

Weekly Newsletter



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South Australian Minister Of Education Visit

Last week, Project Recology was fortunate to receive a visit from the South Australian Minister of Education, the Honourable Blair Boyer MP. Mr Boyer was excited to visit the College and Project Recology after the passion witnessed about the program by Middle School Student Environmental Leaders, Colby Ind and Louise Stanley, at the inaugural Catholic Education South Australia Awards. Colby and Louise impressed again, leading the Minister through a comprehensive tour of the workshop, hearing about our journey to date and our ambitions for the future. The Minister was also impressed with the way in which the concept of a circular economy has been interwoven into the curriculum and with the products the students were producing.

Poplars Middle students, Dusty and Timmy, confidently shared their broad knowledge of the College's composting process, from collection to machining to bagging. Lots of work was done in the lead up to the visit and a thanks must be passed on to all students, staff and leadership members who played a key role.

The Minister is excited to stay connected with Project Recology and we look forward to demonstrating how young people can change the way our State looks at waste!





From the Principal

Building Site Activity

Things will start to get a bit exciting on the building site after significant civil engineering, plumbing and concrete work completed in the early part of the year. The following milestones will take place from next week:

Saturday 25th June: Large crane will arrive and be located at the south-western corner of the building site.

Sunday 26th June: Riggers will be on site to commence preparation of precast installation.

Monday 27th June: Precast construction will commence. 25 panels will be delivered on trucks that day to commence the first section of the build from 7:00am in the morning.

Thursday 30th June: Trucks will deliver significant amounts of steel and erection of steel will commence.

These deliveries of pre-cast panels will conclude by the end of July. Watch this space as it sure will be a busy, exciting time.



Student Pulse Surveys – Student Wellbeing and Agency at the core of our Endeavours

During week 5 and 6 all students were asked to complete the CESA Pulse Check. This Check In has been designed to offer students an opportunity to provide information about how they are currently feeling about school and the information provided by students will give our school valuable feedback to help our school improve its care for our young. I clarify that there were no right or wrong answers, but rather we were asking students how they are feeling about school - that is what we want to know about.

Significantly this survey is designed to help us help our students to become, as per the mission of Catholic Education South Australia, a thriving person, capable learner and leader for the world that God desires.

Every learner has a place to SHINE at Tenison Woods College

At Tenison Woods College we say that every learner has a place, every learner has a pathway and every learner will shine. That is our daily challenge and that is our daily celebration.

Our College approach to Catholic Education SA's commitment to Living, Learning and Leading, the ingredients of a full life, is expressed through our SHINE approach.

In essence we explicitly promote and foster a disposition for young people to develop their capabilities through enabling them to nurture their holistic wellbeing and resilience in the six pillars of PERMA + or PERMAH. These six pillars; positive emotions, engagement, relationships, meaning, achievement and health; develop robust levels of wellbeing.

Positive education involves applying these elements in an educational setting with a strength-based approach that offers individuals insights into themselves and others by exploring thoughts, feelings and values to unlock personal and academic potential.

So for our context at Tenison Woods College students who thrive or shine are nurtured in the following way to 'SHINE+':

- Strive to be SUCCESSFUL / Be SUCCESSFUL
- HELP others to be their best
- Get INVOLVED
- Known by NAME
- ENJOY Positive EMOTIONS
- Be HEALTHY

SHINE+
+ health

successfully help involved name emotions

brightly at **TENISON WOODS COLLEGE**

S successful
Strive to be SUCCESSFUL

- Learn new things and be excellent
- Be brave and push out of your comfort zone
- Build a growth mindset and learn from mistakes

H help
HELP others to be their best

- Be prepared to offer your talents
- Find your passion through service
- Build community

I involved
Get INVOLVED

- Set your goals
- Know your strengths
- Get in the flow

N name
Known by NAME

- Show respect
- Get to know others
- Include everyone

E emotions
ENJOY Positive EMOTIONS

- Be present in the moment
- Appreciate the good things
- Be yourself

+ health
Be HEALTHY

- Get to know your God
- Be active and exercise regularly
- Eat well and drink plenty of water
- Take time to recharge and get a good night's sleep

BE the ONE

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LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

This year's theme and commitment to "Be the One" and this theme speaks to us about using our head, heart and hands to act for others in a way that:

- We are upstanders, not bystanders.
- We have confidence to give of ourselves to others.
- We express presence to God and the gifts God has given us through committing to action for others.
- We show others in our community that all matter, are included, achieve.

This theme to "Be the One" is also an invitation to deliberately live the College's SHINE+; sharing our time, gifts, talents and leadership for this awesome school family.

COVID-19 and Flu Challenges - HHDL Four Point Plan

As you may know, the past ten days has seen the College Middle and Senior School experience some COVID-19 and Flu challenges amongst the student and staff cohorts. At this time I reiterate our continuing, deliberate and careful HHDL Strategy in term 2, in addition to minimising large gatherings of staff, students and parents.

Face Masks

While masks remain recommended by the Chief Public Health Officer, from 30 May, staff, parents, adult visitors and secondary students are no longer required to wear masks when attending the school. Those who continue to choose to wear masks will be supported to do so.

