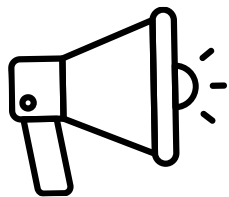




TYRRELL TIMES



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

Wednesday May 20

**Cyber Safety Parent Session
6-7pm**

Thursday May 21

**Cyber Safety Student Session
Yrs 5-12**

Tuesday June 2

**Primary and Secondary Regional
Cross Country**

Friday June 5

SRC Big Freeze

Monday June 8

Kings Birthday Pupil Free Day

Monday June 15

Year 9-10 exams commence

Tuesday June 16

Pupil free day years F-10

GAT years 11-12

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

Today is 'Education Support Staff Acknowledgment Day' across the state. At Tyrrell College the ESS staff perform all of the organisation and management tasks, they also support the students and teaching staff. They are a support and confidant, and always make time to check-in and make sure we're all ok.

Thank you.

*These are our crew; they do the behind-the-scenes work
They make the school function with more than just talk.
Their expertise is appreciated by all of us here
They keep the school running year after year.
In stripes, or in costumes to match with the themes
Their smiles and good grace are always part of the scene.
The bus folders are amended many times every day
and they provide the stickers to keep the nerves at bay.
They work one on one or with a student or two
And whip up a food spread for more than a few.
If a student turns up and they're tired or snappy
The ESS provide the words to help them feel happy.
Every ESS and TA is valued and they provide us support
Thank you for everything we really appreciate your work!*



Jordie – Public Relations, Media manager, newsletter and administration
Jac – Teacher Assistant, ESS/TA timetables, wellbeing appointments, teacher in training
Selina - Teacher assistant and events catering
Carol – School nurse, Band-Aid provider
Shani – Teacher Assistant, teacher in training
Rene – Teacher Assistant and Intervention teacher
Tarsh – Teacher Assistant, VET, careers, Healthy Breakfast Club
Nicole – Well-being and administration
Burch- (Andrea) – Finance, Invoicing, receipting, and administration
Steph – Teacher Assistant, Library, kitchen and shared little lunch timetable
Trudy – Business Manager, Building & Grounds, Buses, Finance and administration
Alicia - Teacher Assistant, teacher in training, primary portfolio production
Tony – Maintenance, Mr. Fix-It
Wayne – Gardening, trimming and mowing

Congratulations to the 2026 Debutants, and everyone who ensured this event was so successful, the beautiful memories and photos will be treasured.

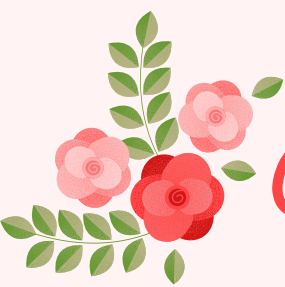
A special acknowledgment this week to the Years 10, 11 and 12 English students. Louise has very high expectations for our students and has shared that they have been legends this week, providing her with an abundance of writing to read and provide feedback for consideration.

It's impressive to witness them becoming independent writers, building stamina and improving their craft. We know our students are capable, and the teachers at Tyrrell are always prepared to provide enrichment and extension opportunities, or additional tutoring, to support student growth.

Kind Regards,

Sally Naylor
Principal

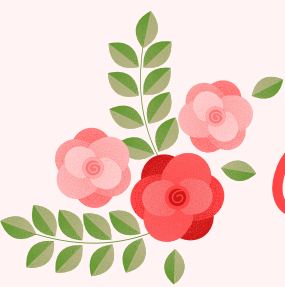




Mothers Day Celebration

On Friday May 8 we celebrated all our mothers, grandmothers and special friends with a delicious breakfast of egg and bacon muffins, coffee and tea. Thank you to everyone who was busy cooking up a storm on the morning of the event and to Selina and Mel for organising. The breakfast was followed by an amazing performance by our Primary students. We hope you all had a wonderful Mothers Day!





