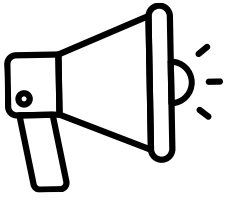




# TYRRELL TIMES



## 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

**Monday June 8**

**Kings Birthday public holiday**

**Monday June 15**

**Year 9-10 exams commence**

**Tuesday June 16**

**Pupil free day years F-10**

**GAT years 11-12**

**Monday June 22**

**Foundation Vision and Hearing Screening**

**Year 10 Work Experience commences**

**Year 11 Camp commences**

**Tuesday June 23**

**Primary Winter Sports**

**Friday June 26**

**Last day of Term 2**

### 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

It is with trepidation that I write this article – Friday June 5th – is The Big Freeze!

Neale Daniher's FightMND campaign backs efforts to fund research and support people living with Motor Neurone Disease. Daniher, is a former Essendon captain and Melbourne coach, was diagnosed with MND in 2013 and has since raised more than \$115 million through FightMND. He was named Australian of the Year for 2025 in recognition of his work.

FightMND supports the funding of vital research to find a cure for this devastating disease.

"Neale Daniher's fight has become Australia's fight – and we stand with him, and every family affected by MND." About 400 Victorians and 2000 Australians are living with MND, which gradually robs people of the ability to walk, speak and breathe.

So as your College Principal I will don appropriate attire, that will not provide any protection from the ice-block! But I will do it to demonstrate that doing something difficult for someone else or for a cause is how we create a better community.


Kind Regards,


Sally Naylor  
Principal



## 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



# Foundation and Year One

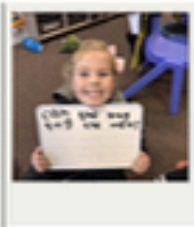
# THIS WEEK!

Term 2 so far....

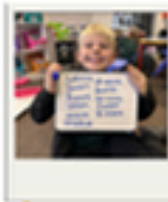


## Phonics program

- Foundation students have now completed 26 initial sounds for alphabet letters A-Z. They have developed confidence in decoding and blending CVC words and identifying 'heart words'. Our Foundation students have demonstrated outstanding progress in their reading and writing, phonemic awareness, fluency, and independence.



- Year One students have been continuing to develop their reading and writing skills through the Little Learners Love Literacy program by exploring more complex spelling patterns and building fluency and comprehension skills. Year One has continued learning and applying a growing bank of heart words within their reading and writing tasks.



## Mathematics

F/1 students have been working very hard learning new concepts in Number, Measurement, and Space. So far this Term, we have looked at positioning and location, multiplication and division, and comparing units of mass.



## Celebrations unit

During Integrated Studies, Art and Literacy our topic focus has been learning about celebrations around the world. We researched the celebrations Diwali, Día de Muertos and Chinese New Year and compared these traditional celebrations to the way we celebrate with our families and in the community. We finished the unit with some traditional craft from around the world and watched the movie *Coco*



## Shout out



Miss Johnston would like to give a special shout out to our Year One student, Amelia!

Amelia has demonstrated an outstanding ability to read nonsense words beyond Stage 7.5 and confidently identify all sounds up to Stage 7.3 in the Little Learners Love Literacy program. This means Amelia has successfully mastered all of the phonics sounds taught throughout the Year One program – an incredible achievement!

This milestone reflects Amelia's dedication, perseverance and love of reading and learning. We are so proud of the hard work and enthusiasm she brings to the classroom each day. Well done, Amelia! Keep shining and reaching for the stars!



# The Biggest Morning Tea a Great Success!



Tyrrell College Year 9 Active Volunteering and Year 10 Work Related Skills students teamed up with Sea Lake Neighbourhood House on Wednesday 27 May to host Sea Lake's Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser.

This year, students trialled a new approach by preparing and delivering morning tea packs throughout the community, while also offering packs for sale at the Sea Lake Memorial Park. The response was overwhelming, with 48 packs pre-ordered and additional packs selling out on the day.

Each pack included a delicious selection of sandwiches, slices and cakes, with students playing a key role in preparing, packing and delivering the orders.

A special thank you to The Juke for generously donating \$1 from every coffee sold, and to the many local businesses, community members, the school and kindergarten who supported the event through food donations and purchases.

