



Open Heart Open Arms

Reminder: EARLY DISMISSAL This Friday 2:15pm Junior School, 2:20pm Middle/Senior School

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2024 , WEEK 11, TERM 1

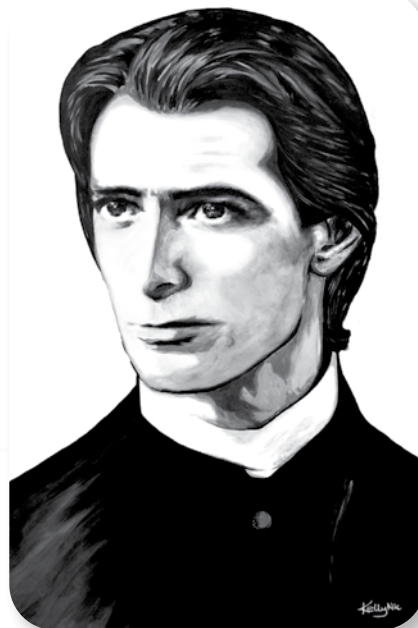
Celebrating Journey and Legacy

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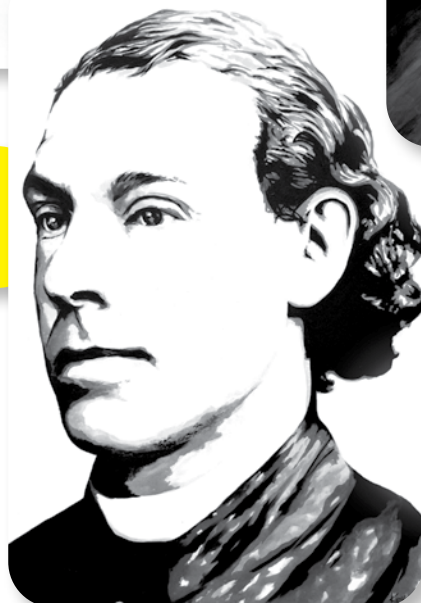
As we celebrate together on Friday we will also formally unveil to the school community artwork that captures our four founders. Our Artist in Residence and long serving staff member, Kelly Egan, has depicted our founders in a contemporary and thought provoking way. These wonderful pieces of art will be hung in various areas of our College to help us celebrate the legacy of our founders and the charisma of our College community. Sincere thanks Kelly.



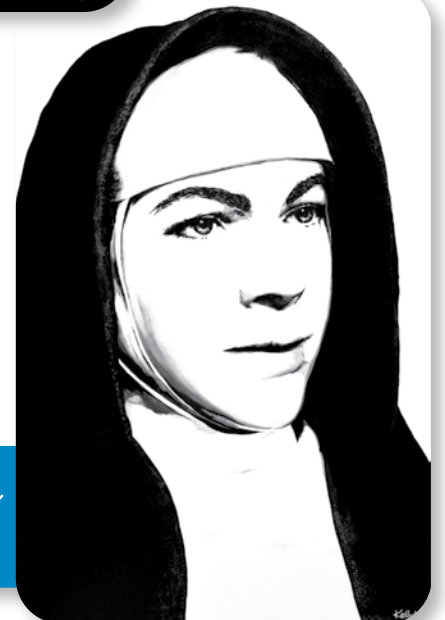
*Catherine
McAuley*



*Marcellin
Champagnat*



*Julian
Tenison Woods*



*Mary
MacKillop*

From the Principal



Three way Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences - Conversations About Learning

Our three way conversations over the past three weeks have been very successful in providing valuable opportunities for the teacher, student, parents and/or carers to share and learn more about the student socially, emotionally and academically, while at the same time facilitating increased student agency and responsibility. Thank you to all students, staff and parents for the preparation of and participation in these critical conversations.

End of Term Gratitude

This final newsletter for Term one provides an opportunity to reflect on the journey and give thanks for the many good things that have happened throughout the term. I congratulate students on their commitment to school life, which has been evident in application to learning experiences, school events and class activities.

I have seen many examples of staff, students and parents responding with an 'open heart and open arms' and in doing that commencing to realise, or be present, to their own talents and then indeed the talents of our community. Such journey starts small, but with confidence and support of those around us I am confident that we will see our commitment to serve others in the ordinariness of life make a significant positive impact on those around us in a variety of ways.

