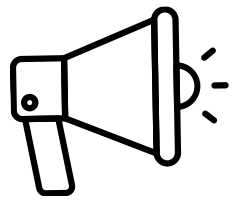


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Acknowledgement
 We acknowledge the Wergaia peoples as the traditional custodians of the lands upon which Tyrrell College is situated. We pay our respects to their elders – past, present, and emerging – and we acknowledge their deep care of the lands 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday February 24**
School photos
 - Wednesday February 25**
Foundation day off
Secondary Mallee Division
swimming
 - Thursday February 26**
Year 8 Outdoor Ed excursion
 - Tuesday March 03**
Year 7 Retreat
 - Tuesday March 03**
Foundation Special Assembly
 - Monday March 9**
Pupil Free Day- Labour Day
Public Holiday
 - Tuesday March 10**
Primary and Secondary
Regional Swimming
- Term Dates
 Term 1: 29 Jan - 2 April
 Term 2: 20 Apr - 26 June
 Term 3: 13 Jul - 18 Sep
 Term 4: 5 Oct - 18 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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our **2026 Leadership Structure** has been established and is detailed below.

Principal	Sally Sally.Naylor@education.vic.gov.au
Learning Specialists x 2	Lana and Simone
Secondary	= Lana
Primary	= Simone

- Key roles**
- Curriculum - Vic.Curric 2.0, Instruction & Assessment
 - Staff Mentoring
 - School Improvement Team (SIT)
 - Victorian Teaching & Learning Model 2.0

Coordinators: Supporting the 'Silo'

Primary	Silo	Year F - Y6	Wendy
Secondary	Silo	Year 7 – 9	Fiona
Secondary	Silo	Year 10 – 12	Louise
VCE Exams			Lana

- Key roles**
- leading and managing the implementation of whole-school improvement initiatives
 - provide a child safe environment in accordance with the child safe standards
 - leading and managing the implementation of the school operations and policies
 - responsibility for general discipline matters beyond the management of classroom teachers
 - contributing to the overall leadership and management of the school (SIT)
 - assessing attendance data and referral to well-being
 - negotiating Teacher Assistant's (TA) timetable with well-being leads
 - collaborating with the Wellbeing team
 - coordinating Year 6 Completion Celebration, K – F & 6-7 transitions, Year 12 Celebrations including Year 12 Lunch and Valedictory

Well-Being Leader - Rashall Roberts – currently on leave from Tyrrell College and employed as the Regional Disability Co Ordinator | Health Wellbeing and Specialist Services| Mallee

Disability & Inclusion Lead	Stacey
Registered Professional Career Development Practitioner	Sue
Education Support Class/Teacher Assistant team lead	Jac
Business Manager – Administration	Trudy

Kind Regards, Sally Naylor - Principal



On Friday the 6th of February F-2 students brought their favourite stuffed toys to school to participate in a Teddy Bear Picnic. We started off the day by meeting everyone's teddies and learning why they were special to us, we did some teddy dancing, colouring in pages, counting and we even had some sweet treats at recess when we had our own picnic! There was a lot of happy faces by the end of the day. Thank you to Carol and Alicia for providing some delicious food for everyone to share. And thank you to the F-2 students for making it a fun day!



VCE Ag & Hort

Innovations and Technology Unit

On Wednesday, our VCE Agriculture & Horticulture students travelled to the Tatura SmartFarm as part of their Innovations and Technology unit.

Tatura SmartFarm is one of Victoria's leading agricultural research hubs, where new technologies are developed, tested and demonstrated under real production conditions. It plays a vital role in helping farmers respond to challenges such as climate change, food security and food waste by translating cutting-edge research into practical industry solutions.

Throughout the day, students heard from expert guest speakers and explored a wide range of innovations currently being trialled. They were introduced to the principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), including how biological controls are used to reduce chemical reliance while maintaining productivity.

Out in the orchard, students observed:

- The orchard “sun dial” direction trial
- Narrow versus wider row spacing comparisons
- Agrovoltatics – solar panels positioned above fruit trees for dual land use
- Water sensor and drip irrigation technology
- Digital mapping and data collection systems
- Isochill cold storage technology, which reduces oxygen levels to extend shelf life and minimise food waste

While the robotic harvester was unfortunately away on the day, there was still plenty of innovation in action!

It was a full and valuable learning experience, with Archie, Cooper and Nate gaining first-hand insights that will directly support their upcoming SAC. Seeing how research partnerships turn ideas into real-world solutions gave students a deeper understanding of how innovation drives environmental, economic and social sustainability in Australia's food and fibre industries.

A big thank you to the team at Tatura SmartFarm for hosting us and sharing their expertise.

-Miss Kellie Matthews

UCC Ag & Hort

Innovations and Technology Unit



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy birthday to the students who are celebrating a birthday this week!

February 20- Dean

Messer

Seth P.

