

# Open Heart Open Arms

WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2024 WEEK 1, TERM 1

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

After a staggered start to the year we have now welcomed all of our students and staff back to the College. We wish everyone a fantastic year filled with lots of learning.



# From the Principal



## Welcome

I was thrilled by the start that the Tenison Woods College Community made to the 2024 academic year on Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 January. I was particularly pleased to see staff and students looking refreshed and relaxed after the holiday break, ready to greet the challenges of the school year.

I offer a special welcome for all new students and new families to our larger school family. I hope you make many good long-lasting friendships and enjoy your learning at Tenison Woods College.

## Rest in Peace Kai Malseed

We offer condolences to the family of Kai Malseed, brother of Zoe Malseed (concluded at Tenison Woods College in 2022) and Leni Clifford is in Year 9 in 2024. Our prayers and thoughts are with Kai's mother Anna and the extended family at this time.

## Rest in Peace Ben Maxwell

It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of Ben Maxwell following a long battle with cancer. Ben is the son of Jeanette Maxwell, one of our long-serving and much loved Education Support Officers and is a former student of Saint Anthony's Catholic School and Tenison Woods College. We offer sincere condolences to Ben's partner, Emma, in addition to parents Jeanette and John, his siblings, Tara, Erin and Adam, and their extended families. At this time of deep sadness I trust the family's strong faith and our characteristic strong communal support will help ease the pain of loss.

## Open Heart, Open Arms in 2024

The Staff Planning Days at the commencement of the year offered staff an opportunity to reflect on our work as individuals and as a staff team. During these planning days we focused on our College approach to our learning game plan, our strategy in relation to Living, Learning and Leading at Tenison Woods College, the ingredients of a deliberate start to the year and how we could serve our students, parents, and colleagues in the best possible way.

This year we will be invited to approach the experiences of the year with "**Open Heart, Open Arms.**" The school theme invites us to participate in the journey of exploring our capabilities with a positive growth mindset that has an 'other' or outward focus of service. As I mentioned last year, I am asking our students to **SHINE** with **SWAGGER**.

At Tenison Woods College we say that every learner has a place, and in saying that we are accentuating SHINE+, our College interpretation of the PERMA+ Wellbeing framework. Additionally, when we underline that every learner has a pathway we are encouraging them to use their **SWAGGER**.

In short, to grow our gifts together I encourage the community to bring their **SWAG** or their **SWAGGER**; a **SWAGger** that will bring individual and communal success:

**S for Skills** – Keep honing your skills and be the best you can be at what you chose to do. Keep learning. Skills are the initial currency that make things happen in your life.

**W for Work ethic** – effort will always be noticed and invariably rewarded. Effort is the big value add.

**A for Attitude** – You may have heard it said that your attitude determines your altitude. Meaning attitude makes all the difference. The way you view life and the attitude you bring to the game will make a big difference to the game you play, and those around you in the most positive way.

**G is for Game** – know your game and how you fit into your team. In a Catholic school our God helps us understand our game, what is important and how we work together. In our Catholic context it is not that complicated at all. Firstly the dignity of all and respect for all. And secondly, we become who God calls us to be through service to others and SHINE-ing so others SHINE.

So, as we commence 2024 and as we "Open our Heart and Open our Arms" I encourage students to SHINE with **SWAGGER**, so that in the year to follow they will be the person:

- Who takes pride in excellent skills,
- Who knows that working hard will be rewarded.
- Where your positive, resilient attitude colours your days and defines you.
- And where you have a strong team game that draws confidence from a God who is with you, guiding you and inspiring you let your light shine for others.

I look forward to us developing a deep appreciation of how we can "open our hearts and open our arms" and look with renewed commitment at how we can be present with commitment and conviction to our family, school, local and global community.

## All the best for 2024!

With the understanding that at Tenison Woods College every learner has a place, every learner has a pathway and every learner will shine, we will continue our deliberate attention to the 2022-26 Strategic Plan, with the five areas of endeavour:

The 2024 Key Initiatives will continue to be:

1. The (critical) literacies of our community EY-12, including an evolved appreciation of numeracy.
2. Resilient Impact and Growth Action Coaching of students.
3. Developing our leadership capacity and presence.
4. Systemising and authenticating our ecology and sustainability approach.
5. Simplification of processes.

