

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 7th Feb	Year 7 Parent BBQ 6pm	Thurs 8th Feb	College Photos
Thurs 8th Feb	Information Night	Mon 12th Feb	Year 7 Camp Begins
	• Year 10 Work Experience 6pm	Fri 23rd Feb	College Swimming Carnival
	• Senior Secondary 6.30pm	Mon 4th Mar	Student Led Conferences
	• Elevate Study Skills 7pm	Mon 11th Mar	Labour Day

Principal's Report

Welcome to the new school year

I would like to welcome all staff and students and their families to the 2024 school year.

Productive and Enthusiastic Start

I have been very impressed with the positive and enthusiastic attitude of our students on 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.



Year 7s listening in to their first year level assembly on Tuesday 30th January.

New Staff

The shortage of teachers continues to be a challenge across the country, however for us, I am very pleased to welcome eight new teachers and four new education support staff to the College this year.

Ms Carlee Hill (Middle Years Engagement Leader &

Maths / Science)

Ms Samara Clifford (Art)

Ms Sarah Jane Wood (Maths)

Ms Sarah Mills (English)

Ms Jane Dowling (English)

Mr Luke Breen (Humanities & VCE VM PD)

Mrs Rebecca Nichol (Humanities)

Mr Darcy Bishop (Humanities)

Mrs Kelly Dickins (Job, Skills, and Pathways)

Ms Megan Moyle and Ms Chloe Macaulay (Inclusion support)

Ms Naomi Fisher (Art / Herald Newspaper support)

We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and professional staff join our school community and I am sure everyone will warmly welcome them. In total we have 50 staff – 2 Principal Class, 29 teaching staff and 19 ES staff.

Student Enrolments

I extend a warm welcome to all new students - families to the College. Our student numbers are 320. 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 information on Compass or notify the front office. This is critical as we need to keep our

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

databases up to date, particularly for student allergies/ illnesses and emergency contacts.

Have a great term!

Mrs Richelle Moyle

Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

Welcome Back!

This week we were delighted to welcome back our staff and students. Term 1 is going to be jam-packed and is a nine week term. We encourage families to keep an eye on the Compass Calendar for up and coming events and initiatives. This week we welcomed our new Year 7 student and their families to the school community. We look forward to an engaging term ahead full of opportunities!

Return to school – Students Experiencing Anxiety

All children will feel some degree of anxiety at some stage as it's a natural reaction our bodies have to a stressful event. Some of our students have been presenting to Student Engagement Leaders and Wellbeing with anxiety around returning to school, mixing and reconnecting with peers. For some children, anxious feelings don't go away. They may see situations as much worse than they really are, or the anxiety doesn't ease when the situation causing it stops. For these children their anxiety can affect their ability to concentrate, sleep and carry out ordinary tasks and this may be caused by anxiety disorders. If you feel that your child is struggling with anxiety it is best to discuss the symptoms with your family GP to develop a plan to treat and manage your child's individual situation or reach out to the TSC Wellbeing Team.

Student Engagement Team

The 2024 Student Engagement Team consists of the following leaders;

Senior Secondary – Mrs Shae Billingsley

Middle Years – Miss Carlee Hill

Junior Years – Mr Ryan Watson



Term 1 – Sunsmart

Our Sun Smart policy is activated this term and students have responded well to this requirement. Again, parent support, both in terms of creating the appropriate

attitude and in ensuring that their student possesses the correct school hat will greatly assist us. If hats have been misplaced, tampered with, graffiti (white out) or worn out (visible holes), families can purchase new items from the office \$10. Students must wear the school hat only.

Whole School Assembly



On Wednesday 31st January we held our first whole school assembly. It was a significant day in our calendar where we came together and looked at the term ahead. I expressed my gratitude to students and staff for the smooth and engaging start to the term and reminded students that they will play a crucial part in shaping our school's culture over the course of the four terms. I encouraged students to;

- Making learning a priority
- Develop and progress our learner dispositions which include being resilient, resourceful, reflective and relating
- Be organised and on time to classes
- Conduct themselves positively in all learning environments
- Uphold and role model our REAL values daily
- Set some realistic and achievable goals
- Wear their school uniform with pride daily
- Be SunSmart

Here's to a term filled with excitement, discovery and accomplishments. Lets make it a remarkable chapter of their schooling experience.



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.

