State Budget 2016
We are waiting nervously for the 2016 Victorian State Budget which will be announced on 27 April. Our nervousness stems from five years of waiting for our Stage 2 Funding. This funding is urgently needed or us to finish our school build. I will inform our community as soon as I hear any news.

Athletics Carnival
Parents are invited to attend our Athletics Carnival at Vic Uni Athletics Track, Hoppers Lane Hoppers Crossing on Tuesday 10 May from 10.00am.

Term 2
Term 2 sees the rubber hit the road for our students. For our Year 10s; they have now had a full term at ‘big school’ to get used to the expectations and requirements of senior school and our staff have got to know each student well. For our VCE and VCAL students the requirements of SAC s and upcoming exams mean that hard work is required every day. At this time it is important for parents and guardians to use our 3-weekly reports as a guide to how your child is progressing.

Culture at TSC
Australia today is a multicultural country and by that; Cultural diversity is often defined in terms of the difference among cultures, which generally focused on three key aspects (i.e.) cultural practices, values and language. At Tarneit Senior College (TSC) our community is of diverse cultural backgrounds that feel positive about their lives, appreciating the individuality of all, by embracing diversity, as outlined in our values statement – Integrity. We see our college moving towards a unique society as a result of togetherness shown by our college community. Many different students, parents and teachers come from different backgrounds, religions, beliefs and traditions that make up our strong community. We’re glad to have a community of such background and an administration that embrace it, offer such diversity and provide a multicultural society that is part of the unique qualities. Those students who have come from near and far as Africa and New Zealand call Tarneit Senior College their best school to complete their Year 12 and with their social acceptance, they make our college a better place for one community, one people.

This year, for the very first time in our college history, we collectively embarked on positivity of our “Main pillar” and celebrated “Cultural Diversity” in our school through an event that features, symbolizes and displayed our thoughts on multiculturalism. It was one opportunity...
where students got involved in either preparing for their national cultural dance, national food and national costume for display at the school. Parents were encouraged to visit the school and take part in the celebration and helped dress the young girls in their cultural costumes.

The day of our celebration was a major focus and has provided the school to focus on and celebrate cultural difference. These events were very positive expressions of diversity. Generally speaking, as it is safe to say that while there are examples of effective similar programs being implemented in some schools, our representations of cultural diversity was magnificent, full of awesomeness, amazing and awe-inspiring to the younger generation.

You’re all invited to our 2017 celebration VIBES...YAY!! – Uncle David on behalf of the Well-Being Team.

Staffing 2016
We have experienced some very sick members of staff this year. This has impacted on some classes due to these unexpected absences. Long term absent staff are replaced by relief staff that are qualified in the relevant teaching area. We hope that the worst has now passed and that our staff remain healthy for the rest of 2016.

In addition we have had several additions to our staff this year. We have welcomed Huy Le (Maths/VisCom), Julia Lindblad (Integration Aide) and Liz Celata (English/EAL) to Tarneit Senior in Term 2.

Food Bank
TSC wellbeing team is currently running a Food Bank stall. All food that is donated by students and staff will be given to the Wyndham Food Bank to support homeless youth. The stall will be running for another week, whether we donate 1 item or 100 items, every donation counts for this incredible organisation. As you can see from the picture – everyone has been donating! ☺
Yr12 Outdoor Ed Camp
Year 12 Outdoor Education students spent this week completing camp around the Grampians as part of their assessment. It looked like fun not schoolwork! The camp enables students to apply their classroom learning into the real world. Sleeping under the stars, rock climbing and meeting the natives were just some features of the camp.

House Leaders Report
It has been a very busy start to the semester and overall the House Leaders are impressed with the maturity students have shown by getting to school on time, focusing on their studies and presenting the College respectfully by dressing in the appropriate school uniform. We would like to acknowledge some of the achievements students have made this term and also remind our families of some of the commitments required of being a TSC student.

