

# Weekly Newsletter



## Mother's Day Breakfast

On Friday 12 May, we held a beautiful Mother's Day Breakfast in the Barrie Holmes Stadium.

Led by our Catholic Identity and Mission Team, Mums, Grandparents and special friends came together to celebrate the Mums of our College Community!

Thank you to everyone who joined us, and enjoyed a wonderful spread for breakfast, lots of love, and laughter.

Please [click here](#) to view the Mother's Day Video.



# From the Principal



## MacKillop Junior School Building

Excitement abounds as we commence occupying the MacKillop Junior School Building. Teaching staff have commenced transitioning to the building this week, with Years 1, 2 and 3 occupying the ground floor this week. Next week our Year 4, 5 and 6 classes will take their place on the first floor. By Monday 29 May

we will all be teaching and learning in the new building.

The nature play area completion will be delayed due to equipment supply from Scandinavia. This is scheduled to be completed in the Term 2 break.

It is a delight to see students, teachers and parents make the MacKillop Junior School their school home.

## Mother's Day Celebrations and Mary in the Month of May

Thank you to the mothers, grandmas, godmothers, aunts, big sisters and all those who provide motherly care to our young and were able to attend the Mother's Day Breakfast in the Barrie Holmes Stadium last Friday. Thanks to our Catholic Identity and Mission Team and to our Senior Student Leaders for their leadership of this event, and once again, the Sugarloaf Café and Hospitality students for ensuring that the event was characteristically very well catered.

As we celebrate motherly care of those who are with us and those who are now enjoying their heavenly reward, we also acknowledge that during May we as a Catholic Church offer our devotion to Mary; our model of devoted motherhood, grace, unconditional love and maternal integrity.

## National Volunteers Week

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. From Monday 15 May to Sunday 21 May, NVW celebrates the significant contribution of Australia's almost six million volunteers.

The week-long event recognises the vital support that the millions of volunteers provide to their communities and encourages people to consider volunteering. National Volunteer Week 2023, with the theme The Change Makers, is a celebration of our power to drive change and ensure volunteering is inclusive of all members of the Australian community.

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, such as assisting the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, Breakfast Club, our College Board and its Sub-Committees, canteen, at sports days and events and have participated in working bees. We are so appreciative of the many volunteers and this week we take time to say thank you.

People like our LAP volunteers know how significant LAP (Learning Support 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.

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 and ultimately so that 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 Tania Sigley on (08) 8725 5455 or [sigt@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sigt@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

## Laudato Si Week. Hope For The Earth. Hope For Humanity.

Laudato Si' Week 2023 will be celebrated from Sunday 21 May to Sunday 28 May with the film "The Letter" to mark the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on care for creation. This global celebration will unite Catholics to rejoice in the progress we have made in bringing Laudato Si' to life, and show how the protagonists of "The Letter" are already doing so.

Laudato Si was a pivotal encyclical by Pope Francis calling Catholics around the world to care for our common home, our planet. This encyclical provided the foundation for our College's focus on ecology and sustainability and has led to many whole school initiatives and curriculum integration over the past eight years.

The student Sustainability Survey being conducted this week acknowledges the critical importance of our ecological and sustainability platform as a school community, pushing our understandings, and also underlining the critical part we all play in making a difference.

## 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 Tuesday 30 June 2023 for a deduction to be made.

## EY-12 Staff Professional Development Days – Thursday 8 and Friday 9 June

Early Years to Year 12 Staff are looking forward to the staff professional development days on Thursday 8 June and Friday 9 June, when they will devote time to the critical literacy experiences and student agency throughout the school. Furthermore we will be evolving further our wellbeing approach at the school, focusing on coaching students to facilitate agency in the Resilient IMPACT approach.

I trust students and parents will experience the benefits of the days through our service to students and families throughout the College. I remind families that these days are student-free days for the ELCC and the College.