## Recognising Achievement and Excellence in 2023 - Dux And Academic Awards Assembly

On Tuesday 6 February, our College community will gather in the Barrie Holmes Stadium at 9.00am for our first Whole School Assembly for 2024. During the assembly we will celebrate the achievements of our 2023 Year 12 students with their outstanding SACE results and also acknowledge our Middle and Senior School Academic Achievers. Parents are warmly invited to attend.

## Standing on the shoulders ...

During our days of preparation we acknowledged the committed service of the following staff:

### 10 years of service

- Nick Patzel
- Aleisha Hunter
- Nathan Creedy
- Jamie Edwards
- Bec Edwards
- Cassie Edwards
- Maria Jeffrey
- Natasha Davis
- Lisa Gurney
- Jodie Reed
- Tessa Richardson
- Trina Welden

### 20 years of service

- Liz Snell
- Beth Creedy
- Tina Opperman
- Suzanne Pepe

### 30 years of service

- Michelle Coote

We greatly appreciate the impact that the above staff have had on the story and culture of the Tenison Woods College learning community and so we acknowledge their contribution with deep appreciation and admiration.

## Positions of Responsibility

I offer congratulations and thanks to staff who have taken on new challenges in Positions of Responsibility this year. I thank staff who offered their talents last year and I trust the staff who are taking on roles this year for the next two and four years will build on their predecessor's efforts in a way that offers our community significant security, creativity, and opportunity. A summary of the staff who hold Positions of Responsibility is located on our website [here](#)

## Parent Involvement In 2024

Over the next month there will be a series of events for parents. Some events will be social, some curriculum-based and some pastoral. I encourage parents to attend and be involved. This partnership provides the best outcome for our students. Two opportunities to get involved are our 2024 Working Bees:

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>End of Week 3</b>	<b>Saturday 17 February 2024</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>End of Week 4</b>	<b>Saturday 9 November 2024</b>

## Uniform and Phone (Mobile Communication Device) Policies

I ask you offer particular attention to recent correspondence underscoring our Uniform and Phone (Mobile Communication Device) policies. Your support in ensuring that your child starts the year complying with these policies will ensure a very positive start to the year for all; students, staff and parents.

## Making A Great Start

I hope that all students will settle into a productive routine as quickly as possible. The new year brings all sorts of new opportunities and experiences. In 2024 this is certainly so! It is an exciting time at the College and we look forward to providing many rich learning experiences as the year unfolds.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact the College. We believe that it is critically important for your child's educational experience that a positive, healthy relationship exists between their parents and the College. This provides your child with a sense of security which is a foundation for good learning.

I look forward to seeing you around the College in the weeks to come and wish you every blessing in the year ahead.

All the best for 2024!

God Bless,  
**David Mezinac** | Principal

## CIM Team News



Welcome back families and students and a particular welcome to new families. As Religious Education Coordinator at TWC this year, I will be working alongside a dedicated team consisting of:

- Rayhna Stephens, who will serve as the Catholic Identity and Mission (CIM) Coordinator for Years ELC-6.
- Chris Lloyd, who will serve as the CIM Coordinator for Years 7-9.
- Marilena Wilson, who will serve as the CIM Coordinator for Years 10-12.
- Beth Creedy, who will serve as the Liturgical Music Coordinator across the school.
- Teone Brauer, who will serve as Sustainability Coordinator.

Each team member brings a wealth of experience and expertise, and they are all committed to supporting the school in fostering an environment of faith, hope, and love. The CIM team works closely with the Parish and our staff to integrate the teachings of the Catholic Church into the curriculum, and assist in leading students in prayer and fostering a commitment to social justice activities throughout the year.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to support you or your child on their faith journey.