Mothers Day Celebration



VCE *Ag/Hort*

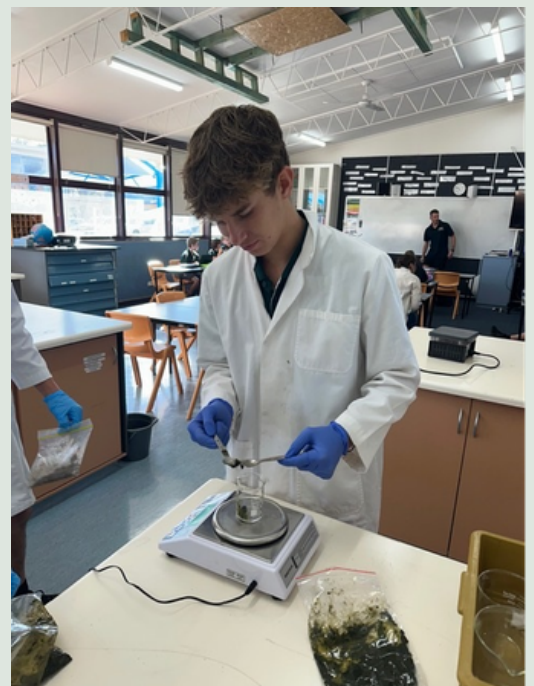
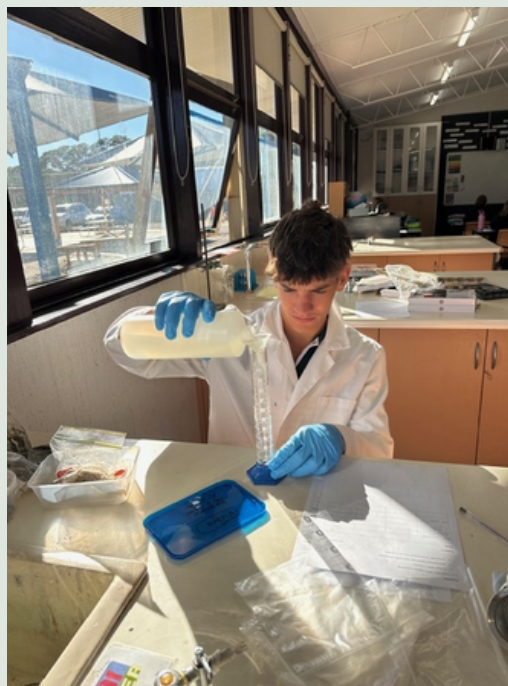
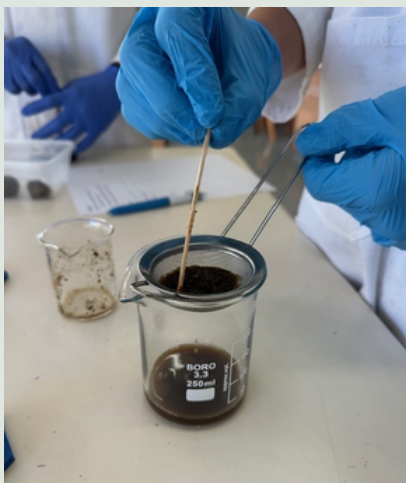


VCE Unit 3 & 4 Agricultural and Horticultural Studies students shown here developing their practical skills as part of their Risks and Resilience Area of study. At the end of last term, the students conducted a Faecal Egg Count (FEC) practical investigation using sheep manure samples to determine worm burdens in livestock. The activity allowed students to apply their understanding of parasites, monitoring techniques and integrated pest management decisions while using scientific equipment.

Students also headed into the paddock to conduct weed counts using quadrats to monitor weed density and assess potential impacts on crop production. Archie is pictured collecting field data as part of the class investigation into weeds and resistance management strategies.

These practical activities help students connect classroom theory with real-world agricultural practices while preparing for their School Assessed Coursework (SAC).

-Kellie Matthews



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 15- Callum

May 17- Milton



School Cleaner Wanted

Tyrrell College is seeking a cleaner for the school. Please contact Jess at **O'Shea Cleaning and Support Services** if you are interested. A current ***working with children and police check*** are required.



