WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

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WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 2024 WEEK 1, TERM 3

COLLEGE COLLEGE

We welcome Term 3 with an Open Heart and Open Arms

Yesterday we welcomed back all of our wonderful staff and students including exchange students from Italy, France, China and Japan. We also welcomed 11 students from Calvary English School, Tokyo, who are visiting Mount Gambier for three weeks and will be living with host families throughout their stay. The sun was shining as all existing and new students got to know each other out in the yard and in the class room. We look forward to another exciting term with an 'Open Heart and Open Arms'















From the Principal



Welcome Back

Welcome back to the Tenison Woods College Community for Term 3. We especially welcome new reception and ELCC children who have this week commenced their respective journeys with us. We also welcome the other families whose students commence their schooling with us in other year levels throughout the school.

We also welcome the following Exchange Students who join us for the first part of semester 2:

- Octave Printemps Vacquier visiting form France in Term 3.
- Marcello Sala visiting from Italy until Week 9 Term 3until
- Eloi Sigwalt visiting from France until Week 8 Term 3.

And of course our we welcome our Calvary English School long term friends who join us until the conclusion of Week 3 this Term.



I trust that the spirit of community and commitment to building strong relationships, which are complemented by our innovative culture and dedication to fostering individual pathways, we will support you as you strive to bring out the best in your child. I hope that you will also see, as I have indicated previously, and consistent with our theme this year, being a part of Tenison Woods College community is not hard, it just requires a little extra effort from everyone so that we all have confidence to 'Open our Heart and Open our Arms' to realise our potential as individuals and as a community of people.

Staffing Appointments During Term 3

We welcome the following staff, who will assume roles from Term 3:

Staff Returning From Leave

The following staff are resuming their service at the College:

- Ciaran Buckley HPE and Technology Teacher
- Donna Johnson Food and Child Studies
- Allana Madigan Food and Child Studies
- Ashleigh Pfitzner Year 1 Teacher

New Staff – Term 3

We welcome the following staff in Term 3:

- Jeannine Birch Year 4 teacher
- Alexandra Bennett Middle School Classroom Education Support
 Officer
- Chandalin Crouch Cleaner
- Grace Ruby
 Café School Based Trainee
- Kirsty Turner Laboratory Assistant

Assuming New Roles

The staff below are transitioning to new roles in Term 3 and we wish them the very best in their evolved service to the College community:

•	Emily Verbena	Assumes a teaching role in the ELCC after	
		returning from maternity leave.	
•	Judy Hill	Rejoining the College Team to support in a	
		variety of areas.	
•	Kiah Connolly	Continues in a permanent position with Public	
		Relations and Events Team.	
•	Laura Whitehead	Moves from the ELCC to become a Reception	
		Teacher.	
•	Rachael Benson	ESO Work Fridays after volunteering as part of her	
		TAFESA studies.	
	Micki Greenham	Global Perspectives Key Teacher (Term 3)	

We wish these staff all the best in their service of our families, and look forward to them offering their gifts to the staff team.

Timor-Leste Immersion Delegation 2

Our second group of 2024 Timor-Leste Immersion participants are enjoying a life orienting experience. We have enjoyed hearing about their adventures over the past week on this trip which is the 11th Timor-Leste Immersion for the College.

Follow on Insta: @twctakestimor

Follow the blog: <u>https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/blogs/timor-leste-2024-trip-b-blog</u>



CESA Community LLL Perception Surveys

By the conclusion of week five of term 3 all Catholic Schools in South Australia will complete the CESA Living, Learning, Leading Perception Surveys. The surveys are a product of a collaboration between Catholic Education SA (CESA) and Curtin University and are focused on the development, validation and use of a system-wide survey to examine the understanding of the vision and extent to which Catholic Education SA's Living Learning Leading Framework is taking place in schools as perceived by students, family and staff.

Each survey has been trialled, refined and piloted in a range of CESA school settings and the development team is confident that schools will derive very useful information for planning and improvement.

Out of School Hours Care – Eleven years of deliberate care, deliberate learning.

