

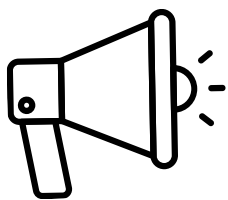


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TYRRELL TIMES



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday December 15
Activities week commences
Wednesday December 17
Presentation night
Thursday December 18
Last day of Term 4- 1.30pm
dismissal
Friday December 19
Pupil free day
(Last day of Term 4 for staff)
Tuesday January 27, 2026
Pupil free day
(First day of Term 1 for staff)
Wednesday January 28
Pupil free day
Thursday January 29
First day Term 1 for students

Term Dates

Term 1: 29 Jan - 4 April
Term 2: 22 Apr - 4 July
Term 3: 21 Jul - 19 Sep
Term 4: 6 Oct - 19 Dec

Purpose Statement & Values

To provide a safe, positive and
challenging environment where
everyone aspires to aim high and
become responsible, caring and
contributing community members.

Respect
Responsibility
Honesty
Aim High

Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the Wergaia peoples as the traditional custodians of the lands upon which Tyrrell College is situated. We pay our respects to their elders – past, present, and emerging – and we acknowledge their deep care of the lands we live on. We also acknowledge that for tens of thousands of years our First Nation's peoples have engaged in – and passed on – excellent teaching and learning practices on the spaces upon which our community members learn today.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Tyrrell College Community,

We extend our sincere congratulations to Faith McKenzie on her selection as the 2026 Primary School Captain. We are confident that Faith will demonstrate exemplary leadership and represent our school with honour.

I would also like to express my appreciation to all staff for their continued commitment to delivering a meaningful program for the students attending this week. We look forward to a fun and engaging week of activities next week.

Sally Naylor Principal

The Tyrrell College Community is pleased to announce that this year's Dux is **Jenna Alday** with an ATAR of 88.45. Congratulations to Jenna on her effort and achievement this year.

We are extremely proud of all our Year 12s and their results and wish them all the very best in the coming weeks with University offers.

We also celebrate and congratulate our VM students who have all secured either full-time employment or apprenticeships.

We wish you all the best on the path that lies ahead and look forward to hearing about all your future endeavours.

CONGRATULATIONS!



2026 SCHOOL CAPTAINS



2026 School Captains:
and Georgia McClelland



2026 Primary
School Captain:
Faith McKenzie



Congratulations!

FOUNDATION, GRADE 1/2 EXCURSION



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On November 25, the Foundation to Year 2 students set off on their Bendigo excursion. We waved goodbye to our parents and left very early to make sure we could have the biggest and most exciting day possible. We sang so many songs on the bus with DJ Johnston on the tunes! We stopped for a quick food break before our first activity.

Our first adventure was Jumpz trampoline park, we put our socks on and got jumping. We ducked and dove in the dodgeball area, where there may have been some competitive students (and staff). Before hitting the ball pit, there was a question about whether someone had ever been lost in there and how to get them out! Luckily, we didn't have to figure that out! There were some amazing acrobatics and daredevils, especially when they were able to get onto the wall ledge, which was much higher than it looked once up there.

We then had some lunch near the Discovery Centre and took some time to catch our breath. We were introduced to our guide at Discovery, given an outline of our schedule and the different rules we had to follow. We started by visiting the planetarium, which was mesmerising! "Wow", "That's crazy", and many other astonished comments could be heard throughout the talk, it was amazing to move through the universe. The students then explored the exhibit floor with so many optical illusions, exploration of forces and interactive activities. Then came the final experience, the vertical slide! There were so many brave students and staff who went down the slide, with some screaming on the way down.

After our long day, we hopped back on the bus and began to head back to Sea Lake, stopping along the way. We collected our pizza dinner and then settled down for the night, watching a movie. After the Foundation and Year 1's left, the Grade 2's got ready for the sleepover. We set up our beds, brushed our teeth and read our books before the lights were turned off.

Thank you to all staff who helped organise the day and made this a very memorable experience for all involved.

-Miss Rachael Slattery

Year 9/10

SURF CAMP



Year 9/10

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On December 1, 21 students travelled to Torquay with Griff, Mrs Wright and Tarsh to participate in the 4 day surf camp. The Year 9 and 10 camp to Torquay had a chilly start as we drove through wind and rain to attend our first surfing lesson. Wetsuits kept us warm in the water as we attempted to stand on our boards and catch some waves, but the cold certainly set in by the time we travelled back to camp in wet bathers and towels. Thankfully, hot showers and gas heaters were on hand. With each surfing lesson, confidence grew and more students were standing on their boards and riding the surf to the shore. The students were very supportive of one another during and after the activities.

The bike ride along the coastline between Anglesea and Torquay was a favourite for many with different challenges along the way, beginning with technical riding over rocks, between trees and around tight corners. The area opened up, and so did the riders as they accelerated along the undulating track surrounded by ever changing scenery. Rest stops at lookout points was a welcomed opportunity to rest some weary legs, share near misses.

