

WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2022
WEEK 1, TERM 4

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Weekly Newsletter



Student Free Day - THIS FRIDAY 21 October

Welcome to Term 4!



Be The One at Tenison Woods College

From the Principal



Ready, set ... for a very significant term

I look forward to Term 4 with all its rites of passage and the 'final quarter' effort that will ensure a wonderful conclusion to the 2022 academic year. In addition to all the finishing touches there will also be significant transition experiences to ensure our students make the best possible start to 2023.

Catch Up, Reunite, Connect – Together Again

Thank you to the Friends of Tenison Woods College (Old Scholars Association), the Public Relations and Events Team and Jen McCourt for facilitating a very successful Catch Up, Reunite, Connect Function on Saturday 15 October 2022.

Members of our community came to an informal evening, a chat, and a drink to celebrate friendships and memories. And in amongst the memories, banter, and laughter we celebrated the story of St Joseph's Convent, St Mary's School, Mater Christi College, Marist Brothers Agricultural College, St Paul's School, Tenison College and now Tenison Woods College. But most importantly we accentuated the contributions of all students, parents, staff, and friends of the College who have helped us evolve to become the community we are today.

As I have said many times, we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, and Saturday we enjoyed our abundance and opportunities from the toil of many people in our story; people who have let their light shine for 141 years.

Staff Professional Learning Communities of Practice Conference, CoP22

This Thursday afternoon and Friday we will be attending as a staff the Communities of Practice Conference, CoP22. A celebration of communal and collaborative endeavour conducted in 2022 by teachers and co-educators in the learning environments of our region; an opportunity for staff to reflect on the way we assist our young to find their place, pathway and then to shine. We are also delighted to have staff of Mary MacKillop Memorial School and St Anthony's Catholic Primary School part of this significant Head, Heart, and Hands of Learning Conference.

This year in our region we have accentuated teacher collaboration and mutual accountability with an aspiration of determining clarity in what makes thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires. At this time of the Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) Living, Learning, Leading Framework, and celebrating the agency of our young, CoP22 is a commitment to continue reflecting on our craft as Catholic educators, who aspire to enable each and every learner in our region to shine, with all the deep reflection, critique, collaboration, humility, professional frailty, and wonderful communal success that such whole staff endeavour brings.

BYOD – Year 6 Families, ready for Year 7 in 2023

As the year flies by and we look also to 2023, 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 [here](#).

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

With the current 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 2023.

Year 9 PE Uniform Trial

After some initial success late last term, in Term 4 we continue trialling a new approach with our Year 9 students and their Physical Education Uniform. As we currently allow the Year 7 and 8 students, our Year 9's will now be allowed to wear their PE Uniform on the two days a week that they have their timetabled HPE lessons. Students have shown respect for their PE Uniform and have voiced opinions about changing the approach.

We are hopeful that this will be a successful change for the students and that they will continue to wear their uniform appropriately and on the designated days. A successful trial will then enable a transition to a more substantive approach in relation to the wearing of the PE Uniform on days of HPE.

Uniform Reminder – Extreme Hair

I remind families of the College policy in relation to uniform, and particularly students' hair. The policy indicates:

Expectations

Hair is to be clean and brushed or combed to maintain a neat and tidy appearance. Hair is also to be of a singular natural colour. All student hair, male and female, is to be tied up and secured neatly if at a length that can be pulled back. Students are not to have dreadlocks, rat's tails, or other extreme styles and if a student's head is shaved, it is to be a minimum number two cut."

I further clarify that in a practical sense the College Leadership determine that hair which touches the collar of either the school shirt or school dress, would normally be tied up. This satisfies our duty of care, hygiene and Work Health and Safety obligations.

I further clarify for students and parents, the following haircuts are deemed as extreme: mullets of inappropriate length, rats tails, dreadlocks, mohawks, extreme uneven grades, extreme undercuts, and patterns or designs shaved into the hair.

I thank families in anticipation for your support in this matter. As I have often indicated, attention to the detail of clear and safe boundaries ensures that the larger issues do not eventuate in a school community.

