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from the **PRINCIPAL**



Welcome to the 2018 school year. It is a pleasure to welcome new students and staff to our community and to also welcome back all returning members of the College. We start the year in the sure hope of the blessings of God, that He will provide and comfort us throughout the coming year.

In previous year's we have mailed out a letter at the beginning of the year, however in the interests of environmental sustainability, this early edition of the College Newsletter has been produced to provide information relating to the commencement of the new school year.

The College Administration Office is now open and staff are onsite. Should you have any further questions to the information provided within these pages, please do not hesitate to contact the College on 08 8323 9588.

Our 2018 College wide theme is 'Look Up. Look Beyond'. This will focus our hearts and minds throughout 2018 across all domains of our growth and interactions: spiritual, academic, physical, emotional and social. We prepare to return to the new school year with our eyes firmly fixed on the possibilities of another academic year together.

Provided within these pages, is some specific information related to each sub-school as well as some general information common to the whole College. I encourage you to read this and share with your children as they prepare for school.

As we return to school, I also take the opportunity to remind each member of our community of safe driving practices on and around our College site.

With almost 1100 students moving around the site on a daily basis, driving safely is vitally important. I ask you to follow the local road rules as well as the directions from staff to ensure safe passage for both pedestrians and vehicles.

Parking around the College should be utilised should you wish to walk your child to the classroom, or collect them from the classroom.

If you are just dropping off/picking up, please use one of the designated zones, noting that these are not permanent parking spots and drivers should not be leaving their cars unattended. Please move through these areas at the direction of staff.

If you are a new family to our community and a relative or friend will be transporting your child/ren, please give them appropriate directions also for when they first visit the College.

In the coming days, students who attended the College in 2017, will receive their copy of the College magazine from 2017, Carvings.

This publication is distributed at the beginning of the year so that we can capture in entirety the events of the College year, including Year 12 results and final events. This is an outstanding publication and captures the heart of our College community from the previous twelve months.



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SOME OF OUR KEY DATES IN TERM 1 INCLUDE:

Monday 29 January	All students commence Term 1, 8.40am
Wednesday 31 January	College Opening Worship, 8.55am
Thursday 1 February	Years 7-9 Information Night, 5.30pm Year 10 Information Sessions
Tuesday 6 February	Reception Information Night
Thursday 8 February	Year 7 & 8 Camps Information Night
Wednesday 8 February	Years 11 & 12 Information Night
Thursday 9 February	ID Card Photo Day
Tuesday 13 February	Junior School Parent Information Night (Yrs 1-6)
Thursday 15 February	Student ID Card Photo Day Years 11 & 12 Information Sessions
Friday 16 March	College Sports Day (R-12)
19 - 23 February	Year 7 Camp (Canberra)
19 - 22 February	Year 8 Camp (Aquatics Adventure, Riverland)
Friday 23 March	Twilight Food Affair Year 8 Only - Student Free Day
Thursday 1 March	Year 7 and 8 Sports Standards Day
Monday 12 March	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
30 March–2 April	Easter Long Weekend
Friday 13 April	Last day of term for students

Our College Opening Worship on Wednesday 31 January will be a special time as we recognise our College Dux from 2017, **Mathieu Paton**, as well as Year 12 students from last year who achieved Merits and/or an ATAR over 90. We will also install and welcome our new staff who have joined our College this year. You are all welcome and invited to attend this special service commencing at 9am in the Multipurpose Facility.

If you have any queries regarding any of these matters or other start of year procedures, please do not hesitate to contact your relevant SSO Office who will direct you to the most suitable staff member.

I pray that you and your family have a blessed and positive experience with our College in 2018. I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

Yours in Christ

Mr Cain McDonald
PRINCIPAL

We extend a warm welcome to staff who are joining our community this year, including:

Jessica Bell	Environmental Support Officer
Shane Carter	MS/SS Teacher - Maths
Ebony Chapman	JS LSO
Kerryn Coventry	JS SSO
Jessica Felgenhaur	MS/SS Art – Term 1
Ashlee Francis	JS Teacher – Reception
Stephanie Neale	MS/SS – Band Teacher
Megan Norman	JS Teacher – Year 4
Joseph Paton	JS Teacher – Year 5
Natalia Slight	MS/SS Teacher – Maths/Science
Julie Staley	JS Teacher – Librarian (R-2)
Amanda Southern	JS Teacher – Learning Enhancement Maths/Science
Emily Thompson	MS Teacher – Year 7
Susannah Waters	JS LSO
Andrew Weiss	SS Teacher/Assistant Head of SS: Wellbeing/Yr 10 Coordinator
Emma Williams	JS Teacher/Assistant Head of JS: Wellbeing

from the **HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL**



We look forward to welcoming our Junior School families and students next Monday. Over the past few weeks, administration, grounds and teaching staff have been preparing for the coming year. A lot of maintenance work is done over the break, including carpet cleaning and repainting; and this week, all College staff come together for professional learning and training.