### Year 12 Retreat

This week our Year 12 students will embark on their annual retreat from Wednesday 31 Jan to Friday 2 Feb at Kangarooie Camp in Princetown, 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 Olek will join the retreat to assist in guiding our students, to set the scene for the retreat and to celebrate Mass. His presence will be greatly appreciated as students strengthen their connection with their faith and find meaning in their experiences.

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 travel and an engaging and thought-provoking time away.

### Term 1 Masses in the College Chapel

We look forward to welcoming students into the Chapel next week to celebrate the first Mass of this term. This is a great opportunity for our students to come together as a community. Mass will take place every Thursday at 9:10 am in our school chapel, with a different year level preparing for and attending the Mass each week. We welcome family and community members to attend.

Week 2 Thursday 8 February - Year 9

Week 3 Thursday 15 February - Year 6

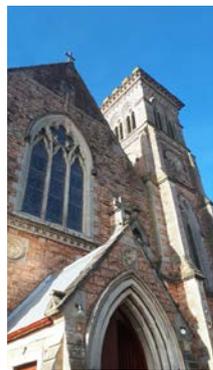
### Whole School Liturgy

The Beginning of Year Whole School Liturgy will be held at Marist Park on Thursday 22 February at 9.00am. Parents and Carers are warmly invited to attend this special event.

**Sally Telford** | Religious Education Coordinator



## From the Parish



Join us for the annual

## Parish Picnic Day

Sunday, 4 February  
after 11.00am Mass  
at the Deanery Garden

Everyone welcome!

Please bring a plate to share  
Some sausage sizzles will be available  
BYO drinks, a rug and chairs  
For more information  
Parish Office - 8725 6566

### Parish Picnic Day

The Parish Picnic Day will take place this Sunday in the Deanery Garden of St Paul's Catholic Church following the 11am Mass. Judging by its success in the previous years, it promises to be a great day with delicious food and great company. It's a wonderful opportunity to welcome many new parishioners and to renew friendships. And also, the 2023 edition of the parish magazine - The Witness will be launched at this event. We hope to see you there!

## Upcoming Key Dates

### Week 1

#### Thursday 1 February

- New Students & New Staff ID Photos - 11.20am, Lecture Theatre
- Year 12 Retreat
- Uniform Shop Open - 12:30pm - 4:30pm.

#### Friday 2 February

- Year 7 Parents Welcome BBQ - 1:40pm Gilap Wanga Learning Community
- Year 12 Retreat

### Week 2

#### Tuesday 6 February

- 2023 Dux and Academic Awards Ceremony, Years 3-12 - 9:00am, Barrie Holmes Stadium

#### Wednesday 7 February

- Rest Day for New Reception Students

#### Friday 9 February

- Year 2 'Seven Little Wonders' Theatre Excursion

### Week 3

#### Monday 12 February

- Year 7-12 Swimming Carnival - Wulanda Recreation Centre

#### Tuesday 13 February

- Shrove Tuesday

#### Wednesday 14 February

- Ash Wednesday
- Rest Day for New Reception Students
- Library Lovers Day

#### Thursday 15 February

- R-12 Welcome and Community Gathering Evening - 4:00pm - see flyer in this Newsletter

#### Friday 16 February

- Years 7-12 Interschool Swimming Carnival, Wulanda Recreation Centre

#### Saturday 17 February

- Tenison Woods College Working Bee



Community  
Noticeboard



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

# Celebrating Staff Long Service and Achievements

Each year at Tenison Woods College we acknowledge staff who have offered significant service to the students and families of our community. This year we celebrated committed staff who have offered 10, 20 and 30 years of service.

We thank the following staff who have offered wonderful service and who received gifts of recognition from the College:



## 10 Years of Service

- Nathan Creedy
- Jodie Reed
- Jamie Edwards
- Trina Welden
- Lisa Gurney
- Cassie Edwards
- Maria Jeffrey
- Natasha Davis
- Aleisha Hunter
- Nick Patzel
- Bec Edwards
- Tessa Richardson (absent)



## 20 Years of Service

- Liz Snell
- Suzanne Pepe
- Beth Creedy
- Tina Opperman



## 30 Years of Service

- Michelle Coote

Congratulations to these dedicated staff.