Working Bee - 'Bee The One' Saturday 29 October

Can you offer half an hour on Saturday 29 October? During the Working Bee we are particularly looking to replenish barking and sand around the College from the ELCC to Middle School (Gilap Wanga) areas and the various garden beds around the perimeter of the school.

We'd love as much help as you can offer – any time you could spare would be appreciated.

Please bring any gardening equipment you think could be of use: gloves, shovel, rakes, barking pitch forks, wheelbarrows, even your ute. The working bee will commence at 8.00am. Morning tea and refreshments will be supplied with a BBQ available from 10.00am. For those able to assist on the day we ask that you please complete this online form: <https://forms.office.com/r/ZH1vHxuyR1>

Key dates for the commencement of 2023:

A full list of 2023 key dates will follow soon, but to assist with planning I inform our College community of dates to commence the 2023 academic year:

Wednesday 25 January 2023	All Teaching Staff commence
Thursday 26 January 2023	Australia Day Public Holiday
Friday 28 January 2023	Book collection day and Staff planning day
Monday 30 January 2023	Reception, Years 7, 10,11, 12 commence Term 1.
Tuesday 31 January 2023	All other students commence Term 1.

God Bless,
David Meziniec | Principal



See the Community Noticeboard for posters and notices of upcoming events within our College, and wider community. Please click [here](#) to view this page.

CIM Team News



Fr Julian Tenison Woods

October 7 was the anniversary of the death of Fr Julian Tenison Woods. Fr Julian was a man of many talents: an environmentalist, scientist, priest, explorer, campaigner for social justice and the rights of Indigenous people, among many others. To hear about what he means to us here at Tenison Woods College, please see the following video [here](#).

Family Mass

The first Family Mass for Term 4 will be held this Sunday 23 October, 11:00am at St Paul's Church. We are always after children and their families to assist in welcoming and handing out bulletins to parishioners as they arrive at Mass. If you are able to assist, please contact Chloe Shanahan or Cisca Teodoro sacraments@mtgcatholic.org.au. Families of the College are highly encouraged to attend.

Youth Mass

The first Youth Mass for Term 4 will be held next Saturday 29 October, 6:00pm at St Paul's Church. If you are able to assist with reading or music, please contact Kate Carroll. Families of the College are encouraged to attend this vibrant celebration and to stay for Youth Group. Students in Year 7 and above are most welcome.

Year 10 Reflection Day

The Year 10 students will participate in their annual Reflection Day next Thursday 27 October, at Casadio Park and St Paul's Church. Information will be sent via Edsmart. We look forward to hearing about their day in the coming weeks.

Faith Facts

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



Find out the answer in next week's newsletter!

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.

Masses for Term 4:

Week 2	Thursday 27 October – Year 11 Friday 28 October – Year 12, (11:00am)
Week 3	Thursday 3 November – Year 4/5
Week 4	Thursday 10 November – Year 10
Week 5	Thursday 17 November – Year 6
Week 6	Wednesday 23 November – Whole School Mass, (10:00am)
Week 7	Thursday 1 December – Year 7
Week 8	Thursday 8 December – Year 8

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator

Key Dates

Friday 21 October

- Student Free Day - Mount Gambier Show
- Hospitality Immersion - Adelaide - Friday - Sunday

Sunday 23 October

- Year 9/10 Knockout Basketball - Sunday - Monday

Monday 24 October

- South East Primary School's Music Festival - All week

Tuesday 25 October

- Year 8 Immunisations (Visit 2) / Year 10 catch-up Immunisations
- SE Primary School's Music Festival Rehearsals - 9:50am
- 2023 School Captain Election - Years 5 - 11
- Outdoor Ed Self Reliant Camp, Stage 2.

Wednesday 28 October

- College Board Meeting - 7:00pm



You're Invited!

Tenison Woods College students are invited to join this years Tenison Woods College Blue Lake Fun Run team!

The details are as follows:

Sunday 27 November

Distance	Open	U17	U12
3.2km	\$25	\$15	\$10
6.8km	\$30	\$15	\$10
10.4km	\$35	\$15	\$10
Half Marathon	\$55	\$55	N/A

Please register [here](#) if you are interested.

