

*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

Mon 12th Feb	Year 7 Camp Begins	Tues 27th Feb	OE012 Outdoor Familiarisation
Fri 16th Feb	Year 7 Camp Returns approx 3:00pm	Wed 28th Feb	Camp Begins
Fri 23rd Feb	College Swimming Carnival	Mon 4th Mar	O&M Swimming
Mon 26th Feb	College Photo Catch-up	Mon 11th Mar	Student Led Conferences
Mon 26th Feb	La Trobe Uni Experience Day		Labour Day

## Principal's Report

### Positive and Busy Start

Well done to all students and staff for the excellent start to the term. All students have settled into their REAL home groups and classes very well.

### Parent Evenings

Thank you to all parents who attended the Year 7 BBQ and the Senior Years information sessions. Thank you also to the staff who presented and attended.

### Year Level Camps

Thank you to Mrs Billingsley for organising the Year 12 retreat held last Thursday and Friday. Thank you also to Mr Sam Livingstone and Ms Renee Carkeek for attending.

Next week is our Year 7 camp to Phillip Island. We have all Year 7 and peer support leaders attending. Thank you to Mr Ryan Watson for his time in organising this wonderful experience for our students.

*Richelle Moyle*

*Principal*

## Assistant Principal's Report

### SWPBS Team

We are seeking parent, teacher, education support and student representatives to join the School Improvement

Team for 2024. We will be working on strengthening and embedding whole school SWPBS systems and approaches that develop collective responsibility for student engagement. Our first meeting will be 19/2. Please see Mrs Ziebell by 16/2 if you would like to be a part of our Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support Team.

### Casual Bus Passes

Students wanting to travel on buses that are non-traveller must seek permission through the TSC office. There is a travel cost if students are using the Wodonga service. The Baranduda bus is at capacity and no casual bus passes will be allocated unfortunately.

### Year Level Assemblies

Year level assemblies were held on Tuesday 7th February. Our student engagement leaders discussed expectations around;

- Student engagement
- REAL values
- Uniform
- Schoolwide positive behaviours
- Mobile phone policy
- Term 1 key dates
- Attendance
- Organisation

## Student Leadership Team

Mrs Hamilton, Charlotte and Charlie our school captains, and the team held their first meeting for the term on Tuesday 7th February. The team had 28 students attend and contribute to the planning of casual clothes days, fundraising, recycling and school uniform. We are excited to hear about their final events and fundraising foci. TSC places a large emphasis on student voice and agency, it's so lovely to see so many students in attendance for the first meeting.

## School Photos

School photographs were taken on Thursday 8th February. There will be a catch up session on Monday 26th February for those who have missed out.

**Jocelyn Ziebell**

*Assistant Principal*

## Student Engagement News

### Junior Years News

The Junior Years students have had a successful transition to Term 1, and have been forming strong bonds with both their peers and teachers. They have come back from the summer break looking happy and refreshed and are keen for the challenge of progressing their learning and making improvements towards their GPA's.

The Year 7 students are more than excited for their school camp to Philip Island next week, and it is great to hear some of the positive conversations coming from both students and families. On the 7th of February we were able to also welcome Year 7 families to a BBQ evening which was great to see so many families present.

**Ryan Watson**

*Junior Years Engagement Leader*

### Middle Years News

Another busy week has flown by. Year 9 and 10 had their first Engagement Assembly on Tuesday 6th February. Students were reminded of the TSC values, expectations and important events/dates coming up (please refer to the presentation that was shared via Compass). Peer Support Leaders from Year 10 are preparing for Year 7 camp next week – we wish them well and know they will represent the TSC community well.

Please keep an eye out for Week 4 Student Engagement Assemblies on Compass.

Year 9 students will be given information regarding the Future Makers program that will begin later in the year. An information evening will also happen for Parents/Carers in Term 2.

All Year 10 students have been given their first form for Work Experience which is to be completed by Monday

Week 6. Further information was given Thursday evening and the next assembly will also focus on Work Experience.

**Carlee Hill**

*Middle Years Engagement Leader*

### Senior Years News



The Year 12 Retreat gave us the rare opportunity to stop, reflect and refocus on what is truly important. Students spent two days at Valley Homestead in Ovens. Highlights included the free fall slide, duel flying fox, vertical challenge and trivia night. Well done Murray Year 12s on winning the first bragging rights of the year. Students developed an increased awareness of themselves through personal reflection and solo time, and planned for both the year ahead and their future beyond TSC. Connections made will enhance the cohort's ability to



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.



support each other throughout the year. It was great to see students and families on Thursday night. If you have any questions regarding the senior secondary or elevate sessions please reach out.  
**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. It is a full day out.

