

Weekly Newsletter



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Year 12 Graduation - Class of 2022

On Friday 25 November we held our Year 12 Graduation at the Barn, celebrating our Class of 2022 and presenting students with their well-earned graduation certificates.

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!



From the Principal



Year 12 Graduation

The Graduation on Friday 25 November from 6:30pm 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 thanks to the students themselves for the significant contribution they have made to the school community; for all they have done, but mostly for all that they have been to us; I also offered thanks to their parents and carers for the support of our community and the partnership we have shared together. It was also a time to extend appreciation to our dedicated staff for their steadfast commitment to these young people and their families, as well as the priests of our South East Deanery, Father Peter Zwaans, Father Peter Fountain, Father Olek Stirrat, Father Arun Dev (in Penola) and Father Christopher Matala (in Naracoorte) for their outstanding support to the College in a range of significant ways.

In reflecting on the year and how they were able to “Be The One” by letting their light SHINE, with an understanding that when we shine at Tenison Woods College it is shining with a deep understanding of the recognised PERMA wellbeing framework, which we have made our own:

- **S** - Strive to be successful
- **H** - Helping others to be their best
- **I** - getting Involved
- **N** - known by Name
- **E** - Enjoying positive Emotions
- **+** - being healthy

So any time we SHINE, our head, heart and hands will be in a good place (we'll be one) to help others SHINE.

However on Friday evening as the students graduated to be citizens for the world, I encouraged them to *SHINE with SWAGGER*, and to be a person who:

- Takes pride in excellent **skills**,
- Knows that a strong **work ethic** will be rewarded.
- Has a positive, resilient **attitude** that colours their days.
- Has a strong team **game** that draws confidence from a God who is with them, guiding them and inspiring them to let your light shine, and be the type of person who will, on a daily basis, “Be The One,” so that others can SHINE.

However I indicated that if our graduates are as self-effacing as we have taught them to be, and a *SWAGGER* is ‘just not them,’ I encouraged them to at least embark on life’s journey beyond school with their *SWAG*.

Junior School and Middle School Rites of Passage

In amongst the transition days which are occurring we look forward to the Year 6 Graduation at 9:00am Monday 12 December, Poplars Concert 5:30pm that Monday evening, the Middle School Awards Ceremony Tuesday 13 December at 9:00am and the Year 9 End of Year Celebration at 5:00pm that evening. Wednesday 14 December will see us celebrate the ELCC Stepping Stones Kindy Graduations at 10:00am and 2:00pm. We look forward to these significant milestones in the learning journey of our students and understand that they are also opportunities to reflect on how we have lived the school’s theme this year to “Be The One” for others.

Senior Student Leaders Planning Day

I had the wonderful pleasure of witnessing the strong, committed and thoughtful discernment of our College 2023 Senior Leaders, who conducted their planning day yesterday, Tuesday 29 November under the guidance of Mrs Tania Sigley, Mr John McGregor and Mr Adam Taylor. It was a pleasure to hear about the gifts of the student leadership team, how they wanted to work together with the school community and also how they wanted to be remembered as student leaders. In amongst the wonderful discernment about the types of initiatives which would assist us as the Tenison Woods College community in “growing our gifts together” it was clear that this student leadership group is committed to serving our community so that all enjoy equity, access and wonderful experiences that are underscored by lots of fun.

Advent, Christmas and Gifts

During Advent, a time of preparation for Christmas and the birth of Jesus, we are drawn to think of gifts. Likewise, as we conclude the school year, my appreciation is extended to the students, staff and parents who are the precious gifts of our community. I trust, as we prepare for the birth of Jesus and the wonderful gift for our humanity, that we are also drawn to see the people in our lives as gifts who have assisted us in our individual and communal journey.

I trust that we have also learnt to look beyond the wrapping and external presentations of those gifts to see their intent, hopes and care they have for us. My gratitude is also extended to the many people who have contributed their services to the school community in 2022. Thank you for your commitment to “Be The One” for others. The quality of education at Tenison Woods College is due to the contribution of many people who support our committed staff, most particularly the members of the School Board, Parent Class Representatives, LAP volunteers, and all those who have volunteered their service in a variety of ways throughout the College community. Thank you for your contributions and I trust there is a sense of satisfaction, knowing that you have been a gift to students and played a part in the ultimate quality of your child’s learning, and that of many others.