I have been delighted by the response to our OSHC service that has now been servicing our community for eleven years. The attendance at our holiday program was further validation of the carefully prepared program and the commitment to a fun, safe, nurturing and supportive environment, which is reflective of our community's family values.

At this time, I offer appreciation to Sandra Sochacki and the range of staff who offered their service to the OSHC program during the student vacation; which was greatly appreciated by the families of our community.

For further information and bookings contact Jess on 8724 4633 or email <u>oshc@tenison.catholic.edu.au</u>. You can also visit the OSHC page on our Tenison Woods College website where you'll find more details about the OSHC Program – <u>www.tenison.catholic.edu.au</u>

ELCC – Holiday Program

The Early Learning and Community Centre also operated during the student vacation with its stimulating and individualised holiday learning program under Fran Scanlon and Ange Cutting's discerning and passionate leadership.

Reception Enrolments 2025

I advise parents and caregivers that interviews are well under way for all 2025 Reception Enrolments. We invite parents or caregivers and students to schedule an interview time with Mrs Francesca Dickson, Head of Junior School, to formalise their child's enrolment for 2025. If you have a child who is due to start school in 2025 and have not received a letter, please contact Enrolment Registrar Tracey Davey on 08 8725 5455 who will help you organise this.

South East Schools Continue Refining the Craft of Leadership

With the experienced support of Dr Stephen Brown, Managing Director of The Brown Collective and graduate from the Harvard program, The Art, and Practice of Leadership, nineteen leaders from Catholic schools in the South East of South Australia completed the Adaptive Leadership course.

The Adaptive Leadership theory developed by Heifetz et.al at Harvard was a direct response to a perceived limitation of leadership approaches to effectively explore and respond to complex, adaptive challenges. The one-day Master provided school leaders from Tenison Woods College, Mary MacKillop Memorial School and St Anthony's Catholic School with the opportunity to further develop their strategic leadership capabilities. Thank you Stephen – another wonderful course in the South East of South Australia as we continue to build our communal leadership capacity.



Professional Learning Day

Early Years to Year 12 Staff enjoyed the staff professional development day Monday 22 July, when they devoted time to a variety of wellbeing, teaching craft, critical numeracy and child safety endeavours. I trust students and parents will experience the benefits of the days through our service to students and families throughout the College.

White Avenue Safety - Use the Koala Crossing

Families are finding the best place to pick up their children and I ask if children cross White Avenue, please only cross at the Koala Crossing. Using the Koala crossing offers extra safety, as cars slow down to navigate the narrowed road.

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 2024 for a deduction to be made.

School Card Support

Families who would like support to meet school fee commitment are urged to apply for School Card. Eligible school card recipients will receive a 50% discount off tuition fees. School card qualification criteria is outlined below.

For families who meet the criteria (for the taxable year ending 30 June 2024) it is worthwhile and all you have to do is either make an appointment to see the Business Manager Neal Turley for the completion of the appropriate forms or apply online via https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme if you wish to complete them yourself. If you are applying online, please ensure to select Tenison Woods College not Tenison Woods Catholic School.

Number of Dependent Children	Combined Gross Family Annual Income Limit (before tax)	Gross Weekly Income Limit (before tax)
1	\$70,994	\$1,365
2	\$72,262	\$1,390
3	\$73,530	\$1,414
4	\$74,798	\$1,439
5	\$76,066	\$1,463
Each additional dependent child	\$1,268	\$25

Families who do not meet the above criteria but may still struggle to pay the full scheduled College fees are also invited to make an appointment with the Business Manager Neal Turley. All discussions are kept strictly confidential.

God Bless, David Mezinec | Principal

CIM Team News



Grandparents and Special Friends Day in the Junior School

This Friday, 26 July, we will honour grandparents and those who play a 'grand'

role in the lives of our students. The Junior School warmly invite Grandparents and Special Friends to join them from 2-3pm in the MacKillop Junior School Buildings.

