



# Tallangatta Secondary College Newsletter

*Big Enough To Deliver, Small Enough To Care.*

At Tallangatta Secondary College our main purpose is for all students to establish their place in the global community and to demonstrate personal and educational growth within a challenging, stimulating and innovative learning environment.

**We Value:** Effort, Integrity, Responsibility, Teamwork, Empathy and Respect with Learning at the centre.

**Student Achievement:**

Optimise AusVELS and VCE/VCAL outcomes for all students.

**Student Engagement:**

Further develop the safe, attractive, cooperative, innovative and stimulating school learning environment for all students.

**Student Wellbeing:**

Continue to develop a whole-school approach to student wellbeing (social, emotional, physical & mental) based on collective responsibility.

**Productivity:**

Targeted use of school resources (human, physical and financial) in order to achieve the desired goals and targets.

## Principal's Report

### Headstart

Next week we will run our headstart program where our students in year 7 – 10 will make a headstart into the next year level for one week. Students will meet their new teachers and class mates with the aim to make a smooth and positive start for 2017.

### End of Year Activity Program

Our End of Year Activity program begins on Monday 12th December and runs for three days. This program is compulsory for all students in Yr 7 – 9. It is expected that students will conduct themselves in a manner that is productive, cooperative and respectful.

### Student Led Conferences

Cycle 8 GPA and Semester 2 AusVELS reports will be distributed Wednesday 14th December. SLC will be held Thursday 15th December from 10 – 7pm. Bookings can be made through the College website. Classes/school program will not run on this day. Students are only required to attend their SLC

### Award Presentation Ceremony

Our Presentation Day ceremony will be held on Friday 16th December from 10am in the Memorial Hall. This ceremony formally recognises where students have excelled or achieved well above expectations.

### Yr 7 Transition Day

Next Tuesday 6th December is the state-wide transition day in which we welcome our 2017 Year 7 students. Al-

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though most of our prospective students have already visited the College, this will be the first time the entire cohort will attend for a school day together. They will be involved in a range of curriculum activities and I am sure that all students will have a fantastic day. Also, we will be holding a parent morning tea during recess on this day and I look forward to meeting new parents as well as catching up with existing parents.

### Wodonga & Baranduda Bus Travel

Students that have been given a seat on the Wodonga and Baranduda bus for 2016 and asked to please return the bus travel forms to the Office by Friday 2nd December.

*Richelle Moyle*

### Coming Events

Tue 6th Dec	Yr 6 2017 Transition Day
Mon 12th Dec	Yr 9 Movie/Pool Day
Tue 13th Dec	Big Bash Cricket excursion
Wed 14th Dec	Yr 7, 8 & 9 Movie Day
Thur 15th Dec	SLC with HG teachers 10am – 7pm
Fri 16th Dec	Presentation Day

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# Assistant Principal's Report

## Presentation Day 2016

As has been the practice in the last three years the Presentation Day will be held in Memorial Hall commencing at 10.00 am on Friday 16th December.

Parents who wish to attend are advised to be early as the capacity of the main hall is limited. Our ICT team at school will install large screens in the main hall and the supper room so that there is more capacity to see the presentations. We do remind all parents to ensure that their children are in full school uniform for Presentation Day.

Parents are invited to remain after the Presentation Ceremony and share a light luncheon.

## Year 7 Orientation Day

The College will hold our Year 7 Orientation Day on Tuesday 6th December. Prospective bus students will travel on the school bus they will use next year, and all will participate in a range of classes similar to what they will experience next year. Next year's Peer Support Leaders will accompany groups of year 6's throughout their day. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Mrs Allsop.

## Whole School Headstart

Next week all remaining students will be participating in a whole school headstart for 2017. Students will attend their designated classes for 2017 in order to develop some skills and understand the expectations for the class next year. Students will receive their timetable on Monday 5th December.

## Character Strengths – Prudence

Prudence involves far-sighted planning as well as short-term, goal-directed planning. It is often referred to as cautious wisdom, practical wisdom, and practical reason.

### Exercises for Boosting this Strength

- Think twice before saying anything. Do this exercise at least ten times a week and note its effects.
- Remove all extraneous distractions before you make your next three important decisions.
- Visualize the consequences of your next decision in one, five, and ten years' time.