# Kiss and Drop Reminders

Reminders for drivers:

- The speed limit on all roads, carparks and driveways within the school grounds is 15kmph
- Kiss and Drop zones at both ends of the school are for continuous movement and for drop off and pick up only. Drivers should remain in their vehicles at all times.

Thanks for your patience and cooperation

**Michelle Coote** | Deputy Principal



We also recognised our staff who have completed a Graduate Certificate in Catholic Education

L-R: Scott Dickson, Mirella Prosperi-Porta, Gemma Hamilton and Francesca Dickson



# Library Information

Welcome back to the library for 2024! Library staff are looking forward to welcoming students to our space for classes and break times, providing great books and resources for reading and research as well as supporting them in their learning.

A general reminder for families and those new to the College:

- The library is open from 8:00am to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday throughout each Term.
- Reception to Year 2 students require a bookbag for weekly borrowing.
- Students may not borrow if they have an overdue book.

Our first fun focus for the year is Library Lovers Day in Week 3!

Keep an eye out for more information about this celebration.

**Alexandra Nicholson** | Library Manager



# ELCC School Holiday Fun

Over the school holidays our ELCC children had a fantastic start to the new year, participating in Wheels Day, Pirate Day, Water play and much more.

**Frances Scanlon** | Early Learning and Community Centre Director



## Ash Wednesday Canteen Menu

On Wednesday 14 February we wish to advise there will be NO MEAT in the Canteen due to Ash Wednesday.

However, the following items will be available for purchase:

- Vegetarian Pasty \$5.00
- Tomato/ Cheese Pasta \$4.00
- Spinach and Ricotta Roll \$4.90
- Potato Cake \$1.50 each (maximum 3)
- Fish Bites 4 for \$5.00.

Any wrap, roll, sandwich or salad may be ordered without meat. Please refer to 2024 Canteen Price List.

Snacks such as fruit salad, muffins and donuts will be available. Options will be shown in QKR! App.

**Leanne Sandow** | Canteen Manager



## College Grounds Update

Over the school holidays the College had some improvements. Our dedicated grounds and maintenance team have work tirelessly to ensure that the College is presented to a high standard.



## Years 7-12 Sport for Term 1

In line with the vision statement of the school, Tenison Woods College aims to foster the physical talents of students to enable them to reach their full potential which contributes to students' opportunities to develop character, values, and lifelong skills.

This year we welcome Jorja Mitchell as our Sports Trainee, alongside Aleisha Hunter in Sports Administration. We will all be working closely together to ensure you are well informed of upcoming events throughout the year.

This term students will have the opportunity to participate in:

- Year 7-12 Tenison Woods College Swimming Carnival - Monday, 12 February (Week 3) held at the Wulanda Recreation Centre
- Interschool Swimming - Friday 16 February (Week 3) held at Wulanda Recreation Centre
- Adelaide Swimming Carnival - Tuesday 20 February (Week 4) SA Aquatic Centre
- Tenison Woods College Athletics Carnival - Thursday 29 February and Friday 1 March (Week 5) held at Marist Park
- Interschool Athletics - Wednesday 20 March (Week 8) held at Marist Park
- Year 9 - 10 Boys Knockout T20 Cricket - Dates to be confirmed
- Year 11 - 12 Boys Knockout T20 Cricket - Dates to be confirmed
- Year 7 - 11 South East Zone Golf - Tuesday 26 March (Week 9) (venue to be confirmed)
- Year 11 - 12 Knockout Tennis - Dates to be confirmed

For internal school carnivals students will be able to nominate for events via Microsoft Forms. The link to their age group for swimming carnival was emailed to them from Jorja on Tuesday 30 January. The results from our internal school carnival will determine if children are invited to participate in Interschool and Adelaide carnivals.

For our upcoming Swimming Carnival there will be a BBQ situated just outside the centre which will be run by students attending the Timor-Leste Immersion Trip. Below is their menu and price list.