Student Planners

Planners were distributed in week 1 during REAL homegroup. These will assist students with their organisation.

REAL Home Group Week 1 Focus

- Organisation
- Lockers
- Sunsmart (term 1 & 4 students must wear hats)
- Mobile phones (students are not to use their phones at the office to purchase items or make calls home)
- Uniform (black shoes, white socks, no non-uniform items or the old school uniform).
- REAL values
- Learner dispositions (Resilient, Resourceful, Reflecting & Relating)

Attendance

Every day counts. Please ensure your children attend daily. If you are having difficulty getting your child to school please reach out to me or the Student Engagement Leaders.

Joce Ziebell

Assistant Principal

Teaching and Learning Our Core Business!

The Indian philosopher, Jiddu Krishnamurti, once wrote: *“There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning.”*

2024 is the next step in the learning journey for everyone at Tallangatta Secondary College – both students and staff. We should all be aiming to finish 2024 knowing more, being able to do more, and having become more proficient at something.

We are so fortunate to have a safe and well-resourced school to attend; knowledgeable, dedicated and passionate teachers and support staff to assist students on their learning journey.

Throughout the year, students will be supported to set learning goals and reflect on them. They'll be provided with feedback on their learning - including what they've been able to achieve, next steps for learning and areas to practice. They'll also be provided with feedback on their attitude and approaches to learning via the GPA twice a term.

Teaching and learning is our core business and we look forward to what 2024 will bring and hope that all

students strive to be able to say "I did my best and I am proud of what I have achieved".

Kerryn McCormack

Learning Specialist

Student Engagement News

Junior Years News

I extend a warm welcome to our 2024 Year 7 students and their families at Tallangatta Secondary College. As you embark on your six-year journey here, embrace the opportunities and challenges ahead. You'll forge new friendships, explore different subjects, meet dedicated teachers, and learn more about both yourself and the world around you. At TSC, we're committed to providing support and ensuring you feel welcome throughout your time here. May your transition from Primary School be marked by growth, laughter, and unforgettable moments. It won't be long until you are embarking on a week-long camp to Philip Island, eagerly anticipating the activities and the chance to build strong bonds with your peers, teachers and peer support leaders.

For our Year 8 students, welcome back to the challenge of a new year. Embrace the opportunity to reconnect with classmates and engage with a variety of new teachers. Strive towards exemplifying the REAL pledge of Respect, Empathy, Attitude, and Learning. Additionally, work on your learner disposition matrix, aiming for growth in resilience, resourcefulness, reflectiveness, and positive interactions with others.

The Junior Years are buzzing with enthusiasm for Term One, and I look forward to witnessing both the academic and personal growth of our students throughout the term.

Ryan Watson

Junior Years Engagement Leader

Middle Years News

Firstly, I would like to thank TSC staff and students for the warm welcome to me. We had a smooth start to the year for all Year 9 and 10 students and the buzz of excitement to reconnect with friends was great to see.

Our themes for Term 1 are as follows and were shared with students and staff at our whole school assembly on Wednesday.

Year 9 are Leadership and Resilience

Leadership is the ability to inspire, guide and influence others towards a common goal. It involves effective communication, decision making and fostering a positive and productive environment. Resilience is the capacity in which we bounce back from challenges,

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1800RESPECT

NATIONAL DOMESTIC FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE

adversity or setbacks. It involves adapting to change, maintaining a positive mindset and learning from difficult experiences. The way that our Year 9 students have handled the changes that have taken place early this year, has already demonstrated that you are resilient and adaptable – we thank you for handling it so well and look forward to developing this ability further.

Year 10 are Aspirations and Pathways

Aspirations are strong desires or ambitions to achieve something significant. It serves as a motivating force that drives a person to set and pursue goals, pushing them to reach their full potential. Pathways refer to the courses that you can take to achieve a particular goal or destination. This can involve various choices, decisions and steps along the journey towards a desired outcome. Together these will be the driving force to get you to where you want to be. Take up the opportunities on offer, such as work experience, and set yourself high expectations!

I look forward to getting to know the TSC community.

Carlee Hill

Middle Years Engagement Leader

Senior Year News

It has been exciting to welcome back our senior students who have eagerly started their VCE and VET subjects this week. Year 11 students are starting their senior secondary journey while Year 12 students join us for their final year of secondary schooling. We encourage Year 11 students to action their 'I can' pledges and Year 12 students to make 2024 their best year yet. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to the College next Thursday evening for the senior secondary and Elevate study skills sessions.

