Student Writing
Here is an excerpt from a beautiful poem written by Year 12 student Courtney Thompson. Courtney is one of many great student writers we have here at TSC.

…”It’s time to go”…

Who am I to judge?
Wealth envelopes me like a blanket, leaving none to the disadvantaged,
sipping on champagne and throwing diamonds away.
The wind chills as we walk along the stretched river,
cashmere sweater the only thing keeping the cold at bay.
Cracks along the sidewalk, the watch ticks down ominously.
“It’s almost midnight.”
Softly spoken words, dancing eyes staring at my withered form with hunger and envy.

…”It’s time to go.”…

2016 Enrolments
Enrolments for the 2016 school year have commenced. It is anticipated we will have approximately 450 students at TSC in 2015 meaning spaces will be limited. Families considering enrolling at TSC for 2016 need to act fast. Priority is given to families for whom TSC is the closest school to home.
We ask existing families with friends or neighbours planning on enrolling to urge them to contact the college as soon as possible to avoid potential disappointment. Early enrolment ensures students can select from a wide range of subjects on offer; late enrolment may limit a student’s subject choices.

Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews – 25 August
This week’s Parent/Student/Teacher interviews were fairly well attended by families. Big thanks to those families able to come on the day/night.
These days form a vital part of your child’s education and we thank those parents able to attend on the day.

2015 Arts Evening
Our biggest annual event is coming soon. The 2015 Arts Evening showcases the amazing work of our students. We hope to see everyone come along for a night of art and culture – TSC style. **Thursday 10 September from 6pm.**
**Ecolink with Year 10 Environmental Science Class**

Our Semester 2 Year 10 Environmental Science students had a productive day at Ecolink Environmental Center. They determined the biological health of Werribee River by investigating and counting the macro invertebrates in samples of the river water. We are pleased to inform you that it was ‘good’ according to the Pollution Index. Students also chemically determined the quality of different water sources and were surprised at the high content of nitrates and phosphates in bottled water.

**Year 10 Psychology – Zoo visit**

As part of the Year 10 Research Methods Psychology unit, students visited the Royal Melbourne Zoo. They consider their reactions to animal experimentation and explored animal ethics. Students were able to develop an understanding of the difference between animals and humans in research whilst meeting an albino snake. They also explored a case study of the conception of Gabi – a cross-species orang-utan and role play an animal ethics committee. Next students conduct field research on the Capuchin Monkeys by forming hypotheses’, gathering both Qualitative and Quantitative Data and drawing conclusions. It was an exciting day and a rewarding experience!
Super Athletes
On Thursday 20th August our most elite athletics competitors travelled to Victoria University for the Wyndham Division Athletics Carnival. Our students competed in a variety of events from the track to the jumps and the throws and even participated in relay events. Our school was very successful on the day and we placed 1st in 10 events, 2nd in 8 events and 3rd in 4 events. We also had students compete in and win both male and female open relay. The following students competed and placed in events on the day: Breeze, Chantelle, Mastina, Elkie, Aimee, Kayla, Coroline, Melesini, Adhet, Khoni, Will, Jihaya and Ben. Our students who placed first will be progressing onto Western Metropolitan Region Finals and we wish them all the best of luck!

Y12 Studio Arts Excursion
Catching the train into the city to visit art galleries was a very enjoyable and informative day for the year 12 studio arts students. An educator at the National Gallery of Victoria spoke to students about how artwork is promoted, presented and preserved, instilling them with an abundance of vital information for their end of year exam. Students also spoke with a gallery manager at Blindside gallery, learning about how they could apply to have their own work exhibited. By being in the right place at the right time students were also able to talk with a current artist exhibiting at Blindside, learning a unique perspective on art and its traditions. Experiencing galleries on a professional level and how they operate is not only essential for the exam, but wonderful for students who wish to pursue a career in the arts. A great day was had by all.
Yr12 OES Snow Camp – The yr12 Outdoor and Environmental Studies class attended their last camp ever to Falls Creek last week and most saw snow for the first time. Students participated in Snowboarding and Skiing and after three days they were all able to successfully navigate safely down intermediate runs. Students also received talks from the locals regarding various environmental issues that impact the resort and will now use that knowledge in their upcoming SAC's and end of year Exam. Overall it was a wonderful trip that all students will remember for many years to come. Big thanks from Suzie to all her students and to Martin for the memorable experience and such a fantastic last trip together after three years together.
Year 12 - English Exam Preparation
We have 9 weeks until the English Exam.... Is your child revising? Year 12 English Exam Preparation Classes are being held 9am – 12:30pm every Saturday here at the college. Come along and do a Practice Exam!

Year 10 Food Technology
Students worked on their first Design Brief Folio with Betty Pan producing an excellent Folio. All students worked hard on production day resulting in some great tasting dishes that Mary and Suzanna got to judge.
OPERATION SAFEPL8!
Year 12 VCAL students are undertaking their community service activity, in conjunction with Victoria Police. Gold coin donation for the public to have their number plates screws replaced. This will prevent number plate theft by using anti-theft one-way screws.
Repco – Hoppers Crossing 5TH OF SEPTEMBER   10am-1pm

Defence Force Grants for eligible students

ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY, OR AIR FORCE?

Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria.

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2016, please telephone Carry On (Victoria) on (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.

Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc. For those students going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be available.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income tested and applications should be submitted by 29 October 2015.

Holidays – Term ends Friday 18 September 2015 at 2.00pm.