



Tallangatta Secondary College Newsletter

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Big Enough To Deliver, Small Enough To Care.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Staff supervision for students arriving before school is between 8.35am and 9.00am and for students after school between 3.20pm and 3.45pm.

Our Values - Respect, Empathy, Attitude and Learning (REAL)

Coming Events

Mon 4th Feb Year 7 Open Water Learning
Thurs 14th Feb School Photos
Fri 15th Feb CFA Youth Crew – Mt Beauty

Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Feb Year 7 Camp

2019 year 7 information Night 6pm
Tuesday 12th Feb in the PAC.

Principal's Report

Welcome Back

I would like to welcome all staff and students and their families to the 2019 school year.

Productive and enthusiastic start

At the whole school assembly on Wednesday, I reminded students that 'learning is not a spectator sport' and to invest in their learning and development. I asked students to:

- Further develop your understanding of what good learning is and the purpose of it.
- Evaluate their own progress and achievement and make purposeful contributions in every class.
- Help create positive learning environments and experiences by owning their learning.

I also reminded students of our REAL Values, the expected behaviours of the College. Our Values guides the actions we take and interactions we have. We all have a responsibility to actively promote, support and role model the REAL values within our school and local community.

I was also very impressed with the positive and enthusiastic attitude of our students to their first day. Particularly the support given by the older students and peer support leaders in helping the Year 7 students settle on their first day.

2019 – 2022 School Strategic Plan and 2019 Annual Implementation Plan

Last year a school review was held to reflect on the goals and targets of the 2015 – 2018 Strategic Plan.

The highlights identified by the reviewer and panel of the last four years were:

1. The introduction of SWPB and REAL values, particularly 7-12 REAL homegroups and mentors.

2. The introduction of GPA reporting, SLCs and personalised and timely written feedback on assessments

3. The growth of Student Leadership Team structures and processes.

Our areas of growth will be addressed within the three goals of the new 2019 – 2022 Strategic Plan.

The three goals are:

1. To progress student learning for every student, every day - with a focus on whole school use and analysis of data and embedding our pedagogical practice.
2. To empower students through student agency in their learning - with a focus on maximising student learning outcomes through a culture of high expectations and genuine student agency.
3. Build a culture of continuous improvement - with a focus on embedding distributed and shared leadership throughout the College, with accountability for all student learning outcomes.

Our 2019 AIP will begin to address goal two and three:

- To empower students through student agency in their learning with the key improvement strategy to embed the Tallangatta Secondary College School Wide Positive Behaviours Program.

- Build a culture of continuous improvement with two key improvement strategies to develop and embed the Tallangatta SC agreed moral purpose supported by the school's vision and values and to work as a Professional Learning Community to implement processes that support quality planning and decision making aligned to the SSP.

New staff

Welcome to our new staff members, Mrs Jocelyn Ziebell (Assistant Principal), Mr Brock Kennedy (PE /Sport & Rec), Mr Mykye Turner (English), Ms Sophie Giltrap

Tallangatta Secondary College is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This is the primary focus of our care and decision making. Tallangatta Secondary College has zero tolerance for child abuse.

(English / LOTE/ Science), Mr Geoff Haymes (Music), Mrs Nicole Hamilton (Maths), Mrs Michelle Pullin (Maths) and Ms Mahlia Scholtz (Social Worker). I'm sure that the entire school community will support them and I trust they will enjoy their time at the College.

Student Enrolments

I extend a warm welcome to all Year 7 students and new students/ families to the College.

Our student numbers have increased from last year. At this stage our year level numbers are 71Yr 7, 65 Yr 8, 63 Yr 9, 73 Yr 10, 72 Yr 11 and 48 Yr 12 with a total enrolment of 392 students. We continue to commit to providing a student – centered learning environment that is 'Big Enough to 'Deliver and Small Enough to Care'.

Family Personal Details

If your details have altered since last year, we ask that you update the details on Compass or notify the College office. This is critical as we need to keep our databases up to date, particularly for student allergies / illnesses and emergency contacts.

Have a great term.

Richelle Moyle
Principal

**REMEMBER YOUR
HATS
DURING TERM 1**
Bucket hats can be purchased
from the front office for \$10.00

Assistant Principal's Report

Staff Induction

New staff were inducted and welcomed into the college on Friday 18th January and Friday 1st February.