## CESA COVID-19 Approach

COVID-19 continues to affect the community and we all have a part to play in keeping our school community safe and minimising the disruption to learning that can occur when illness circulates at school. As such I ask you to follow the approach below:

- Students/staff who are unwell should stay home if they have cold or flu-like symptoms and get tested for COVID-19.
- If students/staff have COVID-19, please advise the school as soon as possible, and stay at home until all acute symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, cough and fever) have cleared.
- Staff "Test to Stay" remains part of the CESA COVID-19 Management Plan for staff who become close contacts at school.

God Bless,

David Mezinec | Principal

## Upcoming Key Dates

### Week 3

#### Wednesday 17 May

- Year 12 Retreat
- Catholic Education Week

#### Thursday 18 May

- Year 12 Retreat
- SASI Cycling Testing
- Sacraments Rehearsal for Confirmation
- Catholic Education Week

#### Friday 19 May

- Year 12 Retreat
- Year 7 - 9 Mixed Hockey
- Sacrament of Confirmation
- Catholic Education Week

### Week 4

#### Monday 22 May

- SAPSASA Boys and Girls Football Carnival, Adelaide
- Year 1 Swimming Lessons
- Term 3 Reception Information Evening, 7:00pm.

#### Tuesday 23 May

- SAPSASA Boys and Girls Football Carnival, Adelaide
- Stage 1 Bushwalking Expedition
- Year 1 Swimming Lessons

#### Wednesday 24 May

- National Simultaneous Storytime
- SAPSASA Boys and Girls Football Carnival, Adelaide
- Stage 1 Bushwalking Expedition
- Year 1 Swimming Lessons

## CIM Team News



### Year 12 Retreat

This week our Year 12 students will embark on their annual retreat from 17 - 19 May at Cave Hill Creek in Beaufort, Victoria. This picturesque location will allow students to 'retreat' for a little while to reflect on their personal journeys and explore their relationships with God, themselves, their families, friends, and others.

Father Peter will join the students on Wednesday to celebrate Mass and assist to guide our students and set the scene for the retreat. His presence will deepen the spiritual aspect, allowing students to strengthen their connection with their faith and find meaning in their experiences.

Under the theme 'The Road of Life,' students will engage in activities and discussions that foster self-discovery, empathy, and a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness of our lives. This retreat provides a vital opportunity for Year 12 students to pause, reflect, and gain clarity as they approach a pivotal stage in their lives.

We wish staff and students safe travels and an engaging and thought-provoking time away.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

On Friday 19 May a special liturgy will take place at 7pm at St Paul's Church where students enrolled in the 2022/2023 Sacramental Program will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. During this special time of preparation, we keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Father Dean Marin, the Vicar General of Adelaide Archdiocese, will be the celebrant for this celebration. It will be wonderful to welcome him back to our Parish Community.

### Youth Mass

Youth Mass is held on the 3rd weekend of the month at the 6:00pm Saturday Mass at St Paul's Church, Penola Road. The next Youth Mass will be held this Saturday 20 May. The music and readings at this Mass are led by the young people from the College and the Parish. Please contact Marilena Wilson 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.

### Stationery Drive for Timor Leste- Junior School Initiative

In support of the immersion experience and in an effort to make a small difference with great love the Junior School is running a Stationery drive so that we can get little school packs ready for children in Timor Leste. We will be making little packs in snap lock bags, so they are light and easy to take on the plane. Items must be small and brand new.

Thank you in anticipation of your support for this worthy cause.

### Upcoming Liturgical Events

Thursday 18 May- 9:10am Year 6 Mass  
Thursday 18 May- 10:15am Year 1 Liturgy  
Thursday 25 May- 9:10am Year 7 Mass  
Thursday 25 May- 10:15am Reception Liturgy

Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator

## Weekly Uniform Focus

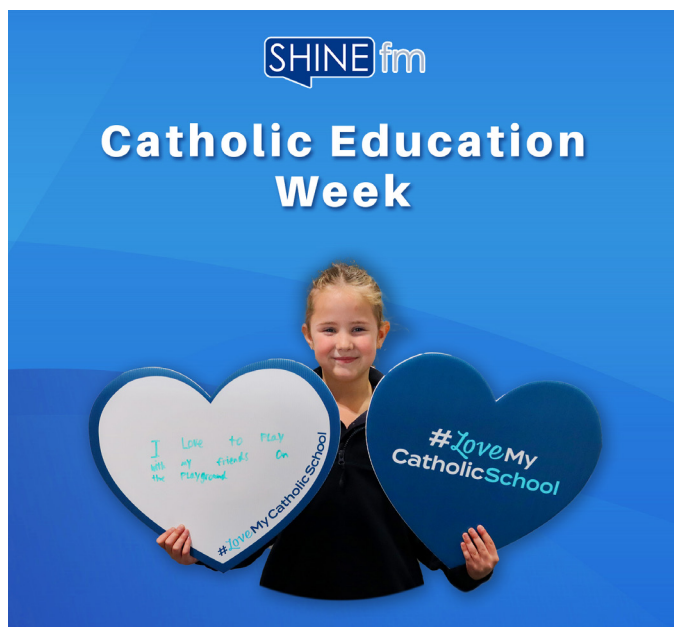
### Jackets & Warmer Options

The following optional items are available to be worn outside when the temperature is under 23 degrees:

- Tenison Woods College navy raincoat
- Tenison Woods College navy soft shell jacket
- Polar Fleece Vest (Year 3 – 6)
- Tenison Woods College navy scarf

Under garments should not be visible.

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing



## SHINEfm Podcast - Term 2, Week 3

Tune in to this week's SHINEfm Podcast as we celebrate Catholic Education Week, with students and staff sharing what they love most about school.

Listen on Spotify: <https://spoti.fi/3Mucr5D>

Listen on our website: <https://bit.ly/3Miko7D>



## Year 9/10 Boys Football kick into the next round with a strong win

Our Year 9/10 Boys Football team played a talented and physical game against Grant High School yesterday at Malseed Park.

In wet conditions, our boys had to kick against a favourable breeze in the first quarter but their focus and dedication to playing team defense kept Grant High School scoreless and enabled us to dominate possession in the forward half of the ground. This resulted in 6 goals early on and enabled our boys to carry the momentum into the second quarter where we kicked a further 5 goals to lead at half time 11.5.71 to GHS 0.1.1.

To the opposition's credit they continued to compete with great intensity in the second half and with rotations being put in place for our boys, the second half was a much more even affair.

Both teams are to be congratulated on their approach to the game, with the final score being Tenison Woods College 15.12.102 defeating Grant High School 3.3.21.

It was an outstanding team performance but some players who stood out were Ben Copping, Jacob Sim, Marcus Brand, Owen Feetom, Cooper McCann, Harvey Croker & Jason Minge. Thanks to Ciaran Buckley & Ben Hardy for coaching. Thanks also to Ethan Flett & Vaughn Stratford for umpiring.

Brooke Hicks | Year 7 -12 Sport Coordinator



## ELCC Mother's Day Morning Tea

On Friday, the ELCC held a Mother's Day morning tea to thank all the Mother's, Grandmother's, Aunty's and special friends for all they do.

We have such a wonderful community and ELCC wanted to say a particular thank you to all these women for their support, love and strength. In the warm sunshine, it was delightful to see everyone come together, acknowledge and celebrate all the amazing women in our lives and ELCC community.

**Fran Scanlon** | ELCC Director



## Auskick Starts Strong

NAB AFL Auskick is the best way to introduce kids to the great game of Aussie Rules Football! It's all about fun, getting hands on the ball and constantly being involved in exciting activities.

The College's Auskick began last week on the oval, with this years sessions being planned by the Year 10 AFL High Performance Sports Program students and run in conjunction with parents. During the session we practiced our bumping, kicking and handballs.

**Tina Opperman** | R-6 Sports Coordinator



## Tenison Woods College Umbrellas Now On Sale

Tenison Woods College umbrellas are perfect for winter sports for those expected - and unexpected - showers! These quality umbrellas feature automatic opening at the click of a button, double velcro closures, a fully-vented wind proof canopy and strong fibreglass shaft.