However, families are asked to note that masks continue to be required to be worn by those aged 12 years and over:

1. when riding on public transport; and
2. who are close contacts, for 7 days after exposure, as per the [SA Health close contact guidelines](#).

Additionally, face masks will be required to be worn in education settings where COVID-19 transmission reaches certain thresholds, based on SA Health advice. In these instances, face masks will be required to be worn indoors by students in years 7-12 only, and all staff and visitors in the school for a 14-day period. If we reach an outbreak threshold at our school, you will be advised of the dates that face masks will be required. Exemptions to mask wearing will continue to be made for students or staff who have a medical condition, such as problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability, or a mental health condition.

COVID-19 Positive and Close Contacts Protocols

Thank you for continuing to support our school as we follow the SA Health advice and in particular for your cooperation in keeping students home from school if they display even mild symptoms.

Asymptomatic close contacts are 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. Close contacts who develop symptoms are still required to get a PCR test and isolate until a negative result is received.

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.

Vinnies Day – Next Thursday

Given the current COVID-19 context within the College community, and to avoid large gatherings, we will switch Charity Day to week 4 Term 3 (which is on the calendar as Vinnies Day) and Vinnies Day will occur next Thursday to support the significant Vinnies Winter Appeal. More information will follow, but next Thursday, as in the two previous years, students will be invited to wear casual clothes, bring a gold coin donation and a can for the cause.

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

Early Years to Year 12 Staff enjoyed the staff professional development days Thursday 9th and Friday 10th June, when they devoted 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 devoted time to their significant whole staff inquiry in relation to communication with parents, in addition to the College's wellbeing focus. Education Support Officers were also be involved in the two days, which additionally offered all staff the opportunity to refine their SEQTA Learning Management skills. I trust students and parents will experience the benefits of the days through our service to students and families throughout the College.

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 2019 for a deduction to be made.

God Bless,

David Mezinac | Principal



CIM Team News

Vinnie's Day

Next Thursday 23 June, the Tenison Woods College community will be supporting the Vinnie's Winter Appeal.

This appeal provides emergency relief to people at risk and experiencing homelessness in our communities. Through the generous support of our students, families and staff, we can make a difference to the lives of many this winter. Students from Early Learning to Year 12 are encouraged to wear casual clothes and donate a gold coin which goes directly to the Winter Appeal. Early Learning and Junior School students are encouraged to donate brand new beanies, socks, gloves or a scarf OR an item of canned food. Middle and Senior School students are encouraged to donate items of canned food. Founder points will also be awarded per food item that is donated. We ask families to give generously to the appeal.

Youth Mass

Youth Mass is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the 5.00pm Saturday Mass at St Paul's Church, Penola Road. The next Youth Mass will be held on Saturday 18 June. The music and readings at this mass are led by the young people from the College and the Parish. Please contact Kate Carroll if you would like to be involved in this. The monthly Youth Mass is followed by a Youth Group dinner and discussion group. Young people in Year 7 and above are encouraged to attend.

Holy Hour of Prayer for the Feast of the Sacred Heart

Fridays 7:30-8:30pm, June 24 at St Paul's Church, Penola Road, Mount Gambier

There will be an hour of prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament leading up to the Feast of the Sacred Heart. It will be a time of both guided reflection and silent prayer as a way of preparation for the Feast of the Sacred Heart (24 June), which celebrates Christ's love. This is a great opportunity for those who are looking for some quiet time and a way of deepening our prayer lives.

Gospel of the Liturgical Year: Luke – the themes within the Gospel

Last week we discovered that one of the themes of Luke's Gospel was compassion and forgiveness. Another prominent theme found throughout the Gospel is the Holy Spirit. The Spirit comes across John the Baptist (who is a relative of Jesus) before he is born, and Mary in the Annunciation, as well as Simeon, and then Jesus at his baptism, leading him into the desert and then to begin his public ministry. It is here that Jesus announces his mission statement in the synagogue saying, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." Jesus rejoices in the Spirit, which is then given to the disciples at Pentecost, empowering the spread of the Gospel throughout Acts of the Apostles.

Sacramental Preparation Program

A reminder that families involved in the program must attend Family Session D, TOMORROW, Thursday 16 June, at 7.00pm via MS Teams due to members of the preparation team isolating. Cisca has emailed a link to the meeting today and there won't be another opportunity to gather until the Confirmation workshop and rehearsal next weekend.

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 is held at 9:15am in the College Chapel.

The roster for Term 2 Masses:

- Week 7** Thursday 16 June – NO MASS
Friday 17 June – Year 4/5
- Week 8** Whole School Liturgy
- Week 9** Thursday 30 June – Year 11
- Week 10** Thursday 7 July – Year 7

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



Week 7 Shine FM Podcast 2017 Interview with Neale Daniher

With the Big Freeze event held over the past weekend, we revisit a very special interview with Neale Daniher and our Director of Learning, Scott Dickson, recorded in 2017 on ABC Southeast Radio.

Listen on Spotify: <https://spoti.fi/3zyLRSX>

Or, listen via direct link here: <https://bit.ly/3xKp0m3>

Uniform Focus of the Week!

