## Weekly Newsletter





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Hope lights the Way

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

### WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2025 WEEK 2, TERM 1

## 2024 DUX AND ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY

The College was thrilled yesterday to welcome back some of last year's Year 12 graduates for the 2024 Dux and Academic Awards Ceremony. Many of our newest 'Old-Scholars' who saw out year 12 attaining outstanding ATAR results, attended the College's first Whole School Assembly for the year, where as a community, we had the opportunity to congratulate them and present those in attendance with a certificate of recognition.

We also recognised the 2024 Years 7-11 students whom achieved excellent academic results last year.

Our 2024 Dux of the College, Max Patzel was also presented with a special medal honouring his achievement.











### From the Principal



#### Recognising Achievement and Excellence in 2024 - Dux and Academic Awards Assembly

Yesterday, Tuesday 4 February, our College community gathered in the Barrie Holmes Stadium at 9.00am for our Dux and Academic Awards Assembly. During the assembly we celebrated the achievements of our 2024 Year 12 students

with their outstanding SACE results and also acknowledged our Middle and Senior School Academic Achievers.





#### 2025 R-12 Parent Welcome and Information Evening – It's About Building Relationships

A significant way in which parents can support the learning of their children and adolescents is by attending the R-12 Parent Information Evening on Thursday 13 February. Parents will have a chance to meet our teachers, learn about the teachers' hopes for the year, and hear about the classroom processes that will ensure learning is achieved in the best possible way. Parents also have an opportunity to meet informally the Leadership Team of the school and ensure that we commence

the journey of serving your child's individual needs in a deliberate manner. Please see poster with all the details, featured in this Newsletter.

#### Beginning of Year Whole School Liturgy – Hope Lights the Way in 2025

We look forward to Thursday 20 February and our Opening Whole School Liturgy at Marist Park. The liturgy, which commences at 9:00am will assist us to reflect on the College theme for 2025, "Hope Lights the Way."

This year we are invited to reflect on the theme "Hope Lights the Way." Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." Jubilee Years are times of renewal, repentance, and celebration of God's mercy. We honour in a Jubilee Year the Church's call for a journey of faith, hope, and renewal for individuals and our community.

Don't forget your hat and sunscreen!

#### eSmart School - Smart. Safe. Responsible. As a school community we are an accredited eSMART Alannah and Madeline Foundation school community where the smart. safe and responsible use of communications technology is Smart the norm. The essence of the eSmart approach is outlined left. One of the aspects of this process is the review, analysis and updating of our ICT policy and User agreements. These updated

policies are available on the school website.

We also have an area of the SEQTA Portal @TWC dedicated to eSmart, including information for parents and the wider school community. This Cyber Safety Hub can be located by following this link: <u>https://teach.tenison.catholic.edu.</u> au/portal/914d3df1-69ba-4436-a566-f1da68b23faf

I am delighted that Tenison Woods College is an eSmart School and I look forward to our continuing commitment to the highest possible level of ICT innovation that is complemented by safe and responsible use of ICT.

#### Caring for One Another - Road Safety In and Around Our School

Following on from the theme of helping one another, I remind families of the importance to monitor their speed and adjust it accordingly as they approach the school on Shepherdson Road and White Avenue in the interest of safety for all, but particularly our young. I also remind students to utilise the various designated crossing areas which are monitored by our staff. Crossing the roadways at other areas adds to the danger for our young but also increases the difficulty for drivers in the area. Speed within the school site is 15km per hour.

#### Working Bee – Saturday 15 February

I remind families of our first Working Bee on Saturday 15 February.

The three significant focus areas will be:

- Barking of our play areas around the MacKillop Junior School and Early Learning Centre.
- 2. Tidying the front indigenous garden.
- 3. Planting in the front swale area.

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 register here.

Please bring any gardening equipment you think could be of use: gloves, shovel, rakes, wheelbarrow, even your ute.



#### **Volunteers Enthusiastically Welcome**

There are many opportunities for parents/carers to become involved in College activities and events and to connect with other members of the community. Below is a list of the many options available for parents/carers to participate in:

Class Representative

- Faith, Health & Wellbeing Committee Member
- Uniform Committee Member
- Friends of Tenison Committee Member
- Buildings & Grounds Committee Member
- Board Member
- Parent Coffee Mornings
- Parent Sessions
- Breakfast Club
- Learning Assistance Program (LAP)
- Working Bees
- Canteen
- Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Program
- Excursions and Camps
- Sporting Days

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity at Tenison Woods College, please read and complete the <u>Volunteer Registration Information Booklet</u> and hand it in to the Tenison Woods College Front Office. This booklet includes a Work Health and Safety induction which must be read and signed prior to commencing any volunteering at the College. Reporting Abuse and Neglect Training must also be completed <u>here.</u> You will need to register and create an account before completing the training. Click on the first training option - *RRHN-EC 'Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect - Education and Care online training'*. Please print the certificate on completion of training.