Limited stock available at the Front Office for only \$35 each, grab yours today!



## Year 8 Visual Art

Mrs Amoroso's Year 8 Visual Arts Class spent their afternoon lesson last Thursday experimenting with paintbrushes created from natural materials.

Students scavenged for leaves and sticks to create and assemble their paintbrushes. They were then given the task of painting a self portrait.



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## The Southern Cross News

The Southern Cross is South Australia's catholic newspaper, serving communities across the state.

Please [click here](#) to view The Southern Cross .



## Year 7 - 12 Cross Country

On Friday afternoon Mount Gambier put on some great weather for the Year 7 - 12 Cross Country event!

Hundreds of students tackled the course up and around the beautiful Sugarloaf before descending back down to the College via Marist Park.

Congratulations to the winners of each age group, and to all for their great effort on the day.



## Junior School Moving Day

Our students were at the heartbeat of the MacKillop Junior School this week, as they finally had the moment they have been waiting for, to move into their brand new Junior School!

Year 1 & 2 students put their hand up to help out, as they moved their classroom supplies to their new spaces, and by the end of the day, classes were running as normal! Classes will continue to move in throughout the course of this week and next week.

A huge thank you to parents and staff who supported the move, and offered their time with the move.

Congratulations to the team at Mossop Construction + Interiors for this exceptional masterpiece that is now home to our Junior School students!



**Gael Chizungu**  
2023 School Captain

**Mia Passauer-Jones**  
2023 Learning Leader

## Mother's Day Raffle Winners

Our Mother's Day Raffle was drawn on Friday 12 May with our two lucky winners being Makayla Maney and Rachel Beavis.

Through the sale of raffle tickets we were able to raise \$150, which will be donated to local breast cancer support groups.

To watch the raffle draw please [click here](#).



## P.A.R.T.Y. Program Presentation

On Wednesday 10 May, 17 eager Year 11 students joined Mary and I for the P.A.R.T.Y. Program presentation at the Mount Gambier Hospital. The hugely successful day reinforced why we sign up to the program and highlighted why there is still a need to provide the key messages around risk taking to the young people in our community.

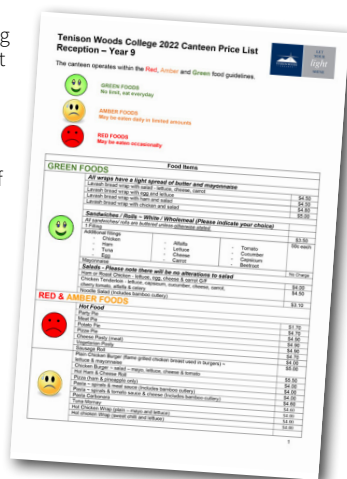
Students heard from a range of guest presenters including SAPOL, the CFS, SAAS and even joined ED nurses in the Emergency department, participating in a road crash victim simulation. The day concluded with Old Scholar, Jack Annear, sharing his harrowing but immensely inspirational story of recovery following a tragic accident in 2007.

Overall, the presenters were thoroughly enthused by the energy and focus our group brought to the session and I am confident that they will be able to share more of what they learned with their peers and the broader Senior School over the coming days and months.

**David Cole** | Year 11 Wellbeing Coordinator

## Canteen Reminders

- Please ensure the Student Profile in the QKR! App created for ordering is your child's name (not the parent name);
- QKR! App Orders need to be in by **NO LATER THAN 8.30am** for same day orders;
- Please carefully check day / date of order when using the QKR! App, and the details of all orders before proceeding to checkout.
- Year 8 and 9 QKR! App specials are only available to be ordered by these year levels, not for a younger sibling.
- Reception to Year 5 are only allowed to purchase two items over the counter, only one of these can be lollies. There is no monetary limit, only an item limit.