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

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

- Biomedical Sciences
- Business

- Campus Tours
- Education
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Social Arts
- Social Work
- TAFE to Uni

Please email me or drop into the engagement office if you would like to attend by Friday 9 February.

**Kelly Dickins**

*Job, Skills & Pathways Coordinator*

## Year 12 Class of 2024



**Charlie Heffernan** - I like being around friends, playing sports and travelling. My hobbies are playing football and cricket, gaming and listening to music. My favourite thing is my pet dog Teddy. A place I like to visit is Rosebud on the Mornington Peninsula. I have a part time job at the Union Hotel Tangambalanga as a bartender/pizza chef. I'm looking forward to graduating this year but I am keen to help and have fun doing so with my friends and year level.

**RESPECTFUL  
RELATIONSHIPS**



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

**1800RESPECT**

NATIONAL DOMESTIC FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE

## Meet our New Staff

Throughout the next few issues of the newsletter, our Year 9 Media class will interview all our new teachers for 2024.

### Ms. Samara Clifford



*Photo taken by Alex Ramadge*

Before Ms Clifford started teaching Art and Media at TSC, she had only finished her studies in lockdown and began teaching in a girl's school in Brighton. Ms Clifford got into teaching after realising that her photography business was not quite what she was looking for as selling more products means more items ending up in landfill. For her business, Ms Clifford taught the odd photography workshop and fell in love with teaching, "I love it when people understand something for the first time". She then moved on to teaching teenagers.

Ms Clifford grew up in Perth, staying true to her 'gypsy feet', she has travelled a lot in her life, including, living in the UK for over 10 years and travelling in Europe, Africa, and Asia. Once she got back to Australia, she moved to Melbourne and had lived in Melbourne for 15 years before coming to Tallangatta, though she misses the glorious Perth beaches!

Outside of school, Ms Clifford is always making something, whether it be sewing, drawing, crocheting, knitting, painting, or crafting. When she is not creating something, Ms Clifford enjoys a good '90s indie jam... or the occasional musical.

Tim Winton's books stand out to Ms Clifford as he writes

about Western Australia, her favourite Tim Winton book being *Cloud Street*.

Although she isn't much of a sports fan, Ms Clifford enjoys watching dancing and the crazy sports of the Winter Olympics (e.g. luge, aerial skiing, etc.). Ms Clifford may not be the most invested in AFL, but by surviving the backlash of saying "Oh, I don't support a team", she decided to pick Carlton as her team as when she was in Melbourne, as she lived near their training ground.

*Clare Hanes*

*Student Reporter*

## MUSIC

*"Where words leave off, music begins." — Heinrich Heine*

Welcome back to another week of artistic energy! We wasted no time in week one getting back into learning new songs and getting the instruments going again. Already, our young musicians are starting to produce some quality sounds. Another observation that I was particularly proud of, was the way that all students who visited the PAC treated each other. Regardless of year level or experience, every student showed the school REAL values, and this was very encouraging!

In other news, our music captains had their first meeting this week. There were some great discussions around the direction of the music program, dates and possible events that could happen in the future. Overall, a very solid start to the term!

Some other reminders:

1. Our winter concert date in June is nearly set, and this will be announced in the next edition of the newsletter. Students currently undertaking lessons will be encouraged to perform and will be given more information in the coming week.

2. In week three, the PAC will only be open for timetabled classes as Mr McKee is on Year 7 camp. All instrumental music lessons with Mr McKee will not run and there will be no access to the PAC during break time.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our little music program.

With gratitude and kindness as always,

*Rhys McKee*

*Music Program Coordinator*

REMEMBER YOUR  
HATS FOR TERM 1

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

## From the Wellbeing Team

We are into our 2nd week of the term and it is also, "Healthy Lunchbox Week" – (4th-10th February). We have had a few people self-present asking for wellbeing lunches.

We are fortunate to access food supplies through Foodbank: <https://www.foodbank.org.au/?state=vic>  
And local, Albury Wodonga Regional foodshare: <https://foodshare.org.au/>

We encourage good food and healthy lunchboxes. Students concentrate better; have happier bellies and brain fuel.

If a student forgets their lunch, we can arrange a wellbeing lunch with food provided from foodbank.