The event coincides with Pope Francis' World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which falls on the Sunday closest to the Feast Day of Saints Anne and Joachim (Grandparents of Jesus). He established this day to celebrate the importance of grandparents to family life, and how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for Church communities.



Term 3 Focus on Supporting Vinnies

This term we will highlight the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society and support Vinnies in our fundraising efforts. Two major events are currently on the calendar.

Whole School Vinnies Day will take place on Friday 16 August (Week 4). This will be a casual clothes day with money and food donations.

Vinnies Winter Sleepout will take place on Friday 16 August (Week 4) for students in Years 11 and 12.

Term 3 Masses in the College Chapel

Mass is celebrated each Thursday of the term and is led by a different year level each week. Mass begins at 9:10am in the College Chapel. All are welcome to join us for these masses.

Upcoming Masses and Liturgies

Week 1 Thursday 25 July- 9:10am- Year 5 Mass

- Week 2 Thursday 1 August- 9:10am- Year 9 Mass
- Week 3 Friday 9 August- 9:10am- Year 4 Mass

**Please note that there will be no Mass at TWC on Thursday 8 August. Mass will be held in Penola for the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop.

FROM THE PARISH

Family Mass

Family Mass will take place on Sunday 28 July at 11:00am followed by morning tea in the gathering space. We warmly welcome families to join us, especially students from Early Learning to Year 6.

Students who are part of the Family Mass choir will rehearse before Mass. Please arrive ready for rehearsal at 10:00am.

If you have any questions or would like to register you interest in joining the choir, please contact Rayhna Stephens stepr@tenison.catholic.edu.au or Cisca Teodoro sacraments@mtgcatholic.org.au

Youth Mass and Youth Group - Millicent - Saturday 27 July

 Mass:
 4.30pm at St Alphonsus Catholic Church

 Youth Group:
 5:30-7:00pm in the Hall

 Who:
 Year 6-12 students

 Further details or to register your interest please contact Fr. Olek ap@
 mtgcatholic.org.au or Liza Couzens couzl@sta.catholic.edu.au, or phone 87255

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Upcoming Key Dates

WEEK 1

Thursday 25 July

- Timor-Leste Immersion Trip B
- Calvary English School Visit
- Year 7/8 & Open Netball, Wulanda
- Year 5 Mass, Chapel

Friday 26 July

- Timor-Leste Immersion Trip B
- Calvary English School Visit
- Schools Tree Day
- Mount Gambier Vocal and Choral Eisteddfods, Wehl St. Theatre
- Grandparents and Special Friends Day

WEEK 2

Monday 29 July

- Calvary English School Visit
- Open Boys Knockout Soccer, Parafield Gardens
- Open Boys Knockout AFL Football, Henley High School
- Year 10-12 Girls AFL Knockout Football, Concordia College

Tuesday 30 July

- Calvary English School Visit
- Open Boys Knockout Soccer, Parafield Gardens
- Open Boys Knockout AFL Football, Henley High School
- Year 10-12 Girls AFL Knockout Football, Concordia College
- Year 1 St. Paul's Excursion, St. Paul's Church

Wednesday 31 July

- Calvary English School Visit
- Rest Day for new Reception students
- College Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Board Room

Thursday 1 August

- Calvary English School Visit
- Year 10 Reflection Day, Wulanda
- Year 9 Parish Mass, 9:10am, Chapel

Friday 2 August

- Calvary English School Visit
- Year 4-6 Assembly 2:05pm, Mary MacKillop Junior School Building
- Year 2-3 Assembly 2:40pm, Mary MacKillop Junior School Building





Slava Grigoryan Performing At The College

This is a wonderful opportunity for audiences to hear this astounding guitarist up close and personal.

It has been 17 years since Slava last embarked on a solo tour. This has not been from a lack of desire. He's just been busy, (very busy) writing, recording and performing both in Australia and internationally.

This very special intimate concert sees Slava performing music from his more recent solo releases: '*Bach Cello Suites Vols I & II' and 'Gratitudes'*.