Tara Millard | 7-12 Sports Coordinator, Outdoor Education, HPE Teacher



Richard Hill Re-Signs with Pioneers for 2023 Season

High Performance Specialist Basketball Coach, Richard Hill, has re-signed as Head Coach of the Pioneers for the 2023 season! Congratulations, Richard!

Photo courtesy of the Mount Gambier Pioneers Facebook page.



Year 11 Student Attends FIBA Women's Basketball as Media Rookie

On September 26 and 27, I attended the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup at the Qudos Bank Arena in Sydney, as one of two selected Media Rookies from around Australia. The other rookie was Nate Siasat from Marian Catholic College in New South Wales.

I attended the Tuesday night session of Puerto Rico vs China and then Canada vs Australia. After the Canada vs Australia game, I interviewed Marianna Tolo, and basketball legend, Lauren Jackson, at the mixing zone, followed by the Opals Coach, Sandy Brondello, at the press conference.

The next day I attended the games of Puerto Rico vs South Korea, and USA vs Bosnia & Herzegovina. After the Puerto Rico and South Korea game, I interviewed Puerto Rico coach, Jerry Batista at the press conference. Following this, I later interviewed recent WNBA Champion and WNBA All-Star Game MVP, Kelsey Plum, after the USA game. Later that night, I sat in the crowd and watched the Serbia vs France game and then Australia vs Japan.

I was able to meet sports journalists from all around the world and received an offer to travel to America to see Indiana University's sports journalism program whose students have attended national and international level sporting events, and get to know FIBA employees.

An unreal experience.

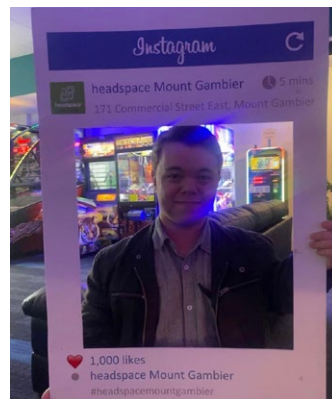
Amity Starick | Year 11 Student



Year 11 Students visit the Fire Boat 'Gallantry'

Last term, Year 11 students, Mitch Garwood and Aidan Thomson, recently had the opportunity to look over the fire boat 'Gallantry' as part of their Certificate II in Maritime Operations.

Photos courtesy of the Australian Maritime & Fisheries Academy Facebook page.



Student and Old Scholar Volunteer at headspace Event

In the Term 3 Holidays, Year 11 student, *Gael Chizungu*, and 2020 Graduate, *Tyler Redway*, helped run the **2022 headspace Day event** as part of their roles as **Youth Reference Group members**.

A great initiative to be a part of!

Photos courtesy of the headspace Mount Gambier Facebook page.



Be the One - Student Composition

Last term, Musicians from the school were sought to rehearse, perform and record Year 7 student, Gabe Strachan's, 'Be the One'.

Talented musician participants were Julio Teodoro, Ethan Hopgood, Stella Fritsche, Ryan Creedy, Dom Gertners, Angelina Townsend, Edie Jones and Alana O'Connell, as well as Nathan Creedy, Jack Heaven and Penny and Gary Mansell. The inaugural performance occurred at our recent Music Showcase to a very appreciative audience.

The brief for this assessment for Gabe in the Music Pathways class was to: "compose music that uses the Tenison Woods College 2022 theme of 'Be the One'. The composition may be for any combination of instruments/voices. Students should consider how the elements of music are treated, in particular harmony, style, form/structure, and instrumentation."

A quote from Principal, David Mezinec, to Gabe: "Thank you for choosing this as your major assignment – I am thrilled. The song just makes you want to get up and 'Be the One' – so good! I am so proud of you, your wonderful teachers and supportive peers – a highlight to my year!"

You can watch the performance [here](#).

Penny Mansell | Head of Performing Arts



Junior Limestone Coast Football Association Awards

We had several students win the Best & Fairest award for their respective grade in the Junior Limestone Coast Football Association presentations on Sunday 25 September.

- Emmy Jeffrey - U13G Best & Fairest
- Ryley Stephenson - U14B Best & Fairest
- Lana Shepherd - U16G Best & Fairest
- Jensen Childs - U17B Best & Fairest

Congratulations to all on their fantastic achievements

Photos courtesy of:
 Gambier Centrals Soccer Club, Leigh Gwilym
 SE Voice, Melissa Prior
 Millicent United Soccer Club Facebook page



Student Selected for Track and Field State Team

Year 7 student, Hamish Gordon, has been selected in the 12&U Track and Field State Team!