We were grateful for warmer weather but not on the day we went to the Chocolaterie; although, the heat did not hold anyone back from buying plenty of delicious chocolate. The journey to Erskine Falls was completely different to the familiar seaside environment as we made the short walk down far too many stairs to the stunning waterfall. Students traversed the stream and, for the most part, tried to avoid getting wet but we all know how slippery those rocks can be and a few made the inevitable splash into the drink. No bruised egos, just lots of laughter.

Night-time activities consisted of cricket games, football matches, relaxing, eating ice-cream and watching TV.

It was a great four days away with classmates and staff, students were extremely well behaved all week and had a blast completing the activities. A big 'thank you' goes out to all involved in making it happen.

-Mrs Fiona Wright and Mr Kerrin Griffiths

Tyrrell College

2025 PRESENTATION AWARDS CEREMONY

Date:

Wednesday December 17, 2025

Time:

6 pm

Location:

Sea Lake Community Centre

**Students Foundation-Year 11 are to wear school uniform*



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ALL WELCOME!



Tyrrell College Parents and Friends **Christmas Raffle**



Tyrrell College Parents and Friends are seeking donations for the annual Christmas hamper raffle, to be drawn at Presentation night.

Any donations big or small are appreciated and can be dropped at the Front Office at Tyrrell College.

We appreciate your donations!



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ACTIVITIES WEEK

2025

F-5

**MON
15**

POPCORN,
SLUSHIES &
MOVIES
(FUNDED BY PARENTS AND FRIENDS)

WHOLE SCHOOL
SWIMMING

**TUES
16**

MAKING CHRISTMAS TABLE
SETTING

SCAVENGER HUNT / PANCAKE
MAKING

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS
LUNCH

JUST DANCE
DANCE OFF

**WED
17**

CHRISTMAS CRAFT

TEAM CHALLENGES

**PRESENTATION
EVENING**

**THU
18**

WHOLE SCHOOL
CLEAN UP

END OF YEAR
CELEBRATIONS

ACTIVITIES WEEK

2025

6-7

**MON
15**

POPCORN,
SLUSHIES &
MOVIES
(FUNDED BY PARENTS AND FRIENDS)

WHOLE SCHOOL
SWIMMING

**TUES
16**

CHRISTMAS BON BONS

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS
LUNCHEON

MINUTE TO WIN IT & OTHER TEAM
CHALLENGES

**WED
17**

TIE DYING WITH MEL KELLY

DAMO'S DEN - CALL OF DUTY
AND OTHER TECH FUN

**PRESENTATION
EVENING**

**THU
18**

WHOLE SCHOOL CLEAN
UP

DAMO'S TECH DEN

ACTIVITIES WEEK

2025

8-9

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15**

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SWIMMING

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HAPPY



BIRTHDAY

December 10-
Georgia McClelland

Expression of Interest – 2026 Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

We are gathering expressions of interest for the 2026 OSHC program, beginning Term 1, Week 3. Please complete the form below so we can determine the most popular days and finalise our schedule. The two most popular days will become the official OSHC operating days. Cost of this program will be free until the program is registered with the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) assistance program. After which eligibility and subsidy amount will depend on family circumstances and income.

Student Details

Student Name: _____

Year Level (2026): _____

Preferred Days of Attendance

☐ Monday

☐ Tuesday

☐ Wednesday

☐ Thursday

☐ Friday

Preferred Session Time

☐ 3:00pm – 5:00pm

☐ 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Parent/Guardian Contact

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return to Tyrrell College front office or email through to

Emily.johnston2@education.vic.gov.au by **Wednesday 17th of December 2025.**

Thank you for your input! Your preferences will help us finalise the OSHC schedule for 2026.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Sea Lake and District Community Centre Inc
needs your help!

Built in the early 80s by the community, the complex
is an ageing building in need of desperate repair!

Please help us implement the first stage of the
Master Plan:

Heating and cooling, the stadium floor.

FOR GRAIN DONATIONS - NGR: 15173203

DONATIONS - BSB: 63300 ACC: 111544698

Thank you! All inquiries please contact
Terry Cox 0427792394

SCHOOL HOLIDAY GYMNASTICS CAMP

Birchip P-12 College - 43-47 Campbell Street, Birchip 3483

3 HALF DAY CAMP

Day 1 –

9am – 11am – Uneven Bars & Parallel Bars Workshop

11am – 1pm – Rhythmic & Floor Workshop

Day 2 –

9am – 11am – Tumbling & Trampolining Workshop

11am – 1pm – Dance Gymnastics & Acrobatics

Day 3 –

9am – 11am – Rings & Trampolining Workshop

11am – 1pm – Beam & Balance Workshop

BYO – Lunch, Water Bottle, Snacks etc – Icy poles will be provided on hot days.

For more information contact: Rachael 0434207806