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.

At Tallangatta Secondary College, students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Students who choose to bring a mobile phone to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours.

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

Coming Events

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Principal’s Report

Welcome Back
I would like to welcome all staff and students and their families to the 2020 school year. For many, the holiday break came with its challenges by either being directly or indirectly impacted by the fires. You may be aware that we had basecamp of approximately 300 fire fighters on site, using the two hockey fields for tent accommodation, the ormi for dining and PAC for day sleeping. Please know that both financial and wellbeing support can be accessed to families impacted by the fires. Please contact Gillian Mason (Financial) and Mahalia Scholz (Wellbeing) for support.

Productive and enthusiastic start
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. Students have taken a very positive approach to the new mobile phone policy and look great in the new school uniform.

New staff
Welcome to our new staff members, Mr Dhani Riehl (Science), Mrs Carol Fisher (Maths), Mr John Furst (Maths), Mr Mitch Harris (PE / VCAL), Mrs Jaclyn Giltrap (PE /Science/Outdoor Education), Mrs Shae Bilingsley (Outdoor Education / Science), Mrs Petrina Mansfield (English) and Mr Sam Gosbell (Humanities).

Mr Joel O’Reilly, who was a member of our Education Support team has joined us this year as an English / Humanities teacher. Ms Jordyn Auel has joined the Education support team as the Sport trainee for 2020. I’m sure that the entire school community will support them and I trust they will enjoy their time at the College. In total we have 51 staff, 35 teaching staff and 16 Education Support staff.

Student Enrolments
I extend a warm welcome to all Year 7 students and new students/ families to the College. Our student numbers sit at 365 students. We continue to commit to providing a student – centered learning environment that is ‘Big Enough to ‘Deliver and Small Enough to Care’.

Vision and Values
Our Vision is that Tallangatta Secondary College is committed to empowering all to become resilient and confident lifelong learners with a strong sense of self and community. It is why we are here, it is our common purpose.
Our College community values respect, empathy, attitude and learning. Our Values guide the actions we take and interactions we have. Living our values shows us at our best and helps us achieve the outcomes we seek. We all have a responsibility to actively promote, support and role model the REAL values within our school and local community.

This year, as part of our Annual Implementation plan (AIP), we will focus on the following goals and Key
Improvement Strategies.

**Goal 1 - To progress student learning for every student, every day**
- Embed a data informed practice and planning
- Define and embed the Tallangatta Secondary College approach to pedagogical practice.

**Goal 2 - To empower students through student agency in their learning**
- Embed the Tallangatta Secondary College School Wide Positive Behaviours Program.

Family Personal Details
If your details have altered since last year, we ask that you update the details on Compass or notify the front 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**

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**Assistant Principal’s Report**

**Whole School Assembly:**
A warm welcome back to all our students and their families for the beginning of the 2020 school year. We will be holding our first official whole school assembly on Friday. We will set the expectations and review 2019 year. The SWPBS initiative will continue this year and we look forward to topping the great start we made in 2019.

**REAL Home Groups**
In REAL homegroup this week students have been working on organisation, goal setting and reviewing the school wide positive behaviours documents for expected behaviours. Students and teachers have been getting to know each other to develop a rapport.

**Reports – GPA Cycle 1**
Teachers will be busy with formative assessment over the next 6 weeks in order to assess students for their cycle 1 GPA. Students are encouraged to seek ongoing feedback from their teachers and build upon their skills and knowledge daily.

**Year 7 Orientation Day**
We welcome the Year 7 cohort officially into the college. They have welcomed the transition and have worked with peer support leaders to settle into the college. We look forward to getting to know all the year 7 students and their families/guardians.

**Physical Education**
Students participating in PE electives have commenced swimming programs. Please ensure students have sunsmart attire and sunscreen. Students earn one point per lap for their Sport House.

(See Swimming timetable is attached)

**2020 Traineeship’s**
We are pleased to announce that Jordyn Auel (Sport Trainee) will be joining us in 2020. Jordyn comes with a wealth of sport related qualifications and will work with Mr Kennedy and the Sport Department.

**Sunsmart Term**
Term 1 is a sunsmart term. All students and staff are required to wear a broad brim hat. Hats can be purchased from the onsite uniform shop for $10.