(03) 50 001 705



enquiries@osheaservices.com.au



Reading awards



50 nights

Harry

Baden

Matilda

Eva

Lacey

Charlotte

75 nights

Riley

100 nights

Evie



Taken Moments

Friday, May 15

Foundation/1- Baden

Grade 2/3/4- Bryn

Year 7- Tana-Mia

Year 9- Miley

Year 10- Mia



GAT

(General Achievement Test)

This year, the GAT (General Achievement Test) will be held on **Tuesday 16 June**. The GAT assesses students skills in Mathematics, Science Technology, the Arts and Humanities.

The GAT consists of two parts:

1. Section A

assesses skills in literacy (reading and writing) and numeracy and runs for 2hrs 15mins (15mins reading and 2 hours writing). It is composed of one writing task with two parts, 50 numeracy multiple choice questions and 50 literacy multiple choice questions.

2. Section B

assesses general knowledge and skills in mathematics, science, technology, the arts and humanities and runs for 1hr 45 mins in length (15mins reading and 1.5hrs writing). It is composed of one extended writing task, 25 mathematics, science and technology multiple choice questions and 25 arts and humanities multiple choice questions.

There is a **2 hour break between Sections A and B during which time students will be provided with lunch.**

Who has to sit the GAT?

Any student enrolled in one or more VCE or scored VCE VET Units 3-4 sequence is expected to complete both Section A and B of the GAT.

Students enrolled in one or more VCE VM Units 3-4 sequence are expected to complete Section A only, unless they have previously met the literacy and numeracy standards.

GAT preparation

Miss Pearce and Miss Angwin have offered the option of completing additional GAT preparation sessions in the lead up to the GAT. Information regarding these will be communicated to students once dates and times are confirmed.

On the day

students need to bring a clear drink bottle with no label or writing

students need to bring a scientific calculator, pens, pencils, sharpener, ruler, highlighters and eraser.

students must have a dictionary (supplied by the school)

students must wear school uniform

All students have been provided with a GAT Information for students brochure in hard copy today which includes the VCAA examination rules.

If you have any questions about the GAT please feel free to contact the College.

Biggest Morning Tea

Wednesday 27 May
10 to 12pm

 Morning Tea Packs Available

 Filled with sandwiches, cakes & slices

\$8 each

PRE-ORDERS ESSENTIAL

 Packs can be delivered or

 Collection available from the stall at Apex park

 All proceeds donated to **Cancer Council**

To place an order:

Contact Kellie on 0407 135 881

THE JUKE

The Juke will donate \$1 from every coffee sold to the
Biggest Morning Tea

Prepared by Tyrrell College
students and SLNHH



Please donate to my morning tea



Scan the QR code to donate.



TYRRELL COLLEGE

Your opportunity to succeed

CYBER SAFETY & ATTENDANCE

Information Sessions



Senior Constable Tania Peters will be visiting our school to deliver sessions on cyber safety and the importance of school attendance. She will be using the ThinkUKnow program, tailoring the content to meet the specific needs of our students at Tyrrell College.



**WEDNESDAY,
20TH MAY**



**PARENT
INFORMATION
SESSION**



6:00–7:00pm



**THURSDAY,
21ST MAY**

STUDENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

PERIOD 1

YEAR 10/11/12

PERIOD 2

YEAR 7/8/9

PERIOD 3

YEAR 5/6

ABOUT THINKUKNOW

ThinkUKnow is a national, evidence-based program that educates young people about online safety issues. It is delivered in partnership with the Australian Federal Police, state and territory police, and industry partners, and draws on real case studies from investigations to inform its content.



The program is presented by trained police in classrooms, creating a supportive environment where students can discuss and reflect on their online behaviours.



For more information, visit:
www.thinkuknow.org.au



For any questions or concerns,
please contact the school on
5070 2106

Career News & Opportunities



If you've wondered where you're headed after school, this one's for you. Keep the High 5 Messages of Career Development in mind to help you navigate your journey:

Embrace change

The world of work is constantly evolving, and that's actually a good thing. Staying open to new opportunities puts you ahead of the game.