DATE: Thursday 29 August 2024 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (UTC+10) VENUE: Tenison Woods College Chapel TICKETS: <u>https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1259173</u>

Penny Mansell | Head Of Performing Arts



Jaimee Smith Shares Apprenticeship Journey

Last Term we dropped in to Barry Maney Ford to visit Jaimee Smith who commenced a Heavy Diesel Apprenticeship over the Christmas holidays and is now six months in. Jaimee emerged from under the huge wheel arches of a very large truck to speak to us!

Jaimee shared with us that she is really happy in her apprenticeship and the workplace, and had just purchased her amazing new tool box which stood about a metre tall. Jaimee has been full-time in the workplace while undergoing blocks of trade training at TAFE SA Mount Gambier.

We congratulate Jaimee on sourcing her apprenticeship and starting with a strong 6 months in the workplace!



Lillie Paul Undertakes School-Based Traineeship

Year 12 student, Lillie Paul is currently undertaking a school-based traineeship at Millicent SportsPower which she started in late 2023. Lillie will attain a Certificate III in Business which included competencies in writing workplace documents and supporting marketing and promotional activities.

The vocational education completed as part of this traineeship will go towards Lillie's SACE completion and ATAR calculation and has been managed around the remainder of her SACE schooling, personal and sport commitments.

We thank the Denton family who have been wonderful support to many of our students over the years for part-time jobs and school based traineeships like Lillie's, allowing them to learn workplace skills and save up to support themselves financially through university.

Well done to Lillie for juggling all these competing demands and her imminent finalisation of this traineeship!



Amanda volunteers in Cambodia

It has been a busy school holidays for all! Staff member, Amanda has spent the last couple of years going to Cambodia with 'Cows for Kids' and has again visited this school break.

While away, Amanda ran into 2023 College Captain, Gael Chingzu. It is so wonderful to see our staff and old scholars SHINING beyond the college and contributing towards not only our local community but our global community.



NAIDOC Week Recognised at ELCC

Our ELCC Children and OSHC Students recognised NAIDOC Week with a visit from Uncle Ken. Uncle Ken brought lots of interesting Aboriginal artefacts, natural objects like seashells and a Possum puppet! He told some wonderful stories and shared his knowledge. Thank you Uncle Ken for celebrating the history and culture of our First Nations people.



College Celebrates End Of Term 2

During the last week of school, the college celebrated the end of term with a Whole School Assembly and enjoyed a performance from our Year 3 & 4 Ignite Choir.

Thanks to modern technology, we were able to enjoy prayer from Father Olek along with local students all the way in Timor-Leste!

It was a wonderful assembly acknowledging all of the fantastic achievements throughout the term from music, the arts, sport, sustainability of course our Charity Day in the lead up to the Timor-Leste Immersion Trips.



13th Anniversary to the Priesthood

We recognise the dedication of Fr Peter Zwaans as he celebrates 13 years of Priesthood! Thank you Fr Peter for your dedication to our College!





Angus Clarke and Harvey Croker Represented SA at AFL Nationals

Congratulations to both Angus Clarke (Yr12) & Harvey Croker (Yr10) who have represented South Australia in the AFL National Championships.

Angus' U18 side secured a win over the Allies in their four-game round-robin series. These championships feature the best young players from across the country showcasing their talent to the country prior to the upcoming AFL National Draft later this year.

Harvey's U16 side ended the championships with a 3-1 win-loss record after their narrow loss to Victoria Country in their final match of the championships.

Tenison Woods College congratulates both boys on this outstanding achievement.

Mitch Larsson | HPE Teacher, HPSP AFL Coach



Aunty Michelle Shares Indigenous Knowledge at Junior School Incursion

Today, our Junior School classes were fortunate to be visited by Aunty Michelle. Students were given some fascinating information about the local Indigenous Culture, shown many items that were used and facts about our region.

Students also participated in a cultural chant, and were immersed in this wonderful presentation by Aunty Michelle.

We thank Aunty Michelle for her time, knowledge and enthusiasm of sharing culture with our students.

