



Open Heart Open Arms

WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2024 WEEK 6 , TERM 4

SENIOR SCHOOL AWARDS

The College held the 2024 Senior School Awards Ceremony yesterday. We welcomed many special guests to present awards, as recognition for the high levels of success students have achieved in their subjects and contributions to the community. Guests were treated to a duet from Year 7 students Scarlett Strachan and Arshia Gulati, performing 'Letter to my 13 year old self'.

Congratulations to all our award and scholarship winners on their outstanding achievements!



From the Principal



Christmas Pageant – Celebrating Christmas the Tenison Woods College Way

Thank you to all the parents and staff who assisted with the preparation, organising and supervising for the Christmas Pageant Saturday morning.

There was a great organising team, with special thanks to Louise and Darral Vivian who organised with Harrold Transport Services, Williams' Cranes and Sagasser Transport Pty Ltd the stunning prime mover (with an awesome air horn) and excellent trailer.

Also special thanks to Stacy McCourt, who ensured that we had the highest quality hay bails to sit on, guaranteeing great effect but also excellent comfort.

As such we were able to create a Christmas Float that powerfully captured the essence of Christmas to our families and ensured that many children were able to participate. We therefore offer our appreciation to:

- Pat and Mick Harrold of Harrold Services.
- Tony Sagasser of Sagasser Transport Pty Ltd.
- Josh Williams of Williams Cranes.
- Mount Gambier Garden Centre.
- School Leaders: Andi Corfield, Sam Crispino; Halle Zwar; Xan Stephens; Candice Fennell; Leah Creedy; Finn Dickson; and Will LeCornu.

A wonderful commitment to a significant community event.



Senior School Awards Celebration

The Senior School Awards Celebration on Tuesday 19 November in the Barrie Holmes Stadium was a significant milestone in the learning journey of our senior students and a time to reflect on how we have been a community with an "open heart and open arms" this year.

I offer my sincere appreciation to supporters of the College and sponsors of awards. Their presence at the Senior School Awards Celebration expressed the value they placed on our community, Tenison Woods College, and we also draw inspiration from our relationships with these supporters.

I trust students, parents and staff will take confidence from this celebration; confidence to 'let your light shine' and use their gifts to serve others, so that in their giving and service we become the type of people our God is inviting us to be, and the type of people who will, on a daily basis, help others shine.



Year 12 Graduation

The Graduation on Friday 22 November from 6:30pm at the Barn Palais is not only an opportunity to celebrate the journey of the students in our community over the years, but also an opportunity to wish them well as they greet life and take their place in our community.

Thanksgiving Mass

On Thursday 28 November at 9:00am we will gather in the Barrie Holmes Stadium for our whole College Thanksgiving Mass. At this celebration of Mass, an event which is the source and summit of our Christian lives, we celebrate and give thanks to God for the many gifts and blessings we have received throughout this school year. We remember our successes and our struggles, our joys and our sorrows in a year that we have "opened our hearts and our arms." We come with grateful hearts and spirits to meet our gracious God in Word and Sacrament.

Celebrating as a large learning community, that is comprised of and nurtures smaller learning communities, we will ask for God's blessing especially on our Year 6's moving into Middle School, our Year 9's into Senior school and our Year 12's who move into a journey beyond school.

Planning Stage 3 of our Master Plan

Behind the scenes in the past eighteen months a consultation and financial planning process has occurred to plan the next stage of our master plan. We are enacting a bold master plan that accentuates our ecological footprint well into the future and ensures the very best experiences for our young for many years. Next year we will finalise approvals of stage 3 of our Master Plan, accentuating Health, Physical Education, Outdoor Education and Performing Arts, and we will commence the building process during the year.

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

As the year flies by and we look to 2025, I remind families that if they are thinking about purchasing a device for next year, 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 normally 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:

Wednesday 22 January 2025 All Teaching Staff commence
Thursday 23 January 2025 Book collection day and staff planning day
Monday 27 January 2025 Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 28 January 2025 Poplars, Rec, Years 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 commence Term 1.
Wednesday 29 January 2025 Years 1-6 and Years 8 and 9 commence Term 1.

God Bless,

David Meziniec | Principal



CIM Team News

Whole School Mass

On Thursday 28 November at 9:00am (Week 7), we will gather in the Barrie Holmes Stadium for our whole College Mass. All families, parishioners and friends of the College are invited to attend.