If you have any questions regarding the Qkr! App, please contact Jess Herring at [herjj@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:herjj@tenison.catholic.edu.au)





## Sports Journalism Student Covers LCWFL Grand Final

Our Year 10 Sports Journalism class have been working with local sports clubs and associations to promote their activities across the South East.

This has included students taking photos on game day, producing audio and video content for clubs to promote events and providing reviews and match day analysis for coaches.

Recently one club requested a member of the class, Cedar Scott, to attend and photograph the Limestone Coast Womens Football League Grand Final.

Cedar captured some great shots of the action and we are delighted with the results.

To see the photos she captured please visit the [Tenison Woods College Facebook Page](#).

Scott Dickson | Director of Learning



## National Volunteers Week

This week is National Volunteers Week that recognises and thanks the millions of Australians that volunteer their time. We particularly thank staff and families that have volunteered their time at Vinnies, SAKG, Breakfast Club, College Board and its Sub-Committees, LAP mentors, canteen, at sports days and events and have participated in working bees.

We offer a special acknowledgment to Yolande Langford who has been a committed member to the Tenison Woods College community by giving service to the Uniform Committee for 10 years!

Our gratitude and many thanks to all volunteers this week!

If you would like to sign up to any of the many volunteering opportunities here at the College please visit our website by [clicking here](#).

## Learning Assistance Program Volunteers Needed

Tenison Woods College continues to offer the Learning Assistance Program (LAP) to our students and we are seeking interested parents and friends of the school to assist as volunteers.

The Learning Assistance Program is a program whereby volunteers, in partnership with teaching staff, work with students on a one-on-one basis, for one hour regular sessions each week.

If you have time, knowledge, special talents or interests which may either facilitate a students learning or enhance a child's experience at school, and you are willing to share them with students, we would love to hear from you at (08) 8725 5455 or [sigt@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sigt@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

Tania Sigley | Wellbeing Coordinator

## 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 Primary and Secondary Relief Teachers to join the Temporary Relief Teacher (TRT) pool for the rest of 2023.

If you have 1 - 5 days spare in your week and your Teacher's Registration and Working With Children Check are current, call us on (08) 8725 5455 to discuss the possibilities.



## Seeking Breakfast Club Volunteers

Breakfast Club is a great way to interact with students and give back to the College Community. Breakfast Club operates Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays from 8:00am-8:30am. Only 30 minutes of your time is required.

Please indicate your availability to Breakfast Club Coordinator Trent Eitzen [eitzt@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:eitzt@tenison.catholic.edu.au). A Working with Children Check (WWCC) is required and available free of charge through the College.

The following documents will assist you with the volunteer application process:

- [Volunteer General Information](#)
- [Volunteer Handbook](#)

# From the Sports Department



## Football in Schools Program

The Football in Schools program has begun at Tenison Woods College on Mondays at 3:15pm. The program will run for eight weeks, with our final session on 19 June.

The sessions are run by Christian Fleetwood and students are encouraged to bring a drink bottle and sneakers/soccer boots. Parents will need to be present for the sessions which will be held on the Aston Fields.

The Sports Voucher form is located [here](#). Further information can be found here: <https://www.footballsouth.com.au/footballinschools>

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



## Open Mixed Hockey Squad Make Finals

On Tuesday, our Open Mixed Hockey squad travelled to Naracoorte to play for a spot in the state finals. They played back-to-back games against St Martins Lutheran College and Naracoorte High School.

The Titans first game against St Martins tested our abilities and proved just how important it is to work as a team. We were able to take control of the game and left the half with a comfortable 5-0 lead thanks to some impressive goals. With the game leaning to the Titans, we experimented with positions and structure in the second half to prepare for the next game against Naracoorte High School. Goal-sneak Louise Stanley put her name on the scoresheet with a nice goal to finish the first game as a 6-1 win.

After a short 15-minute break, the Titans took the turf to play their second game against Naracoorte High School. Destined to be a difficult match, Naracoorte came into the game red-hot, having multiple shots against our defense. Fortunately for the Titans, keeper Noah Clark was up for the challenge and saved everything he could to keep his team in the game. After a superb performance from Clark, Naracoorte finally managed to slip through some goals. The game finished as a 0-4 defeat.

