

Hope lights the way

Tenison Woods College Early Learning to Year 12 Co-Educational Catholic College

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2025 , WEEK 3, TERM 2

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

In honour of Mother's Day on last Sunday, our College celebrated, and honoured, the motherly figures in our lives in many ways toward the end of last week. We thank all of the amazing mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and special friends who joined us at our Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday morning. It was a wonderful morning enjoyed by all to celebrate those important to us, and acknowledged through Prayer by our students. The ELCC also hosted a morning tea to commemorate the special day that was ahead. The morning was filled with morning tea, crafts, and playtime - creating a lovely opportunity to connect and make memories. It was heartwarming to see multiple generations come together, and the children were especially excited to share the beautiful gifts they had made with love.

To all the women in our community who provide motherly care, thank you for all you are and all you do. You are appreciated beyond measure.



From the Principal



Mother's Day Celebrations

On Friday, 9 May, our school community celebrated the important role offered by mothers, caregivers, grandmas, godmothers, aunts, big sisters and all those who provide motherly care to our young. A Mother's Day Breakfast was celebrated in the Barrie Holmes Stadium. Thankyou to all who attended, in what has become an important event on our

College calendar.

Catholic Education Week #SHINEWithOpen Hearts

We celebrate Catholic Education week in South Australia from May 12-18. Catholic Education Week is about education – celebrating quality teaching and learning across Catholic Education SA.

At Tenison Woods College, Catholic Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the excellent teaching and learning that happens in our College community every day and also reflect on and highlight what makes our Catholic community so special, to help all our young SHINE.

What I personally appreciate about Tenison Woods College is the diversity, culture of care and high expectations. Tenison Woods College is a community where all have a place, all have a pathway and all can shine. As hard as that is, we achieve it daily and celebrate it richly in the lives of our young.

Happy Catholic Education week!



Wellbeing and Engagement Collection Survey – Weeks 3 and 4

Students in our school will be invited to take part in a survey being conducted during Week 3 and 4 this term.

Young people's sense of wellbeing is an important part of how they learn at school. The purpose of the survey is to seek students' views about their wellbeing and their engagement with school. Students in year levels 4 to 12 across the state will be invited to participate in the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection. The information collected will help the education system and broader community to support young people's health and wellbeing.

The survey asks students about their social and emotional wellbeing; school relationships and engagement and learning in school; and physical health and wellbeing and after school activities. Students' answers will be kept confidential – no one (including school staff) will use the results to identify individual students.

Further information on the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection can be found at www.education.sa.gov.au (search:wec) or can be collected from the school. For questions or concerns, or to view the questions, please email Education.WECSA@sa.gov.au.

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.

EY-12 Staff Professional Development Days – 5 and 6 June

Early Years to Year 12 Staff are looking forward to the Staff Professional Development days on Thursday 5 and Friday 6 June. Following Geraldine Hawkes' presentation on Hospitality and Dialogue, staff will reflect on what it means for The Tenison Way to Catholic Identity and Mission. Furthermore, the ELCC will consider the Circle of Security and Play Based Learning, the Junior School will consolidate Numeracy Intervention strategies, while the Middle School and Senior School will devote time to Faculty Curriculum Review and Unit Writing. Across the whole staff community we will also consider Wellbeing and Behaviour Support at Tenison Woods College.

Following a full program of staff endeavour I trust students and parents will experience the benefits of the days through our service to students and families throughout the College. I remind families that these days are Student-Free Days for the ELCC and the R-12 areas of the school.

Shining Light Visit – Ken Green

I was delighted to receive a visit from Shining Light, Ken Green and his wife Mary, who were passing through the region. In amongst the chat and catching up their latest adventures Ken gifted the College Library the latest edition of his landmark book, *The Wildlife of the Australian Snow Country*, written by Ken and collaborator William Osborne. Ken attended Marist Agricultural College 1964-1968 before combining his passion for skiing with academic research in the Australian Snow Country and a wonderful life-giving partnership with Mary, a committed Parks and Wildlife Officer of the region.



Charity Day and Whole School Mass

I alert families to the change of date for our Whole School Mass this term, which will take place on Thursday 12 June at 9:00am. The Timor Leste Charity Day will take place on Thursday 19 June. These dates are different to the initial dates identified on our College calendar and I ask families to note the change.