Such growth of gifts has been expressed significantly through student, staff and parent efforts in relation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Campaign. The school's commitment to fund raising has been one rich expression of our community's desire to leave a legacy "For All Future Generations" by assisting those in need.

The groundwork established in Term one will provide a very good foundation for students to build upon in term two. I trust students will find time this week to thank staff members for their work and parents for their support throughout the term.

Volunteers - Thank you

It is also timely to reflect on the many people; students, staff, parents, and friends of Tenison Woods College, who have offered their time and talents to our community this term. Canteen helpers, parents who listen to reading and support class activities, those who offer their talents to committees and officiate at school events all provide testimony to the generosity so rich in our community. I sincerely thank such people for their commitment to creating community through their service to our school.

Leadership Development at Tenison Woods College

Over the past nine years we have deliberately accentuated and fostered leadership in our College. In recent times we have developed deliberate projects devoted to fostering student leadership and I am delighted with the evolution of those reflections and deliberate actions. The wonderful efforts of our student leaders this year 'stand on the shoulders' of those who have served our College previously.

I am delighted that during the first two days of the holidays 15 staff will commit to working with the internationally recognised Brown Collective and Catholic Education South Australia Consultants, to further develop their own leadership skills, dispositions and journey. I am thrilled that these staff are working with one another to further their own insights, which will of course ultimately benefit our College community.



Care on the Shepherdson Road Driveway

I remind the community that speed on the Shepherdson Driveway and throughout the school is 15km per hour.

Cars overtaking stationary cars on the College two-way roads with oncoming cars from the other direction does create a significant safety concern.

Anything you can do to assist in caring for the safety of all in our community would be greatly appreciated.

God Bless,
David Meziniec | Principal

Celebrating Journey and Legacy

Friday 12 April, 2024

Celebrating with gratitude and hope-filled excitement for the future.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS / CARERS

Friday we look forward to our very special day. We will gather to formally open and bless recent building developments by The Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan DD, Archbishop of Adelaide. These formal openings and blessings offer us an opportunity to acknowledge the story of Catholic Education in Mount Gambier on Boandik land, that dates back to Father Julian Tenison Woods and Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop with her Sisters of St Joseph in the 1860's. We also celebrate the contribution of the Sisters of Mercy from 1880 and the Marist Brothers from 1931.

As such we remind you of the following:

1. Students are asked to wear full school uniform. A small number of classes have been given permission to wear PE uniform due to practical lessons in lesson 4,5 or 6.
2. If students arrive after 9:30am they are asked to attend the Front Office or PRC Office as they would normally for a late start to the day.
3. Parents, carers and friends of the College (and past scholars and past families) are very welcome to attend the celebrations.
4. The school will conclude for the Junior School at 2:15pm and for the Middle/Senior School at 2:20pm.
5. Term 3 will resume on Monday 29 April

The Tenison Woods College community is excited about gathering for a celebration of journey and legacy on **Friday 12 April, 2024 at 10:00am.**

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These developments include:

- Early Learning & Community Centre extension
- MacKillop Reception Community Centre
- MacKillop Junior School Building
- Gilap Wanga Middle School precinct - (Ngula wangingi mraata ba wangingi) Learning Community including the Poplars Inclusion Unit

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As we reflect on the many iterations of Catholic Education in Mount Gambier we celebrate the passion as well optimism of communities and their commitment to the development of their young.

As we have seen by glimpses of the story in the newsletter over the past two week this year's theme "Open Heart, Open Arms" captures the essence of the story of Catholic Education in Mount Gambier since 1867 with Lexie MacKillop's first attempts at a parish school.

Tenison Woods College stands on the shoulders of the early school communities, St Theresa's, St Joseph's Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, St Paul's Parish School, Mater Christi College, St Mary's Primary School, Marist Agricultural College, Tenison College and Tenison Woods College. Each community was inspired with an open heart by their faith and the hope of a preferred future for their young, responding with open arms to create opportunities for their young to be thriving people, capable learners, and leaders for the world God desires.

Today, as the College grows, we have collaboratively decided to acknowledge our founders in the sub-school communities and zones of the school. The Early Learning and Community Centre introduces our children to the

founders by naming the studios for our three year old children as Woods and Champagnat, while the Stepping Stones (Kindy) rooms are known as the MacKillop and McAuley studios.