A Catholic Police Check or an existing DCSI Working with Children Check is also required prior to volunteering and this can be arranged through the College free of charge.

For further information, please contact our Work Health and Safety Coordinator, <u>Trudi Dempsey</u> or Director of Wellbeing, <u>Tania Sigley</u>.

#### A quick survey:

Please complete this short 2 minute survey to help inform us about how we can support your involvement with the College:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z28NVSK



#### Parent Community Connection opportunities

At Tenison Woods College, we value parent and community connection which helps to build a strong relationship between families and our College community, thus supporting the wellbeing of your children.

#### Messenger Chats

The connection between year groups helps facilitate this community building. As such, the Faith, Health & Wellbeing Committee of the Tenison Woods College Board invites Reception to Year 7 families to join a Parent/Carer Year Level Messenger Chat. This platform aims to enhance parent connections and support children's development through collaborative communication.

To access the messenger chats please click on your child's year level link below:

Year Level	Chat Group	
Reception	Reception Parent/Carer Messenger Chat	
Year 1	Year 1 Parent/Carer Messenger Chat	
Year 2	Year 2 Parent/Carer Messenger Chat	
Year 3	Year 3 Parent/Carer Messenger Chat	
Year 4	Year 4 Parent/Carer Messenger Chat	
Year 5	Year 5 Parent/Carer Messenger Chat	
Year 6	Year 6 Parent/Carer Messenger Chat	
Year 7	Year 7 Parent/Carer Messenger Chat	

#### SunSmart Approach

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world, with two in three Australians developing some form of skin cancer before age 70. Melanoma is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers in Australians aged 15–29, yet most skin cancers can be prevented by using sun protection measures at appropriate times of the year. The sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the major cause of skin cancer. UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is strongly associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Given school hours fall within peak UV periods of the day, we have moved to a comprehensive policy will assist schools to adopt healthy UV practices.

Our SunSmart policy is a critical dimension of our duty of care as a College community. Our procedures such as wearing the College hats and sunscreen will be enacted according to the sun protection times forecasted by the Bureau of Meteorology for when the UV levels that are predicted to reach 3 or higher. Students will be notified during daily pastoral care about the need to wear their hat, and sunscreen will be supplied in the classroom. We encourage all students to leave their hats at school.

God Bless, David Mezinec | Principal

### CIM Team News

Year 12 Retreat

The 2025 year began with the Year 12's spending 3 days at Kangaroobie Camp in Princetown. The retreat theme was, 'The Road of Life.' Students and staff worked in both large and small groups discussing, praying and reflecting on the priorities in their lives during this final year of schooling

and where the future might take them. They also enjoyed getting to know one another better and participated in some fun activities organised by the camp staff.

A highlight of the retreat was having Fr Olek join us Wednesday afternoon and Thursday. We thank him for making the retreat a priority in his busy schedule. The Year 12's have now returned to school and we wish them well for the year ahead.

#### Term 1 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. The upcoming roster is:

Week 2	Thursday 6 February	Year 9
Week 3	Thursday 13 February	Year 8
Week 4	Thursday 20 February	Whole School Liturgy (Marist Park)

#### Whole School Liturgy

The Beginning of Year Whole School Liturgy will be held at Marist Park on Thursday 20 February at 9.00am. We invite families and our wider parish community to attend. Please bring along a picnic chair and a hat.

### FROM THE PARISH

#### Parish Picnic Day this Sunday

The Parish Picnic Day will take place on Sunday 9 February in the Deanery Garden of St Paul's Catholic Church following the 11am Mass. Judging by its success in the previous years, it promises to be a great day with delicious food and great company. It's a wonderful opportunity to welcome many new parishioners and to renew friendships. Please bring along a plate of food to share , a hat and a picnic chair or blanket.

#### Youth Ministry Mass and Youth Group

The next Youth Mass will be held on Saturday 15 February. The ministries at this Mass are led by young people from the College and the parish. We are hopeful that of some students may offer their musical talents this year. Please contact either me or Chris Lloyd 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** to ensure you receive information about upcoming Youth Group events.

