

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



## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Staff supervision for students arriving before school is between 8.45am 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

Wed 20th Dec	Student Free Day	Thurs 8th Feb	Senior Parent Night
Mon 29th Jan	Student Free Day		• Year 10 Work Experience 6pm
Tues 30th Jan	First Day of Term 1		• Senior Secondary Info 6.30pm
Wed 31st Jan	Whole School Assembly		• Elevate 7pm
Thurs 1st Feb	Year 12 Retreat Begins	Thurs 8th Feb	College Photos
Wed 7th Feb	Year 7 Parent BBQ 6pm	Mon 12th Feb	Year 7 Camp Begins

## Principal's Report

### Year 12 Results

VCE and ATAR results were released on Monday. Congratulations to all our students and our College Dux, Hamish Torney with an ATAR of 82.7. Mrs Shae Billingsley is available for any students and parents who need pathway guidance. Please contact the College or email Mrs. Shae Billingsley directly.

### 2023 Year 7 Step Up

On Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December we welcomed our 2024 Year 7 students. Students met their new teachers and class. They were also introduced to the Year 7 curriculum. It was great to meet up with parents during the information evening held on Tuesday night. I would like to thank our feeder primary schools for their support with 6 – 7 transition, our Year 7 teachers, along with Mr Ryan Watson and Mrs Jocelyn Ziebell for their tireless efforts to ensure the transition went smoothly.

### Presentation Day – Friday 15th December

As always, the major highlight of the end-of-year program is the whole-school Presentation Day, held this year in the Ormidale. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Jess Hynes, Miss Samantha Maude and Mrs Jocelyn Ziebell for their organisation of the award ceremony.

### Reports Distribution

A reminder to families that Semester 2 reports and GPA Cycle 8 will be available on Compass from 4pm Friday 15th December. Year 12 reports will be printed and available in their end of year packs.

### 2023 Bolga

Students who ordered this year's copy of the Bolga Magazine will receive it in their end of year pack. I would like to thank Mr Cameron Graeber, Ms Samantha Maude and the Media classes for their time and effort, as well as all of the contributors.

### Farewell and Good Luck

At the end of the year, we farewell six teachers and our three trainees; Mr Mitch Harris, Mr Brock Frohling, Mrs Petrina Mansfield, Mr Jimmy Sanderson, Mr Matthew Buckland, Ms Tayla Ellis, Mr Riley Brock and Ms Ruby Panozzo-Worrall. I thank them for their positive contributions to the College and wish them all the very best for the future. I would like to thank and send best wishes on behalf of the whole school community to Mrs Sue McKenzie who will be resigning from teaching. Mrs McKenzie has been a member of staff for 22 years and will be greatly missed.

Thankyou also to Mr Alec Lutrov and Mr David Baldacchino who have been with us this Semester as part of the Metro to Regional initiative.

## **New Staff**

Next year we welcome nine new staff to the College:  
Ms Carlee Hill – Middle Years Engagement Leading Teacher, Ms Samara Clifford - Art, Ms Sarah Jane Wood – Maths, Ms Sarah Mills – English, Ms Jane Dowling – English, Ms Alanna Morgan – English, Mrs Kelly Dickins – Job, Skills and Pathways, Mrs Rebecca Nichol – Humanities and Mr Luke Breen – Humanities.

## **2024 Leadership and roles of responsibility**

I am pleased to share with the school community the various leadership and roles of responsibility for 2024.