Laudato Si Week (May 24-31) - 10 years of inspiration and action

10 years ago, Pope Francis wrote *Laudato Si'*, setting out a bold vision for our common home. While we celebrate 10 years of prayer and action together, we look ahead to an even brighter future. The next chapter of *Laudato Si'* begins with us.

Laudato Si' underlines the need for personal and cultural transformation in the midst of our ecological and climate crises. Our commitment stems from the conviction that, even in times of ecological and climatic crises, each of us has the power to make a difference and contribute to building a more sustainable future.

Together, we can cultivate a world where harmony between humanity and nature is a tangible reality.

"there are no lasting changes without cultural changes ... and there are no cultural changes without personal changes" (*Laudate Deum* 70, 2023).

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

Laudato Si' has also reminded us to: *"Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope."* (*Laudato Si* 244, 2015).

Caring for One Another – Road Safety in PRC Carpark and Marist Park Area

I remind the community that the carpark adjacent to the Pam Ronan Centre is a senior student carpark and not a kiss and drop zone. Kiss and drop zone are on the driveways running alongside the PRC off White Avenue and in front of the Front Office area off Shepherdson Road. Adherence to this approach, as well as deliberate care in these areas will protect the safety of our young and avoid any unfortunate accident.

I also remind families of the importance to monitor their actions in the Marist Park area, which can be quite hazardous given the terrain and the less organised parking approach given the nature of the property. Please keep an eye out for one another as we enter and leave Marist Park.

Enrolment of Students

I am very pleased to see that the College is experiencing significant demand in relation to enrolments. To assist with our medium and long-term planning I encourage parents to lodge an enrolment form with the school as soon as

they have made a decision to enrol their child at the school. For some families this decision is made very early in the newborn's life and contacting the school at this time, no matter how early it may seem, will assist us to plan in the best possible way for your child's experience of education in our College community. Should you wish to discuss this further please contact our College Registrar, Tracey Davey (tel. 87255455, or davet@tenison.catholic.edu.au).

God Bless,
David Meziniec | Principal

CIM Team News



Laudato Si' Week

Next week is Laudato Si' week. This year, the theme of Laudato Si' Week, "Raising Hope," calls us all to bring the light of Laudato Si' to all, for a brighter future together. This year marks 10 years of Laudato Si. The week invites us to come together as a community to contemplate and nurture hope for our "suffering planet" (LD 2). Laudate Deum is a reminder to embrace the message of Laudato Si' and make changes in our lives and culture to address environmental and climate challenges. We believe that even during tough times for the environment, each of us can make a difference. By working together, we can create a world where people and nature live in harmony. Tenison Woods College has a deep and long-term commitment to sustainability. From the learning that takes place in the classroom, to the opportunities and experiences provided to students, we understand the important role the entire community plays in a sustainable future. We believe that it is only through a connected community that sustainability can be successful.

Next week, and beyond, you might try to make time to;

- Take a walk in nature;
- Consider your energy use and the use of renewable energies;
- Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle;
- Consider water conservation practices in your home.

The planet is everyone's responsibility.



Mount Gambier Parish Rosary Group

Throughout May, we welcome the ROSARY MAKING GROUP from the Mount Gambier Parish who will gather in our MacKillop Junior School Makers Space each Wednesday from 10.00am to 12 noon. Students will be invited to come along and join the group during their visits.

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Wednesday 28 May, the students enrolled in the 2024-2025 Sacramental Program will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. Father Peter 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 13 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. We especially keep in mind our Tenison Woods College students: Ashleigh Batty, Evie Cole, Sophie Dunne, Joli Gentile, Ruby Jaeschke, Henry Marlow, Harrison McDonnell, Harrison Ras, and Mac Stratford.

Term 2 Masses in the College Chapel

Mass takes 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. Please see the upcoming Masses below

Week 3: Thursday, 15 May - 9:10am Year 8 Mass

Week 4: Thursday, 22 May - 9:10am Year 6 Mass

Week 4: Thursday, 22 May - Year 2 Church Excursion and Liturgy from 11:30am at St Paul's.