**Extreme Temperatures**
We encourage students to be sunsmart and bring a drink bottle to school and classes on the up and coming hot days. The canteen and library are air conditioned and available to students who are struggling with the heat. Please encourage your son/daughter to stay hydrated.

“Education is not preparation for life, education is life itself” – John Dewey

**Joce Ziebell**
**Assistant Principal**

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**MUSIC**

Welcome back to all musicians to what is sure to be a brilliant year in the music department! Just a couple of things to make sure we have a positive and timely start to our music making:

- To formalise the music lesson process, all students wishing to continue or start music lessons need to return a signed enrolment form. The enrolment form provides all costs and information regarding music lessons.
- All music lessons and band rehearsals will be put into Compass by the start of week two.
- Students in all year levels are encouraged to come down to the PAC (music centre) during breaks to have a go at some music or just have a look around!

As always, I can be contacted at the school if there are any questions or concerns regarding the music program.

Hope to see you through the year!

In gratitude, good health, great music and kindest.

**Rhys McKee**
**Music Programme Coordinator**

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**Health tips from Leah School Nurse**

**Friendships**
Happy New Year to everyone! I hope 2020 brings you all only good health, happiness and some fun times with existing friends and new friends you make this year!

The holidays may have seemed to go too fast for some,
they did for me especially with the fires and smoke that have kept us quite preoccupied from the enjoyment we are meant to have during the school break. There has been a great positive community response that has come from these summer fires and friendships have definitely developed and got stronger. Friendships are an important part of life, but many of us find it difficult to find, make or keep friends. Life events, such as moving to another town, starting a new school, can isolate us from our former support group and make forging new friendships more important than ever. In other cases, shyness or poor social skills can prevent us from taking the first step in forming a friendship.

You may want friendship, but what kind of friend would you make? Some factors to consider include:

• Attitudes to others - we can drive potential friends away by demanding they share our attitudes, beliefs or behaviours. If you accept that other people have a right to be different from you, then you open yourself up to the possibility of experiencing relationships that bring a fresh perspective to your life.

• Treatment of other people - think about how you like to be treated, then offer the same to the people in your life.

• Don't expect instant results - good friends aren't made overnight. Sharing your deepest secrets in one night won't necessarily create a close friendship. It may even drive the other person away. Take it slowly. Divulge 'safe' secrets first, and allow the relationship to hold some weight before you share the meatier issues in your life.

• Curb the urge to criticise - constantly griping about the failures and weaknesses of other people can make your listener feel wary of you. How do they know you aren't complaining about their flaws to other friends?

• Don't gossip - potential friends aren't going to trust you if you constantly gossip to them about the trials and tribulations of other people in your life.

• Don't compromise yourself - each one of us has standards of morality and behaviour. Don't allow yourself to compromise yourself for the sake of 'fitting in' with a group.

Good friends are valuable. With your existing friends and new friends you will make this year:

• Appreciate your friends - don't take your friends for granted. Take the time to thank your friends for enhancing your life, in whichever way suits best - for example, inviting them over for dinner for no other reason than to have fun together.

• Offer time and attention - friendships need to be nurtured. If you are consistently too busy to give time to your friends, they will one day move on without you. Ensure you make friendship an important priority. Actively listen to your friends, and show your interest and enthusiasm in their lives.

• Be compassionate - people make mistakes. Sometimes, a friend may do something of which you don't approve. Put yourself in their shoes - would you want condemnation or forgiveness from those who are supposed to love and care for you?

• Don't abuse trust - You might think you're building relationships with others by sharing gossip, but you're actually ensuring that others won't trust you enough to tell you anything. And if your friend finds out you abused their trust, your relationship with them is as good as over.

• Control jealousy - you may want your best friend to be 'faithful' to you, which means you experience jealousy if they have other close relationships. Learn to appreciate that love for friends - like love for one's children - can be limitless.

Reference: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au
Leah O’Neil School Nurse
@ Tallangatta Monday and Thursdays
Community Support

With the ongoing bush fires and drought devastation occurring across the nation TSC would like to inform our community of some useful supports. Mahalia Scholz our social worker is also on available for students supports at the College.

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Our collective thoughts are with all of those struggling a present.
# Lunch Time Swimming Schedule

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