- Bacon and egg rolls - \$5
- Sausages - \$3
- Steak sandwiches - \$8
- Jelly cups - \$3
- Fruit cups - \$4
- Lollies - \$2

For all knockout sporting events this year, students will be able to nominate for events via Microsoft forms. They will be emailed by the Sports Administration at least two weeks before the competition and this information will be regularly included in the newsletter and school notices.

Trials will be held for these knockout sporting events. The trials and selection process at Tenison Woods College is a comprehensive process, often restricted by time and attendance of players. Tenison Woods College aims to deliver a fair and equitable selection process using the Tenison Woods College trials criteria.

If you would like to assist with any of the above carnivals or have any questions regarding Year 7-12 Sport in 2024 please email [sport@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sport@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

**Kaitlin Egan** | 7-12 Sports Coordinator

# RECEPTION STUDENTS FIRST DAY OF 2024



# WELCOME TO OUR NEW YEAR 7'S

This week, we warmly welcomed many new faces to Tenison Woods College, however, for these following students, it was their first day of High School as brand new Year 7's! Tune in to this week's SHINEfm Podcast as we spoke to some of our new Year 7 Students about their experiences of joining Tenison Woods College in 2024!

Listen on Spotify: <https://shorturl.at/bTVX6>

Listen on our website: [https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/files/45332367/SHINEfm\\_Term\\_1\\_Week\\_1.mp3](https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/files/45332367/SHINEfm_Term_1_Week_1.mp3)



Felix

How was your first day of High School as a Year 7 student?

It was very exciting

What subjects are you most excited about?

I am really excited for Future Thinking and Dance

What are you looking forward to the most at the College?

I'm looking forward to Media Arts and maybe getting a job when I'm older



William

How was your first day of High School as a Year 7 student?

It was a great first day, I made a lot of new friends, and I'm excited to begin my new chapter

What subjects are you most excited about?

Obviously the Cooking, AFL Academy and Basketball Academy

What are you looking forward to the most at the College?

Making new friends and making the most out of my high school career



Lily

How was your first day of High School as a Year 7 student?

It was very exciting and making all my new friends was amazing

What subjects are you most excited about?

Probably the Netball Academies and all the sporting, and the cooking

What are you looking forward to the most at the College?

Pretty much everything, I love it here at Tenison, and can't wait to finish all my schooling years here



Alirah

How was your first day of High School as a Year 7 student?

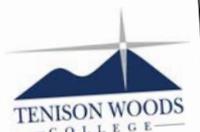
I'm very excited going forward to have my secondary school here

What subjects are you most excited about?

Probably the cooking programs

What are you looking forward to the most at the College?

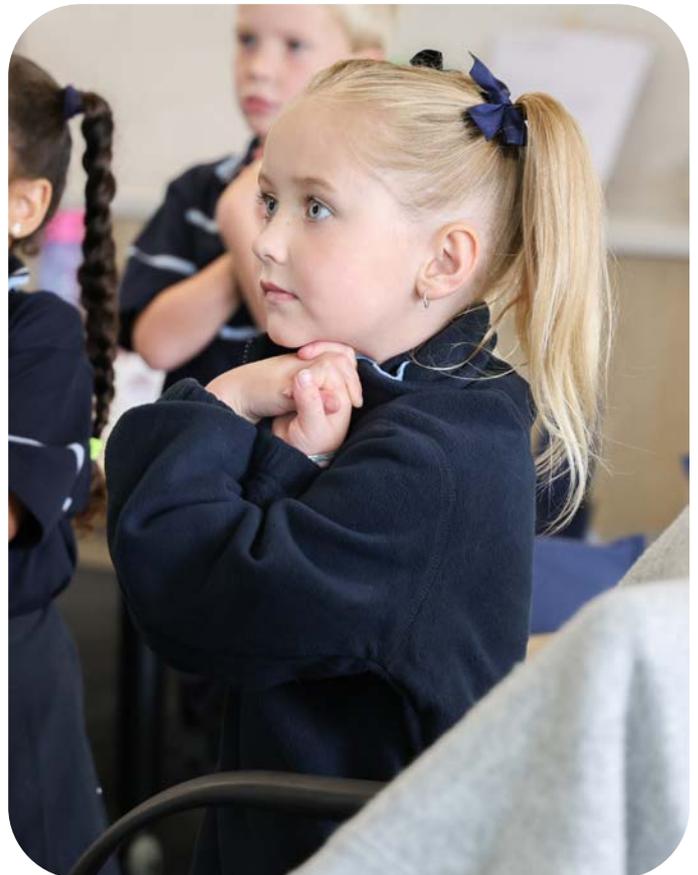
Sporting opportunities, I think that would be heaps of fun with all the knockout rounds that Tenison has to offer