If there is shortage of food or any financial hardship to fill lunchboxes, please reach out to the wellbeing team and we can arrange some food supplies to assist.

### Healthy Lunchbox Week – 4-10 February 2024
















Healthy Lunchbox Week is an initiative of Nutrition Australia that aims to inspire Australian families to create healthy and enjoyable lunchboxes.

Children consume around 30% of their daily food intake at school. Most of this comes from the contents of their lunchbox. What children eat during their day at school plays a crucial role in their learning and development. Healthy Lunchbox Week helps families prepare healthy



#### TRY OUT THESE SIX HEALTHIER LUNCHBOX SWAPS

	<b>SWAP OUT</b> White bread, rolls, wraps, crackers and crispbreads	→	<b>SWAP IN</b> Wholegrain or high-fibre options	
	<b>SWAP OUT</b> Butter on bread, rolls or wraps	→	<b>SWAP IN</b> Avocado, hummus or plant-based dips and spreads	
	<b>SWAP OUT</b> Cordial, juice poppers or sugary drinks	→	<b>SWAP IN</b> Water or plain milk or milk alternative	
	<b>SWAP OUT</b> Potato chips	→	<b>SWAP IN</b> Veggie sticks with hummus	
	<b>SWAP OUT</b> Sweet and savoury biscuits	→	<b>SWAP IN</b> Plain popcorn or basic pikelets	
	<b>SWAP OUT</b> Iced cakes, muffins and buns	→	<b>SWAP IN</b> Homemade fruit loaf or muesli slice	

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lunchboxes by:

- inspiring healthy lunchbox ideas and recipes
- informing a healthy lunchbox balance across core food groups
- awareness of lunchbox food hygiene and safety.

There are some great ideas to place in Healthy Lunchboxes available on their website to suit your newsletter/communication methods.

Check out their website for more info: [www.healthylunchboxweek.org.au](http://www.healthylunchboxweek.org.au)

**Renee Carkeek and Leah O'Neil**

**Wellbeing Team**

## Library News



### Students Need School Libraries

- **Did you know...** that your school library supports your child to engage with a diverse range of books to extend their imagination and develop a lifelong love of reading?
- **Did you know...** that school libraries are responsive and collaborative learning spaces that provide students with access to a wide range of resources that are relevant and appropriate to their learning needs?
- **Did you know...** that school libraries support your child to reach their potential by teaching them how to become capable researchers and to navigate the world of online information and fake news?
- **Did you know...** that teacher librarians hold specialised qualifications as both a teacher and a librarian? Quality library staff are trained to support keen and reluctant, successful and struggling learners.

Students need school libraries. If you are keen to ensure that EVERY child in Australia has access to a quality school library, check out the information available at <https://studentsneedschoollibraries.org.au>

**Sue Turner**  
**Librarian**

This weeks newsletter was compiled by  
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*and Daniel Shipman.*



Thankyou!

# LUNCHTIME SWIMMING

## TIMETABLE

In preparation for the swimming carnival in Week 4 we will be running lunchtime swimming to earn points for your house! All of these will be running during lunchtime between 1:00pm to 1:30pm. Students will need to bring a towel, swimmers, hat and rashie. We encourage as many people as possible to come to support their team.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 3</b> 12th to 16th Feb	 <p>Mittah Swim Session</p>	 <p>Kiewa Swim Session</p>	 <p>Hume Swim Session</p>	 <p>Murray Swim Session</p>	No Swimming
<b>Week 4</b> 19th to 23rd Feb	<p>Gentlemen's Day Swim Session</p>	<p>Competition Swim Events <b>JUNIORS</b> (13 - 15 Years)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50m Butterfly</li> <li>100m Freestyle</li> <li>100m Backstroke</li> <li>Individual Medley</li> </ul>	<p>Ladies' Day Swim Session</p>	<p>Competition Swim Events <b>SENIOR</b> (16 - 20 Years)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50m Butterfly</li> <li>100m Freestyle</li> <li>100m Backstroke</li> <li>Individual Medley</li> </ul>	<p><b>TSC</b> <b>SWIMMING</b> <b>CARNIVAL</b></p> 

## 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





Elevate Education's Term 1

## Parent Webinar Series

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

### ***How to Get (And Keep) Your Child Motivated***

14th February 6:30pm

### ***How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time***

28th February 6:30pm

### ***How You Can Make Technology an Ally***

13th March 6:30pm

### ***How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory***

27th March 6:30pm

Register today at: <https://go.elevateeducation.com/auschoolwebinars>