Staff Development Day 2019

The first Staff Development Day was held at TSC on Wednesday 29th January. The focus of the day was to welcome the staff back, to review the AIP and set the tone for the year. Staff also participated in the following sessions;

- Vision & Mission
- Students Engagement
- OHS
- Anaphylaxis training

- REAL home groups
- Planning

Day 1 Wednesday 30th January – Whole School Assembly

The College came together to celebrate the start of term. The students and staff were addressed by the Principal, Assistant Principal, Student Engagement, Sport and Music Leaders. There was a common message for the assembly. This included;

1. To progress all learners
2. Student voice
3. Building a culture of continual change
4. Taking ownership of students learning journey
5. Goal setting and feedback
6. GPA progression
7. Accessing opportunities presented

Our two College captains Matilda Fraser and Jake Maddock both gave very inspiring and passionate speeches.

Year 7

Due to the success of the Orientation transition program the Year 7 students have made a smooth transition into the College. Our new Year 7 Student Engagement Leader, Mckye Turner conducted an assembly on day one for the Year 7 Cohort. The Peer Support Leaders were also involved with the assembly and settling the students into their new REAL home groups with fellow year 8 – 12 peers. Students and families participated in the laptop roll out sessions on Tuesday 29th January (Thank you to Andy and the ICT team).

Positive Chronicles

It is pleasing to see so many positive chronicles entered onto Compass. We hope parents and students are having positive conversations around these acknowledgement awards.

Up and Coming Events

4/2/19 – Yr 7 Opening Water Learning Excursion (Murray River, Albury)

14/2/19 – School Photos

15/2/19 – CFA Youth Crew Excursion

18-22/2/19 – Yr 7 Camp (Queenscliff)

24-26/2/19 – VCE Outdoor Education Trip

27/2/19 – Swim Sports

6/3/19 – Student Lead Conferences

REAL Homegroups – Week 1

Focus – Relationship building and getting to know one another activities.

Hot Weather

With the hot temperatures daily we would like students to ensure they bring a drink bottle to school and classes (water only) to hydrate themselves. Term 1 & 4 are

sunsmart terms and all students and staff are required to wear a broad brim hat.

Uniform

It is pleasing to see students supporting the College's Uniform Policy. There has been an excellent response to uniform. However, if parents could ensure white socks are worn.

Welcoming New Teachers

Thank you to parents, teachers, Education Support and students for welcoming myself and the fellow new and returning teachers to the College.

"Learning is never done without errors and defeat."

Vladimir Lenin

Jocelyn Ziebell, Assistant Principal

Later Years News

Welcome back to all students and we trust that all students are rested and ready to take on the challenges of 2019. The Later Year team looks quite different this year.

Sue McKenzie - *Year 12 Engagement Leader/ Later Years Engagement Team Leader*

Callum Turner - *Year 11 Engagement Leader*

Ashley Sutherland - *Year 10 Engagement Leader*

Laura Vellekoop - *Student Pathways and Programs*

Joy Campbell - *Integration Aide/ Later Years Administration/ CFA Youth Crew*

Julianne Paton - *Later Years Administration*

All these staff can be found in our recently renovated staff room and we look forward to providing assistance and support to our Year 10 – 12 students throughout this year. For us to do this effectively we need to have regular communication with parents and students. We encourage parents to contact the Engagement Leaders either through email or phone and to keep us informed of any issues that may be occurring. We will also strive to keep families informed of issues that may be occurring at the college. Compass is our main avenue for communication and for families to keep informed of what is happening at the College.

Course Changes

If students or parents have any concerns with courses this needs to be addressed as soon as possible. The initial contact should be made through the REAL Homegroup teacher to discuss the concerns. A follow up discussion may then be directed to a member of the Later Years team. If a change is necessary a form needs to be completed, signed by parents and returned to the Later Years team. We would like these changes to be finalised by Friday 8th February.

We look forward to working with our senior students as they take on the challenges ahead and to reassure them that we are here to assist them in any way required.

Sue McKenzie

Middle Years Report

First day Year Level Assembly

Our Middle Year students were welcomed back with a Year Level assembly, where Student Engagement Leaders introduced their new title and focus for the year. Engagement Leaders are responsible for reconnecting students to their learning. If a student becomes disengaged due to wellbeing, social or school work issues, then we are keen to know about it. We will then endeavor to problem solve to ensure that learning is once again at the centre.

Organisers

Students have been provided with their 2019 organisers, and have updated their Term 1 timetable, which is also readily available on Compass. The organiser is still a very useful tool for day to day reminders and contains valuable study, wellbeing and health strategies. Parents are asked to sign the relevant pages, as confirmation to the agreed policies and procedures at TSC (mobile phone and safe ICT usage).

School Uniform

Details of our school uniform including hats, socks and correct shoes are provided in the organiser. If your child does not have a hat or the correct shoes, please ensure that these items are sourced over the next week, or contact the College with any concerns.