At this celebration of Mass, an event which is the source and summit of our Christian lives, we celebrate and give thanks to God for the many gifts and blessings we have received throughout this school year. We come with grateful hearts and spirits to meet our gracious God in Word and Sacrament.

Sharing your Christmas – the Krist Kindl Giving Tree

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

The Krist Kindl Giving Tree will be set up in the Front Office at Tenison Woods College in the next week. We actively encourage families to support AC. Care, Sunset Community Kitchen and Vinnies in their work to support local families in need. Unwrapped gifts, toiletry items and/or cash donations can be placed under the tree between now and the end of term. We thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity towards those in need within our community. We will also be supporting the Community Christmas Lunch held on Christmas Day. Staff will be donating toiletries and wrapped chocolates and/or lollies to be placed into gift bags for those attending. Any families who would like to contribute items for this event can do so by placing them under the Krist Kindl Giving Tree with the gifts.

Junior School- Blessing of the Cribs Assembly

On Friday 29 November, the Junior School will celebrate the Blessing of the Cribs in the Barrie Holmes Stadium during their assembly at 2:00pm. Fr Peter will say a prayer of blessing for over the cribs, before they take pride of place in the homes of our families. Students are encouraged to bring the crib from their Nativity Scene or if this is not possible just one piece from their nativity. Many classes will also create a nativity piece in class to bring home.

Masses and Liturgies at Tenison Woods College

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 21 November	9:10am Year 10 Mass
Tuesday 26 November	12:45pm Year 1 Liturgy
Thursday 28 November	9:00am Whole School Mass (BHS)
Tuesday 3 December	11:20 Reception Liturgy, 12:10 Year 3 Liturgy.

FROM THE PARISH

Family Mass

The next Family Mass will be held this Sunday, 24 November, at St Paul's Church, Penola Road.. The readings at this mass are led by the young people from the College and the Parish.

St Paul's Children's Choir will be singing at the Family Mass this Sunday. Practice will take place this Thursday, 21 November, at 6:00pm in Choir Loft of St Paul's Church. For any enquiries, please contact Debbie on 0473 182 466

QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 23 November:

A Quiz Night will be held at St Paul's Hall, Penola Road, Mount Gambier, on Saturday, 23rd November, at 7.00pm. Cost - \$15 per head. BYO food/snacks. Drinks will be available for purchase. There will be raffles, games and auctions. (Don't forget to bring plenty of gold coins!) You can register as an individual or a team (of 6-8). Tickets are available from Trybooking until Thursday 21 November: <https://www.trybooking.com/CWXNM>
Funds raised from the night will support the works the Parish is planning to maintain and refresh the parish hall.

Christmas Nativity Play

This year we will be filming the Christmas Nativity Play which will be presented at the Christmas Masses in the Parish churches. We invite children to register their interest in being part of the play with Sally Telford (telfs@tenison.catholic.edu.au). Filming will take place on Sunday 8 December from 12pm.



Upcoming Key Dates

WEEK 6

Thursday 21 November

- 9 Shine Camp
- SAPSASA Tennis Carnival, Adelaide
- Year 11 Exams
- Year 10 Mass, 9:10am
- 'The Power Of Her' Presentation, 9:30am

Friday 22 November

- 9 Shine Camp
- SAPSASA Tennis Carnival, Adelaide
- Year 11 Exams
- Year 7B (Andresen), 7D (Robinson) and 7E (Bryant) Water Excursion, 9:40am.
- Year R-6 Assembly - 2:05pm, BHS
- Year 12 Graduation, The Barn Palais 6:30pm.

WEEK 7

Monday 25 November

- Year 11 Exams
- Year 9/10 Boys 35 Over Knockout Cricket | Bordertown High School
- 2025 Term 1 Reception Orientation Visit

Tuesday 26 November

- Year 11 Exams
- Year 7/8 T20 Cricket Finals
- 2025 Term 1 Reception Orientation Visit
- Year 3 Beach Cleanup Excursion
- Year 9 Hospitality Industry Immersion | Fasta Pasta & Tia's Bubble Tea
- Year 1 Liturgy | Chapel, 12:45pm

Wednesday 27 November

- 2025 Year 12 Beginning of Year
- Year 1-6 Orientation Visits | 2:00pm - 3:00pm
- College Board Meeting

Thursday 28 November

- 2025 Year 12 Beginning of Year
- End of Year Mass
- Year 3 Storm Boy Learning Exhibition | 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Friday 29 November

- 2025 Year 12 Beginning of Year
- Last day for Year 11's
- Years R-6 Assembly 'Blessing of the cribs' | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Supporting Your Teen's Journey Beyond School


Does your child need assistance in navigating the process of leaving school and exploring options for their future?

