



# Tarneit College Newsletter

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## 2017 Arts Evening

Our most popular annual event is on next week. The 2017 Arts Evening highlights the amazing artistic work of our students. We hope to see everyone come along for a night of art and culture – TSC style. Thursday 14 September from 6pm.

## College Council Student Representatives

We are pleased to announce that two TSC students now sit as members of our College Council. Yr10 student Darnell and Yr11 student Raiane attend and represent our student cohort. They are valued additions to our Council who have already had an impact.

## Stage Two Building about to commence!

After 6 years, I am finally able to write...**building is about to commence**...the college will soon ring to the sounds of construction as our long awaited stadium, performing arts auditorium, indoor student café, VET Food Tech classrooms, library, office spaces and administration are created.

All students will receive a Health and Safety Induction related to the building works. This induction will primarily focus on an instruction for all students to remain **outside** of the construction fences at all times.

Construction will not affect our existing spaces for the majority of the building program.

## Tarneit P-9 STEM night.

Many of our students volunteered at Tarneit P-9's STEM event recently. It was fantastic to see our students so positive and supportive of the little kids they were working with. We have some impending teachers in our cohort! It was so great to see so many of our young people representing the College in this community event!



## Tutors

Tarneit Senior College and Tarneit P-9 College have been collaborating since their inception through backwards designed curriculum and common practices, ensuring continuity and success for students throughout their educational journey.

This year, the students are getting involved. Students from Tarneit Senior College will be tutoring high achievers from Year 5 to 7, building a greater connection between the two schools. The partnership has a two-fold outcome. Senior students get leadership opportunities and the P-9 students are able to get a taste of what they will be learning when arrive at TSC.



## 2018 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2018 school year have commenced. It is anticipated we will have approximately 630 students at TSC in 2018 meaning spaces will be limited. Families considering enrolling at TSC for 2018 need to act fast. Priority is given to families for whom TSC is the closest school to home and who live in our '**Designated Neighbourhood Area**'. We ask existing families with friends or neighbours planning to enrol 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.

## Super Essra!

Yr10 student Essra attended a theatre production of 'Diary of a Wombat' at the Wyndham Cultural Centre in August this year. This was part of Essra's literacy programme and was an exciting excursion for Essra as she has been listening to the audio version of the story written by Jackie French. Essra is pictured here with her Education Support, Mary.



## House Assemblies

Our most recent House assemblies provided an opportunity for students to recognise the powerful link between the College values of **integrity, innovation & focus**, and their individual and collective performance - as well as providing an opportunity to win House Points.

Balak House took first place in the 'Focus Funnel' activity, with Chirnside House winning both the 'Inside innovation' and 'Intertwined integrity' activities. This resulted in Chirnside moving to first place for the term lead while Gillard continues their overall year lead.



## Foodies

Year 11 Food Students have been working on designing & developing a food solution in response to a possible need in an aspect of the food industry. They have each produced a tapas-style food product taking into consideration a list of specifications. Some of the constraints were that the tapas had to have 'on-trend' ingredients & flavours, be served hot & be healthy. While some students nailed most of the specifications, some need to work on the 'healthy aspect'. Below are some of their creations. Mary B



### **Parent Opinion Survey...Student Opinion...Staff Opinion**

Our 2017 Parent Opinion Survey closed recently, thanks to all those families who were able to give us feedback through the survey. Students have completed their survey and staff are completing theirs now. The data we obtain from the surveys helps us plan for our future.

### **Year 12 Studio Arts excursion**

Yr12 studio arts class went to visit the Hokusai exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne CBD recently. Students learnt about the arts industry and what is involved in running an exhibition. We also went to the Dirty Dozen Gallery underground Flinders St Station and compared this artist run space with the massive scale of the Hokusai exhibition. It is great that students get to go on interesting excursions in art but it is greater that they learn about how many careers there are in the arts industry, such as exhibition design, art conservation and curation.



### **Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences**

Thanks to those families who attended our Parent/Teacher/Student conferences on 29 August. Unfortunately, attendance was lower than anticipated. These days are a large commitment for a school and unless we can get the majority of families attending – the day is not viable. We will be reviewing the structure of the day and will look to a new format for the way we communicate face to face with our families in 2018.

These days form a vital part of your child's education and we thank those parents able to attend on the day.

### **VCE Legal Studies Court Visit**

Our Yr11 Legal Studies student recently attended Magistrate Court as part of their studies. Students had the opportunity to listen to real criminal and civil cases. Students also had the opportunity to speak to a Magistrate and find out about careers in the court system.



### **Year 12 - Exam Preparation**

We have 7 weeks until the first VCE Yr12 Exam.... Is your child revising? It is vital that Yr12 students not only complete set work in class, but that they are also studying hard and revising their work. End of year exams test students on all the work they have completed during yr12. The next two months must be the hardest your Yr12 child has ever worked – both at school and at home.

### **VCAL Garden Project**

VCAL students have been working hard this term in the vegetable garden growing silverbeet, spring onion, parsley and other herbs. The produce will be donated to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Footscray. In addition, they have been using some of the herbs from the garden in cooking sessions at school and making lunches for staff.



### **VCAL activity days at Tarneit P-9**

Intermediate and Senior VCAL students organized two days with the primary kids from the local P-9 doing some physical activities and games. The P-9 kids enjoyed the activities and the interaction with our senior students. It was also beneficial for our senior students to practice their leadership and communication skills.

### **Year 12 Jackets 2018**

Students in our VCAL class have been working very hard organising 2018 Year 12 Jackets for students. Yr12 Jackets have become the most popular way of highlighting the hard work and commitment required to succeed at the highest level in a secondary school. All 2018 Yr12 students will be able to purchase their jacket prior to the end of 2017 to ensure the jackets are ready for students at the start of 2018.

### **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!

### **Parking on Begonia Rd**

Please park your car on the school side of Begonia Rd if visiting the college for a meeting. Our neighbours are having their driveways blocked too often. Students with cars have been asked to make sure they park on 'our' side of the street each day to prevent our neighbour's driveways being blocked. Please use the service road on Leakes Rd for drop off & pick up.

### **Arriving late to school = detention**

Arriving late to school is symptomatic of a student being disorganised. These students struggle to cope with the demands of senior schooling and fall behind as they miss regular starts of classes. If your child is a regular 'sleeper-in', we ask that you support us by encouraging them to get up and get to school on time.

Late students who do not have a valid reason for their lateness receive lunchtime detentions. No one likes detention! – It can be avoided by arriving on time each day.

### **Holidays – Term ends Friday 22 September 2017 at 2.00pm**

Holidays are an important time for students to relax and recharge. For our Year 12s however – this last ever school holiday needs to be a time of work – revising for exams which start in late October must occur. Teachers will also be organising holiday classes in a number of subjects that we recommend your child attend.

For our Yr10 & 11 student holidays need to be holidays! – but it is also great time to catch up on work not done. Stay safe!

### **Term 4 commences – Monday 9 October.**