<http://www.viacharacter.org/www/Character-Strengths/Prudence>

*"Learning is never done without errors and defeat."*—  
*Vladimir Lenin*

**Scott Anderson**  
**Assistant Principal**

# Later Year's News

## Year 10

Level 2 exams have been conducted this week and students should be congratulated for the way they have conducted themselves during this time. The headstart program commences next week. This program gives all students the opportunity to be introduced to their subjects for 2017. A reminder that all books should be ordered on line. Students were given further information on this process during the homegroup meeting on Tuesday. Final day for Year 10 students is Friday, 9th December.

## L2P

We are still looking for students interested in obtaining assistance to gain the required hours of driving to obtain their licence. The program gives students the access free driving lessons as well as obtain hours of lessons in a fully fuelled vehicle. If you are interested please see a staff member in the Later Years office.

## Central Australia/Northern Territory Tour

Thank you to all families who paid the \$250 deposit. We are now finalising arrangements with the travel company. Departure date for the tour will be Sunday, 17th September and returning on Friday, 29th September. A meeting will be organised for early in Term 1.

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## Middle Years Report

As this week is our final week of term 4 classes it is important that all students have completed all assessment tasks and have reviewed their goals for each class. It is highly recommended that students seek feedback on their work and continue uploading work samples and feedback on to their ePortfolio.

## Week 10

Next week the students will be involved in a Headstart Program where they will begin their classes for 2017. This will give students an opportunity to familiarise themselves with their timetable for term 1 and prepare themselves with the materials they need. Please be aware that it is not an expectations that students have a new book for each subject at this late stage of the year, but it will be expected that they have a separate book for each subject by the beginning of next year.

## Year 6 Orientation Day

We are fast approaching the Year 6's Orientation day (Tuesday 6th of December) at Tallangatta Secondary College.

Students will be spending the full day at the College and

getting to know each other and experiencing learning with their new peers in their 2017 classes. As such, students are required to wear their normal school uniform and bring their pencil case with equipment to write with. A lunchtime sausage sizzle will be provided.

Parents are reminded that there will be a Morning Tea provided around 10.20am in the school's cooking room/deck. There will be time during the session to ask any questions you may have of the school. We look forward to seeing you there.

In the meantime, should you have any questions in relation to Orientation day or your child's transition, please do not hesitate to contact the school or Sharon Allsop, the Year 7 Coordinator.

### **Week 11**

In the final week of school, the middle years students will be involved in an alternative program. Year 9 students will be going to Albury on the Monday for their end of year celebration. Year 7 and 8 students will be involved in learning area based activities on Monday and Tuesday. Any students who do not attend the year 9 excursion will be involved in the alternative program. On the Wednesday all students will have the opportunity to go to Albury for a movie and some shopping time. Any student who does not attend this excursion will be provided with alternative activities at school.

The Student-Led Conferences will be held on Thursday 15th December. This is a great opportunity for students to showcase their learning from semester 2 and to celebrate their achievements with their parents and home group teacher. Students will be provided with some time during extended home group to complete their ePortfolio, but it is an expectation that the development of these occurs as an ongoing process throughout each term and therefore students should only need to add the finishing touches. Students will also be provided with a template that will allow them to plan out the main assessments they are going to share in their SLC.

The End of Year Presentation Day will be held on Friday 16th December.

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## **Student Led Conferences**

SLT's will be held with student Home Group Teachers on Thursday 15th December from 10am until 7pm. Please book online via our college website - <https://www.tallangatta-sc.vic.edu.au/> Bookings can be from Thursday 1st December. For further information please contact the college on 026071500.

## **Music Report**

*"Music can change the world because it changes people." – Bono*



On the 8th and 14th of December we will be travelling around to our local primary schools to perform for them. On the 8th we will be travelling to Baranduda primary then to Kiewa primary. On the 14th we will be going all the way out to the Eskdale hall then returning home to play at the school PAC. Whilst we are doing this, the young ones will get to experience what the music program is all about, so hopefully when they come to high school they will be interested in joining. In other news, the Jazz band and Choir will also be playing and singing at the presentation day, we have a number of songs lined up to entertain the crowd.