The Giving Tree

As a College community we annually erect the Giving Tree in the Front Office, and this is an opportunity for everyone in our community to share the joy of Christmas. Gifts and money donated to the Giving Tree will be shared between AC. Care and Vinnies who will assist local families this Christmas.

Families may also wish to consider the gifts that ensure others not necessarily known to us enjoy a better Christmas and life; a gift that keeps on giving. Such donations can be made by visiting the websites of such preferred Catholic charities as Caritas, Vinnies and Mercy Gifts. Other charities to consider in such a way may be Oxfam, World Vision, Salvation Army and The Smith Family.

SACCS COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

I advise families of an update on the outcome of the consultation process and approval in relation to the amended COVID-19 Vaccination Policy as implemented by Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) sites.

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We are grateful for your continued support of our students, particularly in volunteering for excursions and other key events and activities.

Should you require any further information regarding the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy, please contact the College.

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 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.

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 and 12 commence Term 1.
Tuesday 31 January 2023	All other students commence Term 1.

God Bless,

David Meziniec | Principal

CIM Team News



Advent

The Church season of Advent began last Sunday. Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays before Christmas. One of the most well recognised symbols of Advent is the Advent Wreath. The wreath has three purple candles and a pink candle surrounded by greenery representing life. Each Sunday, a new candle is lit and the themes of Advent are focused upon Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. In the lead up to Christmas, it is easy to become caught up in the busyness and commercialism of society. Advent helps us to focus on the importance of Christmas where Jesus brought love, hope, peace and joy into the world.

Sharing your Christmas – the Krist Kindl Giving Tree

What can your family give to the 'Christ Child' this year? When we give to others in need, we are remembering the gifts of the Three Wise Men to the baby Jesus, whose birth was a great gift to us all. As Jesus loved, we show through selfless giving that we love others, including those we don't know.

The Krist Kindl Giving Tree has been set up in the Front Office at Tenison Woods College. We actively encourage families to support AC, Care, Sunset Community Kitchen and Vinnies in their work to support local families in need. Unwrapped gifts, toiletry items and/or cash donations can be placed under the tree between now and the end of term. We thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity towards those in need within our community.

We will also be supporting the Community Christmas Lunch held on Christmas Day. Staff will be donating toiletries and wrapped chocolates and/or lollies to be placed into gift bags for those attending. Any families who would also like to contribute items for this event can do so by placing them under the Krist Kindl Giving Tree with the gifts.

Blessing of the Cribs

On Friday 2 December, the Early Learning Centre and Junior School will celebrate the Blessing of the Cribs in the Barrie Holmes Stadium during their assembly at 2:00pm. Fr Peter will say a prayer of blessing for all families as they enter into the Advent season. Students are encouraged to bring the crib from their Nativity Scene or if this is not possible just one piece from their nativity.

15 Minutes with Father - Advent Edition

We will be back for one last time this year! This Advent, the children will be taken on a journey in a rather unique Christmas story. We will be looking at a different character each week and their story during the times leading up to the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The children will take home a small activity pack to recreate that character, a Gospel reading to reflect on and a prayer card. We hope to help the children and their family to better prepare their hearts to receive Jesus on Christmas day.

Fifteen Minutes with Father Advent Edition will continue this Sunday 4 December immediately after 11.00am Mass at St Paul's and continue until Christmas Day. All children are welcome.

Carols in the Church

All families and community members are invited to join us for our 'Carols in the Church' event to be held at St Paul's Catholic Church from 6:30pm on Wednesday December 7.

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 7 Thursday 1 December – Year 7
Week 8 Thursday 8 December – Year 8

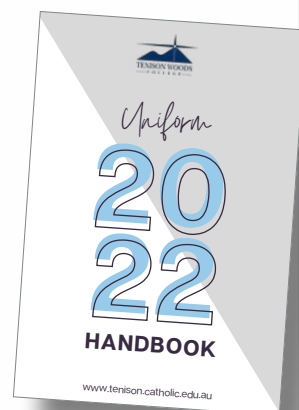
Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator



Uniform Focus of the Week!

