



Tarneit College Newsletter

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Tarneit is great

On behalf of the staff at Tarneit Senior, we welcome our students to the 2018 school year. Hello to our existing and new families as well!

We will have all read, seen and heard the negative press and social media commentary about our community over the summer holiday period. It was not only inaccurate, overblown and defamatory but also racist. Targeting a particular section of the community because of the actions of a tiny minority is not something we should expect to see from the media and our elected politicians, but we have in this instance.

At the same time the media was denigrating young people in our community, we had students completing summer school at The University of Melbourne, students working part-time in our community, our 2017 Year 12 graduates received fantastic university & TAFE offers in mid-January, students studying in preparation for 2018 and students overseas on holiday discovering the world. Great kids doing great things.

At our school, everyone is treated with respect. No one is targeted and no one is judged by his or her background, culture or what the media is saying about them. At our school – you are defined by your actions and your decisions. Our staff are here to support all students to achieve their goals. We will continue to be a supportive environment for our students in 2018.

On the rare occasions when a student of our school makes a poor decision – either at school or in our community – they receive consequences for their actions.

The Education Department has asked me to join two groups related to the youth offending issues highlighted over the summer months. My role on these groups is to ensure education remains a focus in regard to any recommendations these taskforces make in relation to supporting young people in our community and Victoria to do the right thing.

2018 is our seventh year as a school; it will be another great year for our students as our amazing new buildings are constructed.

Michael Fawcett
Principal