



# Open Heart Open Arms

WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2024 WEEK 1, TERM 4

## WELCOME TO TERM 4!

On Monday, our College community reunited, with a spring in their step! Students and staff were happy to reconnect and finish strong in 2024! We wish all students a wonderful term, enjoyment on the many camps and experiences approaching, and rewards for all of the hard work our Senior School students have put in, as they approach their exams.





# From the Principal

## Ready, set ... for a very significant term



I look forward to term 4 with all its rites of passage and the 'final quarter' effort that will ensure a wonderful conclusion to the 2024 academic year. In addition to all the finishing touches there will also be significant transition experiences to ensure our students make the best possible start to 2025.



### PRC Driveway – Extra Crossing

In response to the evolution of the school, increased traffic flows and community requests we have created a new crossing on the White Avenue internal driveway leading up to the Pam Ronan Centre past the Barrie Holmes Stadium.

Staff and year 6 student crossing monitors will steward the crossing. They will allow traffic to flow as much as is possible by waiting for a large group to gather before stopping traffic, which will also cause minimal disruption to the flow of cars and buses.

We trust this strategy will complement the safety of our families at that part of the College. Please see photos and further information later in the newsletter.

### Navigating Inescapable Moments” presented by Nathan “Dubsy” Want

Catholic School Parents SA (CSPSA) continues to present the Parent Engagement Series and welcomes all parents and carers of children in Catholic schools to attend.

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*The session will have an online option and is free to all parents, caregivers, and staff. Details Tuesday 29 October 2024 - 6:00pm – 7:30pm (in person or online) Nazareth Catholic Community 344 Findon Road Kidman Park. Register via the CESA Registration Page. Cost: Free*



### Catch Up, Reunite, Connect – Together Again - THIS SUNDAY

The Friends of Tenison Woods College (Old Scholars Association) is very pleased to conduct the Catch Up, Reunite, Connect Function on Sunday afternoon 20 October held at Tenison Woods College, from 1:00pm – 3:00pm.

Come and check out the evolving College community with a tour, as well as an opportunity to look at some of the archival material held in the library, and enjoy some afternoon tea.

The afternoon will start and finish in the Pam Ronan Centre, off white Avenue Driveway, adjacent to the Barrie Holmes Stadium. Tours will be departing from 1:30pm. From College honour boards to our newest buildings, come and see how the College has grown to be the wonderful Early Years to Year 12 Catholic Coeducational School Community it is today.



### Working Bee

Can you offer half an hour Saturday 9 November. During the Working Bee we will complete the planting of the swale and prayer garden, replenish sand in the ELCC, add extra soft-fall chips to the MacKillop Junior School play areas, and paint the fence between the ELCC and Reception play areas.

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

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

### BYOD – YEAR 6 Families, ready for Year 7 in 2025

As the year flies by and we look also to 2025, 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. The link is attached here:

<https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/byod-information/byod-purchase-portal>

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

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 2025.

### Key dates for the commencement of 2025:

A full list of 2025 key dates will follow soon, but to assist with planning I inform our College community of dates to commence the 2025 academic year:

<b>Wednesday 22 Jan 2025</b>	All Teaching Staff commence
<b>Thursday 23 Jan 2025</b>	Book collection day and staff planning day
<b>Monday 27 Jan 2025</b>	Australia Day Public Holiday
<b>Tuesday 28 Jan 2025</b>	ELCC, Rec, Years 7, 10,11, 12 commence term 1.
<b>Wednesday 29 Jan 2025</b>	Years 1-6 and Years 8 and 9 commence term 1.

### 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 the 30 June 2019 for a deduction to be made.

### Staff Professional Learning Communities of Practice Conference, CoP24

This Thursday afternoon and Friday we will be attending as a staff the Communities of Practice Conference, CoP24, a celebration of communal and collaborative endeavour conducted in 2024 by teachers and co-educators in the learning environments of our region; an opportunity for staff to reflect on the way we assist our young to find their place, pathway and then to shine. We are also delighted to have staff of Mary MacKillop Memorial School and St Anthony's Catholic Primary School a part of this significant Learning Conference.