PE Uniform

- Solo polo top with House colour stripe
- Tenison Woods College monogrammed PE shorts
- Tenison Woods College monogrammed navy PE track pants (two options available in Junior School and new track pant option starting from a size small)
- Plain white crew sports socks
- Sports shoes/sneakers



Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing



Week 5 ShineFM Podcast - Students Leaders

Tune in to this week's SHINEfm Podcast as we welcome our 2023 Senior Student Leaders, as they introduce themselves and discuss their strengths and goals for next year.

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

Listen on our website: <https://bit.ly/3XCW3U5>



See the Community Noticeboard for posters and notices of upcoming events within our College, and wider community.

Please click [here](#) to view this page.



Check out the Tenison Woods College Facebook Page



2023 Student Leadership Planning Day

On Tuesday, the newly appointed 2023 Senior Student Leaders had a planning day to set up goals and themes for next year. Students began with an icebreaker game and then the 2023 Captains, Aden and Gael, led the students in the prayer below:

*Leadership is hard to define.
Lord, let us be the ones to define it with justice.*

*Leadership is like a handful of water.
Lord, let us be the people to share it with those who thirst.*

*Leadership is not about watching and correcting.
Lord, let us remember it is about listening and connecting.*

*Leadership is not about telling people what to do.
Lord, let us find out what people want.*

*Leadership is less about the love of power,
and more about the power of love.*

*Lord, as we continue to undertake the role of leader let us be affirmed by the servant leadership we witness in your son Jesus.
Let us walk in the path He has set and let those who will, follow.
Let our greatest passion be compassion.*

Our greatest strength love.

Our greatest victory the reward of peace.

*In leading let us never fail to follow
In loving let us never fail*

Student's strengths and values were identified, along with the goals of each of the student leadership pairs and the leadership group. Sports day themes, Founder activities and calendar events were planned. Mr Taylor also provided the top 10 public speaking tips to support students in their roles next year.

Mr Mezinac gathered at the beginning of the session and at the end of the day to hear what ideas, goals and possible College theme/mottos were emerging for 2023. You will have to stay tuned to find out what they are for 2023...

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing



Order Your School Shoes for 2023!

Athletes Foot have advised they are only receiving a small amount of Ascent school shoes and are uncertain about supplies into the future. They encourage families to access online ordering or to call into the shop to be measured. There's unfortunately not enough to accommodate all of the students from every school. Ascent will still be available on the Athletes Foot website, but it is undetermined for how much longer.



International Competitions and Assessments for Schools Results 2022

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This year we had a large group of enthusiastic Year 2 – Year 7 students participate in the ICAS Assessments. There were many outstanding results including the awarding of a Medal to Leo Mules for achieving the equal top score for Year 2 Science in Australia.

We particularly congratulate the following students.

Digital Technology

Credit: Zahli Golebiowski, Charlie Little, Davyd Davydiuk, Sian Courtney, Kareena Ghosh

Spelling

Merit: James Williamson, Miles Kroon
Credit: Zahli Golebiowski, William Mott, Archie Marlow, Max Yeates, Marcon Gemino, Arshia Gulati, Kareena Ghosh
Distinction: Adhiraj Gulati, Leo Mules, Charlie Little

Writing

Credit: Rahan Raghesh

Science

Merit: Rosie Chiesa, Chloe Chiesa,
Credit: Adhiraj Gulati, James Williamson, Marcon Gemino, Sian Courtney
Distinction: Kareena Ghosh
Distinction and a Medal: Leo Mules

English

Merit: Archie Marlow,
Credit: Zahli Golebiowski, Miles Kroon, Rosie Chiesa, Kareena Ghosh
Distinction: Charlie Little, Chloe Chiesa

Mathematics

Merit: Sian Courtney, James Allen, William Mott
Credit: Davyd Davydiuk
Distinction: Kareena Ghosh

There will be information in the 2023 Term 1 newsletter about enrolling your child in the 2023 ICAS online assessments. You are very welcome to contact me at lloyd@tenison.catholic.edu.au with any questions you have.

Chris Lloyd | Online Assessment Coordinator





Old Scholars Take on Leadership Roles

In 2023, Aquinas College will see past students from Tenison Woods College take on Leadership roles. The four students are excited to take on their new roles in the year ahead and have already begun completing their training.

Congratulations to:

- Jess Snell - Social Media and Marketing Officer (former School Captain in 2020)
- Alex Scott - House Coordinator
- Emily Dawe - Sports Secretary (former Sports Captain in 2020)
- Austin Rossi - Vice President (former School Captain in 2021).

