



# Tallangatta Secondary College Newsletter

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

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At Tallangatta Secondary College, our main purpose is for all students to achieve success within a safe, supportive, challenging, stimulating and innovative learning environment.

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

**Student Achievement:** Optimise Viccurriculum 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.



## Coming Events:

Fri 11th Aug	Eisteddfod Albury
Mon 14th Aug	Year 10 work experience
Tue 15th Aug	VTAC Information night 6pm
Wed 16th Aug	Year 9 Melbourne excursion
Wed 16th Aug	School Council 6pm
Sun 27th Aug	Parent Opinion Survey closes

## Principal's Report

### GPA and SLC

A reminder that Student Led Conferences will take place Wednesday 23rd August from 4-7pm. Bookings can be made on compass. The fifth cycle of GPA reports will be published on compass on Friday 18th of August.

### Work Experience

All year 10 students will attend their second cycle of work experience next week. I look forward to hearing about their experiences in the 'real world' and I am confident they will represent themselves and the College in the manner we have come to expect. We wish them all the best and thank the many businesses for their support. Thank you to the Later Years team and Mrs Paton for organization for this week.

### Year 9 Camp

Next week our year 9 students will partake in a year level program involving year level presentations, workshops and a camp to a Melbourne. Thank you to Mr Goodwin for his organisation with this,

### Science Visits

Next week we will have a large number of primary students from our feeder cluster primary schools take part in Physics activities at our school. Thank you to staff involved and also to all of the primary schools for their participation.

### Student Success

Congratulations to Zara Coulston – Williams who has successfully applied and interviewed for a scholarship to attend the National Youth Science Forum to be

held in January next year. The forum aims to empower tomorrow's science leaders. Thank you to Mr Geoff Edney for supporting Zara with her application.

### Congratulations School Debating team

On Monday night, our school debating team defeated Trinity College in the first round of the Rotary Murphy Memorial Debating Competition. Team members were Catherine Vardy, D'arcy Williams and Jai Butler. Congratulations on your success as well as their coach Mrs Mandy Goff.

*Richelle Moyle*

*Principal*

## Assistant Principal's Report

### Week 5

Next week will be a busy week at the College with Year 10s out on work experience, the primary school science program and the Year 9 students on camp. On Monday and Tuesday the Year 9 students are participating in respectful relationships and mental health workshops. All Level 2 classes will be cancelled this week and any year 8 students in these classes will be doing private study in their level 2 classes. Any Year 9 students who are not going on camp are expected to be at school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

### Parenting Tips – Consistency Improves kids' behaviour

One of the simplest ways to improve a child's behaviour is to be more consistent. Children love their parents to be consistent as they are able to predict how they will act. A consistent approach to discipline helps put kids in control of their behaviour. A consistent approach is shown through a clear set of limits and boundaries that provide kids with structure and teaches them how to behave. Studies show that families with very few boundaries or rules are more likely to have children who behave poorly around others, or don't consider their own safety.

Here are some ideas to help you be consistent with your



kids:

1) Focus on priority behaviours. It's difficult to be consistent with every single misbehaviour, but it's easy to focus on one or two. When you are consistent with one or two priority behaviours it has a positive impact on other behaviours.

2) Give yourself a tangible reminder about the behaviour you want to follow up. Leave a note somewhere telling yourself that you need to "Walk away when a child whines. Don't give in." Or "Catch your kids doing the right thing when they resolve a problem without arguing."

3) Check your routines. Make sure you have simple routines for troublesome times of the day such as bedtime or mealtimes.

4) Act rather than over talk or repeat yourself when kids misbehave. Sometimes it's really inconvenient to set a consequence, as you may have to battle a tantrum that follows. But the stand-firm approach pays off in the long-term as kids learn eventually that you mean what you say, and say what you mean. That's what firm, consistent discipline requires.

Source: <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/2017/06/how-consistency-improves-kids-behaviour/>

*"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are endless." – Mother Teresa*

**Scott Anderson**

**Assistant Principal**

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## Later Years Report

### YEAR 10

Year 10 students are organised and ready to undertake their second week of work experience. All students will either be visited or contacted by a staff member during the week. A reminder that if there are any issues, including illness or the inability to attend the placement, the school must be contacted.