This year in our region we have accentuated teacher collaboration and mutual accountability with an aspiration of determining clarity in what makes thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires. At this time of the Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) Living, Learning, Leading Framework, and celebrating the agency of our young, CoP24 is a commitment to continue reflecting on our craft as Catholic educators, who aspire to enable each and every learner in our region to shine, with all the deep reflection, critique, collaboration, humility, professional frailty and wonderful communal success that such whole staff endeavour brings.

### Uniform Reminder – Extreme Hair

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

### Expectations

*Hair is to be clean and brushed or combed to maintain a neat and tidy*

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

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

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

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

God Bless,

David Mezinec | Principal



## CIM Team News

### Fr Julian Tenison Woods

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

### All Souls Day- Reflection Space

All Souls Day is a holy day that is celebrated in the Catholic church on 2 November each year. It is traditionally a day that family and friends remember and pray for their loved ones who have died.

We pray especially for those who've died in difficult circumstances, those that we miss especially and also for those around the world who are caught in difficult circumstances.

This All Souls Day, we would like honour and remember loved ones who have passed away by recording their names and having these visible in the school chapel.

If your family would like a loved one's name to be added to the reflection space, please email name/s through to me at [telfs@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:telfs@tenison.catholic.edu.au). Our purpose is to provide a space for our community to visit and pray for loved ones and to provide a dedicated place for quiet reflection throughout week 4.

### Term 4 Masses in the College Chapel

Mass is celebrated each Thursday of the term and is led by a different year level each week. Due to a shortened term, some Year Level Masses will take place on a Tuesday, indicated below. All are welcome to join us for these masses.

### Upcoming Masses and Liturgies

Thursday 17 October - 9:10am- Year 7 Mass

Tuesday 22 October - Year 5 Mass- 12:30pm

Thursday 24 October - 11:00am. Year 12 Final Mass - all welcome.

## FROM THE PARISH

### Youth Retreat

The Mount Gambier Catholic Parish Youth Retreat will be taking place this Saturday, 19 October. It is not too late to register! It will be held in the Tenison Woods College Lecture Theatre and Chapel from 12pm-5pm and will end with Mass at St Paul's Church at 6:00pm. The day will include games, activities, reflections, prayers, adoration, confession, and Q and A. Father Peter and Father Olek will facilitate the day. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch, snacks and materials. This retreat is for young people in Year 6 and above. Register your interest now at [youth@mtgcatholic.org.au](mailto:youth@mtgcatholic.org.au)

### Youth Mass

Youth Mass will be held at the 6:00pm Mass this Saturday, 19 October, at St Paul's Church, Penola Road. Young people in Year 6 and above are encouraged to attend.

### 15 minutes with Father

15 minutes with Father is back! The new series will return this Sunday, 20 October, immediately after the 11am Mass. The series will explore Jesus' ministry recounted in the Gospel of Mark, particularly the various miracles he performed. A beautifully curated resource has been prepared for the children.

### Children's Choir Practice

The Mount Gambier Parish Children's Choir will be singing at Mass this coming Sunday, 20 October. A practice will be held this Thursday, 17 October, at 6pm in the St. Paul's choir loft.

**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)



## SAPSASA Golf Success for Charlie

Congratulations to Charlie Winterfield on his recent SAPSASA Golf Tournament. After progressing through the lower south east and upper south east trials (4th) Charlie participated in the SAPSASA Golf Country Championships on Thursday 12 September and State Championships on Friday 13 September. He played really well to come 14th in the Country Championships and 39/150 in the State Championships. Congratulations Charlie!





## 2025 - Are You Still Deciding? Potential Years 2-6 Junior School Tour & Information Session TONIGHT

### Are you undecided about your child's schooling for 2025?

If your child is moving into Years 2-6 in 2025, and you would like to consider Tenison Woods College, we invite you to our Junior School Tour and Information Session.