Hamish will compete in the 100m, Shot Put and Discus events at the School Sport Australia Championships in Brisbane in November.

Congratulations, Hamish!



Maelee Dalton Secures Traineeship

Year 11 student, Maelee Dalton, has commenced a full-time traineeship in real estate and property management with Ray White Real Estate. In Year 10, Maelee commenced a Certificate II in Real Estate and completed work placement with Ray White. Now having worked so diligently towards the completion of her compulsory SACE subjects during Year 11, she is able to commence the full-time traineeship, which will provide the additional points required for SACE completion.

Within four weeks of starting, Maelee is already undertaking property inspections, preparing advertising, and liaising between tenants and landlords. We congratulate Maelee on this wonderful achievement and wish her every success for her future.

Photo: Careers Coordinator Jody Elliott, Maelee, and mother Misty.

Jody Elliott | Careers Coordinator



Stage 1 Outdoor Education Expedition

In late Term 3, our Stage 1 Outdoor and Environmental Education classes participated in a bush walking expedition along a section of the Great South West Walk. Students ventured together through the magnificent native forests of Mount Richmond National Park and soaked in the stunning views of Discovery Bay from the clifftops of Cape Bridgewater. Despite a few difficult moments, a huge amount of persistence, grit and teamwork was demonstrated by all students. Highlights from each of the expeditions included whale-spotting, exploring local sights, battling leeches and hiking along together!

Chris Raymond | HPE & Outdoor Education Teacher



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SAPOL Congratulate Maixence Williams

SAPOL Senior Sergeant First Class and Training and Development Coordinator, Wendy McDonald; has written to our Music Department commending Year 12 Student, Maixence Williams' contribution to the SAPOL Remembrance Day Service;

"It is with absolute pleasure that I send this email to Tenison Woods College. SAPOL had the pleasure of inviting Year 12 student Maixence Williams to sing at the Police Remembrance Day, held at Mount Gambier Police Station on Thursday 29 September 2022.

Maixence did an excellent job of singing 'The Lord's My Shepherd' and 'Amazing Grace'. I personally believe Maixence has been the best singer who has performed at the local Police Remembrance Day in recent years. Maixence dealt with a few difficulties in a very professional manner, which is an absolute credit to her.

On behalf of SAPOL, please accept my sincere gratitude for Maixence outstanding performance."



Year 1 Meet the Author Event

At the end of Term 3, our Year 1 families were invited to an exciting learning showcase to 'Meet the Author!'. During this afternoon, families were able to meet the published authors of Year 1, who shared their bookmaking from Term 3. Each author shared information about themselves, what inspired their writing and read their books aloud. They were also very excited to see some beautiful words of encouragement left from their visitors who provided feedback on their efforts.

The showcase also shared their inquiry learning about prehistoric animals with their families. This included examples of the different artistic representations children created when exploring concepts, such as sculptures, annotated drawings, salt dough creations and a designed and built dinosaur habitat! What a privilege it was to visit these classrooms and see these learners SHINE!

Melissa Little | Year 1 Teacher



South East Zone Girls Soccer

On Thursday 29 September, Tenison Woods College took part in the inaugural School Sport SA South East Zone Girls Soccer Carnival at Blue Lake Sports Park, fielding a 'development squad' comprising of girls from Years 7 to 12.

In perfect conditions, the Titans hit the ground running in the first game of the day against St Martins Lutheran College, scoring 4 goals in the first half and running out winners 6-0. Isla Dickson started the scoring, but a wonder-strike from Czara Kumbhare set up the win for the Titans.

The second match against Mount Gambier High School was a closer affair, with the Titans winning a close contest 1-0.

The final game saw the undefeated Titans take on Grant High School, who had earlier in the day defeated both Mount Gambier High School and St Martins Lutheran College. In a high standard encounter, the Titans remained undefeated for the day after a long-range Lana Shepherd goal was enough to separate the sides, securing a 1-0 win.