### **Leadership Team**

*Principal* – Richelle Moyle

*Assistant Principal* – Mrs Joce Ziebell

*Learning Specialist* – Mrs Kerryn McCormack

*Junior Years Engagement Leader* - Mr Ryan Watson

*Middle Years Engagement Leader* - Ms Carlee Hill

*Senior Years Engagement Leader* – Mrs Shae Billingsley

### **Learning Area Leaders**

*English* - Mrs Sue Carey and Ms Kate Pristov

*Maths* - Mr John Furst

*PE / Health / Outdoor Ed* - Mr Brett Scholtes and Mrs Nicole Marendaz

*Humanities* - Mr Phil Neville

*Science* - Mr Rab Kusmierski and Mrs Seren Sutherland

*Design and Creativity* – Mrs Carol Fisher

*Languages* – Mrs Yanti Grant

### **Program Leaders**

*Sport* - Mr Brett Scholtes

*Job, Skills & Pathways* - Mrs Kelly Dickins

*Instrumental Music* - Mr Rhys McKee

### **REAL Learner Mentors**

*Kiewa 1* Mr Cameron Moxey

*Kiewa 2* Mr Dhani Reihl

*Kiewa 3* Mr Joel O'Reilly

*Kiewa 4* Mrs Sue Carey

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*Mitta 1* Ms Sarah Mills

*Mitta 2* Mr Tristan Lambert

*Mitta 3* Mr Rab Kusmierski

*Mitta 4* Mrs Yanti Grant

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*Murray 1* Ms Charlotte Bond

*Murray 2* Mr Rhys McKee

*Murray 3* Ms Alanna Morgan

*Murray 4* Ms Sarah Jane Wood

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*Hume 1* Mr John Furst

*Hume 2* Mr Phil Neville

*Hume 3* Mrs Freya Beard

*Hume 4* Ms Kate Pristov

## **Important Dates - 2024 Term 1**

Mon 29th Jan - Staff return (Student Free Day)

Tues 30th Jan - Students return (Years 7 – 12)

Wed 31st Jan - Whole College Assembly

1st - 2nd Feb - Year 12 Retreat

Wed 7th Feb - Year 7 Parent BBQ 6pm

Thurs 8th Feb - College Photos

Thurs 8th Feb - Senior Parent Night

12th – 16th Feb - Year 7 Camp

Fri 23rd Feb - College Swimming Carnival

Monday 4th March - Student Led Conferences

25th – 28th March - Year 10 Work Experience

### **2024 Pupil free days**

Monday 29th January

Friday 7th June

Monday 4th November

Monday 2nd December (Common Professional Practice Day)

Friday 20th December

### **Holiday Office Hours**

The office will be open from Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th January between 10am - 3pm.

I would like to thank students, staff, parents, school council members and the community for your support during another extraordinary year. I wish you a safe and happy holiday period with family and friends.

*Richelle Moyle*

*Principal*

## **Assistant Principal's Report**

### **Year 7 2023**

The Year 7 Step Up program commenced on Tuesday 12th and finish on Wednesday 13th December. Students were emersed in a typical Year 7 timetable and work with their new 2024 teachers and Student Engagement Leader, Mr Watson. We thank the students for preparing a letter to their teacher's, introducing themselves and their interests. The 2024 Information Session was held on Tuesday 12th December at 6pm. We welcomed our new students and their families to our school community.

### **2024 Bus Allocations**

2024 Bus allocations have been distributed to families. Please see Mrs Ziebell or Mrs Michelle Butler in the main office if you have any questions or change of address.

### **TSC Uniform Shop**

Please make an appointment with the main office to purchase uniform items over the break. The office will be open from Monday 22nd January to Wednesday 24th January.

### **Herald, Gazette and School Newsletter**

Thank you to the team of students, teachers, education support and community volunteers who weekly co-

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.

create these valuable school publications.

## School Holidays

We hope all staff and students have a restful break and be safe! We look forward to 2024 together as a school community.