Join us on TONIGHT at 5:00pm for a Junior School Tour and brief information session. Follow the flags via the Shepherdson Road driveway. We look forward to meeting you and your child. *No RSVP necessary. Potential New Students only.* All enquiries to Enrolment Registrar, Tracey Davey [davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au)

## Uniform Shop Opening Hours

### Opening Hours

Tuesday 8:00am – 12:00pm  
Wednesday 8:00am – 12:00pm  
Thursday 12:30pm – 4:30pm

### Online Store

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

Kylie Watson | Uniform Shop



## South East Art Society Open Exhibition Update

Congratulations to Cedar Scott who was awarded Young Artist Award Secondary School 1st Prize.  
Fantastic work to Raine Scott who was awarded the Highly Commended for Secondary School Photography.

Meghan Amoroso | Teacher/Arts Learning Area Coordinator

# Wanted

## Term 4 TRT's

All year levels: Early Learning - Year 12  
Full or half days  
Regular or occasional work available

Please email Kerry Dempsey  
[info@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@tenison.catholic.edu.au)



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YOUR  
*light*  
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## Upcoming Key Dates

### WEEK 1

#### Wednesday 16 October

- 9/10 Boys Basketball, Adelaide
- 5:00pm Junior School Information Evening and Tour, MacKillop Building

#### Thursday 17 October

- Term 4 Musical - Intensive Rehearsal Day

#### Friday 18 October

- Year 12 Trial Exams / Tutorials
- Years 4-6 Assembly 2:05pm
- Years R-1 Assembly 2:40pm

#### Sunday 20 October

- Old Scholars Afternoon, 1:00pm, PRC.

### WEEK 2

#### Monday 21 October

- Year 10 Surfing and Budj Bim Camp A
- Year 12 Trial Exams / Tutorials
- SAPSASA Girls AFL Carnival
- Middle and Senior School Art Exhibition
- Election of 2025 School Captains

#### Tuesday 22 October

- Year 10 Surfing and Budj Bim Camp A
- Year 12 Trial Exams / Tutorials
- SAPSASA Girls AFL Carnival
- Middle and Senior School Art Exhibition
- Year 7 and 10 Immunisation Catch Up's
- Year 5 Mass

#### Wednesday 23 October

- Year 10 Surfing and Budj Bim Camp A
- Year 12 Trial Exams / Tutorials
- SAPSASA Girls AFL Carnival
- Middle and Senior School Art Exhibition
- South East Primary Music Festival Concert Rehearsal

#### Thursday 24 October

- Year 12 End Of Formal Lessons Celebration
- Year 12 Final Mass Year 12 Trial Exams / Tutorials
- Middle and Senior School Art Exhibition
- SAPSASA Multi-Sport Come and Try
- Communities of Practice (staff only) 5:00pm-6:00pm
- South East Primary Music Festival Concert 7:30pm-9:00pm

#### Friday 25 October

- Student Free Day
- ELCC Closure Day
- SAPSASA Basketball Carnival
- Teacher Appreciation Day



## SAPSASA Sports Participation Celebrated

We are incredibly proud of our students who have been selected to represent the Lower South East (LSE) in various SAPSASA sports for 2024. These dedicated athletes have shown exceptional skill, sportsmanship, and commitment throughout the year, and we are thrilled to see them representing both our school and region at state carnivals.

A special congratulations goes out to the following students who will be competing in Term 4:

Tennis: Will Gannon, Louis Prosperi-Porta, Max Yeates, Abbie Richards, and Sophia McCullough.

Cricket: Harry Window, Donavon Shearing, Oliver Liddle, Austin Bowering, and Mackenna Page.

Girls AFL: Claire Flett, Sarah Shar, Milla Ottoson-Crossling, and Stellah Beveridge.

We also want to acknowledge and congratulate all the students who participated in the SAPSASA trials. Giving it your best and stepping up to compete at this level is a fantastic achievement, and we are proud of each and every one of you.