The MacKillop Junior School, including the MacKillop Reception Learning Community, accentuates a place of family, hearth ministry and invitation to the table, a hallmark of Josephite education.

Champagnat Middle School emphasizes the 'becoming' of adolescence, rites of passage and loving the adolescent unconditionally. This community including 7-8 Gilap Wanga - Ngula wangingi mraata ba wangingi Learning Community, which pays homage to our Boandik ancestors, is a place of listening to and being at one with self, others and the environment.

Woods Senior School acknowledges Father Julian Tenison Woods' passion for science and ecology, with an inquisitive and innovative respect for God's creation.

The McAuley Student / Family Services Centre puts the accent on welcome and discerning stewardship, with compassion for justice and a preferential support for those in need.

On 12 April we are not just celebrating the opening of further buildings at Tenison Woods College, but we are celebrating a charism of service to our community; a charism that expresses the legacy of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Father Julian Tenison Woods, Venerable Catherine McAuley and Saint Marcellin Champagnat. Such charism inspires us all to be teachers and all to be learners, with an inquisitive respect for God's creation, that inspires us to never see a need without doing something about it. Our stewardship of self, others and the environment is characterised by a hearth side by side ministry that meets others at their journey point, and through love and connection we work with compassion for social justice.

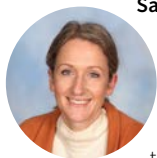
This is our story, our legacy and our charism that will be richly celebrated when we gather on Friday. As you would expect, all are welcome to join us celebrate.

David Meziniec | Principal



CIM Team News

Sacrament of Confirmation



On Thursday 11 April, the students enrolled in the 2023-2024 Sacramental Program will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be conferring the sacrament this year. This will take place at 7:00pm at St Paul's Church, followed by shared supper in the hall. We welcome families to attend and take part in this joyous celebration.

There are 15 children preparing to receive their Sacraments. Please kindly remember the candidates and their sponsors as they enter the final preparations before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation later this week. We especially keep in mind our Tenison Woods College students: Scarlett Pilven, Molly Heesemans, Moe Htway, Chloe Stratford, Oksana Irishura, Xavier Mugavin, David Beaufort, Joseph Dikete, and Lucy Queale.



Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

We warmly welcome Archbishop Patrick O'Regan to the Southeast this week to celebrate Confirmation at St Paul's on Thursday evening and the official opening and blessing on the new buildings here at Tenison Woods College. Bishop O'Regan will also officially open and bless the new buildings at Mary MacKillop Memorial School in Penola on Friday.

The Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan has been the Archbishop of Adelaide since March 2020. The primary role of any Bishop is to ensure that the work of Christ is carried out by caring for all the faithful entrusted to him in his particular diocese (a diocese is a geographical region that the bishop oversees).

Mother's Day Breakfast - Save the Date

We invite you to our annual Mother's Day Breakfast. Join us for delicious food and a relaxing morning, as we honour the women in our lives and celebrate motherhood at our special Mother's Day Breakfast to be held in the Barrie Holmes Stadium on Friday 10 May from 7.20am - 8.20am. A light breakfast will be provided by the Sugarloaf Cafe, with a gold coin donation per person appreciated. Children are encouraged to attend the breakfast with their special parent/carer.

To ensure adequate catering, bookings for this event can be made using the following link-

<https://www.trybooking.com/CQVBB>

Upcoming Events

Week 11 - Thursday 11 April 7pm- Sacrament of Confirmation (Mount Gambier Parish)

Friday 12 April 10am- Whole School Liturgy (BHS) 'Celebration of Journey and Legacy'

FROM THE PARISH

Mount Gambier Youth Mass and Youth Group

The Mount Gambier Youth Mass and Youth Group would usually take place on the weekend of the 3rd Sunday of the month. As this falls during the middle of the school holidays, this will not take place. We look forward to the next Mount Gambier Youth event taking place on Saturday 19 May.

Millicent Catholic Youth Group

Year 6 to Year 12 Students are Welcome

The next fun-filled event will be held in the Catholic Parish Hall after the 4:30 pm mass, **from 5:30 pm - 7:00pm on April 27** (end of the school holidays.)

Please join in the fun with games, faith formation and food, as well as an opportunity to foster and develop friendships with each other and with God.