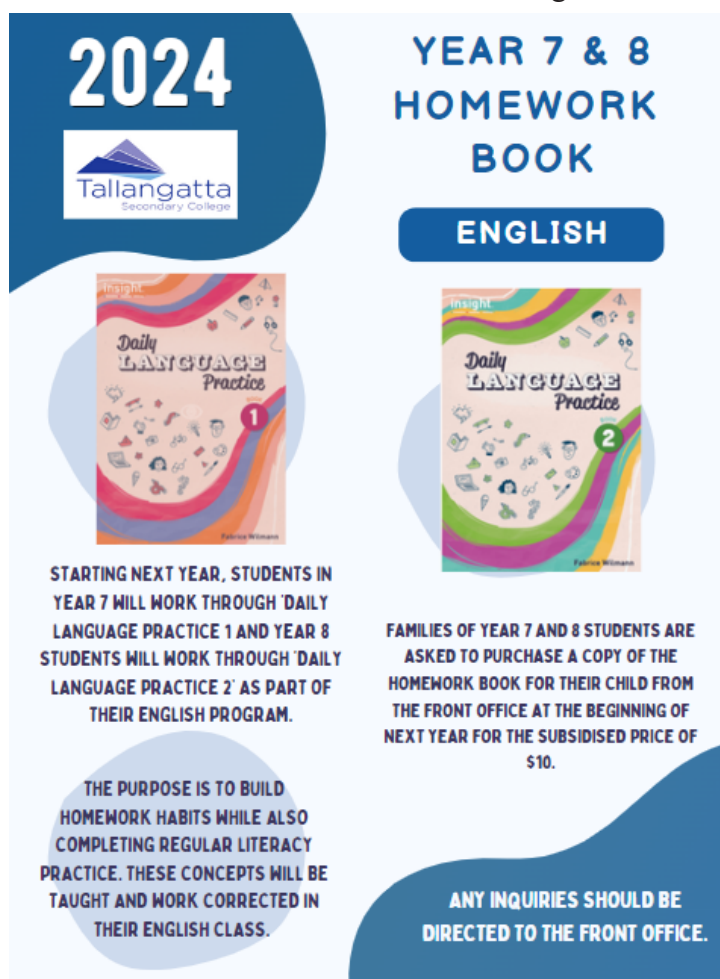
*Jocelyn Ziebell*

*Assistant Principal*

## Teaching and Learning Our Core Business!

### 2024 Homework Program

We are excited to update you on our homework program for 2024. The school has used part of the Equity funding to upgrade our homework resources from Years 7 to 10 in Mathematics and in Years 7 and 8 in English.





**2024**

Tallangatta  
Secondary College

**YEAR 7 & 8  
HOMEWORK  
BOOK**

**ENGLISH**



**STARTING NEXT YEAR, STUDENTS IN YEAR 7 WILL WORK THROUGH 'DAILY LANGUAGE PRACTICE 1' AND YEAR 8 STUDENTS WILL WORK THROUGH 'DAILY LANGUAGE PRACTICE 2' AS PART OF THEIR ENGLISH PROGRAM.**

**FAMILIES OF YEAR 7 AND 8 STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO PURCHASE A COPY OF THE HOMEWORK BOOK FOR THEIR CHILD FROM THE FRONT OFFICE AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR FOR THE SUBSIDISED PRICE OF \$10.**

**THE PURPOSE IS TO BUILD HOMEWORK HABITS WHILE ALSO COMPLETING REGULAR LITERACY PRACTICE. THESE CONCEPTS WILL BE TAUGHT AND WORK CORRECTED IN THEIR ENGLISH CLASS.**

**ANY INQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE FRONT OFFICE.**

### Mathematics

In 2024, Year 7 to 10 students will be set regular mathematics homework. The homework will be based on the Mathsmate Program. This involves the completion of one set of questions per week for 8 weeks each term. The questions frequently reinforce the learning across all areas of the mathematics curriculum. The questions

set will be differentiated at the appropriate level for each student. It will be the responsibility of each student to bring in the completed set of questions to class each week for correction.

### English

Starting next year, Students in Year 7 will work through 'Daily Language Practice 1' and Year 8 students will work through 'Daily Language Practice 2' as part of their English program. The purpose of the book is to help students become familiar with regular homework habits while also completing regular literacy practice.

The English team will run a program in classes to pre-teach concepts, provide modelled responses and provide time for students to mark their work. One of the features of the book is that it has an online copy of the answers. These would be attached to the following week's lesson plan. We are going to run a weekly catch-up session during lunchtime for students who do not complete the designated homework.