# PARENT WELCOME MORNING TEAS



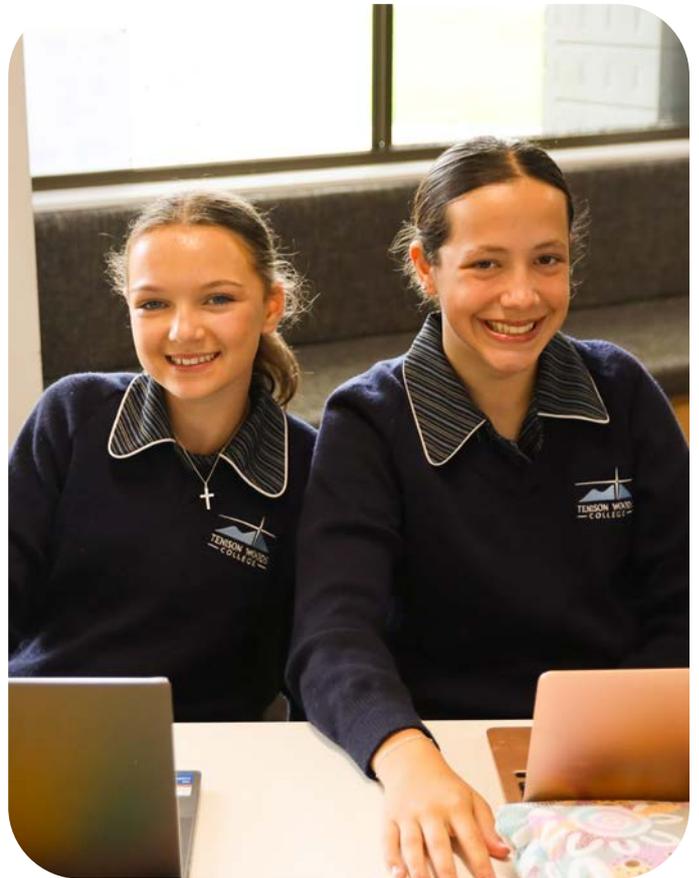
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# 2024 Junior Student Leadership



Caitlin Barry  
Junior Student Leader



Luke Oliver  
Junior Student Leader



Molly Sutton  
Mission Leader



Maddie Moss  
Mission Leader



James Allen  
Wellbeing Leader



Chloe Stratford  
Wellbeing Leader



Claire Flett  
Sport Leader



Louis Prosperi-Porta  
Sport Leader



Esther Mbuyu  
Sustainability Leader



Luke Neuman  
Sustainability Leader



Tilly Lynn  
Learning Leader



Andy Guan  
Learning Leader



Abbie Richards  
Mackillop Leader



Max Yeates  
Mackillop Leader



Sophia McCullough  
Champagnat Founder Leader



Archie Marlow  
Champagnat Founder Leader



Filumena Ochudzawa  
McAuley Founder Leader



Liam Salmon  
McAuley Founder Leader



Anna  
Woods Founder Leader



Joli Gentile  
Woods Founder Leader



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# 2024 Middle School Student Leadership