This term also sees some of our Year 5 students taking part in SAPSASA volleyball, and we look forward to cheering them on. In addition, our Poplars students will be participating in the upcoming Multi-Sport Day, an exciting opportunity for them to showcase their skills across a variety of sports.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our amazing parents for supporting their children throughout this journey. Trying out for these teams is a significant achievement in itself, and your encouragement has made a huge difference.

Best of luck to all our competitors – we know you'll make Tenison Woods College proud!

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



# OSHC HOLIDAY PROGRAM - VISIT FROM SA AMBULANCE





# WELCOME TO TERM 4!







Back row: Emily Jolley (Assistant Coach), Zara Cole, William, Ella Jolley, Kiersten Cole, Alita Huyser, Maggie Collins, David Cole (U14 Team Manager).  
Front row: James Van Den Hurk, Evie Cole, Ruby Jaeschke, Ella McKenny, Lily McGrath, Cassie Edwards (Coach).

## Foundation Cup Tennis

Tennis SA in conjunction with the Berri Tennis Club hosted the State Foundation Cup last week. Players across 10, 12, 14 and 16/u age groups from six regions took to the grass courts to compete in five competitive matches. Each player played one double and a single per fixture prior to the individual competition that took place on Thursday and Friday. The event is one of the major development pathways for junior regional players and more than that, it is an excellent opportunity for the children to bond with other like minded tennis enthusiasts off the court. The College was well represented across each age group and notably the 16/u comprising of William Le Cornu, Ella Jolley, Alita Huyser, Maggie Collins and Kiersten Cole went undefeated and claimed the title after narrowly defeating the Hills-Fleurieu in the final match 7 sets to 5 in what proved to be a tight and entertaining spectacle. Maggie Collins was recognised by her peers and claimed the female sportsmanship award for the oldest age category. James van den Hurk also won the peer sportsmanship award. Notably, Alita Huyser (pictured right) starred in the individual competition, making it all the way to the final and claimed the no 2 spot in the State team that will travel to Queensland to compete against the other state, later in Term 4.



## International Homestay - Do you love different cultures?

Do you have a spare room and would love to open your home and family to a cultural exchange? Tenison Woods College is looking for a welcoming family to provide paid homestay accommodation for a male adolescent student from Japan.

Requirements:

- A private bedroom for the student
- Unlimited WiFi access

All household members over 18 must have a current Working with Children check (or be willing to obtain one through the front office).

This is a wonderful chance to immerse your family in Japanese culture while sharing your home. If you're interested in this enriching opportunity, please reach out to Yolande Langford, Homestay Coordinator, at [langy@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:langy@tenison.catholic.edu.au) or call 8725 5455.

**Yolande Langford** | Homestay Coordinator



### Are you interested in your child attending the Tenison Woods College Early Learning & Community Centre?

Submit your expression  
of interest to have them  
included on our waitlist  
- it's never too early  
to register.



Scan QR code to  
access form

**early learning  
& community centre**  
discover. learn. shine.



# Performing Arts Take A Trip 'Around The World'

Imagine being able to fly around the world with multiple stop-overs in countries all within one sitting. The Senior School Performing Arts students did just that in the last week of term 3. Our major performance for the year featured 15 stop-overs where the audience experienced either a Dance performance, Dramatical performance, or a Music performance that immersed them in the artistic culture of the country they landed in. Congratulations to all students who performed so ably on the night, our incredible MC's, the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre staff and to our amazing Performing Arts staff who lead the students so well in the lead up to the show. Please enjoy viewing a collage of the evening.

**Penny Mansell** – Head of Performing Arts





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Purchases need to be placed through the LOOP online ordering platform only. LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's book club order and the books will be delivered to their class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. Just follow the prompts to create a new account if it is your first-time ordering (only one account per family is required). We will no longer be accepting cash payments for book club. All orders for Issue 7 need to be in by Friday 1st November. If you purchase books as a gift, Please let your teacher know so this can be passed on.