Sureway's Transition to Work program offers tailored support to help young people find their path—without any unnecessary hassle.

Reach out to us or visit one of your local Sureway offices below for a conversation about how we can assist.

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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



You're Invited!

Tenison Woods College Fun Run Team Raising Funds For Sporting Equipment

The College has entered a team into the 2024 Blue Lake Fun Run on Sunday 24 November.

While this is not an official school event, we want to encourage students to take part in the great event - promoting physical activity and the great outdoors.

Students can choose to run/walk 3.2km, 6.8km or 10.4km courses.

Registrations have to be completed and paid for by students/families, at the following costs:

- Under 12 \$10

- Under 17 \$15

To register, please visit:

<http://raceroster.com/events/2024/94308/blue-lake-fun-run-2024/register?team=716881>

This link will take you direct to our team. We will then organise your race bib ahead of the event. The College will receive \$10 from every entry which will put towards new sporting equipment.



SAPSASA Volleyball Day

Last Friday, some of our Year 5 students participated in the SAPSASA Volleyball Day at the Wulanda Recreation Centre. The event was a wonderful opportunity for students to engage in a sport that is not often played in our area, providing a platform to learn new skills, forge friendships, and enjoy the spirit of friendly competition.

Throughout the day, our students took to the court, playing against teams from a variety of local schools. It was great to see their determination as they mastered the fundamental skills of volleyball, including serving, passing, and teamwork. For many, this was their first experience with the sport, and their eagerness to give it their all was evident in every match.

We are incredibly proud of our students for their effort, positivity, and willingness to step outside their comfort zones. A huge thank you to the organisers, volunteers, and supporters who made this event possible. SAPSASA Volleyball Day was a fantastic celebration of learning, participation, and fun – and we hope it inspires our students to keep exploring new and exciting sports in the future! Well done, everyone!

Tina Opperman | R-6 Sports Coordinator



Junior School Transition Visit

The Junior School Year 1 – 5 Transition Visits will be conducted on Wednesday 27 November from 2:00 – 3:00pm and 3 December from 2:00 – 3:00pm. Please try and avoid appointments during these times as students will meet their 2025 teacher and class.

Francesca Dickson | Head of Junior School



Year 3 & 4 Italian Visitor

The Year 3 and 4 Italian students showcased their amazing, language learning in Week 5 this term, when Signora Bianchet visited TWC from Adelaide to undertake face to face teaching. While students learn and engage impressively via the schools' innovative on-line learning platform, watching them engage in person is inspiring. The songs learned, conversation and writing is outstanding.

The languages team are so proud of the students and their engaged response to learning Italian.



Year 9 Student Ella Williams Awarded SACE Credits

Congratulations to Ella Williams for her efforts and dedication in undertaking Australian Music Examinations Board exams.

Being awarded a Merit and a Distinction for her Grade 5 and Grade 6 Popular Vocals Rockschool exams, has enabled Ella to gain 10 credits for Stage 1 (Year 11) and Stage 2 (Year 12) which is a whopping 20 credits added to her SACE whilst she is in Year 9!

YEAR 3 AND 7 BUDDY FUN

Mrs McCourt's Year 3 class has thoroughly enjoyed spending time with Mrs Bateman's Year 7 class this semester! Students had a fantastic time engaging in free-choice Christmas craft activities. It's wonderful to see the strong connections that have been formed between our younger and older students through these shared experiences!



ACADEMY OF HOSPITALITY EXCURSION

In week 4, 20 students in years 10 and 11 Academy of Hospitality VET Certificate 2 studies participated in an Industry Immersion session - "The Big Day Out". Students designed the itinerary for the day, brainstorming experiences they would like to engage with over the duration of the event.

A visit to Boost Juice was followed by a gourmet Tour and Taste shopping session at Shes Apples where smoked chicken, balsamic pearls, seaweed caviar and European cheeses were sampled. Students purchased items to construct their own gourmet bags for tasting and discussion. Many thanks to Shes Apples for supplying our group with complimentary hot chocolates!