The fundraiser raised an incredible \$1,263 for Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea, helping support cancer research, prevention programs and support services.

Well done to all students involved for their hard work and community spirit.

-Miss Kellie Matthews





# The Biggest Morning Tea a Great Success!



# Reading Awards



75 nights

Emily

James

Zoe

125 nights

Evie

**Amazing!**



*Primary Star of the week*



Congratulations to the Primary stars of the week.

Eva, Bryn and Aria you have worked hard and should be proud of your efforts.



# 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.

## YEAR 12 REMINDERS



### Charles Sturt Advantage Early Entry OPEN NOW

<https://study.csu.edu.au/information-for/school-leavers/charles-sturt-advantage>

### Federation University Early Offer OPEN NOW

[www.federation.edu.au/study/information/high-school-students/early-offer-program](http://www.federation.edu.au/study/information/high-school-students/early-offer-program)

### Latrobe ASPRE Early Offer Program OPEN NOW

[www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire)

### Victoria University Early Offer OPEN NOW

[www.vu.edu.au/study-at-vu/apply-to-vu/special-admission-programs/vu-early-entry](http://www.vu.edu.au/study-at-vu/apply-to-vu/special-admission-programs/vu-early-entry)

## Meet Melbourne in Bendigo



### Tuesday June 16th, 6pm – 8pm

Our Future Students team are visiting Bendigo to meet with prospective undergraduate students like you to discuss your study options and the exciting campus life that awaits you at Melbourne.

- Discover your study path and career options through the Melbourne curriculum
- Hear from current students who made the move to Melbourne
- Learn about your special entry and scholarship eligibility through Access Melbourne
- Find out about accommodation options and the vibrant community opportunities
- Ask us any questions you may have.

#### For further information visit:

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/student-life/events/meet-melbourne-in-bendigo>

## Work Experience Opportunity

Allied health assistant Grampians Health - Horsham



### (15-19 June or 14-18 September, 9am - 3pm)

This program offers students hands-on exposure to a range of clinical healthcare roles, providing insight into essential operational areas that keep our organisation running smoothly.

#### Areas of Experience:

- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Podiatry
- Speech Pathology
- Radiology
- Exercise Physiology
- Dietetics

#### For further information and/or to find other work experience opportunities visit:

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

## Discover ACU Melbourne

### Winter School Holidays



Join us for our free Discover ACU Melbourne events, designed especially for Year 10-12 students.

### Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine

**Tuesday 30th June, 9:45am – 12pm**

Take part in hands-on workshops, tour facilities & hear from current students about a rewarding career as a nurse, midwife & paramedic.

### Allied Health, Biomedical & Sports Science

**Tuesday 7th July, 9:45am – 12pm**

Take part in a hands-on workshop for either allied health (speech pathology & occupational therapy), biomedical science or exercise and sports science.

### Law, Criminology and Business

**Wednesday 8th July, 9:45am – 12pm**

Take part in our law, criminology & business workshops & discover what it takes to become a respected & ethical corporate professional.

### Teaching and Education

**Wednesday 8th July, 9:45am – 12pm**

Take part in hands-on workshops, tour our facilities and hear from current students about a rewarding career as a teacher.

#### To register visit:

[www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/future-student-events/discover-acu/victoria](http://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/future-student-events/discover-acu/victoria)

## OPENDAYS

University, TAFE, and Private Provider Open Days are a wonderful opportunity for students to explore course and career options. They are particularly beneficial for students in Years 10, 11 and 12.

#### For a list of 2026 Open Days Visit:

<https://tyrrellcollege.careertools.com.au/post-school-options/open-days-2026>

## Interested in an Apprenticeship?



Use these downloadable quizzes to see what kind of problem-solving you'll do day-to-day as an Australian Apprentice. Each quiz was developed with the help of industry, TAFE and the secondary school sector.

[www.apprenticeships.gov.au/support-and-resources/downloadable-quizzes](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.au/support-and-resources/downloadable-quizzes)

Tarsh Hickey

**Career Pathways/VET Co-ordinator**

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You have **FEET** for your **SHOES**.  
You can **STEER** yourself in any **DIRECTION** you **CHOOSE**.  
-Dr. Seuss

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>