Ava Halloran  
Middle Student Leader



Jake Parker  
Middle Student Leader



Ella Skeer  
MacKillop Founder Leader



Brydee Starick  
MacKillop Founder Leader



Ethan Flett  
Champagnat Founder Leader



Gracie Carroll  
Champagnat Founder Leader



Matthew Ochudzawa  
McAuley Founder Leader



Isabelle Neuman  
McAuley Founder Leader



Jed Sinkunas  
Woods Founder Leader



Indee Stratford  
Woods Founder Leader



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# 2024 Senior Student Leadership



**Bree Robinson**  
School Captain



**Teangi Stephens**  
School Captain



**Lana Shepherd**  
Mission Leader



**Paul Hammond**  
Mission Leader



**Mennatallah Kassim**  
Wellbeing Leader



**Molly Livingstone**  
Wellbeing Leader



**Ellie Mullan**  
Sustainability Leader



**Evie Thompson**  
Sustainability Leader



**Jayden Prior**  
Sport Leader



**Trixie Crouch**  
Sport Leader



**Paige Luscombe**  
Learning Leader



**Taylor Baggio**  
Learning Leader



**Erykah Van Gaans**  
Music Leader



**William**  
Music Leader



**Millie Button**  
MacKillop Founder Leader



**Lillie Paul**  
MacKillop Founder Leader



**Austin Fatchen**  
Champagnat Founder Leader



**Raine Scott**  
Champagnat Founder Leader



**Tillie Derrington**  
Woods Founder Leader



**Aleisha Brook**  
Woods Founder Leader



**Jackson Bell**  
McAuley Founder Leader



**Matilda Lamb**  
McAuley Founder Leader



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# Breakfast Club 2024

Seeking Volunteers



Can you offer some time to assist with Breakfast Club in 2024?  
*We need your help!*

Rewarding

A great way to interact with Students, and give back to the College Community

Minimal Time

Only 30 minutes of your time required. BC operates Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 8:00am-8:30am.



*Interested?*

Please indicate your availability to Breakfast Club Coordinator, Trent Eitzen  
[eitzt@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:eitzt@tenison.catholic.edu.au)



# 2024 R-12 WELCOME AND COMMUNITY GATHERING EVENING

THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2024

## JUNIOR SCHOOL FAMILIES

**4:30pm to 5:30pm:**  
Reception to Year 6  
open classrooms

**4:00pm to 5:30pm:**  
Reception - Year 6 BBQ  
Junior School Playground

## MIDDLE SCHOOL Families

**4:30pm to 5:30pm:**  
Year 7, 8 and 9  
open classrooms in your  
child's home room

**4:00pm to 5:45pm:**  
Year 7-9 BBQ  
at the Thomas Ryan  
Courtyard BBQ Area

**5:45pm to 6:45pm:**  
**YEAR 9 Shine**  
**INFORMATION SESSION**  
Pam Ronan Centre Upstairs

## SENIOR SCHOOL FAMILIES

**5:30pm to 7:00pm:**  
Please join us in the Pam Ronan  
Centre Common Room to mingle and  
chat with your child's teachers and  
other key staff that your child will be  
supported by in the Senior School.  
Enjoy nibbles as we welcome you and  
your child to 2024.

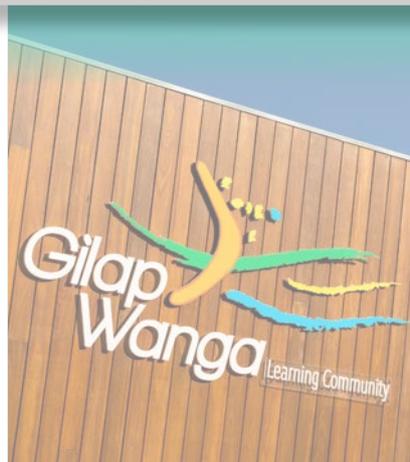
**5:30pm-6:00pm:**  
**Year 10 Teachers in attendance**

**6:00pm-6:30pm:**  
**Year 11 Teachers in attendance**

**6:30pm-7:00pm:**  
**Year 12 Teachers in attendance**

## POPIARS FAMILIES

**BBQ 3:30pm-5:30pm**  
**Open Classrooms 3:30pm - 5:30pm**



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Please indicate your attendance via EdSmart for catering purposes