On Thursday all students completed a course enquiry. This is the first step in their progress towards their course selection for Year 11. Students had the opportunity to visit VCE/VCAL/VET classes and work has been done in the Pathways program to assist with these important decisions. As part of this, parents and students are invited to attend an information evening and subject expo on Wednesday, 30th August. This will be followed by individual course counselling for all Year 10 students. This will be conducted on Monday, 4th September and parents are expected to attend the interview with their child. Further information on this and the booking process will be forwarded to parents shortly. Further information is on compass.

### YEAR 11

All Year 11 students attended the Fit2Drive session on Thursday. Parents are encouraged to discuss with their child what was presented at these sessions.

Members of the Later Years team have begun discussing subject choices with Year 11 students. Parents are invited to contact staff to discuss the options available to their child as it is vital that the pathway and subject choices made by students going into Year 12 are appropriate. Final course selection will be completed by the end of week 8.

### YEAR 12

All students will be attending an information session on Tuesday, 15th August. These sessions include a presentation by the local tertiary institutions and an employment agency. Students wanting to do a university application will then be informed on the VTAC process as well as how to apply for scholarships, special consideration and early entry. In the evening there will be a parent session which will provide parents with information on the VTAC university application process.

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## Career News

### Plan for Open Days

Each year universities, TAFE Institutes and private colleges open their doors to the public to showcase what they can offer to future students. To ensure you make the right decisions about what you would like to study after school, it is essential you attend as many open days as possible.

#### **Step 1**

Make a list of the institutions you would like to visit. Use the course search function on VTAC – [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) to explore Victorian courses and on UAC – [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) to explore NSW and ACT courses.

#### **Step 2**

Explore the Open Day websites for the institutions you would like to visit. Sign up to receive email updates or join Open Day Facebook/Instagram pages. View videos of last year's events if they are available.

#### **Step 3**

Download the Open Day program from the institute website and campus maps. Highlight which seminars and demonstrations you would like to attend. Alternatively, use the online planner.

#### **Step 4**

Make a list of questions you would like to ask on the day. Take along a note pad and pen and attend as many seminars as possible. You may be able to visit two institutions if their Open Days fall on the same date.

#### **Step 5**

Follow up with your Career Adviser about what you have learnt at Open Days and update your Career Action Plan.

Alternatively if you cannot make it to an Open Day, contact the institution and arrange an individual visit on a day that suits.

## Upcoming Open Days

### Saturday 12 August

- La Trobe University, Albury-Wodonga, <http://bit.ly/1BGrG35>
- UTAS, Launceston, <http://bit.ly/1tGD3B8>

### Sunday 13 August

- Monash University, Business Open House, <http://bit.ly/2aVcXJc>
- Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2qLXb7d>
- RMIT, <http://bit.ly/1nDwIzK>
- Australian College of Applied Psychology, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2u0dsvv>
- Navitas College of Public Safety, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2aFBvF0>
- JMC Academy, <http://bit.ly/2pvHAJk>
- William Angliss, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2wiZ6UP>
- Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/1hsNG8q>
- Photography Studies College, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2vHuShb>

### Wednesday 16 August

- La Trobe University, Mildura, <http://bit.ly/1BGrG35>

### Sunday 20 August

- Deakin University, Geelong campuses, <http://bit.ly/1N0i0kr>
- The University of Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/1LUTq3O>
- Monash University, Parkville, <http://bit.ly/2aVcXJc>
- Victoria University, <http://bit.ly/2uwcmD3>
- Melbourne Polytechnic, <http://bit.ly/2venKFR>
- Box Hill Institute, Lilydale, <http://bit.ly/2vHo2s4>

## Interested in studying music?

Collarts is a private College located in Melbourne. The Institute offers the following music courses:

- Entertainment Management
- Entertainment Journalism
- Music Performance
- Music Production
- Content Creation
- Audio Production

From 2018, Collarts will be offering the following double degrees –

- Bachelor of Entertainment Management/Bachelor of Music Performance
- Bachelor of Entertainment Management/Bachelor of Audio Production

These are the only degree combinations of their kind in Victoria. For information, go to <https://collarts.edu.au/>

## Upcoming events

### AUGUST

11, 25, 31: *Experience Days, Kangan Institute*: varied workshops, Broadmeadows (11), health focus, Moonee