Any queries please do not hesitate to call and speak to Fr. Olek, 8725 6566. Alternatively, please speak to Mrs Sharp or our Faith Leaders: Lana Shepherd or Paul Hammond.



Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator



Upcoming Key Dates

WEEK 11 - TERM 1

Wednesday 10 April

- Holy Mass, 6:00pm | St Paul's Church

Thursday 11 April

- SAPSASA Boys AFL Trials
- Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, 7:00pm | St Paul's Church

Friday 12 April

- Blessing and Opening of Tenison Woods College Buildings
- R-6 Early Finish, 2:15pm
- Years 7-12 Early Finish 2:20pm
- End of Term 1

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - Monday 15th April - Friday 26 April

WEEK 1 - TERM 2

Wednesday 1 May

- MFS Road Awareness Program - Year 11 9:00am Lecture Theatre
- A Night Of Jazz / Pre GIJ / St. Martins Concert - 6:00pm - 8:00pm Wehl Street Theatre

Thursday 2 May

- GRIP Student Leadership Conference 9:00am - 3:00pm UniSA

Friday 3 May

- Clean Up Australia Day - 12:40pm
- Generations In Jazz - The Barn (all day)

Saturday 4 May

- Sacrament Family Session - 2:00pm
- Generations In Jazz - The Barn (all day)



Aspiring Golfers Sweep Placings

The clouds finally opened and answered our prayers for rain on Tuesday last week, but this was unfortunate timing for our young, aspiring golfers who had to brave the weather at The Mount Gambier Golf Club. The wet and cold did not deter the boys that attended, showing great spirit and excitement to show off their skills. In the Stableford competition, Tenison Woods College almost took a clean sweep with our very own Jack Pilkington taking away first place, and Ben Reichelt taking second position. The Come and Try Ambrose competition saw some fantastic scores being placed, and many new skills being developed in the coaching clinic leading up to it. Well done to all that attended, with big hopes for their new skills fostering a love for the sport of golf.

Pictured L-R: Ben Reichelt and Jack Pilkinton

Kaitlin Egan | 7-12 Sports Coordinator

Auskick Returns in 2024

Auskick is an introduction to Australian Football and invaluable life skills. With game-based activities kids love, learning is disguised as playing. You don't need Aussie Rules experience — children can start Auskick in the calendar year they turn 5!

We want girls to feel comfortable and safe playing our games and encourage girls to participate. If we have the numbers, we will run an all-girls group rotating through the activities!

Sessions will be run on the Tenison Woods College oval starting Tuesday 14 May from 3:30pm-4:15pm.

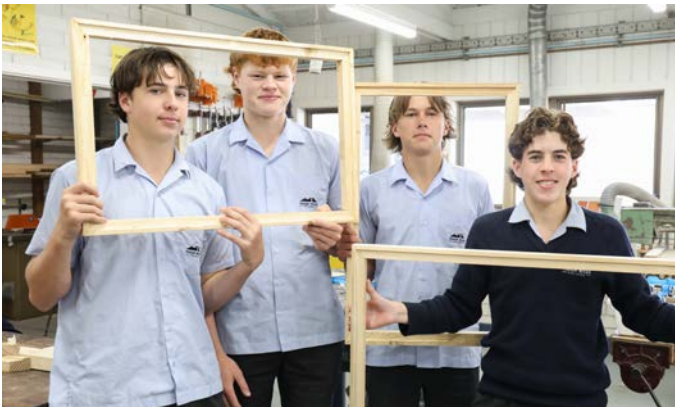
Registrations can be made via the link or QR code below:

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/33fbc6>

I am looking for Year 5 and Year 6 helpers to assist this year. Please see me if you are interested.

See you there!

Tina Opperman | R-6 Sports Coordinator



Year 10 Carpentry Skills On Display

Students in Mr Creedy's Year 10 Concept to Construction class have been busy developing skills and concepts that apply in real world scenarios of the building industry.

They have been working toward finalising a product to the best of their ability for a real world client - in this case it was our wonderful Visual Arts Learning Area Coordinator and Teacher Meghan Amoroso. The class created frames for the Senior School students to showcase their Visual Arts projects.

The students are proud of their work with this task, and we know the frames will go to good use in the Visual Arts classes.