It is always wonderful to see past students, especially those who held leadership positions here at the College, continue to share their skills in different environments and broaden their opportunities for growth.

Congratulations Jess, Alex, Emily and Austin, and all the best with your Leadership Roles next year!



Axel Page Selected for SASI SA Track Program

Last week Axel Page received some exciting news! Josh Harrison, the Head coach of the South Australian Institute of Sport AusCycling team notified Axel that he had been selected to commence in the SASI SA Track Program, starting in February 2023. Axel was identified as part of the 2032 Olympics SASI Talent Search testing that was conducted in Adelaide during the October school holidays. Congratulations Axel and all the very best for the future.

Key Dates

Wednesday 30 November

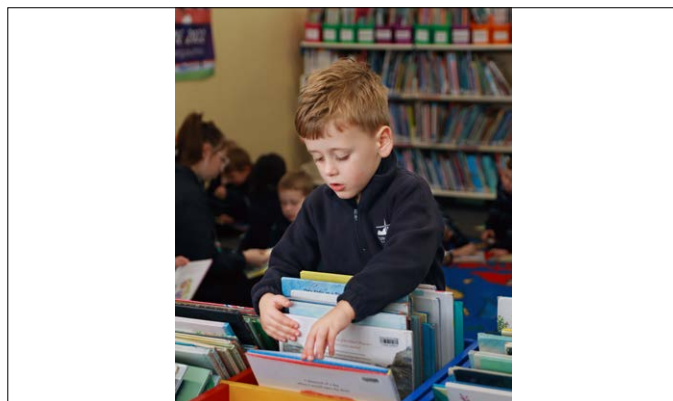
- College Board Meeting - 7:00pm

Thursday 1 December

- Junior School Casual Clothes Day (Christmas Themed) - Gold Coin Donation
- Junior School Disco - BHS 1:20pm - 2:00pm

Friday 2 December

- Years R-6 Assembly 'Blessing of the Cribs' - 2:00pm - 3:00pm
- Last day for Year 11



End of Year Book Returns!

After a big year of borrowing and reading it is time for the library's books to be returned and borrowing has now finished for 2022.

Please ask your child to return all their borrowed library books and textbooks by no later than the end of Week 7 (Friday 2 Dec) to avoid being invoiced or unable to borrow at the commencement of the 2023 school year.

Classes and Home Groups are receiving regular borrower list updates to assist students in returning their borrowed items.

We appreciate parent/care giver support in having our library resources returned.

Alexandra Nicholson | Library Manager



End of Year Mass

With the end of the school year nearing an end, the College community gathered on Wednesday 23 November for our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass, celebrated by Fr Peter.

We celebrated and gave thanks to God for the many gifts and blessings we have received throughout this school year. A beautiful banner was also revealed to the community, with each class in our College represented. Within the design were all the ways each class lived out the College theme 'Be the One' throughout 2022.

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator

Monday 5 December

- Year 10 In Class Exams - Monday - Friday
- 2023 Year 7 Orientation - Day 1 Monday

Tuesday 6 December

- Year 1-6 Transition Visit 2:00pm - 3:00pm
- 2023 Year 7 Orientation - Day 2 Tuesday

Wednesday 7 December

- Carols in the Church Rehearsals - 10:00am - 2:00pm
- Carols in the Church - 6:30pm - St Paul's Catholic Church
- Year 2 End of Year Celebrations - Icehouse
- Presto Industry Immersion

Volunteer Information

An update on the outcome of the consultation process and approval in relation to the amended COVID-19 Vaccination Policy as implemented by Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) sites.

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Please click [here](#) to see the Volunteer Handbook.



Rex Jones Secures Apprenticeship

Following a period of casual employment with a local carpentry employer, Steve Scheidl Constructions, Year 10 student Rex Jones has been offered a full-time apprenticeship.

Rex is employed through Group Training Employment and will complete his Certificate III in Carpentry whilst learning on-the-job. Carpentry has been a career focus for Rex for some time, having also completed his Year 10 work experience with Balshaw Carpentry and Construction this year. We congratulate Rex on his apprenticeship and wish him every success for the future.

Pictured is mother Carolyn, Rex, and Careers Coordinator Jody Elliott.

