

Tarneit Senior College Newsletter – June 2016

Reports

Semester One reports have been mailed home to all families. The reports are the summary of your child's work during semester one at TSC. Many students have excelled whilst some have not achieved as well as they, or we, would have hoped for at the start of 2016.

It is vital that you discuss the report with your child. There are always reasons behind every result. Have they worked hard enough? Did they stay back for help after school? Did they ask questions when unsure of a topic in class?

Use your child's report as the basis for their work in Semester two – keep up the good work or reflect and come back for term 3 with a focus on improvement.



P-Plate drivers and the law

A major life achievement for young adults is attaining their Drivers Licence. This point usually occurs during one of the hardest years of their lives – Year 12. **What a combination!** With a driver's licence comes great responsibility. We have reminded our young drivers of their legal requirements in relation to speed, number of passengers they are allowed to have in their cars and other general behaviours they must observe as road users. We want no Hoon drivers in TSC uniforms. We ask that parents also make road safety a topic of conversation around the dinner table.

Holidays

Holidays are about to start of all students. For our Year 12 students this is really the last 'holiday' they will have until exams finish in November. It is a time to relax...but to also keep brains ticking over. There will be some holiday classes for Year 12 students to attend here at the college. Whilst these are not compulsory; we recommend your child attends for that extra help that leads into producing a good ATAR.

90%

It's NOT OK to be away...or to be late to school

One of the key focuses for Term 3 at TSC will be improving our attendance rates. Whilst the great majority of our students attend above the 90% minimum required to pass their subjects at TSC; there are too many of our students arriving late each day or failing to attend to even the minimum level; these students fail.

Please support us by getting your child to school on time every day.



No Bullying at TSC

Like all schools; at TSC there is zero tolerance of bullying. As a community however we realise that on occasion bullying will occur. The consequences for bullying are severe. If you are concerned your child may be the victim of bullying we urge you to take action immediately and contact the college. Warning signs to look for include:

- Your child being unwilling to go to school or finding excuses to miss school
- Your child becoming withdrawn or avoiding social situations
- Your child being upset after using social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat or Instagram

As a community we must all work together to ensure bullying is not accepted in any form at any time.

Contact Numbers

The college must be able to contact parents/guardians in times of emergency. To do this effectively we must have current contact numbers. Please ensure you contact our office staff to update any contact details should they change during the course of the year. We also have an alarming number of students who do not know their home or parent phone numbers. A gentle push from home to know these numbers may be required. A flat battery on a mobile phone should not result in a young person not knowing how to contact home!

Work Experience

Students have the opportunity to complete Work Experience placements at any time of the school year (outside of exam periods). The preferred time for this is the last week of Term 3. Year 10 students interested in organising a Work Experience placement must see either Ben or Tanya in our Careers office.

Winter Uniform wearing

It's getting cold; this does not mean wearing hoodies or other non-uniform items is ok! Our uniform requirements are clear at Tarneit Senior. Students arriving out of uniform are instructed to remove any non-uniform items or return home to get changed into correct school uniform.

The holiday break is the perfect time to organise new uniform for your child so that they arrive in correct uniform day one Term 3.

Contact the college well-being team if you require support in purchasing uniform for your child.

School Holidays

Term 2 concludes at 2.00pm on Friday 24 June. Term 3 commences on Monday 11 July. We wish all our students a great holiday!

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Principal Team