On the 16th of December is the Tallangatta Christmas Carols. Starting around 6:30pm, a select few from the choir will be singing some carols with some instrumental brass accompanying them.

As the year is slowly coming to the end, all students need to make sure they are on time to their lessons and rehearsals. Only a few have forgotten but with each lesson and rehearsal, there is more knowledge- every student needs to be on time and ready to play. Well done to all students who have attended their lessons and rehearsals and played some brilliant music.

On a final note, we are always on the lookout for new members to join in the music program, any interested students need to see Mr McKee immediately. Any student or teacher is always welcome to come down to the PAC during lunch or recess through the week to play an instrument, have a sing, talk about music or even watch a rehearsal in a friendly, supervised and supportive environment. Just come down and have fun.

As always, I can always be contacted at the College to discuss any questions or concerns regarding the music program. Thank you so much to all parents, community members, and staff for their support of our music program.

*Rhys McKee*  
*Music Program Coordinator*

## Career News

### Exiting Students

Except for our current Year 12 students, all other students who are not returning to school in 2017 should ensure that they have informed their Year Level Coordinator. There are a number of processes that need to be completed prior to exiting the College. Often where students are moving to other schools or TAFE, by completing the necessary paperwork at school prior to leaving a smooth transition to the next institution is enhanced and delays in enrolment are avoided. In all cases, where students are leaving Tallangatta Secondary College, parents need to sign appropriate paperwork.

Where students are seeking work or have a job organised and are not intending to come back in 2017, there are still a number of requirements that need to be met prior to leaving. Talk to your coordinator or Mr Livingstone if you are in this position. Again, parents need to complete documentation prior to the student leaving the College. Students who have been given a job offer in 2017 should bring a copy of this offer to school as part of their exiting process.

### Job Board

#### Traineeships

Information Technology - Gap Year	Albury/Wodonga
Early Childhood - Gap Year	Bandiana
Food Processing	Albury
Business Administration	Wodonga
Draftsperson	Albury
Medical Administration	Albury/Wodonga

See Mr Livingstone for details.

## Tallangatta's Christmas Party & Carols in the Park

Friday 16th December

**Starting @ 6:00pm** – Kids collect your free Christmas Goodie bag at the Tourist Info centre and use the map to find the fun activities and Christmas treasure from Tallangatta Businesses.

**Santa Claus at 7:30pm**

**Carols at 8pm**- Bring a rub and picnic dinner and sing along to your favourite Christmas songs. Featuring guest acts from the community and the Tallangatta Carols Choir.

Get into the festive spirit and come along to this fun and free evening for the whole family!

For more information please contact  
Deb – 0418 482 269 or Katherine 0400 897 200



## L2P LEARNER DRIVER MENTOR PROGRAM

### LEARNER DRIVER INFORMATION

- L** Are you a Learner?
- L** Do you need help getting your 120 hours?
- L** Learners provided with UP TO 7 FREE PROFESSIONAL DRIVING LESSONS plus free access to a fully fueled vehicle with comprehensive insurance.
- L** All vehicles have a minimum 4 star ANCAP rating.

#### TO BE ELIGIBLE LEARNERS MUST:

- Have a Victorian Learner Permit
- Be aged 16-20 years of age
- Have limited access to a vehicle, supervising driver and finances for driving tuition

#### INTERESTED IN APPLYING?

Visit [www.junction.org.au](http://www.junction.org.au) for more information OR Contact the L2P Coordinator at Junction Support Services Ph (02) 6043 7400 or email [reception@junction.org.au](mailto:reception@junction.org.au)



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### MENTOR INFORMATION

- L** NO OUT OF POCKET COSTS TO MENTORS - vehicle, fuel and comprehensive car insurance ALL PROVIDED.
- L** All vehicles have a minimum 4 star ANCAP rating.
- L** Volunteer mentors are supported by a coordinator and driving instructor.
- L** Learners all undergo professional lessons for instruction before driving alone with their mentor to ensure all Learners have essential, basic driving skills and knowledge.

#### VOLUNTEER MENTORS MUST:

- Have a current full drivers licence
- Be over 25 years of age
- Undergo a Police Check, Working with Children Check and Driver History Check
- Complete 10 hours of VicRoads training
- Be able to commit to 1 hour per week for a minimum of 12 months

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