



Tallangatta Secondary College Newsletter

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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

Sun 24th - Tues 26th Feb	VCE Outdoor Ed - Phillip Island	Fri 1st Mar	GPA Cycle 1 published – 4pm
Wed 27th Feb	TSC Swimming Sports	Mon 4th Mar	SLC Conferences 4pm – 7pm
		Thur 7th March	O/M Swimming sports

Principal's Report

2019 Year 7 Camp

I am currently on camp and proudly report that our Year 7 students, along with Year 10 Peer Support Leaders have demonstrated our school values through their participation in all activities. A huge thank you to Mr Mckye Turner, Mr Callum Turner, Ms Sam Maude, Mrs Sue Wernert, Mr Joel O'Reilly and Mrs Jocelyn Ziebell who also attended camp. Camp buses return in time for school buses tomorrow afternoon.

Yr 12 Parent Information evening

Thank you to the many parents and students who attended the Year 12 Information evening last night. Thank you also to Mrs Sue McKenzie, Later Years Team and teachers for attending. It is important that there is clear communication and understanding regarding College and subject expectations, processes and timelines to ensure students have every opportunity to achieve their goals during their final year of schooling. The Later Years Team for facilitating the Year 12 Information session last night.

New Vision

Last Friday our students had their opportunity to contribute to the development of the new Vision for the College by picturing the TSC graduate by responding to the prompts:

- If we have been successful, our graduates will...
- Despite their different abilities, interests, and styles, all our graduates.....
- When stepping into the next phase of their lives after school, our graduates are able to ...
- What words and phrases best describe our graduates?

Parents and community members have an opportunity to provide responses via google doc (link below) or by hard copy during the Student Led Conferences on Monday 4th March. Please contact the College if you have any questions.

<https://goo.gl/forms/TBs8PyclDI7nXr6B2>

Richelle Moyle

Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

Year 7

During Week 4 all year 7 students attended the Queensliff camp at Wyuna. Students had a fulfilled time participating in surfing lessons, canoeing, exploring the Marine Biology Centre, snorkelling, lawn bowls and sight-seeing in the town centre and throughout the Fort. Students and staff enjoyed getting to know each other over the duration of the week. Special thanks to the highly efficient Peer Support Leaders.

Year 7 camp comments;

Heidi Brookes – *It was great fun and you do a lot of activities.*

Tamika Capelleven – *My favourite activity was the canoeing on the bay.*

Tara Brown – *It was a really fun experience. I loved the butter chicken.*

Eliza Lord – *The YMCA staff were really nice and gave me lots of fun activities.*

Imogen Donnelly – *I really loved the surfing. The accommodation was cool and the food was amazing.*

School Photos

School photo catch up day is today 21st February for staff and students who missed the day in week 3.

College Vision

Thank you to staff and students for your contributions in developing our new TSC Vision. Parents will be invited to have input in the near future.

REAL Homegroups

Focus – Cornell note taking and memory

Sunsmart

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 a big crack down on the PE shorts. Students out of correct uniform will be asked to get changes into a supplied uniform.

Attendance

If your son/daughter is absent for any reason, please ensure you are calling the TSC office or provide a reason on Compass. Just a reminder that students can access the daily curriculum from Compass. Please see your son/daughters REAL mentor if you need assistance with this process.

Koorie Engagement

Jenny Murray is our allocated KESO again for 2019. We are in the process of organising a meet and greet with our Indigenous families. Jenny will be on site Thursday 7th March for Student Engagement Leaders to conduct SSG's to formalise term 1 Individual Learning Plan goals and supports.

Emergency Evacuation

Thank you to staff and students for your support during the evacuation.

Up and Coming Dates

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

27/2/19 – Swim Sports

4/3/19 – Student Lead Conferences

Jocelyn Ziebell

Assistant Principal

**REMEMBER YOUR
HATS**

DURING TERM 1

Bucket hats can be purchased
from the front office for \$10.00

Later Years News

Peer Support

We have a number of our year 10 students attending the Year 7 camp as peer support leaders. These leaders have been working hard with the Year 7 students and are well prepared to assist the staff to make the experience for our new students at Queenscliff a positive one.