Week 5: Thursday, 29 May - 9:10am Year 9 Mass

Week 5: Thursday, 29 May from 11:30am - Reception Church Excursion and Liturgy at St Paul's

From the Parish

Youth Mass and Youth Group

The next Youth Mass will be held this Saturday 17 May. The ministries at this Mass are led by young people from the College and the parish. Please contact myself or Mr Glynn if your child would like to be involved in offering their service as a reader, musician, altar server, data projectionist, or partake in the offertory procession.

The monthly Youth Mass is followed by a Youth Group dinner, activities and discussion. Students in Year 7 and above are encouraged to attend. Please register interest with Matthew Glynn (glynm@tenison.catholic.edu.au) for catering and to ensure you receive information about upcoming Youth events.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Our parish is hoping to send a delegation of young people from Year 9 to Year 12 to the 2025 Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne. This three-day festival, running from Sunday 30 November to Tuesday 2 December, will bring together thousands of young Catholics from across Australia for an unforgettable experience of faith, community, and celebration. The festival is a great opportunity for the youth of the parish to connect with other young Catholics, and to share and deepen their faith and relationship with Christ. If you, or a young person you know, would like to be part of our delegation or would like more information, please contact youth@mtgcatholic.org.au

Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator

Uniform Shop

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

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light
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**WALK SAFELY TO
SCHOOL DAY**

This Friday!

FRIDAY 16 MAY AT 8:00AM

Meeting at the Ampitheatre in the Mt Gambier Raillands

National Walk Safely to School Day is a community initiative that aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide for the long term well-being of our children.

Grab a piece of fruit when you return to school
donated by She's Apples

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apples
market**



Catholic Education Week

This week, we celebrate all of the ways that a Catholic education helps to make our students and school communities SHINE. The theme for Catholic education week this year is to 'Shine with Open Hearts', one perfectly suited to our College where we encourage all individuals to SHINE each and everyday: Strive to be successful; Help others to be their best; get Involved; know others by Name; Enjoy positive Emotions; and be Healthy. It also ties in to our College theme for last year, 'Open Hearts and Open Arms', where we urged all students to open their hearts to the challenge of pursuing their personal best, and opening their arms to accept others.

Outdoor Education Students Visit Nursery

The Year 11 Outdoor Education students have been studying 'Water in our Landscape', and recently have been focusing on revegetation and native plant species. The students visited the Mount Gambier Community Nursery, in which they got some hands-on experience with native seedlings in the nursery. They got to work picking out tiny Melaleuca squamea seedlings – one of the rarer 'edge of swamp' species that will be planted at Mt Burr Swamp later this year. Their visits were educational and contributed to real life revegetation projects! Great work!



Upcoming Key Dates

WEEK 3

Wednesday 14 May

- 2026 USA Arts Tour Information Evening, 5:30pm-6:30pm, PRC Upstairs.
- 2025 China Tour Information Evening, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Lecture Theatre.

Thursday 15 May

- Year 10 Sports Academy AFL Trial Match, 9:00am-3:00pm, Millicent Football Club.
- Poplars Swimming Lessons (Varying times).
- Year 8 Agriculture Dairy Farm Excursion, 1:30pm-3:30pm, Mil-Lel.

Friday 16 May

- Education Support Officer Appreciation Day.
- Year 4-6 Assembly, 2:05pm, MacKillop Junior School.
- Year 2-3 Assembly, 2:45pm, MacKillop Junior School.
- USA Titans Dinner Auction, 6:00pm, Barrie Holmes Stadium.

WEEK 4

Monday 19 May

- Laudato Si Week.
- Stage 1 Outdoor Education Mountain Biking and Orienteering Expedition.
- Year 1 Swimming Lessons (Varying times).
- Term 3 Reception Information Evening, 6:15pm MacKillop Reception Building.

Tuesday 20 May

- Laudato Si Week.
- Stage 1 Outdoor Education Mountain Biking and Orienteering Expedition.
- Year 1 Swimming Lessons (Varying times).
- Penola Families Gathering and 2026 Year 7 Information Evening 5:15pm-6:45pm, Mary MacKillop Memorial School.

Wednesday 21 May

- Laudato Si Week.
- Stage 1 Outdoor Education Mountain Biking and Orienteering Expedition.
- Year 1 Swimming Lessons (Varying times).
- National Simultaneous Storytime.
- Year 7/8 Knockout Basketball, Mount Barker.
- 2026 Japan Information Evening, 5:30pm-6:30pm, Lecture Theatre.