Sally Telford | Religious Education Coordinator

## Upcoming Key Dates

#### Week 2

#### Thursday 6 February

Swimming Carnival House Meetings

#### Friday 7 February

- Years 4-6 Assembly
- Years 2-3 Assembly

#### Week 3

#### Monday 10 February

SAPSASA Softball Day (Boys and Girls)

#### **Tuesday 11 February**

Years 7-12 Swimming Carnival - Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre

#### Wednesday 12 February

SACE Merit Ceremony

#### Thursday 13 February

- SACE Merit Ceremony
- T20 Open Boys Cricket
- R-12 Welcome and Community Gathering Evening 4:00pm see flyer in this Newsletter

#### Friday 14 February

Years 7-12 Interschool Swimming Carnival, Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre Library Lovers Day

#### Saturday 15 February

- Tenison Woods College Working Bee
- Mass and Staff Commissioning 6PM

#### Sunday 16 February

Mass and Staff Commissioning 11AM





## TERM 1 SPORT - IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## 2025 Junior School Sports Update

Welcome to the start of an exciting school year! We hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for a fantastic Term 1. I'd love to welcome our 2025 Sports Leaders – Charlie Winterfield and Alyssa Milich. I am looking forward to working with these two outstanding students.

This term is shaping up to be a busy one for our Year 5 and 6 students, with many opportunities to participate in SAPSASA sports. Below are the key trial dates for students who are eager to represent our school in their chosen sports:

Monday 10 February	Girls & Boys Softball District Trials (Mount Gambier)
Friday 7 March	Swimming District Trials (Penola)
Friday 14 March	Golf District Trials (Penola)
Friday 21 March	Track & Field District Trials (MGHS)
Monday 31 March	Boys Australian Football District Trials (Mount Gambier)

State carnivals for Girls and Boys Softball will take place from Wednesday 26 March to Friday 28 March in Adelaide.

Swimming State Championships will follow on Monday 7 April in Adelaide.

Additionally, all Year 5 and 6 students will participate in swimming lessons as part of their curriculum this term. EdSmart notes will come out closer to the dates with further information.

To add to the excitement, our annual Sports Days will be held in Week 5, on Wednesday 26 February and Thursday 27 February. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their talents, cheer for their house teams, and build their sporting spirit.

We look forward to seeing many students embrace these opportunities and represent our school with pride. If you have any questions about the trials or other sporting events, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We look forward to a term full of fun, teamwork, and success in sport!

Tina Opperman | R 6 Sports Coordinator



## Years 7-12 Sport for Term 1

In line with the vision statement of the school, Tenison Woods College aims to foster the physical talents of students to enable them to reach their full potential which contributes to students' opportunities to develop character, values, and lifelong skills.

This year we welcome Ava Collins as our Sports Trainee, alongside Aleisha Hunter in Sports Administration. We will all be working closely together to ensure you are well informed of upcoming events throughout the year to give students multiple opportunities to represent the college.

#### This term students will have the opportunity to participate in:

- Year 7-12 Tenison Woods College Swimming Carnival Tuesday, 11 February (Week 3) held at the Wulanda Recreation Centre
- Interschool Swimming Friday 14 February (Week 3) held at Wulanda Recreation Centre
- Catholic Co-Ed Swimming Carnival Date and location TBC
- Tenison Woods College Athletics Carnivals:
  - Years 3-6 Sports Day, Wednesday 26 Feb 9am-3pm.
  - Years R-2 Sports Day, Thursday 27 February 9am-12pm.
  - Year 7-12 Sports Day/s, held at Marist Park.
  - Day 1: 12pm-3:20pm Thursday 27 February
  - Day 2: 9am-3:20pm Friday 28 February
- Interschool Athletics Wednesday 19 March (Week 8) held at Naracoorte High School
- Adelaide Athletics Tuesday 25 March held at Adelaide

#### Knockout & Zone Events:

- Year 9 10 Boys Knockout T20 Cricket (Statewide) Wednesday 19 Feb, Yahl Cricket Oval
- Year 11 12 Boys Knockout 40 Over Cricket Thursday 13 February (Week 3), Bordertown
- Year 11 12 Boys Knockout T20 Cricket Friday 14 March (Week 7), Millicent
- Year 7 11 South East Zone Golf Tuesday 1 April (Week 10) (venue to be confirmed)
- Year 11 12 Knockout Boys & Girls Tennis, Thursday 13 March (Week 7), Olympic Park

For all knockout sporting events this year, students will be able to nominate for events via Microsoft forms. They will be emailed by Ava at least two weeks before the competition and this information will be regularly included in the newsletter and school notices.