The Junior School will also welcome seven new staff members. They too, have been on site for induction and familiarisation sessions. We are confident that they are bringing skills, knowledge and understanding that will complement the Junior School community, and the teaching and learning that takes place here every day.

In the Sunday mail last weekend, an article by Rebecca Baker, 'Help your kids beat those first day blues', acknowledged that some children will feel anxious about returning to school after a long break; and this is particularly so for children starting at a new school. The advice from psychologist, Kirrilie Smout, quoted in the article is well worth heeding. Working alongside our caring classroom teachers, we have additional staff who will be on hand in the mornings to welcome and support the children as the term begins. Any concerns about the first days of school can be raised with your child's class teacher, and we encourage you to come to the open classrooms on Thursday afternoon to see your child's classroom and greet the teachers.

BACK TO SCHOOL ROUTINES

If your children are a bit out of their school bedtime routine, now is a good time to start re-establishing it. Being well rested is one of the critical foundation stones for a child's ability to learn, and engage in the busyness of school life.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR STUDENT STATIONERY

In previous years, stationery was ordered and paid for on line by parents, and delivered to the student's home. Starting this year, all stationery has been ordered by the College and has been delivered direct to the College. Teachers will issue stationery to the students as it is needed throughout the year. PVC book covers will be used to cover exercise books, and teachers have prepared title pages to identify what each book is used for.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

Junior School Parent Information Sessions are held in the first weeks of term. These provide an opportunity to hear about the year ahead from your child's class teacher.

Reception Information Evening is Tuesday 6th February. Years 1 to 6 are held on Tuesday 13th February. More detail about the programme will be issued shortly. A 30 minute information session will also be held in the Activity Room where John Dow (Head of JS), Emma Williams (Assistant Head- Student Well-being), Ali Thacker (Assistant Head – Teaching and Learning), and Karen Turner (JS Learning Enhancement Coordinator) will present 2018 key initiatives for Reception to Year 6.

RECEPTION TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

Nestling quietly beside the big shed are the three temporary classrooms for our Reception classes. These buildings arrived in early January. They were brought in by truck and craned into place on the site prepared for them at the end of last year. Since then, Ron Armstrong, Property Services Manager, and his team have been working steadily on the exterior steps and decking required for access, plus a weather proof roof between the classrooms and the toilet block. The interiors are also being refurbished with fresh paint, new LED lighting, sink cupboards, and just prior to the work being finished, the pin boards, whiteboards and some shelving will be moved across from the Reception Centre. The Reception classes will take up residence from Week 6.

LABEL EVERYTHING

If you have ever visited the Junior School office, you may have seen a large wicker hamper there. It is usually full to the brim of school jumpers, hats and other uniform items. The common bond that these items share is that they are not named. Please ensure you label all your children's uniform items, their lunch box, water bottle, and anything else they bring to school.

HATS AND WATER

With a warm start to the term likely, hats are essential at recess and lunch time. Our policy is, 'No hat, play in the shade', and if it is very hot, we all stay inside or out of the sun during breaks.

Water bottles may be brought into the classroom, but they should not be frozen, as condensation builds up on the outside of the bottle, resulting in a puddle on the table.

In hot weather, a freezer block in the lunchbox will help to keep it cool.

JUNIOR SCHOOL CLASS BLOGS

Rather than individual class blog sites, this year a centralised blog site has been established where each year level is represented. Families with children in more than one year level, will now have only one blog platform to learn and visit. This will be one of our main forms of communication between school and home and will be launched and explained at the Parent Information Evenings, so maximum attendance is encouraged.

Mr John Dow
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

from the **HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL**



Welcome to a new year in the Middle School at Tatachilla Lutheran College and I hope that you are still enjoying the last few days of holidays. We extend a special welcome to new families in the Middle School and pray that your journey with us begins well and families that have been at Tatachilla for some time make new families feel at home.

As staff at Tatachilla we feel privileged that you have chosen Tatachilla to be a place of education that gives your child the opportunity to grow in knowing their self and strengths in finding their pathway in life. It is our hope for each young person in 2018 that they flourish in their academic, social, personal and spiritual life and come to know their identity through God's love for them.