Francesca Dickson | Head Of Junior School

College To Celebrate Green And Gold Day Next Friday

We are excited to announce that Tenison Woods College will be participating in Green & Gold Day on Friday, 2 August, in support of the Australian Olympic Team. This special day is about turning Australia green and gold and uniting all Australians through the power of sport. Green & Gold Day is for everyone – athletes, fans, businesses, schools, young, old, and everyone in between. Regardless of sporting ability or background, we believe that sport has the unique ability to bring us together. On this day, we encourage all students to celebrate Australia's sporting achievements by adding a touch of green and gold to their school uniform. Whether it's ribbons, socks, wigs, or any other accessory, we want to see a sea of green and gold at Tenison Woods College. Please note that there is no cost involved in participating in this event.

Let's come together and proudly showcase our national colours, celebrating the spirit of the Australian Olympic Team and our collective pride in their achievements. Thank you for your support in making this day a memorable and unifying experience for our students.

Tina Opperman and Kaitlin Egan | Sports Coordinators





Open Boys & Open Girls Basketball On A Winning Streak

BOYS RESULTS:

Tenison Woods College 49 def. St Francis 39 St Francis 57 def. Rostrevor 56 Tenison Woods College 65 def. Rostrevor 59

Game 1 vs St. Francis: The boys started with vigour on the defensive end, limiting St Francis to 4 points in the opening quarter. Despite strong guard play and numerous runs from the opposition, the boys defended as a unit and shot well across the game to maintain the early lead. School captain Teangi Stephens' leadership was unsurprisingly exemplary.

Game 2 vs Rostrevor: Rostrevor came out hot and found an early advantage, but the boys weathered the storm and were sublime defensively after quarter time, utilising a switching scheme and rebounding as a pack. Plenty of transition scoring opportunities arose off the good defense, and the boys were also proficient from the 3pt line. There were no standout players in a strong team performance.

The Open Boys team will play in the State Final in Week 4.



GIRLS RESULTS: Tenison Woods College 56 def. St Francis 40 St Francis 51 def. SEDA 35 Tenison Woods College 55 def. SEDA 17

Game 1 vs St. Francis:

The girls started slow in this contest showing some nerves and passive play. St Francis shot the ball well and kept the scores close at half time. A stronger mindset going into the second half created some easier scoring opportunities as well as better connection on defence. Ava Collins was the main instigator for the turn of aggression and had an outstanding game.

Game 1 vs SEDA:

The team was extremely focused for this contest quickly establishing physicality on the defensive end turning stops into transition opportunities down the other end. Ava Collins again started strong and was well supported by the play of Edie Easterby. Poppy Venn and Claire Mitchell both produced on both ends of the court and made Seda's life difficult. A strong team performance.

The Open Girls team still have another round later in the Term.







Nickolai Greenham Accepted Into South Australian Police Academy

Year 12 student, Nickolai Greenham, has been accepted into the South Australian Police Academy after successfully meeting the requirements of the rigorous recruitment process. Nickolai is scheduled to commence at the Academy on Monday 5 August.

Nickolai has also already met all requirements to achieve his SACE, which is a remarkable achievement!

We wish Nickolai all the best with his future career in policing. His dedication and hard work have brought him to this exciting point, and we are confident that he will excel in his training and beyond.

Kate Carroll | Head Of Senior School



Early Learning & Community Centre Mid-Year Graduation

Our Early Learning & Community Centre celebrated their Mid-Year Graduation. It was a beautiful afternoon, celebrating our graduating children who treated staff, family and special friends to a wonderful performance. We wish all of our ELCC children the best of luck as they enter 'big school' next term, it has been a pleasure to be a part of your learning journey!

















Academy Of Interactive Entertainment Visit Visual Arts Students

Students from Years 9, 10 and 11 attended an interactive workshop about career pathways across the gaming, VFX and film industries. Run by the Academy of Interactive Entertainment who are based in Adelaide, students were able to learn about 3D animation, game design, film and visual effects. They learnt the basics of 3D modelling and animation by creating a character in 3D modelling software called Blender.