Keep learning

School is just the beginning. Skills you pick up through hobbies, sport, part-time jobs, & everyday life all count.

Focus on the journey

Your career isn't a single destination; it's a lifelong adventure made up of lots of different experiences. Enjoy the ride and keep your eyes open along the way.

Know yourself

Your interests, strengths, and passions are your greatest career clues. The more you understand yourself, the better your choices will be.

Access your allies

You don't have to figure it all out alone. Family, teachers, mentors, and even your friends' parents can be your network.

National Careers Week is the perfect time to start exploring. What does your future look like? Check out some of the career events running around the country here: <https://careersweek.com.au/events/>

Apply for the National Youth Science Forum



Applications are open for current Year 11 Students for the 2027 program!

If you love science, technology, engineering, or mathematics and see yourself working in a science or technology-related field, apply for the 2027 NYSF Program to learn about STEM-related study and career paths.

In January 2027, the NYSF Year 12 Program will run at ANU, Canberra – January 6-14, and the University of Queensland – January 13-21.

The program fee is \$3,180 with an application fee of \$70. Access and Equity Scholarships are available.

www.nysf.edu.au/programs/year-12-program

Work Experience at Velocity Trucks



Velocity Truck Centres have work experience opportunities in locations across NSW, QLD, SA, VIC, and WA! Spend a week working alongside an experienced technician at a Velocity Truck Centres dealership. You'll gain experience servicing and repairing Mercedes-Benz, Freightliner, and Fuso trucks.

For further information visit:

www.velocitytruckcentres.com.au/work-experience

Bell Shakespeare Work Experience Program



Students in Year 10 and 11 are invited to apply for Work Experience at Bell Shakespeare HQ in Sydney.

The 2026 program focuses on the national touring production of Macbeth. Students will see live theatre, explore backstage, undertake group projects, listen to panel discussions, interview staff and participate in practical workshops.

Students in regional/interstate may apply but incur own travel and accommodation costs.

Applications close 30 June 2026.

Work experience week 16–20 Nov. 2026.

For further information visit:

www.bellshakespeare.com.au/work-experience

Bendigo: Defence Careers Information Session



Tuesday 19th May, 6pm - 8pm Passchendaele Barracks

Are you interested to learn about the wide range of roles available in the Navy, Army and Air Force?

Join us at an upcoming info session and speak with own experiences. You'll have the chance to ask any questions you have about Australian Defence Force careers and opportunities.

Details and Registration:

www.adfcareers.gov.au/events

Tarsh Hickey

Career Pathways/VET Co-ordinator

Sue Clay 

Careers and Pathways

Email: s.clay@ncllen.org.au

the best WAY
TO PREDICT THE FUTURE
IS to **CREATE** it.

— ABRAHAM LINCOLN



Elevate Education's Term 2

Parent Webinar Series

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

How to Help Your Child Navigate the World of AI and Study

6th May 6:30pm (AEST)

How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams

20th May 6:30pm (AEST)

How You Can Support Your Child During Exams

3rd June 6:30pm (AEST)

Ask Me Anything (Live Q&A)

17th June 6:30pm (AEST)

How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress

1st July 6:30pm (AEST)

Register today at: <https://go.elevateeducation.com/auschoolwebinars>

Great prizes to be won!



WATER-HEROES
MAKE EVERY DROP COUNT

Calling All Young Water Heroes! Design a Poster to Make a Splash

To help celebrate National Water Week, Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water is again hosting our popular poster competition. Help spread the word about water conservation with your amazing artwork!

Open to all children from early learning through primary school to Year 8.

Your mission: Create a poster that shows how we can all be Water Heroes and make every drop count!

Draw it. Paint it. Design it your way!

Entries close: 5pm, Friday 11 September
Learn more, download our free Educator Guide and fun, themed activities and submit your entry at:
nationalwaterweek.com.au



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