The school has invested in the program by subsidising the price of the books so that families can purchase the book for \$10 from the front office. Please do so at the start of next year. If you need assistance, the office staff will be happy to help you. If books are lost or damaged throughout the year, spare copies will be available to be purchased.

*Kate Pristov and Kerryn McCormack*  
*Learning Specialists*

## Student Engagement News

We wish students and families a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2024.

### 2023 Dux of the College

Hamish Torney, ATAR = 82.7

### UNIT 3/4 STUDY AWARDS

These awards are presented to students in recognition of their acclaimed study score or outstanding achievement within a study.

*VCE Unit 3/4 Physics Award*

Will Mitchell

*VCE VET Unit 3/4 Sport & Recreation Award*

Marko Stanojevic

*VCE Unit 3/4 Psychology Award*

Maddison Abrahams-Brown, Claire Costello, Montana

Dunn & Chloe Macaulay

*VCE Unit 3/4 Physical Education Award*

Nicholas Paton

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RELATIONSHIPS**



*If you or someone you know is experiencing family violence, help is available at:*

**1800RESPECT**

**NATIONAL DOMESTIC FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE**

*VCE Unit 3/4 Chemistry Award*

Will Mitchell

*VCE VM Unit 3/4 Numeracy Award*

Olivia Macklan

*VCE Unit 3/4 Outdoor Environment Studies Award*

Teagan Wood

*VCE VM Unit 3/4 Work Related Skills Award*

Eva Chalmers

*VCE Unit 3/4 General Maths Award*

Nicholas Paton

*VCE Unit 3/4 Biology Award*

Will Mitchell

*VCE Unit 3/4 Health & Human Development Award*

Chloe Macaulay



sound. Mallee sung three songs with the acoustic guitar and our bands performed two songs each. Although not a school event, I was particularly proud of how the students conducted themselves on the day, showing respect and kindness to community members and each other. Also, they showed empathy towards each other when they were nervous, and a learning mindset in how to adapt and perform in public. Thank you kindly to Sal Kimber and her amazing team for providing us with this opportunity!

On a final note (pun intended), I would like to thank all people involved in supporting our music program this year. I would also like to thank our brilliant student musicians for all their hard work, demonstration of the schools' REAL values and their positive energy. The arts are truly an amazing endeavour and have made a huge positive difference in the lives of our students this year. Stay safe and well over the holiday break.

SAVE	YEAR 12 RETREAT
1ST & 2ND FEBRUARY 2024	THE
DATE	

## MUSIC

*“Music is what tell us that the human race is greater than we realize.”*

*– Napoleon Bonaparte*

On Saturday the 9th of December, we had Mallee Damm and our Year 8 and 9 rock bands participate in the ‘Battle of the Bands’ at the Tallangatta Triangles. Being our Year 8 and 9’s first live ‘gig’ outside of school, the students were understandably a little nervous. That said however, they used this nervous energy to perform their chosen songs with clarity, confidence, good timing, and good



In great music, and with gratitude and kindness as always,  
**Rhys McKee,**  
**Music Program Coordinator.**

## From the Wellbeing Team

As we are fast approaching the Christmas break, I just wanted to remind everyone that during the holiday period the wellbeing team is unable to be contacted. We are back onsite on 29 January 2024.

On Compass there is a fact sheet for wellbeing support for students during the school holidays. This guide provides tips and resources for parents, carers, and families to support the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people in their care during the school holidays.

We wish you all a safe and festive break!

**Al Skate Co.**



Over the last 6 weeks Year 8 students have participated in a drop in and take off program with Al Skate Co. On Tuesday students had their final session and were treated to an excursion to Al indoor skate park. Thanks to Al and team for educating and supporting our student's mental health and wellbeing.



## Youth Crew



Last week 20 first year Youth Crew students from Corryong, Mount Beauty and Tallangatta Secondary Colleges headed to Howmans Gap Discovery Camp. Students presented their Community Safety Presentations to their peers and Magenta Training Assessor. Students participated in high ropes activity, draughting, two line fog attack, hose target practice, UHF radio skills and knot handling assessment.

**Jess Hynes and Miss Bond.**