Attendance:
90% of our students get to school on time and attend every day, this is great to see. We love standing at the gate and greeting you every morning! Unfortunately that small 10% still needs to work on getting to school on time. In order to get to your Form Assembly, you need to make sure that you are at school before 8:45am. Well done to the majority of students and families who get to school on time every day. If you are one of those students who hasn’t had a day off - Keep it up! Your commitment has been noticed and it will pay off. You continually display focus and integrity by putting your education first.

Uniform:
We monitor uniform daily and the majority of you do the right thing, wearing the correct shoes and uniform. Your daily cooperation and respect for this commitment is appreciated. We would like to remind you, if you do have a valid reason to be out of uniform, you must come and see your House Leader with a note from home in your diary and they will issue you a uniform pass. Without this, you may be sent home to change into the correct uniform.

Academic Success:
It is so great to see so many students getting A’s and A+’s on their 3 weekly reports. At year 10, 28% of all scores were either an A or A+ in the last round of 3 weekly reports! This is a reflection of those students’ hard work and tenacity! Well done!
Annual Report
The college Annual Report is now available for community reading on our website. The
Annual Report contains the following elements:

- School Performance Summary 2015
- Financial Performance & Position

The report outlines all elements of the work we do as a school. All Victorian government
schools are required to produce an Annual Report each year.

Tarneit Senior College - before and after school
It is great to see so many of our students getting to school early and staying back after
school to work with our staff. Please be aware that the college does not officially open each
morning until 8.30am. Students who arrive prior to this are welcome to work in Building B
but they are not supervised until 8.30am.

The number of students staying at school after 3.00pm has been amazing again this year.
We expect that any student staying back after school will have notified parents that they are
here at school.

Child Dental Benefit Schedule – Are you eligible?
The Commonwealth Child Benefit Schedule is a dental benefits program for eligible children
aged 2–17 years that provides up to $1,000 in benefits over two years for basic dental
services.

Families who received Family Tax Benefit A or Family Tax Benefit B are eligible to receive
treatment under this scheme.

Treatments covered under the scheme include: examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure
sealing, fillings, root canal treatments and extractions. Orthodontic and dental procedures
are not covered.

This scheme will be ending on 30th June so you have 2 months to make use of this benefit.
For further enquiries contact your local dentist or Medicare on 132 011.

School Diary Use
The relatively simple process of using a school diary every day to record work, due dates,
teacher feedback and communication with and from parents will improve your child’s
results. We urge all parents to ensure their child has a diary and that they are using it every
day. We welcome parent comments in diaries a well.

Voluntary School Fees
Thanks to the many families who have paid their voluntary school fees for 2016. These fees
are a vital component of our budget and enable us to purchase additional resources for your
child. We ask those parents who are yet to pay the fee to contact our Business Manager
Kathrine Rix to organise payment. Payment plans are available to suit family needs.

Michael on Leave
I will be taking a week of Long Service Leave from Wednesday 27 April to Tuesday 3 May.
Suzie & Martin will be Acting Principals during my absence.

Michael Fawcett, Suzie Gerada & Martin Mielimaka
Principal Team
The largest Careers Expo in the West, the WRICA Careers Expo provides an opportunity for students and people in the community to research and receive quality information regarding employment, apprenticeships, traineeships, industry, TAFES, Universities, Government organisations and private providers under the one roof.

Werribee Racing Centre, 2 Bulban Road, Werribee, Victoria

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  - Angliss Institute of TAFE
Thursday Seminar Topics

3.00pm

Finding the Right Pathway
Presented by Werribee Learning Centre

Deakin University along with The Gordon will present an insight into life after VCE and VCAL and what to expect at University or TAFE. A key focus will be the effective creation of YOUR pathway. For School leavers the path to their dream career has never been more open and achievable.

3.30pm

Apprenticeship & Trainee Opportunities
Presented by Gforce Employment Solutions

This seminar will provide a brief summary of apprenticeships and traineeships: How does it work? How do I get one? Benefits and opportunities.

4.00pm

What Next? Modern Pathways for Young People
Presented by Youth Now

This seminar for parents and young people presents the new concepts of work and the skills required to succeed in the digital age.

4.30pm

Interview Skills
Presented by Youth Now

This seminar presents the dos and don’ts of the interview process. Learn great tools and tips on how to excel in your interview.