Year 11 & 12

Many students are preparing for their first assessment items and SACs over the next few weeks and this can become a period of high stress for students. To ensure an easy transition through this period, student need to ensure they are in a healthy routine and have some form of study timetable in place in order to cope with the added stress. Staff at the school are offering after school sessions on Thursday for students to do some extra study with teacher support. Teachers are also offering lunchtime sessions and we encourage students to make the most of these opportunities.

Year 10 Work Experience & Central Australia Parent Information Session

Parents and students are invited to attend an information session on Wednesday 27th of February in the SSC. The first part of the evening, will commence at 6.00pm, for parents of Year 10 students where the work experience program and expectations will be explained. The second part of the evening, will commence at 6.45pm, for students attending the Central Australia tour. Parents will be updated on the tour and have the opportunity to have any questions answered. Please contact a member of the Later Years team for more information.

Distance Education and Off Campus VET Subjects

We have a number of students undertaking subjects via distance education and at Riverina TAFE or WSSC. This can present a number of challenges to students and it is important that they keep staff informed of their progress and if they have any issues as we are not always directly contacted until there is a significant issue. Mrs McKenzie coordinates the programs, but REAL homegroup teachers or members of the Later Years team can also be contacted.

Rural Youth Ambassador Applications

Year 11 students are invited to apply to be involved in the Rural Youth Ambassador Program. This program is recognised as an exceptional rural youth agency and leadership initiative, not only in Victoria, but also nationally and internationally. The initiative aims to:

- Build the leadership skills and capacity of rural and remote young people;

- Provide a greater voice and visibility for young people in rural and remote communities;
- Increase participation in education and youth public policy impacting on rural and remote communities;
- Increase public and political awareness of the unique challenges and opportunities impacting on the learning opportunities and outcomes, and aspirations of young people in rural and remote communities;
- Identify and showcase examples of young people thriving in rural and remote communities; and
- Strengthen existing initiatives to support the learning needs and aspirations of young people in rural and remote communities.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the application form please see Mrs McKenzie in the SSC. Applications close by the end of the week.

Sue McKenzie

Careers Information

Apprenticeships-

-See the attachments on the compass careers post, or alternatively look at the websites for Kestral, ATEL and Apprenticeships Australia.

Civil Construction Design Traineeship

Opportunity for a passionate individual. Spiire has high expectations but the position is very rewarding. This 3 years traineeship leads to a Diploma, which is a great alternative to University and a good pathway to an Engineering Career. See the ATEL website for more details.

Charles Sturt University- 'Explore Day' seminars:

Explore Day's showcase over 40 courses at 6 campuses. The upcoming Explore Day at Wagga Wagga in April will focus on courses in Animal Science, Veterinary Science, Equine Science, and Veterinary Technology. For information on dates, go to, <https://bit.ly/2GmQV1b>

The University of Melbourne – 'Meet Melbourne':

Representatives from the University will be running online information sessions to advise students and parents about courses, graduate outcomes, housing options, scholarships and student services. Online sessions will be held on the 12th and 14th of March and are open to prospective students and their families. For information and to register, go to <https://bit.ly/2S7X2Zn>

The University of Melbourne - A Day at Melbourne:

This event is being held during the Term 1 holidays for Year 10 students. You will learn about:

- Undergraduate degrees and graduate pathways

- Admissions and entry requirements
- Access Melbourne and Melbourne Scholarships
- Accommodation options
- How parents can help with the transition to university.

The event will be held on the 12th of April. Information hasn't been released yet but you can book-link the following page for updates, <https://bit.ly/2S7X2Zn>

Experience Clever at La Trobe University:

These events are designed for future students to get a taste of what it's like to be a La Trobe student for a day. You will be able to: chat with staff and course advisers, participate in structured workshops focused on your desired career/course and talk to student ambassadors about studying at La Trobe. Parents are welcome.