NEW STAFF TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

We welcome the following new staff to the Middle School and pray that their gifts will enrich the lives of our students:

Emily Thompson: Christian Studies, English and Humanities Teacher & Year 7 Home Class Teacher

Natalia Slight: Maths Teacher

Shane Carter: Maths and Science Teacher

LINES OF COMMUNICATION, SUPPORT AND CARE IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Towards the end of 2017 we announced that Mr Mike Ebert would be the Assistant Head of Middle School: Student Wellbeing, whilst maintaining his role as Year 7 Coordinator. Jenna Fowler is Year 8 Coordinator and Darren Vile is Year 9 Coordinator. Michelle Coop is the Assistant Head of MS/SS: Teaching and Learning. The first point of contact for students and parents is their Home Class teachers, then Year Level Coordinator, then Assistant Head of School in Wellbeing or Teaching and Learning, then Head of Middle School and then Principal.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION PROGRAM – WEEK 1 TERM 1

This year students and families will feel a fresh change as students will engage in a number of purpose filled learning experiences across the first week that assists students in gaining confidence and success as they transition into the new year. The Orientation Program focuses on building students' personal and social capabilities as learners. These include:

- Building relationships with their peers and teachers
- Knowing their strengths and setting goals
- Organisational and study skills
- Setting up their stationary, lockers and collecting hire books
- Digital citizenship program and IT skills
- Take Five Wellbeing program

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – MONDAY 29 JANUARY

The school buses will be operating on this day. Students are to meet at their Home Class rooms by 8:40am with their bags. Parents/caregivers are welcome to come to drop off in the Middle School. Students are required to wear their Sports Uniform and should bring their named pencil case, hat, drink bottle, recess and lunch for the day. All other stationery items are included in the school fees in 2018. Items will be distributed to students during orientation days. The Canteen will be open from Monday. This day will finish at 3:20pm, where parents/caregivers can collect students from their Home Class rooms/carpark, or students can utilise the bus.

A tour of the Middle School and an opportunity to meet other parents will commence at 8:55am in the Middle School Courtyard.

R-12 OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE – WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY

Students will meet at their Home Class room and then will move to an R-12 Opening Worship at 8:55am with their Home Class Teacher to the College's Gym. Parents are more than welcome to join us in this Opening Worship. Once this Worship Service has finished students will move into scheduled orientation activities.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT – THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY

On Thursday 1 February all parents are invited to attend the Middle School Information Night to meet your child's Home Class teacher and Year Level Coordinator. It is a wonderful opportunity to find out more about what we do in the Middle School and see the new Year 7 Area. There will be an opportunity to meet other parents and teachers over a sausage sizzle at 5:30pm with the information session beginning at 6:30pm. Please RSVP by Tuesday 30 January on the College home page on our website.

BYOD PROGRAM – YEAR 7 AND 9 FAMILIES

Email communication has recently gone to parents and students to assist the set up of BYOD devices in Year 7 and 9. If you have not received this email or require assistance in setting up your child's device if purchased through JB Hi-Fi or another provider, please contact the ICT Services at the College. ICT Services is located in the Library, and is open from 7.30am to 5.30pm on school days. We recommend ringing through to make an appointment. If you would prefer to e-mail ICT staff, please email: ictservices@tatachilla.sa.edu.au and they will assist.

STUDENT TIMETABLES

Students and parents are able to access their timetables on SEQTA. New families have been sent an email with instructions on how to set up passwords. Current families are able to use their previous year's passwords.

Further information specific to each year level and a TLC Calendar for 2018 will come home with students on the first day of School. Please do ask your child for this package of information.

As you enjoy the last few days of holidays, now is a good time to do a stock take of all the equipment and uniform items that you will need for the new school year. Please refer to the Back to School Checklist in the newsletter to assist in these preparations.

Whether you are just beginning your Middle School journey as a parent or student in Year 7, 8 or 9 or have been in the community for some time, we do hope and pray that this year will be a meaningful and memorable year. May our College wide theme for 2018; Look up and Beyond and this bible text from 2 Corinthians 4:18, 'Because we look not at what can be seen, but what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal', guide you in your journey.