Yunita Manfrin | Teacher



ELCC African Drumming Class with Djembe Yu

Recently the Early Learning & Community Centre children participated in an African Drumming class presented by Kathleen and Brian from Djembe Yu. The children learnt about drumming and percussion. They had a wonderful time playing games and dancing.

Family Business Directory

We invite families to be a part of our Family Business Directory, free of charge for current families of the College. This directory may assist when making decisions to support local businesses, focusing on those within our College Community! To be included, send the following information to <u>news@tenison.catholic.edu.au</u> Family Surname (not for publishing): Business Name: Sample Family Business Business Phone Number: 1800 SAMPLE Business Email Address: <u>sample@familybusiness.com.au</u> Business Website: <u>www.sample.com.au</u> And your business logo or photo (small file size is fine). We look forward to seeing many College families' businesses get involved! Family Business Directory can be found here: <u>https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.</u> au/community/family-business-directory



Year 10 Work Placement

Our Year 10 cohort underwent their Work Placement. It was fantastic to see the students immersing themselves in an array of industries, enabling them to experience a career pathway of their interest.

Well done to all students who had a successful week in their respective placements and thank you to the businesses/ employers who allow our students to be part of their work place and gain such valuable experience!

Austin Jones | Teacher



Pioneers join OSHC for a Basketball Lesson

During the holidays, our OSHC Students were treated to a Basketball mini master class. Austin Shelley and Samantha Fatkin from the Mount Gambier Pioneers demonstrated the finer details of dribbling, passing and shooting. The smiles on faces highlighted how much fun was had on the court!

Thank you Austin and Sammy for teaching our students some valuable skills!



TIMOR-LESTE TRIP A GALLERY

















TIMOR-LESTE TRIP B GALLERY

















100 DAYS OF YEAR 1

The last week of Term 2 saw our Year 1's celebrating their first 100 days of school! It was a very exciting morning with a special visit from the college's resident 100 year old, Gerald! Gerald (who may or may not be ESO, Tom Inglis) enjoyed visiting our Year 1 students and playing tricks on staff members!











ELCC MUD DAY























JUNIOR A NETBALL TEAM CROWNED WAVERLEY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL NETBALL CHAMPIONS 2024

In the final week of Term 2, 40 Tenison Woods College netballers made the journey to Melbourne to compete at the Waverley International School Netball Championships where they played various schools from Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and the Pacific Islands. The college took four teams, a Senior A and B and Junior A and B team comprising an incredible pool of talent with many of the netballers representing their respective clubs at senior level.

The college were extremely successful with their Junior A Netball team crowned the Waverley International School Netball Champions 2024 taking out Rowville Secondary College 28-24 in a very close and exciting grand final. The talented team coached by teacher and local netballer, Kaitlin Egan comprised of netballers, Bell Coghlan, Raine Darimaani, Emily Denton, Kalani Dunn, Lucy Egan, Asha Gysbers, Mischa Human, Bailee Lewis, Ruby Milich and Emily Skeer.

The Senior A team were successful throughout their campaign coming third overall after defeating Mercedes College 35-18. Unfortunately, they went down in the semifinal by 5 to Rowville, who ended up the overall winners.

The Senior B team were defeated by Waiuku Gold and Singapore placing them 16th overall and gaining incredible experience playing against a diverse array of teams.

The Junior B team finished strong in 7th place overall defeating Woodcroft by a nail biting 3 goals in their final match.

All four teams were led by college staff and experienced coaches, Donna Denton, Narelle Ryan, Kaitlin Egan, Angela Queale and Manageress', Jorja Mitchell and Siobhan Adams who were proud of the commitment made by all 40 netballers on what was an incredible experience for the girls.











RECEPTION ART EXHIBITION

Recently, we held the 2024 Reception Art Exhibition for our young Picasso's! Families were invited to tour through the centre and admire the amazing pieces of art that our Reception students have been creating. There was some amazing artwork on display and the students were very proud to show off their work to their families.

















Welcome To Our Exchange Students ビINTERNATIONAL VISITORS











