to thank each other and to listen to each other.
Help us to forgive each other and to look for the best in each other.
Amen.*

Sacramental Preparation Program

A reminder that families involved in the program must attend Family Session C, Thursday 26 May, at either 4:30 - 5:45pm or 6:45 - 8:00pm at St Paul's Hall.

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 22 May. Please contact Chloe Shanahan at shanc@tenison.catholic.edu.au or Cisca Teodoro at mgpsacraments@bigpond.com if you would like to be involved in this.

Term 2 Masses in the College Chapel

Mass is celebrated each Thursday of the term and is led by a different class or year level each week. Mass begins 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 2 Masses:

Week 3	Thursday 19 May – Year 10
Week 4	Thursday 26 May – Year 12
Week 5	Thursday 2 June – Year 8
Week 6	No Mass – Student Free Day
Week 7	Thursday 16 June – Year 9
Week 8	Whole School Mass
Week 9	Thursday 30 June – Year 11
Week 10	Thursday 7 July – Year 7

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



Middle School Students excel at the 2022 South East Cattle Handling Workshop

Year 7 Student Stephanie Bolte and Year 9 Student Sammie Considine recently attended the 2022 South East Cattle Handling Workshop with excellent results. The day was a hands-on learning experience where the girls handled cattle, were shown washing, drying and clipping techniques, steer selection, judging including discussions around the structure of the cattle and ringcraft etiquette. The day also included a very informative careers talk offered by a panel of industry experts, offering their insights into careers in the agriculture industry.

Both girls came together to combine their talent of cattle judging, and after applying their expert eye and speaking about their findings, the girls judging was found to be on-par with that of the main cattle judge and were therefore declared the winners of the School Trophy for Cattle Judging, out of 60 students across 7 schools! This was an excellent effort, also being the only two representatives for Tenison Woods College.

The girls have their sights set on a Stud Beef Handlers Camp in Geelong next year, as well as continuing to show their cattle at local shows. Congratulations Stephanie and Sammie!

Standing on the shoulders of our proud history, notably, Marist Brothers Agricultural College and Tenison College, it was lovely to look back through the history books and see these wonderful displays of cattle handling, judging and husbandry that was a wonderful part of our history, as shown in these images.





Employment Opportunities

Tenison Woods College is a dynamic Early Years to Year 12 Catholic co-educational College with over 1300 students. The College is situated in picturesque grounds on the outskirts of Mount Gambier, SA.

We are seeking a suitably qualified staff member for the following fixed term position commencing on Monday, 25 July 2022.

Junior Primary (Reception to Year 2) Replacement Teacher (Year 3)
For further information and Position Information Documents, please click [here](#).

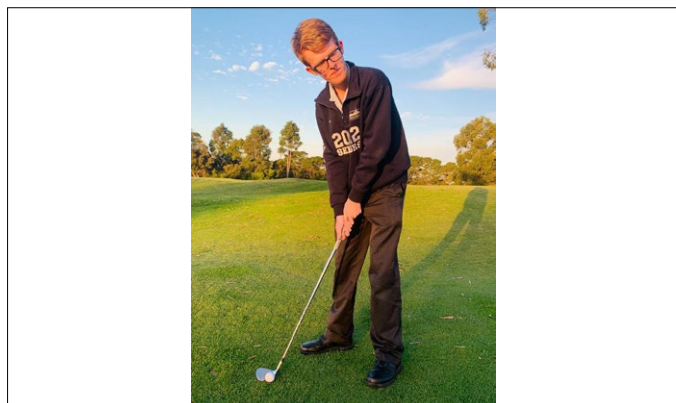
Applications close 4:00PM Monday, 6 June 2022.

Donations Wanted!

Do you have any old adult sized long sleeved shirts or aprons? Our Arts Department is looking to replace some of our old smocks and we would greatly appreciate your donations.

Please drop off any items to The Art Studio at the College or alternatively you can pass them onto our Front Office/PRC Office.

Meghan Amoroso | Arts Coordinator



Year 12 Student Excels at Stableford Competition

Congratulations to Year 12 student, Flynn Davison, as he recently claimed a win at the Stableford competition held at The Mount Gambier Golf Club.