The squad now looks ahead to the State Titles in Adelaide, where their focus will be on that final game with hopes of getting their hands on the silverware.

Our thanks must go to Chris Lloyd and Brayden Burston for their supervision and coaching on the day!

## Upcoming Sports Events

Another busy term of sport with the following upcoming events locked in the calendar for Term 2

### WEEK 3

**7-9 Knockout Mixed Hockey** - Friday 19 May  
Played at Blue Lake Sports Park; coached by Brayden Burston

### WEEK 5

**Interschool Cross Country** - Wednesday 31 May  
Held at Millicent High School; supported by Tara Millard

### WEEK 6

**Cardijn Exchange** - Sunday 4 May - Tuesday 6th May  
Played at Cardijn College; Adelaide

### WEEK 7

**7/8 Boys and Girls Knockout Basketball** - Friday 16 June  
Played at St Francis de Sales, Mount Barker; coached by Kym Hammond

Nominations are also currently open for **11-12 Boys Knockout Football** and **11-12 Girls and Boys Basketball** which are occurring later in the term or early next term.

Within the first two weeks of the term there have been many sport trials occurring in preparation for Cardijn and knockout sports. Students are reminded to keep looking on SEQTA and e-mails for any updates on sports trials and how to nominate.

With many sports happening umpires or volunteers are always required, if you would like to volunteer please email [bhicks@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bhicks@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

**Brooke Hicks** | 7-12 Sports Coordinator

## Cross Country Training

Pete Collins will be offering Cross Country training sessions for students who are interested, starting in Week 1 and concluding in Week 4 on Wednesdays after school, at Marist Park from 3:30pm to 4:15pm.

We thank Pete Collins for offering his coaching services to our students.

**Brooke Hicks** | 7-12 Sports Coordinator



## SAPSASA Cross Country

Tenison Woods College had a large contingent of runners attend the 37th South East Cross Country Championships at Naracoorte Primary School. Running over distances of either 1300m, 1800m or 2500m, the students competed extremely well, with some students being chosen to represent the LSE at the State Cross Country Championships later this term. Results will be sent out soon and will be published in the next newsletter.

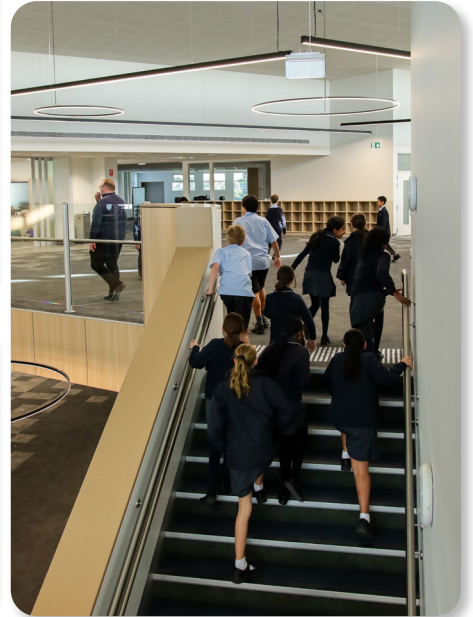
**Tina Opperman** | R-6 Sports Coordinator

# Mother's Day Gifts





# MacKillop Junior School Moving Day



# 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

Tuesday 9th May 2023 - Term 2, Week 2  
Tuesday 6th June 2023 - Term 2, Week 6

*1.45pm - 4.30pm at Tenison Woods College, Mt Gambier*

For further information, please contact your child's Pathways Coordinator.



# PRINCIPAL'S *Tour*

**TUESDAY 30 MAY**  
9:00AM – FRONT OFFICE  
PLEASE REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE:  
<https://bit.ly/3UJirdu>

“ Step inside a community, where everyone belongs. I look forward to meeting you and your family. *David Mezinec* Principal, Tenison Woods College ”

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