Trials will be held for these knockout sporting events, if there are more students than the team requires who have nominated. The trials and selection process at Tenison Woods College is a comprehensive process, often restricted by time and attendance of players. Tenison Woods College aims to deliver a fair and equitable selection process using the Ten-ison Woods College trials criteria.

If you would like to assist with any of the above carnivals or have any questions regarding Year 7-12 Sport in 2025 please email **sport@tenison.catholic.edu.au** 

Kaitlin Egan | 7-12 Sports Coordinator

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL - TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

Despite high forcasted temperatures, the College Years 7-12 Swimming Carnival next Tuesday is still going ahead! We are looking forward to seeing a lot of House spirit and everyone getting involved – with novelty events in and out of the pool on offer, there is something for everyone!

Rural bus students will be dropped to the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre and collected as part of their usual bus transport. City bus students and local students will need to arrange their own form of transport to and from the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre.

**ALL** students will need to be marked off on the roll by their Homegroup teacher before entering the Centre by 8.35am and will not be permitted to leave until 3.20pm. No student will be given permission to leave the Centre prior to 3.20pm unless parents themselves are present to escort their child.

There will be a sign in/out table at the outdoor entrance.

Should a student be ill or injured and unable to attend the day, an email to their Pastoral Care teacher or a phone call from parents to the absentee line must be made. If students are unable to swim, the College encourages them to attend as an enthusiastic spectator or participate in the novelty events.

Students are reminded to be sun smart: hats, sunscreen and a t-shirt or rash vest are <u>compulsory</u>. There will be extra shaded areas available to help everone as cool as possible.

Wulanda Canteen facilities will be available. Please make sure your child has cash or a physical bank card to align with the schools phone policy. No cards are phone are to be used.

We encourage students to develop Founder Team spirit and support the day by dressing up in their House colours or by bringing banners and other support items. If students are unable to dress in their house colours, their Tenison Woods College sports top is to be worn.

#### https://www.tenison.catholic.edu.au/files/45369155/2025\_Swimming\_ Carnival\_Schedule.pdf

If you have any questions please email **sport@tenison.catholic.edu.au** 

Kaitlin Egan | 7-12 Sports Coordinator



CHAMPAGNAT	2023 5	PORTS LEADERS:	
HOUSE LEADERS	MCAULEY HOUSE LEADERS	MACKILLOP HOUS	SE WOODS HOUSE LEADERS
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	NEVE ROSSOUW	ABBIE ANDERSON BEN BRAITHWAITE	SAMANTHA CONSIDIN
	PREVIOUS		KIERA MCBAIN
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2016	CHAMPAGNAT		MCAULEY
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2015		2006	CHAMPAGNAT
2014	MACKILLOP		MCAULEY
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		2004	MCAULEY
	CHAMPAGNAT	2003	MCAULEY
		2003	MCAULEY



2024 Woods House Leaders with the winning shield: Aleisha Brook and Tillie Derrington

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## Year 7 Parent Welcome BBQ

On Friday afternoon we hosted parents of our Year 7 students in Gilap Wanga at our Welcome BBQ. This gave families an opportunity to meet staff and familiarise themselves with the College. It was a fantastic turnout as we got to connect with lots of families, answer questions and enjoy a BBQ!

















## YEAR 12 RETREAT TO KANGAROOBIE

Our Year 12 students embarked on their annual Retreat to Kangaroobie in Princetown, Victoria last week. Upon arrival, students enjoyed sightseeing on their way to camp, reflecting, meditation, rock painting, a session from Fr Olek on the importance of prayer and relationships, making a cohort mandala and much more. The next day of the retreat saw students focus on the now and the future on 'The Road of Life,' through exploring deepening connections and community. Father Olek celebrated morning Mass with us and later led students to unpack the school theme for the year ahead by exploring hope as a virtue. Staff leading the retreat shared their personal experiences of community to support the Year 12 students to reflect on uniting as a cohort this year. Team-building activities followed later in the afternoon, and the evening included receiving special messages from loved ones and sharing affirmations with each other, strengthening their bonds.















## TENISON WOODS COLLEGE 2025 R-12 WELCOME AND COMMUNITY GATHERING EVENING

THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2025



Please indicate your attendance via EdSmart for catering purposes

## Students Shine in Gold Coast

In the Summer holiday break, a number of our students travelled to the Showcase National Dance Championships on the Gold Coast to compete a large number of solo and troupe performances. This competition attracts a high standard of dancers from across Australia, yet a few students came away with impressive results. Congratulations girls.



Kiera McBain (pictured above left) landed herself among the top 10 of the senior category, whilst Madi Lane (pictured above right) placed in the top 5. A special mention to Violet Davis (not pictured), 2024 Year 3 student who competed in the 'Battle of the Stars' as on of the top 2 junior dancers, receiving runner up Dancer of The Year.