Shae Billingsley

Senior Years Engagement Leader

Careers

Experience La Trobe University Monday 26 February

Experience La Trobe event is fast approaching on Monday, February 26. Full day out.

For more information visit the event page here: <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/experience-la-trobe-albury-wodonga-campus>

Please email me or drop into the Engagement Office if you would like to attend, by Tuesday 6 February.

You will need to choose 3 x preferences from the following-

- Biomedical Sciences
- Business
- Campus Tours
- Social Art
- TAFE to Uni
- Education
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Social Work

Kelly Dickins

Job, Skills & Pathways Coordinator



INFORMATION EVENING

**THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY
@ SENIOR SECONDARY CENTRE**

6:00PM

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

ALL YEAR 10 FAMILIES TO ATTEND

6:30PM

SENIOR SECONDARY

ALL STUDENTS COMPLETEING
VCE AND VET SUBJECTS AND THEIR
PARENT/CARER

7:00PM

ELEVATE STUDY SKILLS

PARENTS/CARERS OF VCE STUDENTS

MUSIC

Welcome back musicians and families to the start of another year. Just a couple of short reminders this week:

1. Music lessons for existing music students will appear in Compass and begin in week one. If there are any issues with lesson times or enrolments, please email Mr McKee.
2. Any new music students who wish to know more information are more than welcome to collect an instrument enrolment form or speak to Mr McKee.
3. Our winter concert date is nearly set and will occur towards the end of term two- the specific date and time will be announced in the next newsletter.

So far, all music classes and lessons have started very well, and there have been some fantastic early outcomes. I have already seen some brilliant demonstrations of the schools' REAL values and look forward to the weeks ahead.

With gratitude and kindness as always,

Rhys McKee

Music Program Coordinator

Student Leadership Team

SLT is our Student Leadership Team, which is made up of Mrs Nicole Hamilton, our School Captains (Charlotte Lamb, Charlie Heffernan, Milton Fulford and Eliza Lord) and any other student or staff member who wants to be part of it.

SLT is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in the school community, to be part of the voice that helps improve and change things for the better. You can gain some great skills by being part of the SLT, by learning to work as part of a team, developing your speaking and listening skills, and becoming a more confident, resilient leader.

We will be having meetings every fortnight on Tuesday lunchtimes in M5, which will be run by the School Captains, where you can contribute to discussions and planning for the year. We plan and run a fundraising activity each term, where most of the money raised is donated to charities chosen by the SLT. These are usually fun days for everyone to get involved in.

If any of this sounds like something you might be interested in, I would strongly encourage you to join SLT. If you are not sure, just come and check out a meeting or two. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible at our meetings. Keep an eye out on your Compass Newsfeed for SLT updates and information, or come and talk to our School Captains or Mrs Hamilton.

From the Wellbeing Team

We hope you have had a great start to the 2024 year! Summer hot temperatures have really kicked in with the commencement of the school year. The Wellbeing team are back on deck to support everyone keep calm, cool and collected!

Who are we:

• **Renee** - Mental Health Practitioner, here Monday to Thursday.

Contributing to whole school approaches to mental health preservation and promotion.

Mental health practitioners provide short term intervention for students with mild to moderate mental health needs and liaise with the relevant internal and external services where students need more intensive support.

• **Leah** - Secondary school nurse. Monday and Thursday only.

The Secondary School Nurse Program (SSNP) aims to promote the health and wellbeing of young people and reduce negative health outcomes and risk taking behaviours.

The SSNP supports the school community in addressing contemporary health and social issues facing young people and their families through health promotion, education, consultation and referral.

We encourage parents and carers to view the department's mental health and wellbeing toolkit, which offers guidance to help you support your child's mental health and wellbeing at home, and advice on working with Tallangatta Secondary College if you have concerns.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/parents-mental-health-toolkit>



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Swimming Carnival

FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY
@TALLANGATTA POOL

Year 7
BBQ
Night

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WE INVITE ALL YEAR 7 PARENTS AND STUDENTS FOR A BBQ ON
WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
START AT 6PM
TALLANGATTA SECONDARY COLLEGE LIBRARY DECK

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Please contact TSC Office for an application form