Middle Years Team

The Middle Years Team has undergone a change over the break, the new structure (and title) is as follows:

Kerryn McCormack - *Year 9 Student Engagement Leader*

Sharon Allsop - *Year 8 Student Engagement Leader (Team Leader)*

Mckye Turner - *Year 7 Student Engagement Leader*

Rab Kusmierski - *Student Engagement Team Member*

Although we encourage open communication with your child's REAL mentor, as a Middle Years Team we are also there to assist with any questions or concerns surrounding your child's learning or wellbeing - please don't hesitate to contact us.

Year 7 Information Evening

Parents of Year 7 students are invited to attend an information evening and friendly get together at the school's Performing Arts Centre (PAC) on Tuesday February 12, at 6.00 pm. At this time we will be able to answer any questions you may have about your child's transition experience and the upcoming Queenscliff camp; in addition to meeting some of our Year 7 staff.

Year 7 - Queenscliff Camp

Permission forms and information regarding the Queenscliff Year 7 transition camp are available on Compass. The camp presents a wonderful opportunity for our students to form new bonds with their peers,

as well as enjoying the fantastic activities available at Queenscliff. The dates for this year's camp are Monday the 18th to Friday the 22nd of February.

Year 7 - Open Water Learning to Swim Day

Parents are reminded to get permission forms and payments in by the end of this week for Mondays session at Norieul Park. Full details of the activity are on Compass or can be obtained from the office.

Sharon Allsop

Reminder to Year Seven Parents

Our Open Water Learning Experience is on Monday 4th February

Cost: \$25

Permission needs to be given
Swimmers, towel hats and lunch need to be bought along.

Any issues just contact Mckye Turner

What's On in February

Skills And Job Centre (Resume And Job Application Assistance)

When: 7 February

Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm

Where: Tallangatta Library and Community Centre

Cost: Free

Registration: Drop in and see us, or call for an appointment on 1800 754 555

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When: Every Monday

Time: 10.00am – 2.30pm

Where: Tallangatta Library and Community Centre

Cost: Free

Registration: To register please phone Towong Shire Council on (02) 6071 5100

Meditation Circle Facilitated By Kelly Bick

When: Every Tuesday

Time: 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Where: Tallangatta Library and Community Centre

Cost: \$2/session/person pay as you go

Registration: Kelly Bick on email kbee@westnet.com.au call (02) 6071 0210

Yoga With Paula Kissane

When: 5, 12, 19, 26 February 5, 19, 26 March 2 April

Time: 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Where: Tallangatta Library and Community Centre

Cost: \$15 regular \$18 casual

Registration: To Paula Kissane on email paula.kissane20@gmail.com or call 0429 353647

Lightning Talks – The Favourite Holiday Or

Adventure Of Three Community Members

When: 12 February

Time: 10.00am -10.30am

Where: Tallangatta Library and Community Centre

Cost: Free

Registration: To register please phone Towong Shire Council on (02) 6071 5100

Pilates With Patsy Kirk

When: 13, 20, 27 February 6, 13, 20, 27 March 3 April

Time: 6.30pm - 7.15pm

Where: Tallangatta Library and Community Centre

Cost: \$120 for a 8 week program

Registration: To Patsy Kirk on email pksfitbodz@bigpond.com or call 0418 965 988

Multicultural Tastes Of Tallangatta Mexican Cooking Class And Cultural Presentation With Amada Mcintosh

When: 13 February

Time: 9.00am - 11.00am Cooking Class

11.00am - 12.00noon Tasting and Cultural Presentation

Where: Tallangatta Library and Community Centre Kitchen

Cost: \$25/person for the Cooking class, tasting and cultural presentation

\$5/person for the tasting and cultural presentation

Registration: By 11 February please phone Towong Shire Council on (02) 6071 5100

Pilates With Patsy Kirk (Morning Class)

When: 15, 22 February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 March 5 April

Time: 10.00am – 10.45am

Where: Tallangatta Library and Community Centre

Cost: \$120 for a 8 week program

Registration: To Patsy Kirk on email pksfitbodz@bigpond.com or call 0418 965 988

Joanna Baker Author Visit

When: 19 February

Time: 10.00am -11.00am

Where: Tallangatta Library and Community Centre

Cost: Free

Registration: By 14 February, please phone Towong Shire Council on (02) 6071 5100

African Drumming Workshop

When: 24 February

Time: 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Where: Tallangatta Library and Community Centre

Cost: \$25

Registration: By 20 February, please phone Towong Shire Council or register at the Library on (02) 6071 5100

What's Coming

Skills and Job Centre 7 March, Author Talk Leo Kennedy, Digital Photography, Garden Group