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



Students Represent SA in Basketball

Good luck to our Tenison Woods College athletes Will Wimshurst, Edie Easterby, Claire Mitchell and Macca Burke competing in the 2024 U18 National Championships in Brisbane this week!

Photo Courtesy of SA Country Basketball



Year 10 Students Sew Their Talents

One of our Year 10 Child Studies classes recently designed their own infant quilts. The class worked in pairs or individually choosing colours and designs before using a sewing machine for the first time. Well done to all!



Year 3 Students Helping To Make A Difference

Our Year 3 team would like to thank everyone for getting behind the Year 3 Water Relay with your sponsorship. The generosity shown was overwhelming and the students are super proud! The cohort raised a whopping \$1310.00 for Caritas Australia!

Canteen Reminders

- Please ensure the Student Profile 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.
- If you have any questions regarding the Qkr! App, please contact Jess Herring at herrj@tenison.catholic.edu.au.

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Leanne Sandow | Canteen Manager

Term 2 & 3 Uniform Reminders

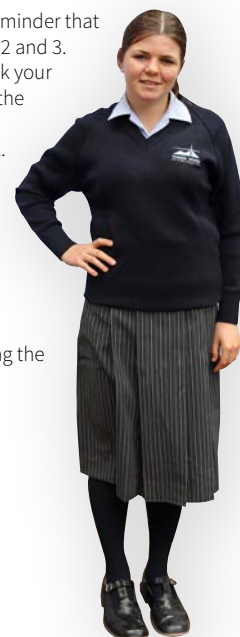
With the change of weather upon us this is a reminder that students transition to Winter Uniform for Term 2 and 3. Over the holidays, please take the time to check your child's Winter uniform especially the length of the girl's winter skirts, which should be below the knee and may need adjusting during the break.

Warmer options are fully stocked such as; Rain jackets and softshell jackets, male and female pants, along with warmer sports uniform options of track pants and rugby jumpers.

The College Uniform Shop will be trading during the Second Week of the holidays on:

- Tuesday 23 April 9.00am - 2.00pm
- Wednesday 24 April 9.00am - 2.00pm

Tania Sigley | Director of Wellbeing



Uniform Shop

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Tuesday 23 April
9am - 2pm

Wednesday 24 April
9am - 2pm

Online Store

To access the online Uniform Shop please [click here](#).

Kylie Watson | Uniform Shop

WILDLIFE OF AUSTRALIA ART YEAR 3



EASTER EGG HUNT EARLY LEARNING AND COMMUNITY CENTRE





Pictured above L-R: Alita Huyser, Jessica Stutley, Ella Jolley, Maggie Collins and James Phillips

Year 11/12 Division 2 Knockout Tennis Team Triumphs in Statewide Schools Competition

We are thrilled to announce the outstanding success of our Year 11/12 Division 2 Knockout Tennis Team in the recent statewide schools competition. Our girls demonstrated remarkable skill, determination, and teamwork throughout the tournament, culminating in a well-deserved victory.

In the first round against Faith Lutheran, our team delivered a dominant performance, securing a resounding 6 sets to love win. Special mention goes to Jess and Ella for their impressive displays in doubles, as well as Jess and Alita for their stellar singles victories, both with impressive 6-0 wins. Despite battling injury niggles, Ella and Jess exhibited true grit and determination, leading the team to an exceptional start.

The second round saw our team face off against a formidable opponent, Trinity College. Through an impressive team effort and sheer determination, we emerged victorious with a score of 4 sets to 2, showcasing our ability to compete at the highest level.

In the third round against Gleeson College, our girls once again rose to the occasion, securing a commanding 5 sets to 1 win. Ella and Maggie's swift victories proved to be the decisive factor, propelling us to victory in a challenging third round.

With three consecutive wins under our belt, we clinched the overall carnival victory and proudly claimed the Division 2 11/12 Statewide Schools Tennis Championship. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the dedication and talent of our students.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the schools and staff who supported our team throughout the competition. Special thanks to Chris Lloyd for her invaluable assistance and taking time out of her leave for the event. Also extending thanks to Wade and Matthew from School Sports SA for their coordination and support.

Finally, we express our sincere appreciation to the Tenison Co-Curricular Sports team for organising a successful trip, enabling our students to focus on their sport and achieve their best.