Jody Elliott | Careers Coordinator

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](#).



Students Travel to Fiji for Soccer Tournament

Congratulations to students (and brothers!), Liam & Jacob Bidese, as they are both currently in Fiji for the 2022 Fiji Soccer Cup Tournament.

Liam is representing Australia, while Jacob has been selected to referee the tournament.

Well done on your outstanding achievements!

You can read the full SE Voice story at the link [here](#).



Students Create Sensational Signs in Metal Technology

Students in Mr Adamopoulos' Metal Technology class have recently finished their amazing LED signs, their major products for the Semester.

To produce their signs, students first used the design process to brainstorm and develop potential design ideas. Once a design was finalised, a CAD model of their design was produced on Fusion360 to use as a template, while students documented this process in a multimodal folio. Next, students began to shape and bend their metal rod into their unique designs using the oxy/acetylene welder and a variety of cold forming and hot working techniques. Finally, students finished their signs by cutting and applying their acrylic inserts and LED strip.

All students completed their project to a very high standard, showcasing their skills, knowledge and understanding of the subject. We look forward to what these boys can achieve in the not-so-distant future!

Pictured from left to right: Mackye Baron, Jed Sims, and Harry Marlow

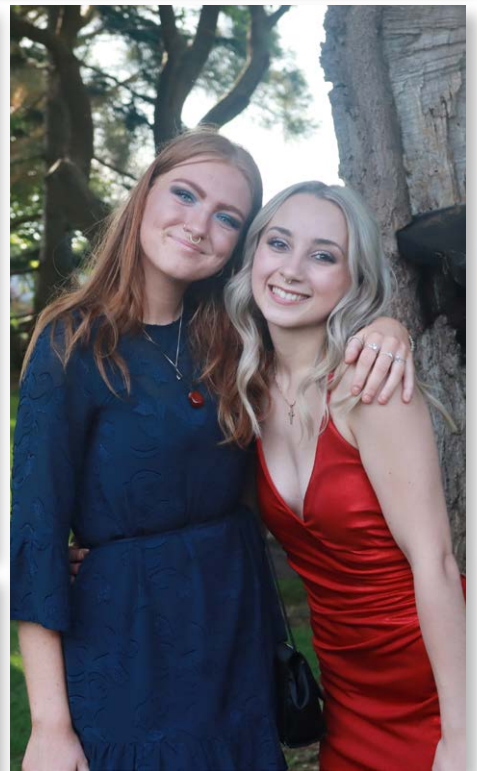
George Adamopoulos | BET Design and Technology Teacher

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Year 12 Graduation



Year 12 Graduation continued...



Year 12 Graduation *continued...*





THIS WEEKEND

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

December High Tea

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER 2022
SUGARLOAF CAFE

Tickets are \$30 and include:

A mocktail

Tea or Coffee of your choice

Sweet and Savoury Tea Stands to Share



First Sitting: 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Second Sitting: 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Tickets are available from the Sugarloaf Cafe at

Tenison Woods College

Please call 8725 5455
for more information



CAROLS IN THE CHURCH

WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER

6:30PM | ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH | PENOLA ROAD, MT GAMBIER

FEATURING:

- IGNITE CHOIR
- BLAZE CHOIR
- CAROLS BAND
- SENIOR BOYS ENSEMBLE
- CONCERT CHOIR
- SENIOR VOCAL ENSEMBLE

GOLD COIN DONATION
CANDLES FOR SALE OR BRING
YOUR OWN BATTERY
OPERATED CANDLE



Sunday

NOVEMBER 27

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Pray for those in need of HOPE



Week 1

Monday

28

The wise men followed the star to find baby Jesus
Make a star ornament



Tuesday

29

Donate toys or clothes to Winnies



Wednesday

30

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED... why we have the the season of Advent?



Thursday

DECEMBER 1

Call or visit someone who you haven't seen for a while



Friday

2

Set up a nativity scene in your home or make your own



Saturday

3

Bake cookies for a neighbour or a friend



4

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Pray for those in need of PEACE



Week 2

11

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Pray for those in need of JOY



Week 3

12

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED... why the third Advent candle is rose coloured?



18

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Pray for those in need of LOVE



Week 4

25

Christmas Day



Lay baby Jesus in his manger

Advent Calendar 2022