Flynn finished the day with an impressive 43 points, 22 on the front nine and 21 on the back nine, finishing 2 points ahead of 2nd place. Great work, Flynn!

Photo courtesy of the Mount Gambier Golf Club



Check out the Tenison Woods College Facebook Page



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Uniform Tip of the Week!

Week 3 - Skirt, Dresses & Options Available

Girls' skirts are to be below knee length (Years 7- 12)

Girls dress length is knee length (Year3-6)

Girls also have the option of navy monogrammed trousers or navy monogrammed shorts (optional for Years 3-12 all year round)

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing



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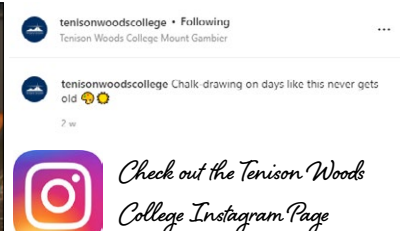
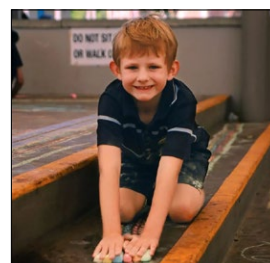
Last week was Catholic Education Week. We'd like to say a huge thank you to all our incredible teachers and staff that make our College so special!



Week 3 Shine FM Podcast - Walk Safely to School Day

Tune in to our Week 3 edition of the SHINE FM Podcast and hear all about 'Walk Safely to School Day' which is occurring this Friday, 20 May. This week's podcast is hosted by R-6 Sports Coordinator, Tina Opperman.

Listen here - <https://bit.ly/38trefw>





Year 3 Teacher Discovers Unique Teaching Technique

Moving students from one activity to the next can be one of the most challenging aspects of teaching. However, Year 3 teacher, Narelle Drew, has found that transition songs help execute this change of task quickly with minimal direction. Narelle believes the music transitions in her classroom are important for students to stay motivated, giving them an opportunity to stretch their bodies and take a break from learning.

These transitions help students move smoothly between activities and allow them to stay focused and engaged with each task, encouraging them to self-regulate themselves between lessons.

Mural Development

This semester, students are developing a mural composition for a space by our Gilap Wanga - Ngula wangingi mraata ba wanginyi - Learning Community.

It explores the concept of 'deep listening' and our connection to Creation. Students have started painting the mural and are very excited to see it coming together!



National Simultaneous Story Time

The Library, ELCC, and Junior School will be celebrating National Simultaneous Story Time in Week 4 on Wednesday 25 May with a reading of this year's book "Family Tree" by Josh Pyke. The story is a celebration of family, community, and the seasons of life.

Now in its 22nd successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Reception to Year 6.

This year there are three wonderful VIP guest readers that classes can choose to stream:

- Gabriel Wang (our current Australian Children's Laureate and celebrated author)
- Josh Pyke (author of this year's book)
- Governor-General David Hurley and Mrs Hurley

The library Junior School room will have a "spectacular" tree decorated with leaves created by our students telling the story of their family tree, as well as beautiful art!

We look forward to celebrating this event with our staff and students and more information or resources for home activities for this year's event can be found on the ALIA NSST website.

Alexandra Nicholson | Library Manager





2022 Charity Ball

Friday 3 June
7:00pm - 11:30pm
City Hall, Main Corner, Mount Gambier

We invite Tenison Woods College Year 11 & 12 students to
the 2022 Charity Ball

\$40 per ticket

Tickets on sale now from the Front Office
until Friday 27 May (Week 4)
cash or card payments accepted

Dress Code: Smart Casual / Cocktail

Raising funds for Timor-Leste



City of
Mount Gambier

Join our Australian of the Year panel for an impactful conversation.

**Limestone Coast
18 – 20 May 2022**

Wednesday 18th May
Naracoorte Town Hall – 1.00pm

Thursday 19th May
Mt. Gambier, Tenison Woods College – 5.15pm

Friday 20th May
Mt Gambier, University of SA and TAFE – 9.30am and 11.00am

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Supporting partners



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