February 22- Ryley

Taken Moments

Friday, February 20

Foundation/1- Zoe
Grade 2/3/4- Mayah
Grade 5/6- Gabriella
Year 7- Brooklyn
Year 8- Charlotte
Year 9- Seth.P
Year 10- Mia.A
Year 11- Darcey
Year 12- Jada

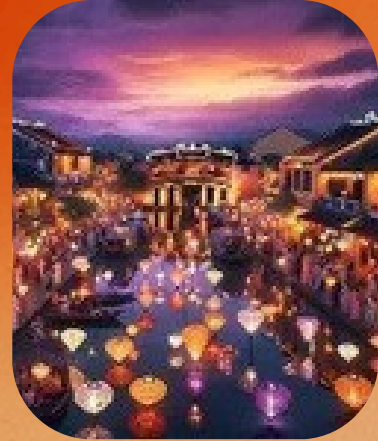
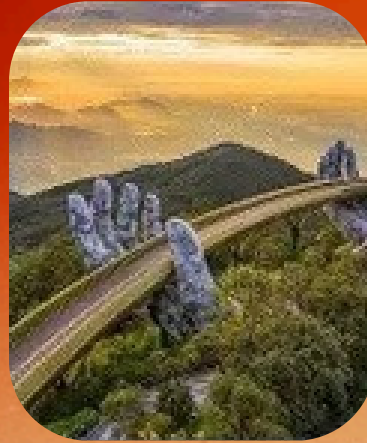
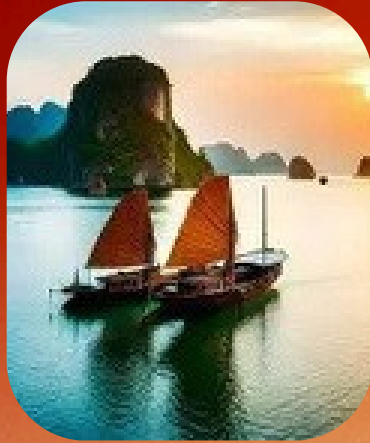




2027 CAMP

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Pack Your Bags Tyrrell College is heading to
beautiful Vietnam!



Hoi Chi Minh War Tunnels Halong Bay Golden Bridge Hoi An -City of Lanterns

After the huge success of the 2025 overseas Darwin/Singapore Camp, we are planning another breath-taking experience for the senior students at Tyrrell College.

We are seeking expressions of interest from students for a potential camp to Vietnam. Indicating interest is not a commitment to attend. Estimated cost is \$5,500 per person to be held in March Holidays 2027, with final dates and costs to be confirmed. Early responses will help with planning and fundraising.

**For more information or to put your name
on the list please contact Trudy Symes**

This camp will only go ahead pending student interest



Year 10 Science Work Experience Program



MONASH
University

The Monash University Science Work Experience Program offers secondary students in Year 10 a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of all things Science.

22 June – 26 June Physics & Astronomy

28 September – 1 October Mathematics, or Earth, Atmosphere & Environment

Applications Close – Monday 2nd March (Please note applications may close early due to high demand).

For Further Information Visit:

www.monash.edu/science/future-students/your-essential-guide-domestic-students/year-10-science-work-experience

School to Work Portal

The place to find workplace learning opportunities.

Find opportunities for structured workplace learning (SWL), school-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SBATs) and work experience (WE) with Victorian employers across the state.

Visit:

<https://workplacements.education.vic.gov.au/>

Year 11 & 12 Discover Monash – MYSci



Wednesday 8th – Friday 11th April

MYSci is an immersive three-day science program designed for students in **Years 11 & 12**. Delivered at Monash University's Clayton Campus, the program offers participants a unique opportunity to engage deeply with science in a university research environment.

Cost: \$125

For Further Information Visit:

www.monash.edu/science/news-events/events/2026/mysci

Are you Interested In A Career In Disability/Individual Support?



WhatsMyFuture is a fantastic resource that features video interviews ('a day in the life of') to help everyday people understand what a career in disability/individual support could look like.

www.whatsmyfuture.com.au

Discover ACU Ballarat Campus



Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy

Monday April 13th, 10am – 12:30pm

Take part in a hands-on workshop & get a feel for the practical skills you'll develop as a future occupational therapist or physiotherapist.

Teaching & Education

Monday 13th April, 1:30pm – 4:00pm

Take part in a hands-on workshop where you'll gain practical insights into what it's like to study early childhood, primary and secondary education at ACU.

Nursing & Paramedicine

Friday 17th April, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Take part in hands-on workshops and get a feel for the practical skills you'll develop as a future nurse or paramedic.

www.acu.edu.au/events

Bendigo School Holiday Talk & Tours



This is your chance to meet a course expert & find out what it's like to study with La Trobe. Meet our student ambassadors & take a Campus tour.

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bendigo-campus-talk-tours-april-2026-tickets-1982408457060

Monday 13th April

10:00am – 11:45am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursing & Midwifery Occupational Therapy & Speech Pathology
11:45am – 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biomedical Science Biomedical Sci (Medical) Paramedicine Engineering
1:30pm – 3:15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science & Pharmacy Physiotherapy & Exercise Science

Tuesday 14th April

10:00am – 11:45am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dentistry & Oral Health
1:30pm – 3:15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psychology & Social Work

Wednesday 15th April

10:00am – 11:45am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law & Criminology Outdoor & Sustainability
11:45am – 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Business/Accounting
1:30pm – 3:15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Arts Information Technology

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Sue Clay 

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