## Trainees

This year we warmly welcome our new Trainees as members of staff at Tenison Woods College. This year we have joining us:

#### Education Support Officers

- Sarah Brown
- Paul Hammond
- Kaige Buckingham
- Kevin Phan







#### Sports Administration

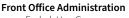
Ava Collins



#### **Public Relations, Marketing and Events**

Bree Robinson





Erykah Van Gaans





Chelsea Ryan (commencing in February)



Wishing these Trainees a successful year at Tenison Woods College!





## Class of 1991 School Reunion

We're thrilled to announce that Class of 1991 School Reunion will be held on March 15, and is just around the corner! We are reaching out to anyone who attended Tenison College from Year 8 in 1987 to Year 12 in 1991 to mark your calendars for March 15 – it's a night you won't want to miss. Whether you've kept in touch over the years or lost contact with old friends, this reunion is the perfect opportunity to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate the lasting friendships and memories formed during your school days.

#### SCHOOL TOUR

- Time: 1:00pm
- Location: Tenison Woods College

REUNION DINNER

- Time: 6:30pm
- Location: Little Rippa Brewery 107 Ruwoldt Rd, Yahl SA 5291

**Reconnect with Old Friends** This reunion isn't just about a trip down memory lane—it's a chance to make new memories with the friends who shared your high school journey. It's been years since we've all gathered together, and we hope to see as many familiar faces as possible. We look forward to seeing you there. Please RSVP by February 20 to either Trudie <u>trudieholland@gmail.com</u> or Mandy <u>mandy.e.finlay@gmail.com</u>



# Equestrian Skills On Display at Stockman's Challenge

A recent excursion over the border for our Tenison Equestrians and Agriculture Teacher, Judy Jenkin, included participating in the Heywood Stockman's Challenge which is part of the 2025 Stockman's Challenge Super Series to be conducted over 6 completions in the coming months.

Mrs. Jenkin was joined by Year 10 students Charlotte Ellul & Steph Bolte, Year 9 student Sarah Sagasser, Year 8 student Katherine Bolte & Year 7 student Laura Sagasser.

The day comprised of sections that involved whip cracking to hit a target, a working pattern to display the equines training, an obstacle course of challenging tasks and a time trial of stockman's skills such as opening and closing gates, riding through water and mounting and dismounting as quickly as possible.

Everyone displayed great sportsmanship & skill.

Judy Jenkin | Agriculture Teacher / Technology Teacher



### Scholastic Book Club - Issue 1 Out Now

This week your child would have received Issue 1 of the Scholastic book club catalogue. All 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 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 Issue1 need to be in by Monday 17 February. If you purchase books as a gift, please let your teacher know so this can be passed on. To view the catalogue, please click here.

Jess Lucas | Library Assistant



## TRAFFIC FLOW AROUND THE COLLEGE

As we welcome everyone back to Term 1, we bring to your attention parking and traffic flow reminders. These changes have occured to spread the flow of traffic around the school and maximise the ability for buses to outlying regions to leave to school in the most effective way possible.

Clear signage is in place in all areas and must be followed at all times to ensure the safety of children and efficiency of traffic.

- Parking in Marist Park grassed area is open. The entrance to this area is from Shepherdson Road. All parents and students using this area must use the monitored crossing adjacent to the Front Office to cross the driveway.
- The parking area behind Gilap Wanga learning community can now be accessed via White Avenue entrance with a left turn now allowed from the ring road.
- The road behind Gilap Wanga learning community is now 2-way please drive slowly as the road is narrow in parts.

#### Please also be reminded of the following rules that are already in place:

- The driveway from Shepherdson Road is two way and NO overtaking is permitted
- The MAXIMUM speed limit on all roads within the College is 15kmph
- Both Kiss and Drop areas (Shepherdson Rd and White Avenue) are continuous flow areas and are not to be used for parking and waiting. If your child is not there
  when you arrive there please continue to a park or do another loop until they are ready.
- All children crossing internal and external roads must do so at the supervised crossings where they are available. Please have this conversation with your child and do not call them across a road to a parked car.

As we are enjoying fantastic summer weather, we highly recommend parking along Shepherdson Road and encouraging students to arrive and depart school grounds utilising the sealed pathways and supervised school crossing. The Rail Lands sealed walking path also provides numerous entry and exit points for students to walk or ride to school and utilise the Shepherdson Road school crossing which is supervised in the morning and afternoon.

Let's work together to keep everyone safe!

