

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 3.40pm.

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

Thurs 3rd to Fri 4th Feb	Year 12 Retreat	Thur 10th Feb	School Photos
Tues 8th Feb	Year 7 Info Night - 6pm	Wed 16th Feb	Swimming Carnival
Wed 9th Feb	VCE/VCAL/VET Info Night - 6pm	Wed 16th Feb	School Council Meeting

Principal's Report

Welcome to the new school year

I would like to welcome all staff and students and their families to the 2022 school year.

Over the last two years we have endured COVID and it continues to be part of our lives in 2022. I want to reiterate my pride of our whole school community for keeping learning at our centre during the last two years and I am confident through our collective commitment, resilience, and perseverance that we will continue to progress learning for every student every day.

A number of protocols remain in place to ensure we remain COVID safe.

- Face masks mandatory indoors and when travelling on school buses.
- Practice social distancing when practicable
- Practice good hand hygiene
- Stay home when unwell

Free rapid antigen tests will be available for the first 4 weeks of Term 1 2022. It is currently recommended that staff and students undertake a RAT test twice a week.

Students and staff will do the tests at home. School staff will not administer RAT tests to students; this will be done by families.

If the result is positive, you will need to:

- email tallangatta.sc@education.vic.gov.au with **'positive COVID test'** in the subject line or use the new RA Test Portal
- keep your child at home while in 7- day isolation
- contact the Department of Health via the COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form or call centre on 1800 675 398.

Each family is eligible for one pack of RAT per child. Each pack contains 5 tests and therefore will last for two weeks. If you would like a RAT kit for your child/ren, please send an email to tallangatta.sc@education.vic.gov.au with **'request RAT kit'** in the subject line.

TOGETHER WE MUST:



Wear a face mask indoors and on buses



Social distance where practical



Practise good hand hygiene



Stay home if unwell

Visitors and volunteers performing work on school sites (both inside and outdoors) are required to have received three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine by 25 February 2022 if they became fully vaccinated on or before 25 October 2021. For those that became fully vaccinated after 25 October 2021, the deadline is 15 March 2022, or have a valid medical exception.

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Tallangatta Secondary College is committed to empowering all to become resilient and confident lifelong learners with a strong sense of self and community.

Productive and enthusiastic start

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

New staff

Welcome to our new staff members.

- Mr Ryan Watson (PE and Maths)
- Miss Kate Pristov (English)
- Kade Mimmo (Education support)
- Nick Craig and Indy Mannix (NEXUS students beginning term 2)
- Welcome back from family leave Sally Hodgkin who will take on the role as Job Skills and Pathways Coordinator.

I am sure that the entire school community will support them, and I trust they will enjoy their time at the College. In total we have Total of 49 staff - 33 teaching staff and 16 ES staff

Student Enrolments

I extend a warm welcome to all Year 7 students and new students/ families to the College. Our student numbers are 346. We continue to commit to providing a student – centered learning environment that is ‘Big Enough to Deliver and Small Enough to Care’.

2022 AIP

Over the holiday I received feedback on our draft AIP from our Senior Education Improvement Leader Jody Grimmond. I have reflected on this feedback and will present the AIP to School Council during the February meeting for endorsement.

All schools have been asked to again have a priority goal with two Key Improvement Strategies - Learning and Wellbeing.

Learning Key Improvement Strategy

Support both those who need scaffolding and those who have thrived to continue to extend their learning, especially in numeracy

Our key actions are:

- Embed evidence-based reading strategies within the agreed ETT instructional model to support students to develop confidence in reading.
- Embed High Impact Teaching Strategies (HITS) within the agreed ETT instructional model to support students to develop their confidence and skills in their learning.
- Strengthen teacher capacity to plan lessons and assessment that incorporate differentiation through content, process, product and learning environment.
- Build teacher capability to utilise data and a range of assessment strategies to teach a differentiated and

stimulating curriculum that targets each student’s point of need.

Wellbeing Key Improvement Strategy

Effectively mobilise available resources to support students' wellbeing and mental health, especially for those most vulnerable

Our key actions are:

- Through Learning Dispositions harness learner agency and empower students to become resilient, resourceful, relating, and reflective learners.
- Through the implementation of the Resilience Program, develop students understanding of emotional literacy, along with the three pillars of resilience – Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness.

This is the fourth year of our current school strategic plan; hence we will undertake a school review during term 2 to celebrate our collective successes and define the next steps for the next four years.

Family Personal Details

If your details have altered since last year, we ask that you 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

Assistant Principal’s Report

Setting Up New Routines

As a new school year starts, many emotions can arise for both children and parents. Whether it's your child's very first day or they're returning back to school. Children may find the increased structure, longer days and rules of school to be very different from what they are used to at childcare or at home. The transition to life at school is an important one so it pays to be prepared.