Jess Lucas | Library Assistant

# Old Scholars Afternoon

Sunday 20 October, 1pm – 3pm

PRC Common Room (off White Avenue)

**Friends of Tenison Woods College invite Old Scholars and Interested Community Members to our Old Scholars Afternoon**

- Display of selected items from College archives
- Catch up for a cuppa and scones with those who have been part of the College story
- Tour of the College Honour Boards
- Tour of the new buildings

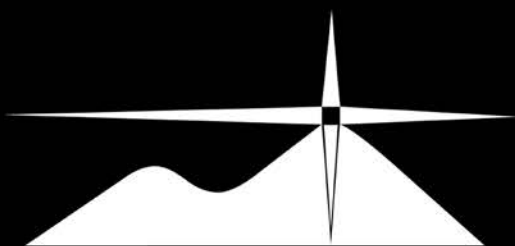
**Tours departing from 1:30pm.**

**For catering purposes, please RSVP via the QR Code**

**or by calling the Tenison Woods College Front Office on (08) 8725 5455**

**by Monday 14 October**





TENISON WOODS  
— C O L L E G E —

middle & senior school  
*presents*

# art exhibition

a student exhibition featuring  
work from  
Creative Digital Arts & Visual Arts

21st - 25th October

boardroom corridor

Come and vote for the People's Choice Award



# WHERE CAN I PLAY?



## LOCAL CLUBS:

### LAKES JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION



### SOUTHERN PORTS TENNIS ASSOCIATION



### SURREY DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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### WEST GAMBIER TENNIS CLUB



MICHAEL JOLLEY 0400 247 493

### KINGSTON TENNIS CLUB



BIANCA CUNNEEN 0407 672 372

### TYRRENDARRA TENNIS CLUB



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### GLENCOE TENNIS CLUB



TIM BIGGINS 0448 679 837

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MELISSA MCGRATH 0408 849 423

### HEYWOOD TENNIS CLUB

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### REIDY PARK TENNIS CLUB



STEPHEN YOUNG 0428 603 903

### LUCINDALE TENNIS CLUB



ELIZA HANDBURY 0414 861 588

### CASTERTON DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

### MOUNT SCHANK TENNIS CLUB



JOHN RALSTON 0419 014 243

### PENOLA TENNIS CLUB



LIZ RYMILL 0401 854 638

### MOUNT GAMBIER TENNIS CLUB



HEIDI HEEMSKERK 0403 172 123

### ROBE TENNIS CLUB



KIMBERLY AUSTIN 0439 183 315

### CENTRALS TENNIS CLUB

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### SUTTONTOWN TENNIS CLUB



DENIS FRY 0448 101 800

### MOORAK TENNIS CLUB

TREVOR PETTINGILL - 0407 399 891

### UNITING TENNIS CLUB

ROWAN WILLIAMSON 0418 344 906

FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
PLEASE CONTACT  
MR. PHILLIPS







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**[cspsa.catholic.edu.au](https://cspsa.catholic.edu.au)**





## New Student Crossing

Please note there is a new crossing for students, which will be monitored in the afternoons. We ask all drivers to please drive safely, and adhere to traffic monitors on duty.



# RAISE A GLASS FOR THE 2025 TITANS USA TOUR

Our excited 2025 Titans USA Tour contingent of 50 students and staff are gearing up, ready to jet off for our 10th biennial USA tour eager to experience US culture, competition, schooling, hospitality and not least of all, create some life long memories.

The group will leave Melbourne in late November 2025 and return three weeks later after taking part in sporting and sight-seeing activities in Seattle, Portland San Francisco, Los Angeles and possibly, Hawaii.

To help raise money for the trip, the group are running a wine drive with Rymill Coonawarra. Rymill is offering discounted prices for 6 pack/dozen purchases.

Please see the order form for varieties and prices. (Minimum order 6 bottles). If you'd like to place an order please email the completed order form to Tanya Thomson (thota@tenison.catholic.edu.au). Wines need to be ordered by Friday 25 October with delivery to Tenison Woods College ready for distribution on the weekend of 9/10 November. Rymill will generously donate 30% of the total order to the USA Tour.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE ORDER FORM](#)