Upcoming dates are as follows:

-Melbourne – Friday 12 April and Friday 5 July

-Albury-Wodonga – Friday 31 May

-Bendigo – Wednesday 3 July

For more information and to register your interest, go to <http://bit.ly/1RiIhxz>

Australia National University (ANU) - applications open soon for courses, accommodation and scholarships:

From March, Year 12 students who are planning to study at ANU in 2020 (or defer their studies until 2021) will be able to apply for courses, accommodation and scholarship in the one online application direct to the university. Students will be unable to apply for ANU courses via the Universities Admissions Centre later in the year. For information on dates and the new admissions process, go to <https://bit.ly/2WVbyHn>

Do you have a passion for science and the ocean?

Have you considered studying one of the amazing programs at the Australian Maritime College located in Tasmania? They offer courses in: • Ocean & coastal seafaring • Maritime engineering – marine & offshore systems; ocean engineering; naval architecture • Marine Engineering & Marine Electrical Engineering • Nautical Science • Global logistics and maritime management To learn about their programs, go to www.amc.edu.au/

TSC Breakfast Club...

Your morning rush may make you feel that you don't have time for breakfast.

But studies of those who do and don't eat a healthy breakfast show that the morning meal is the most important of the day.

**EVERY THURSDAY MORNING
AT 8:30**

School Breakfast program will be served. Come on down to the cooking room (room 14) for a free feed, socialise and an energy boost to start your day!

Middle Years Report

English Homework Expectations

A summary of our reading expectations across the years of secondary schooling will be provided attached to this newsletter. Just to reiterate:

Year 7 & Level 1 English: 2 hours per week (eg. 20-30 minutes per week night), reading material chosen by the student.

Level 2 English: 3-4 hours per week, plus one short reading task.

We ask parents/guardians to strongly encourage reading at home, and check the student organiser regularly. The home-reading forms a large proportion of student homework in middle school English. Please contact the classroom teacher, or Learning Specialist if you have any questions or need advice on reading material for your child.

Queenscliff Camp

Our Year 7 students departed the school early on Monday morning and arrived safely in Queenscliff that afternoon. News from the camp is that everything is progressing smoothly.

Year 7 Camp Photos



Music

A reminder to all families that private instrumental Music lessons are available again this year at Tallangatta Secondary College, at a very cheap and reasonable rate. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn guitar, bass, drums, keyboard, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba, clarinet, saxophone or flute. All levels are welcome, beginner to advanced.

The lessons are subsidised by the Department of Education, meaning that students pay \$60 per term (instead of something like \$300 per term if the lessons were done externally). Please contact Mr McKee or Mr Haymes for an enrolment form, or if you would like further information.



Languages Learning Area

Home reading expectations for English classes: Students have been given a letter to take home to help parents/carers understand the reading expectations of all students at TSC. Please ask your child for their letter, or read the copy below. As it states, reading is a necessary life skill which can only be developed through consistent practice. We ask all parents/carers to encourage reading at home, whether it's a novel, a magazine or a summary of the weekly footy scores. Many thanks,

Sue Carey

Languages Learning Area Instructional Leader



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Date: 12th February 2019

RE: HOME-READING AT TSC

Dear parents/guardians,

At TSC, we value literacy as a life-long skill, essential for personal and academic growth. Regular home reading is an important feature of English & Literature classes, and the demands of reading at home become very high at the VCE level.

Teachers will provide time during class for student borrowing from the TSC Library and guide students to appropriate materials for their interest, in conjunction with the school librarian.

- The reading material is to be chosen by the student (reading for pleasure) or from a selection provided by their teacher.
- Students should keep a record of titles they have read.
- Parents can monitor their child's reading through the organiser.

Summary of home reading expectations across the years of secondary schooling:

Year 7 & Level 1 English: 2 hours per week (eg. 20-30 minutes per week night), reading material chosen by the student.

Level 2 English: 3-4 hours per week.

VCE English/Literature: at least 4 texts to be studied across the year. All texts are to be read at home before the commencement of the school year. Regular re-reading of texts is required throughout. Texts are selected by teachers from a list provided by the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA).

We ask **parents/guardians** to strongly encourage reading at home. The home-reading expectation forms a large proportion of student homework in middle school English/Literature.

Please contact the classroom teacher if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Classroom teacher

Sue Carey
Learning Area Instructional Leader
(Languages)

Richelle Moyle
Principal