Sun Smart and School Uniform

Now that Term 1 is underway, I would like to remind families that our Sun Smart policy is now in effect. Students have been prepared with hats and have demonstrated sunsmart behaviours in the yard. Just a reminder that if hats have been misplaced and or worn out, new hats can be purchased from the office for \$10. Sunscreen can also be found in the main and Engagement office for students to apply. It is also now a requirement for students to wear rashies in the swim program as another form of sun protection. Thank you to staff and students for your ongoing Sunsmart behaviours.

REAL Home Groups

In REAL home group students will be learning about the

following themes;

- Resilience Project (GEM strategies)
- Reading

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 and black shoes.

Attendance – “Attendance Matters”

Parents please ensure you are calling the TSC office if your son/daughter is absent for any reason. Just a reminder that students can access the daily curriculum from Compass whilst they are away to ensure they don't fall behind with the curriculum. Please see your son/daughters REAL mentor if you need assistance with this process.

School Photos

MSP Photography will be onsite 10th February. This year we will transition to online orders. Please see the latest Compass post.

Jocelyn Ziebell

Assistant Principal

Student Engagement News

What a wonderful start to 2022. It has been great to see our students back onsite after the summer holidays, in particular our new students and Year 7's whilst they adjust to a new environment and exciting chapter in their lives. At this time, we thank all students and families for their patience whilst we aim to rollout new MacBook computers and deal with some issues regarding Compass, including logging on and accurate timetables appearing on profiles. We are hopeful to have everything sorted out in the coming days to ensure a smooth transition continues. Thank you to students for your attendance, correct uniform and willingness to engage in your learning.

2022 Engagement Leaders:

Later Years Engagement Leaders

Shae Billingsley & Joel O'Reilly

Middle Years Engagement Leaders

Sam Gosbell & Callum Turner

Year 12 Retreat:

Is currently underway at Valley Homestead in Ovens. Full report in next week's newsletter.

Year 12 Jumpers:

Payment for Year 12 jumpers can now be made at the front office. Jumper are due to arrive at the end of February.

Year 7 Information Evening:

Year 7 Information session will be held next Tuesday 8th February at 6pm. The evening will be held via Webex. link will be forwarded to families shortly

Shae Billingsley & Sam Gosbell

Student Engagement Leaders



“Life seems to go on without effort when I am filled with music.” – George Eliot

Welcome back to the 2022 school year! Just some really important information:

1. Scheduled music lessons and rehearsals have started back and are on Compass.
2. New students wanting to learn an instrument are more than welcome to speak to Mr McKee.
3. We are hoping to run some concerts this year- TBC!

I would like to congratulate Nash Macaulay, Mallee Damm, Declan Parker- McInnis and Sebastian Alessi on gaining the four music captain positions for 2022. I look forward to working with these wonderful individuals as the year progresses.

Have a wonderful year everyone!

In great music and with gratitude and kindness as always,
Rhys McKee.

Music Program Coordinator

Lunch Time Swimming

Lunchtime swimming will start this Friday 4th Feb! To participate you must have your swimmers, a rashie or something similar and your hat. Swimming in PE uniform is not allowed! Thongs or slides are also suggested for when you transition between the pool and the Ormidale changerooms. Please get down to the Ormidale promptly to get changed and maximum time in the pool. It's our first chance to accumulate house points, looking forward to seeing big numbers at the pool!

See you then,

Tim Kennedy

SCHOOL CAFE LUNCH ORDERS ONLY

*Please have lunch orders
in by first Recess.*

Each week the newsletter will be published by students from the AV127 class.

This weeks newsletter was compiled

by James Mansfield

Thankyou!



2 Hour Information Sessions

Emotion Coaching Connecting with your kids

(Based on the Tuning in Kids Program)

For parents/carers of children aged between 2-10 years

- This session aims to provide information on
- Emotional intelligence and why it's important
 - Looking at children's brain development
 - Tuning into your children's emotions to help manage behavior
 - Learn about 'emotion coaching' – helping children to understand and regulate their emotions
 - Looking at the different styles of parenting

Adolescent Parenting

For parents/carers of children aged between 12-18 years

This session aims to provide information on

- Adolescent development and its impacts
- Challenges facing adolescents & parents/carers
- Understanding our child's emotions & help to regulate
- Building resilience
- Connecting with your teenager
- Problem solving
- Family Values

Tuning into Kids

For parents/carers of children aged between 2-10 years

This 5-week parenting program aims to support families to

- Be more aware of your child's emotions
- Develop and understand your child's emotions
- How to support learning and regulate emotions
- Learn through children's emotional experiences to connect, teach and problem solve

Group Program

Come along to Gateway Health on Wednesday 16th February 2022 from 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Bookings are Essential
To enroll contact Andrea at Gateway Health on 0457 279 796

Presented by Gateway Health on Tuesday 22nd February 2022 from 7pm – 9pm via Zoom

Bookings are Essential
To enroll contact Andrea at Gateway Health on 0457 279 796

Come along to Gateway Health on Wednesdays from 2nd to 29th March 2022 from 9.30am – 11.30am each week

Bookings are Essential
To enroll please contact Jane at Gateway Health on 0429 984 203