It was a fantastic performance from the girls who were well-led on the day by captain, Emma Lang.

Thanks to Jacob Bidese and Finn Dickson for assisting with officiating on the day and to the organisers for hosting the local event.

Scott Dickson | Director of Learning



State Foundation Cup - Tennis

During the first week of the Term 3 holidays, 12 students represented the various Lower South East Tennis teams in the State Foundation Cup in Berri, with Year 10 Wellbeing Coordinator, David Cole, as team manager.

The State Foundation Cup is comprised of 6 regional areas of boys and girls teams across the state, in four age groups. The competition is a platform for the best regional junior players to compete in teams and individual events across four days.

All players represented the region proudly! Congratulations to the U15 and U17 teams who won their respective age groups, as well as to Hamish who was selected in the SA State team for his performance.



Year 7/8 Soccer Finals

After beating both Grant High School and Mount Gambier High School locally earlier in the Term, the Year 7/8 Boys soccer team travelled to Gepps Cross (Adelaide) for the Division 2 Statewide Schools Competition at the new Services FM stadium.

In Game 1, the Titans took on eventual winners, St Columba. The opposition capitalised on a sleepy start, racing into a 2-nil lead early. We started to find our feet and created two good chances, but Ryley Stephenson and Esaie Kulimushi were both denied by two strong, brave saves by their #1.

Two more lapses in concentration were punished shortly after those chances and half-time couldn't have come quicker! Pleasingly, the team regrouped. Ben Imani rallied the troops and led a fightback from centre midfield, whilst Kahne Jeffrey and Desire Kinyamba stood tall in defence. Marcus Gajic got on the scoresheet and Ryley added a second and we even had an opportunity to pull another back, but failed to hit the target from the spot. We ultimately won the 2nd half but gave ourselves too much to do, with the game ending 5-2.

In Game 2 against Gleeson College, we started on fire and Thomas Damhuis was very unlucky not to have opened the scoring, a situation where VAR was required but sadly unavailable! After dominating possession without breaking the deadlock, Nico Teodoro came off the bench to score the goal of the day from 20 yards with his first touch, as he hit a sublime strike straight into the top corner.

We tired in the 2nd half and were overrun in midfield which led to conceding an equaliser. Nevertheless, we continued to battle and the game ended in stalemate. Marcus Gajic was very unlucky not to get the go-ahead goal at the start of the first passage of extra-time, and before long we were lining up as a team ready for penalties. Despite scoring three, we did unfortunately miss two as we lost 4-3 in the cruellest way possible!

All squad members should be proud of their efforts and we look forward to the next challenge.

David Cole | Year 10 Wellbeing Coordinator



Tenison Woods College Staff Selected as Coaches

Congratulations to teacher, Lewis Lean, and ESO, Ben Hardy, as they have been announced as the coaches of the North Gambier Football Club Senior Women's team, for the upcoming 2023 season.

Photo courtesy of the North Gambier Football & Netball Club Facebook page.



Sammy D Foundation

On Tuesday 18 October the Year 11 students listened to Neil Davis and Matt Allen (Old Scholar) from the Sammy D Foundation, as they discussed Violence Prevention. In the presentation, students heard about Sammy Davis' story from his father Neil, and how he tragically lost his life at 17 years old as the result of a one punch attack. Students were given examples of the characteristics of violence and the consequences that it has on victims, perpetrators, bystanders, families, friends and the broader community.

The program is aimed at changing student's attitudes towards violence by educating them about the negative impacts and providing them with strategies to keep themselves and their mates safe.

We'd like to thank the Sammy D Foundation for visiting our College and educating our students.

For further information about the Sammy D story and Foundation, visit their website: <https://www.sammydfoundation.org.au/about>

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing

Week 1 ShineFM Podcast - Sammy D Foundation

Tune in to our Term 4, Week 1 edition of the SHINEfm Podcast as we welcome Neil Davis and Matt Allen from the Sammy D Foundation, as they discuss the foundation and its goals.

Neil and Matt visited our College on Tuesday 18 October to discuss Violence Prevention and Sammy Davis' story with our Year 11 students.