Week 7 - Socks and Shoes

- Boys are to wear Charcoal grey plain crew socks (no logos)
- Girls navy tights
- Approved black school shoes (lace-ups, Velcro, elastic-sided boots)

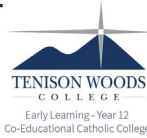
Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing



'Duck In' To The Front Office And Purchase A Quality College Umbrella!

Tenison Woods College umbrellas are a must have item this Winter! They are great for the kids sporting games, if you are heading out shopping, why not leave one in the car just in case, and be ready next time there is a heavy downpour! These quality umbrellas feature automatic opening at the click of a button, double velcro closures, a fully vented wind proof canopy, and strong fiberglass shaft. Available at the Front Office for only \$35 each. Duck in and grab yours today!

EMPLOYMENT Opportunities at Tenison Woods College



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Employment Opportunities

Tenison Woods College is a dynamic Early Years to Year 12 Catholic co-educational College with over 1400 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 position in our Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) service, commencing as soon as possible:
Out of School Hours Care (OSCH) Supervisor

For further information and Position Information Documents, please click [here](#).

Applications close 4:00PM Monday 20 June 2022.



Staff Professional Learning Days

Last week, staff enjoyed Professional Learning Days, using this time to further their teaching craft in a range of areas. Staff have participated in a range of workshops such as Critical Literacies and Phoenix Cups, as well as an Introduction to Resilient IMPACT run by David Kelly from LBI Foundation. A productive day enhancing skills and understandings which will be significantly utilised in the ensuing Term.



Students Explore World Of Robotics

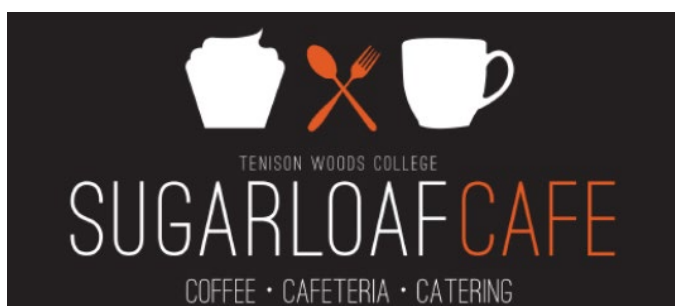
We were thrilled to recently host 'The World of Robotics' at our College, with Year 4-6 students enjoying Robotics workshops! The World of Robotics was founded in 1988, offering incursions that are tailored to each schools needs and make solid connections with science, technology and digital technologies.

Robotics Education is an exciting and unique series of hands-on workshops, giving students the opportunity to create moving robots! The students are set a task such as creating an athlete robot, a recycle robot or a mathematical robot.

Robotics provides students with real-world skills from within a classroom setting:

- R - Relevant problem-solving
- O - Open-ended investigation
- B - Brighter futures
- O - Organisation & collaboration
- T - Technology & engineering
- I - Innovation & entrepreneurship
- C - Critical & creative thinking
- S - Scientific & mathematical thinking

A great program that all students love getting involved in as they learn new skills!



Are you an Old Scholar?

Old scholars are an integral part of the history, tradition and future of Tenison Woods College. We invite all old scholars, past parents/caregivers, friends and former staff members to reconnect through our 'Friends of Tenison' committee.

Keep up to date with all the news in the College community. Register your details today, via our [website](#).

'Just Add Music' Band

The Junior School were lucky to be visited by the 'Just Add Music' Band today, who provided a fun, entertaining, interactive, and educational performance!

Students enjoyed a show comprised of colourful costumes, funny characters and exciting songs, with highlights being 'Thunderstruck', 'Funky Chicken' and 'Octopus Garden'. The captivating performance sparked an enthusiastic response from students, as they danced, sang, clapped, and even performed alongside the band - a thrilling way to kickstart their long weekend

We thank 'Just Add Music' for coming to visit and perform at our College, and to all the staff who supported this wondrous event. We look forward to seeing you again in the future



Key Dates

Thursday 16 June

- Sacramento Family Session D - 4:30pm
- Generations in Jazz Live Stream - 6:30pm
- Sacramento Family Session D - 6:45pm

Friday 17 June

- Basketball Academy (Daly/Hammond) - 2:00pm
- Years 3-6 Assembly - 2:05pm
- Year R-2 Assembly - 2:40pm

Wednesday 22 June

- Combined Board Meeting - 7:00pm



VINNIES DAY

Thursday 23 June (Week 8)
Led by Student Leaders



Whole School **Casual Clothes Day** **Gold Coin**



Vinnies Book
Sale

Prices from \$1

Junior School **'HEAD, HEARTS AND HANDS'**



Donate a new beanie,
gloves or socks or a can

Middle/Senior School **'CANS, COINS AND CASUALS'**

Donate a can
Bring a coin

DONATIONS REQUIRED

Canned Meat and Veg
Long Life Milk
Canned Soup
Canned Vegetables
Tuna
Baked Beans/Spaghetti
Spreads (no glass)
Rice
Pasta