Scholastic Book Club Issue 3 Out Now

Last week, your child would have received Issue 3 Scholastic Book Club catalogue.

All of the 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://www.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 2 need to be in by Monday 19 May. If you purchase books as a gift, please let your teacher know so this can be passed on.




Jessica Lucas | Library Assistant


Do It For DOLLY DAY

Last week, our Year 12 students, led by our School Captains and Student Leadership Team, helped to spread the message of kindness, in honour of 14 year old Dolly Everett. Students showed their support, wearing blue hair ribbons or lapels, jelly cups with 'Do It for Dolly' inspirational messages, and a very powerful 'Kindness Wall', filled with handwritten messages of hope. A fantastic way to raise awareness and promote the message to 'Speak, even if your voice shakes'.





Lunch Clubs



Term 2

Monday

Dojo Islands
Mrs Robinson
MacKillop Building - Year 3 classroom
Years 2-6 only

Pop Up
Library with Mrs Nicholson and Jess

Netball
Mrs Jones/Year 9 Leaders - Years 5-6
Courts

Tuesday

Design & Technology Club
Miss Lockwood
MacKillop Makers Space 4
Year 4 - 6 only

Zen Zone Club
Miss Gogel
MacKillop Building - Year 6 classroom

Wednesday

Dance Club
Mrs Whitehead
Room 405

Luxurious Locks Club
Mrs Dickson
MacKillop Downstairs Makers Space

Kimochis Club
Chelsea
Reception Makers Space

Thursday

Art & Craft Club
Mrs McCourt
MacKillop Downstairs Makers Space

'Build It' Club
Mrs Jeffrey
Reception Piazza


Performing Arts Club
Mrs Haggood
Room 404 - Year 6 only

Friday

Big Games Club
Ms Morgan
MacKillop Building - Year 4 classroom

Chess Club
Library with Mr Mustey

Environmental Crusaders
Miss K
MPR



Experimenting with Tie-Dye in Year 9 Project Runway

The Year 9 Project Runway students have been looking at the textile art form of tie dye. Students created their own tie dye mood board highlighting colours, techniques, clothing and accessories. They then tie dyed a t-shirt and tote bag using different tie dye techniques. They have done an outstanding job with this being the first tie dye experience for most.

Donna Johnson | Child Studies Teacher





Community Noticeboard



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



Vadim

Age: 16 **Gender:** Male

Home Country: French

Program Duration: May 12 weeks 2025

Interests/Activities:

Combat Sports	Hiking
Reading	listening to music
Video Games	
sisters 8 and 11	Brothers 5 and 15

Languages Spoken:

French and English

Vadim says he would like to thank his future host family from the bottom of his heart for this opportunity and he can't wait to meet you.

Host Families Urgently Needed

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange, SA is seeking assistance with Host Families urgently needed for seven French boys. The boys will arrive on 31 May for 12 weeks. The students will attend a Private School near where the host families live. Hosting can bring so much fun to your home. Learning about another culture and sharing the exchange student's culture. The amazing memories you make together, the feeling that you have gained another son or daughter for life. For more information, please message, call or email Jenny Hanson, Phone 0409 890 184, Email: jenny.h@scce.com.au



Penola

Tuesday 20 May

6:45pm

**Mary MacKillop Memorial
Primary School**

Next Week!

*Year 7 Information
Evenings*

NARACOORTE CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday, over 50 enthusiastic students from Tenison Woods College travelled to Naracoorte to compete in the annual Cross Country event. Hosted by Naracoorte Primary School, the event was run with outstanding organisation, and we thank them for a fantastic day. With perfect weather conditions and a beautiful course, our students gave their best efforts and demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the day. They were true ambassadors for our College, proudly representing our values with their positive attitudes and determination. We extend a heartfelt thank you to the many parents who joined us and helped out—it was wonderful to have your support. Full results will be made available in the coming week and will be shared in our next newsletter. Well done to all involved!

Tina Opperman | R-6 Sports Coordinator



Open to students in
Year 10, 11 and 12

Learn about the available pathways, what the job entails, advice, and what to be aware of. This is an invaluable opportunity for students to listen to local professionals talk about their own career journeys. Students can bring their lunch when joining sessions.