Listen on Spotify - <https://spoti.fi/3EPtID1>

Or, listen via direct link here - <https://bit.ly/3Tcl8CD>



Check out the Tenison Woods College Facebook Page



Leaving Families Function

On Thursday 29 September, we celebrated the final part of the journey for many families at our Leaving Families function, as they complete their formal association with the College.

This special evening was a wonderful way to celebrate with and thank these families, after committing many years to Catholic education in our region. We wish all of our leaving families and students all the best in their future.



Holiday Fun with ELCC and OSHC





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Tenison Woods College

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Thank You For Joining Us!





Reception - Year 2

Sports Day

Friday 18th November 2022 - Marist Park 12pm

If you can believe it, the mind can achieve it.

12:00pm - Students meet at Marist Park and line up in House Teams, Receptions at front, Year 2's at back.

12:10pm - Year 6 Founder Leaders lead each team through a Health Hustle and Team Chants.

12:20pm - Official welcoming/opening of Sports Day Mr. Mezinec and Mrs. Dickson

12:30pm - Students go to class teachers and walk over to circuit area ready for first event.

Rotation One:

12:30pm

12:45pm

1:00pm

Receptions:

Rob the Nest

Three-Legged Race

Sack Race

Year 1:

Sack Race

Rob the Nest

Three-Legged Race

Year 2:

Three-Legged Race

Sack Race

Rob the Nest

1:15pm - Lunch

Showcase event to begin afternoon session - Dress Up Relay 2:00pm (Year 2 only)

Rotation Two:

2:15pm

2:30pm

2:45pm

Receptions:

60m Sprint

Obstacle Course

Vortex Throw

Year 1:

Vortex Throw

60m Sprint

Obstacle Course

Year 2:

Obstacle Course

Vortex Throw

60m Sprint

3:00pm - Meet back in House areas for final team chants with Founder Leaders

3:15pm - Dismissal

2022 FOUNDER LEADERS

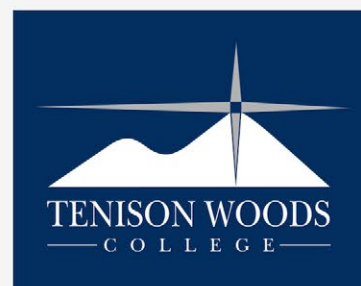
MacKillop - Amelie Adams and Lachlan Cutting

Champagnat - Raia Haggis and Paddy Sigley

McCauley - Jessica Oxlade and Fergus Tarr

Woods - Gabby Yates and Duke Bradley

Year 6 Leaders - Emmy Jeffrey and Louis Fritsche



LET YOUR *light* SHINE

TODDLER TIME



EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING SCHOOL TERMS

Parents, carers and toddlers are welcome to attend the Early Learning and Community Centre each Wednesday to explore and play.

Families welcome anytime between 8.45 am - 11.45 am

We look forward to
seeing you there!

\$20 PER TERM OR GOLD COIN DONATION PER VISIT
NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED, JUST SIGN IN ON ARRIVAL!

Lunch Clubs

Term 4

Monday

Picnic with Lucy

Grass area near Reception/ELCC building

Star Wars Club

Mr Lock's classroom

Tuesday

Christmas Craft

Year 3 classrooms

Chess Club

Library with Mr Mustey

Wednesday

Car Park Disco

Meet at the year 5 classrooms

Outdoor Play/Games

Grass area near Reception/ELCC building with Mrs Jeffrey

Thursday

Prayer

Chapel with Mrs Telford

Dramatic Play

Room 403 with Mrs Little

Maker Club

Library

Friday

Table Top Games

Library

Local Area Coordination Place-based Sessions

Mission Australia is the NDIS Partner delivering Local Area Coordination Services in your area and will be based at your school to provide information, support and answer questions about:

- Mission Australia and the services they offer
- What services are available for people with disability
- Understanding the NDIS and eligibility, NDIS plan applications and reviews
- Accessing supports and services for those not eligible for the NDIS, or who do not wish to access the Scheme

Tenison Woods College, Mount Gambier

1.45-4.45pm

Tuesday 25th October 2022 (Term 4 Week 2)

Tuesday 22nd November 2022 (Term 4 Week 6)

No need to register, come along and have a chat



Delivering the NDIS in your community

