



Tarneit College Newsletter

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Welcome back everyone

The 2016 school year has started at Tarneit Senior. Year 12 students began classes on Friday 29 January. This is the biggest year of their educational careers and the first day back focussed on inducting our Year 12 cohort into what will be a demanding year of challenges and successes.

Year 10 & 11 students commence on Monday 1 February.

Achieving in 2016

Senior College requires commitment from students to succeed. This commitment begins with attendance – if you are not at school you cannot pass and succeed. At TSC we have a minimum attendance requirement of 90%. This is the **minimum**.

Low attendance results in poor results at Senior College. As parents you can support both your child and the school by making your child attend every day – sometimes this is easy, sometime this is hard – but the end result of getting your child to school every day will pay off for them – **for the rest of their lives**.

Enrolments

We have had many enrolment enquiries since the office re-opened on Wednesday 27 January. At this stage we have planned on 420 students for 2016 although, given the number of enquiries we have had, this number may grow over the next weeks. Our building limitations mean that we can comfortably fit around 450 students on site in 2016.

New staff, more support in 2016

We welcome a number of new staff to the college this year. Our biggest change is in Student Well-Being. Our new Well Being team of Kate Andrews, Kessia Ianzano, Nunzio Guintas, Malia Seumalu and David Ayual are here to support all our community both in and out of school. The team can't wait to meet and work with our school community.



Josie Mineo and Nahide Dolu have returned from Family Leave this year as well and we welcome Stephen Baker & Alex Harrison to our teaching staff.

Suzie Gerada – who all families will know well – has been promoted to Assistant Principal and joins Michael & Rosa in our Principal Team. Suzie's focus is on Student Engagement and Well-Being.

New Building and our goal for 2016

Our Well-Being Centre opened for students on day one. This building houses our Well-Being staff and is designed as a place to support our students when required. The Centre has small meeting rooms that offer confidentiality when required and great open spaces for group meetings and activities. Students are encouraged to visit the Well-Being team whenever they need to.

Our major goal for 2016 in a building sense however is Stage 2 funding in the May 2016 State Budget. It is well past the time that we should have received this money to finish the building of our school. School Council and the Principal Team will continue to work hard to achieve this goal in the early part of 2016.

Parent Involvement at TSC

Our first parent meetings occur on 10 February with our Yr10 parents 'meet the teachers' session and the Year 12 Parent Evening where we present Year 12s with their 2016 jackets. Our first Parent/Teacher/Student interview day is on 8 March. We look forward to seeing all our parents at these events.

All staff at TSC look forward to working with our students and families in 2016.

Michael Fawcett, Rosa Marchionda & Suzie Gerada
Principal Team