Date	Group/Attendees	Notes
27 May 1.30pm - 2.00pm	Deakin University A presentation on university courses available, pathways, campus life, accommodation and scholarships	PRC: Representatives from Deakin University will be presenting.
28 May 1.30pm - 2.00pm	Trades Auto-mechanic GTE Electrical Refrigeration	PRC3: For those interested in a trade pathway, hear from a number of local trade businesses and GTE (the largest regional employer of apprentices) on what they expect, and how to apply.
4 June 1.30pm - 2.00pm	Allied Health Speech Pathology Flinders University Occupational Therapy Physiotherapy	PRC3: Allied Health is wide and varied. This session will provide an overview of speech pathology, occupational therapy and physiotherapy, together with options to study locally with Flinders University.
11 June 1.30pm - 2.00pm	Business Real Estate Legal Accountancy Human Resources	PRC3: The world of business can take a myriad of pathways. This session will focus on local business owners, commerce, human resources and legal. For those interested in a business and/or law pathway, this session is a must.
18 June 1.30pm - 2.00pm	Engineering Engineer - BHP Billiton DMK Engineering Dycer Construction Drafting/Architecture	PRC3: This panel discussion will feature an engineer from BHP Billiton, together with local engineering firm representatives and a drafting professional. Highly recommended for those considering an architecture and/or engineering pathway.
19 June	Indigenous Health Pathways Day Health pathways experiential day for indigenous students considering university study	Adelaide Uni Mt Gambier Campus: Email invitations have been issued to relevant students.
25 June 1.30pm - 2.00pm	Health Audiology Pharmacy - Chemist King Optometry - Specsavers	PRC3: This session follows on from the earlier Allied Health Session and will feature different areas for consideration.
1 July 1.30pm - 2.00pm	Flinders University A presentation on university courses available, pathways, campus life, accommodation and scholarships	Lecture Theatre: Representatives from Flinders University will be presenting.
2 July 1.30pm - 2.00pm	Medicine/Mental Health Headspace - counsellor Local doctor (GP) Anaesthesiologist / Space Doctor	PRC3: For any students interested in Medicine or Psychology as a pathway, this is a rare opportunity to hear from local medical professionals in this space!

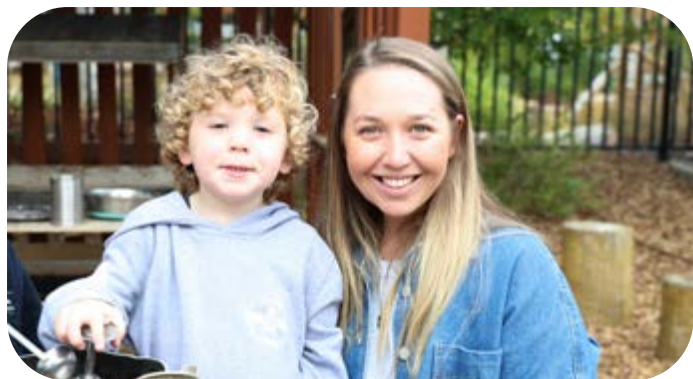
YEAR 11 RETREAT

Year 11 students recently travelled to the stunning Halls Gap in Gariwerd Land (the Grampians), where they had the opportunity to deepen their connections with each other, with God, and with God's beautiful creation. Over three days of growth, fun, and reflection, students also explored the legacy of Senior School Founder Father Julian Tenison Woods, whose passion for education for all and appreciation of the natural world continues to inspire our College community. The Retreat offered a valuable break from daily routines, encouraging students to reflect on themselves, their relationships, and their shared future as a cohort. This experience strengthened their sense of unity and motivation as they continue their learning, faith, and personal journeys.