After dodging a thunder and lightning show the group made their way to Thyme @ the Lakes for an amazing, shared lunch. From Elderflower Mocktails and Antipasto platters to handmade Gnocchi, Buttermilk Chicken and a glowing Mushroom Lane dessert, students were absolutely spoiled for choice. A highlight of the day was being served by past graduates from the Academy of Hospitality: Meagan Bonham as Restaurant Manager and Angelina Townsend as Front Of House Trainee, this was an excellent experience for our current students. We are extremely proud of our students and their achievements and progress within the course, this year our students have provided services as a catering and waiting team in the wider community to generate funds which supported for the 'Big Day Out' in full - what an amazing achievement!



YEAR 9-10 FORESTRY EXCURSION

Our Year 9 & 10 Agriculture Classes have recently had a visit from Tension Woods College Alumni Josh Praolini who works in the Green Triangle Forestry Hub. Josh spoke to both classes about all things Forestry & careers in Forestry.

The Year 10 Class were also fortunate to have an excursion to the local Pinus Radiata breeding facility to learn from Dr Tony McCrae from Tree Breeding Australia. He described the process they conduct to breed the best quality pines with over 80 'families' within the Pinus Radiata breed.

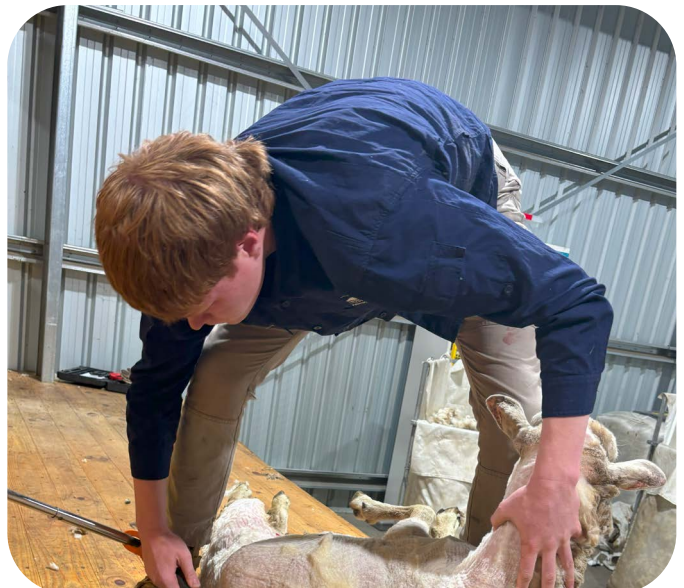
This facility is run locally by Dave McKirsty with help from Caitlin & Toneya Carraill who conducts the pollination to ensure accurate breeding & recording of genetics.



YEAR 10 SHEARING SCHOOL

The Year 10 Agriculture class recently participated in the 'Shearer Woolhandler Training' Day Experience with Josh Sneath. Many thanks to the Pasin Family for the use of their excellent facilities.

Students were able to learn all things wool, including the handling & processing of wool in the shearing shed. Then turned their hand to sheep handling & shearing on the board.



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SENIOR SCHOOL AWARDS



FROM HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENT AND TEACHER TO EDITOR



Tenison Woods College Italian Language Teacher, Giovanni Calandro, has enjoyed the benefits of three years of work, study, and conversations with colleagues from five continents about Extensive Processing Instruction (EPI) and its implementation in everyday second language teaching.

From the first webinar with Dr. Gianfranco Conti, Giovanni understood the importance of research-based teaching and inquiry. For Giovanni "teaching is an ongoing craft that can't be crystallised; it requires continuous study, passion, dedication, and energy."

Starting as a student, Giovanni volunteered for the role of proofreader, and eventually due to his linguistic proficiency he was asked by Dylan Vinales (co-author of the Language Gym series and co-creator of EPI) to become the editor of a book by Dr. Gianfranco Conti and Dylan Vinales themselves, part of a series published internationally with Dr Christian G. Moretti-Byrnes as author.

The release of the book coincided with Giovanni receiving a certificate with distinction from Bath Spa University's School of Education and Network for Languages. This certification took a year to complete, covering six modules and a final assessment.

Giovanni looks forward to sharing his findings with colleagues and to become an accredited EPI trainer in 2025, further promoting second language acquisition in Australian schools.

Principal, David Mezinec, indicated "It is no surprise to those who work with Giovanni, that his work has resulted in study of distinction and being asked to edit the languages text. Giovanni is a highly talented linguist who seeks every opportunity to refine his craft so that our young have the best possible opportunities."





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.



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