Ponds (25), creative focus, Richmond (31), <http://bit.ly/2ttNFrp>

11: *Health Information Sessions*, Deakin University, Nursing & Midwifery, Psychology, and Health Sciences, Warrnambool, <http://bit.ly/2qHNIHe>

13, 31: *Inside Monash Seminars*, Monash University, Music (15), Education (31), and Science & Careers (31), <http://bit.ly/2ki2NYw>

### SEPTEMBER

5: *Inside Monash, Education*, Monash University, <http://bit.ly/2ki2NYw>

16: *Careers and Creativity Day*, Monash Art, Design and Architecture Faculty, Monash University, Caulfield campus, <http://bit.ly/2w1ITnR>

## Pathways 2018 for Year 12

Next Tuesday 15th August Year 12 students will attend an information session with local universities and TAFE's. The focus will be on courses available, student scholarships, student accommodation, special events, support facilities and social events. While the presenters will provide some specific information about their institution, much of the information is relevant to all tertiary settings. A presentation from Sarah Briggs from Kestral Recruitment Services will follow, with the emphasis on the processes and procedures needed for students to better position and prepare themselves for the employment market after finishing school. Following afternoon recess, those students intending to apply for tertiary positions in 2018 will complete a workshop and will commence their VTAC or UAC applications. This will require the students to pay for their admission fee of \$35 or \$58 for UAC online, so access to credit card details will be required. There will be a parent information evening in the SSC at 6-7pm on Tuesday 15th August to provide parents with information about the whole selection processes and associated scholarship and student assistant schemes.

## Job Opportunities

Urban Graze Albury is looking to employ one to two full-time Certificate III Hospitality Trainees

1st Year Electrical Apprenticeship	Albury
1st Year Bricklaying Apprenticeship	Albury
Business Administration Traineeship	Albury

## Middle Years Report

### Extended Home Group Sessions

We continue to roll out our School Wide Positive Behaviors and last week this centered on respect for each other in the class setting. Discussion was held around; following clear and reasonable instruction; the way we address others in the room; and respect for learning, minimising distractions.

### Year 9 Program

Next week, Year 9's will be undertaking a two day



program prior to departing for their Melbourne Cultural Camp on Wednesday the 16th of August. Monday's sessions will focus on student aspirations, health and wellbeing. While Tuesday involves participation in the Love Bites Program, specifically designed to raise the awareness of Respectful Relationships. The aim is to increase student awareness and their ability to discuss the strengths and challenges of navigating relationships in a safe environment. We hope that students take this opportunity to become critical thinkers that enable them to make choices about their own relationships that are free from abuse or violence.

*Sharon Allsop*

## Debating News

Tallangatta Secondary College went into battle against Trinity College in the first round on August 7th. in the Anglican Parish Hall. The subject of the Debate – “That a University Education is Essential for Success” – was hotly contested by both sides with the team from TSC – Darcy Williams-Lappin, Catherine Vardy and Jai Butler – declared the winners. Congratulations to the team and coach Mandy Goff, who would like to give a special thank you to the Rotary Club of Tallangatta for hosting and supporting the debate competition, the Anglican Parish caterers for a wonderful meal and the adjudicators for their detailed and constructive feedback.



## SLT Report

In the last two weeks the Student Leadership Team have been hard at work.

We handed out 800 Kiewa chocolate milks this week. The students were running from everywhere to get their last taste of Kiewa milk!

The SLT are busy working to reduce waste and increase sustainability at our school by working on the implementation of “War on waste.” We have researched recycled seating and benches for the yard and environmentally friendly packaging for the canteen. Stay tuned to hear about the upcycle dress up day this

term.

The breakfast club will continue to run every Thursday morning, for students to come down to the cooking room and have some breakfast in the warmth. This program has been a huge success with large numbers of students across all year levels attending.

The school captains have been working with Nalla (our school nurse) to organise “Are you ok?” week in September.

As always if you have any suggestions come and speak to your SLT representatives.

## Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)

A green promotional poster for the Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017 program. The text on the poster reads: "Earn & Learn is on again", "Start collecting today", "Anyone can help our school earn amazing resources:", "• Earn one sticker for every \$10 spent at Woolworths.", "• Complete Sticker Sheets.", "• Drop Sheets in a Collection Box for our school!", "Runs 26 July to 19 September 2017.", "Find out more at [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)". At the bottom of the poster is the Woolworths logo and the slogan "That's why I pick Woolies".