Chris Lloyd | Years 7-12 CIM Leader



ELCC MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA - GALLERY





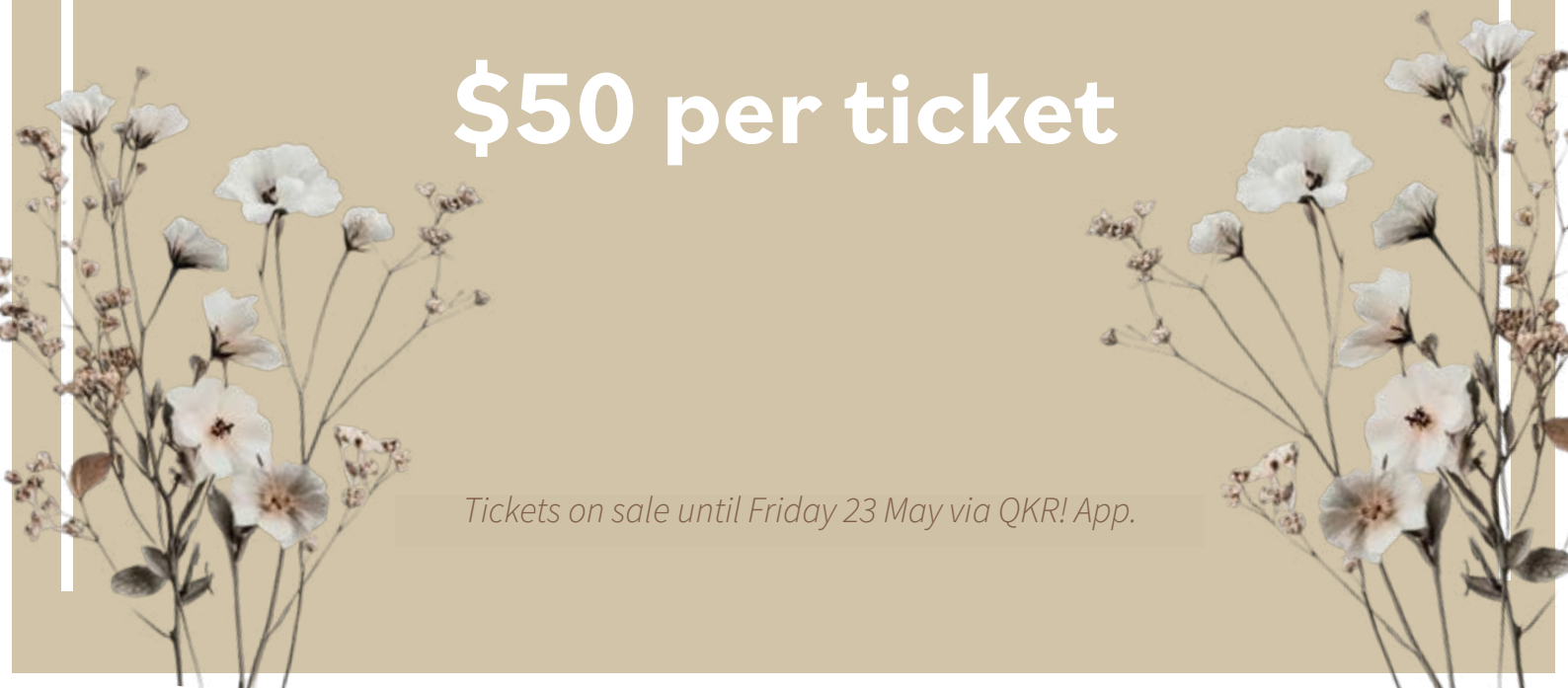
Charity Ball

**City Hall, Main Corner
Friday 30 May | 7pm**

We invite all Tenison Woods College Year 11 & 12 students to the 2025 Charity Ball, raising funds for the 2025 Timor-Leste Immersion.

\$50 per ticket

Tickets on sale until Friday 23 May via QKR! App.



MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST GALLERY



Trivia Night

FOR TIMOR LESTE

FRIDAY
13TH JUNE

UPSTAIRS IN THE PAM
RONAN CENTRE
6.30PM FOR A 7.00PM START

Get your table organised for a fun evening with friends!

\$10 PER PERSON - TABLES OF 8-10

Please email sigt@tenison.catholic.edu.au to register your table & pay via the Qkr! App.



RAFFLE & COMPETITIONS ON THE NIGHT!