Congratulations to our Year 11/12 Division 2 Knockout Tennis Team on this outstanding accomplishment. Your hard work, perseverance, and teamwork have made us all incredibly proud. Here's to continued success in future competitions!

James Phillips | HPE Teacher

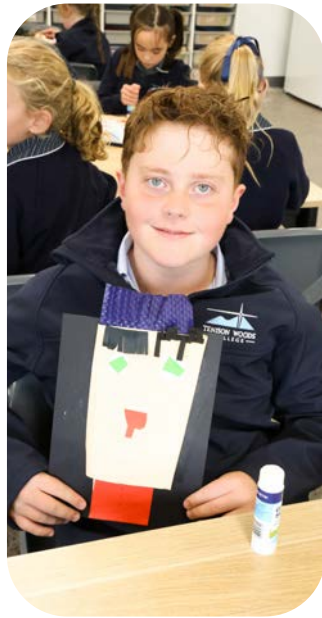
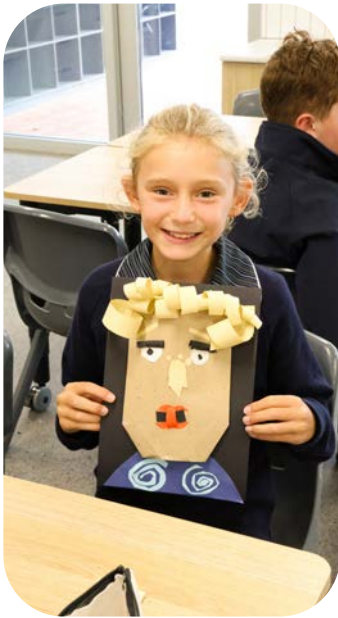
Year 7 2025 Information Evening Naracoorte

Monday 6 May
at 7:15pm
Naracoorte Town Hall

TENISON WOODS COLLEGE Mount Gambier
 Early Learning - Year 12 Co-Educational Catholic College P: (08) 8725 5455
 Learn more at: www.tenison.catholic.edu.au

YEAR 5 3D ARTWORK

Year 5 students have been creating characters in Mrs Hopgood's Arts classes this term. They started by deciding where their characters lived, how old they were and thinking about what they looked like. In the second half of the term, students learned how to use paper to create 3D sculptures. They then began creating 3D portraits of their characters. Great effort Year 5 students!



JOY WEEK ACTIVITIES



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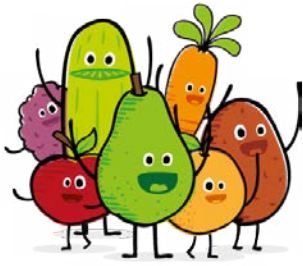
This Week

Friday, 12 April 2024

formal proceedings will commence at 10.00am in the Barrie Holmes Stadium

NUDE FOOD

AT TENISON WOODS COLLEGE



Did you know that most items found in Tenison's waste bins are **packaging from lunchboxes!**

A waste audit undertaken by Tenison Enviro found **over 350 zip-lock bags and 500 chip packets in a 24 hour period.**

Continuing on from the healthy eating program in the Early Learning Centre, the Junior School has successfully run **NUDE FOOD** since 2019.

Below we have provided some information to help you and your family go **NUDE FOOD.**

We appreciate your family's support in this mission and hope that **NUDE FOOD** can become a part of every day at Tenison Woods College.

HELPING OUR STUDENTS BECOME GLOBAL CITIZENS
ONE LUNCHBOX AT A TIME!



Wipe out Waste



Pack waste free food!

Did you know that up to 50% of items in school/preschool bins come from food and drink packaging is brought from home?



Pack

- Snacks in reusable containers
- Drinks in a reusable bottle
- Reusable utensils when needed
- A reusable lunchbox or backpack



Avoid

- Lunches packed in plastic bags, cling film or foil
- Disposable drink boxes, cans, cartons and bottles
- Disposable forks and spoons
- Pre-packaged lunches or single serve items



Breakfast Club

2024



Are you hungry?

Do you come on the bus?
No time for breakfast at home?

Start your day right at Breakfast Club

Quick & Easy

Delicious



BC operates Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday
from 8:10am - 8:40am
in the Home Ec Room
(Room 705, upstairs)



[Listen to this week's
Podcast about
Breakfast Club - CLICK HERE](#)