BYO DRINKS, DINNER, SNACKS

USA ARTS TOUR

MUSIC - DRAMA - VISUAL ART - MEDIA ART - DANCE

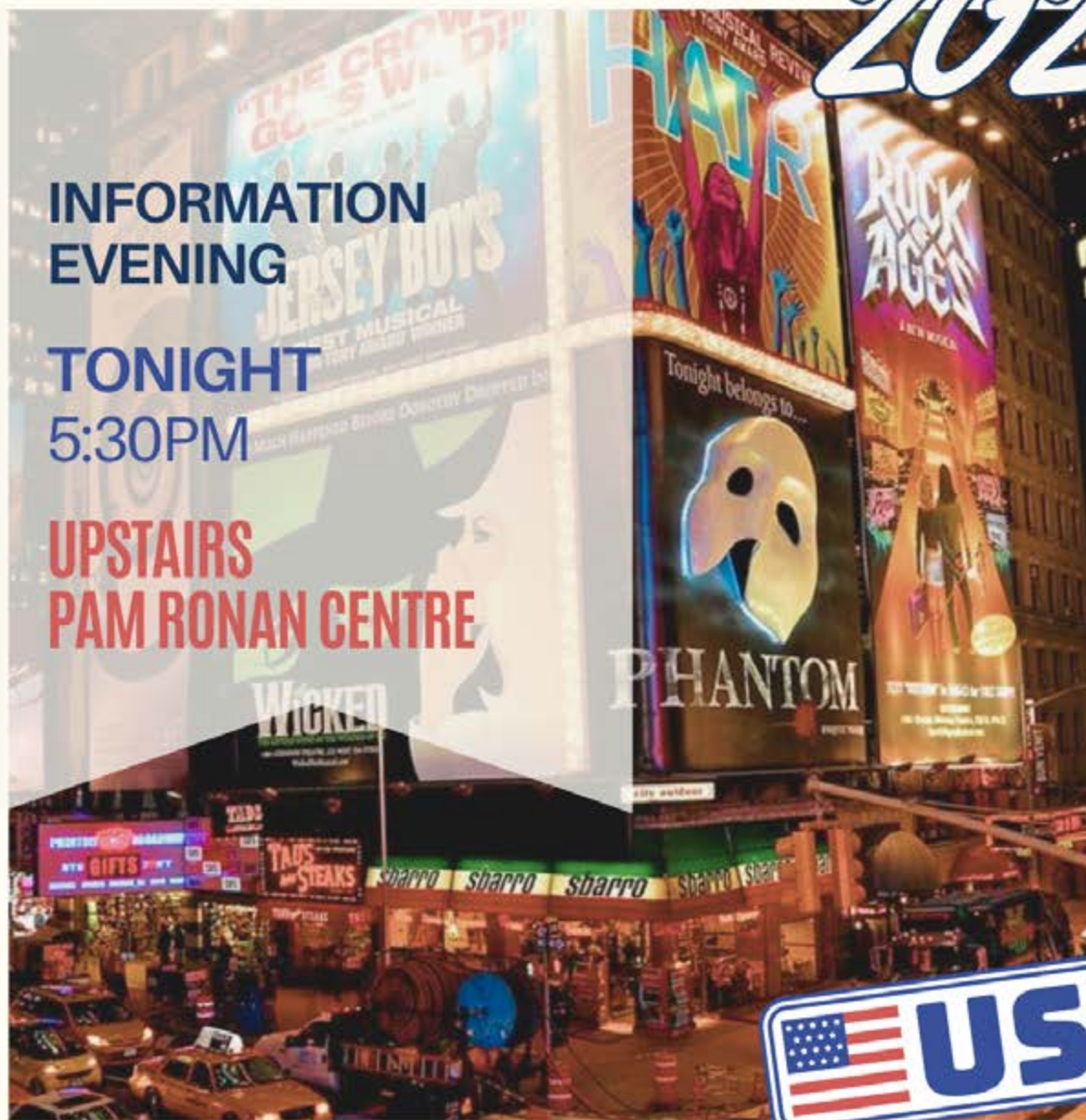
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CURRENT YEAR 7-11 STUDENTS

**INFORMATION
EVENING**

**TONIGHT
5:30PM**

**UPSTAIRS
PAM RONAN CENTRE**



SEPTEMBER 2026 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

2 WEEKS - LOS ANGELES & NEW YORK CITY

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VENICE BEACH
DISNEYLAND
SANTA MONICA PIER



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2025

INFORMATION EVENING

TONIGHT
7:00PM-8:00PM
LECTURE THEATRE,
PAM RONAN CENTRE



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12.00 PM 1.00 PM

Friday

12.00 PM 1.00 PM

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