Yours in Christ,

Ms Sarah Hoff-Zweck
HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

ICT INFORMATION

STUDENT ICT INSTRUCTIONS

Students are required to complete the following to prepare their devices for use in 2018:

- Update MacOS. This should be done at home and must be done in order to be able to work on your computer. NOTE: Do not close down your computer while this update is occurring. Instructions for update:
 1. Open up App store
 2. Click on the Featured tab at the top
 3. Upgrade to MacOS High Sierra V10.13.1
- Ensure you have installed Self-Service by enrolling in CASPER. This allows you to access software required for learning. Instructions for update:
 1. Click this link:
<https://casper.tatachilla.sa.edu.au:8443/enroll>
 2. Sign in with school username for example: mnayl01@s.tatachilla.sa.edu.au and password: MargNayl##
 3. Follow the install prompts
- To install the latest Microsoft Office Suite:
 1. Go to the applications folder and open Self-Serve
 2. Sign in using the TLC credentials for example: mnayl01@s.tatachilla.sa.edu.au and password: MargNayl##
 3. The main Self Serve screen will open, and you will see a list of the main applications you need
 4. Click on install for the applications you require
- To install the Google Drive
 1. Click this link:
<https://www.google.com/drive/download/backup-and-sync/>
 2. Download back-up and sync
 3. Sign in using the TLC credentials for example: mnayl01@s.tatachilla.sa.edu.au and password: MargNayl##

SCHOOL DAY TIMES

Commence: 8.40am

Conclude: 3.20pm

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Thursday 25 January:
8.30am - 3.30pm

Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 January:
8.30am - 3.30pm

Thursday 1 February:
8.30am - 4.00pm

from the **HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL**



It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Tatachilla Senior School in 2018. I hope that you and your child feel welcome and confident that you can contact us with any query you may have.

Please contact your child's Home Class teacher in the first instance should you require specific and individual information.

Transitions into the 2018 academic year occurred in the last weeks of Term 4. Should your son/daughter have attended, I hope that the experience set their mind at rest and was informative about the expectations of 2018.

General information about 2018 dates, Uniform Shop opening hours and travel information were sent out with report information. If you are new to the College or require this information again, please refer to the College website for these details.

Please find information below to assist you in the beginning of the 2018 academic year.

STATIONERY

As in the Junior and Middle Schools, stationery is included in the cost of school fees. The required items will be distributed to students at the beginning of Term 1, 2018 by their Home Class teacher and subject teachers. Students are welcome to bring additional personal stationery or equipment should they choose to do so.

ICT

If you are new to the College, you will have received log in information for our student information management system called SEQTA via email in the new year.

If you have forgotten your log in information or require assistance to access SEQTA as an existing parent, please contact our ICT Services on ictservices@tatachilla.sa.edu.au

Please see, included in this Newsletter, student instructions to prepare laptop devices for 2018. Students in Year 11 and 12 have already been told of this advice. An instructional session for Year 10 will be held in the initial day of the College year as part of the Orientation Program.

SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSIONS – SAVE THE DATE!

You are strongly encouraged to join us for the Parent Information Sessions in the first few weeks of Term 1. The sessions have been redesigned and will offer the opportunity for you to meet your child's Home Class teacher and obtain information tailored to your son/daughter's year level. The format of the sessions has also changed from a single session to a choice of three to allow for a smaller group environment and more personal experience.

Please note that Home Class teachers will be in attendance in Session 2 and 3 only on this date.

Please book your place at your preferred session time by contacting Mrs Vanessa Mathews from Tuesday 23 January 2018. Please either call the College on 8323 9588 or email your preference, including your name, the year level and session required to vanessa.mathews@tatachilla.sa.edu.au

Please note that each session has a maximum number of 35 places.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Year 10 Information Sessions

Thursday 1 February 2018 in Week 1.

Three session times are available as follows:

Session 1: 2.30-3.30pm

Session 2: 4-5pm

Session 3: 5.30-6.30pm

Year 11 and 12 Information Sessions

Thursday 15 February 2018 in Week 3.

Three session times are available as follows:

Session 1: 2.30-3.30pm

Session 2: 4-5pm

Session 3: 5.30-6.30pm

TRANSPORT

Please note that applications for College bus transport should have been completed by now. Each term, payment must be made before bus travel can occur. A student pass is issued once payment has been made. Information and application forms are also available on the College website.

UNIFORM FOR THE FIRST DAY OF TERM 1

Please ensure that your child wears their Summer Uniform. Please also ensure that the College sun hat is worn since this is a compulsory item of the uniform. Sport uniform is not to be worn.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs Marylyn Marshall
HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

GENERAL INFORMATION

COLLEGE CALENDAR

In the first week of school, your child will receive a small College calendar to bring home – please ask them for this. We encourage you to place this somewhere prominent in your house as many key details for our year can be found in the calendar. As always there are many events on throughout the year. The calendar, along with our website, Newsletter, Facebook page, Twitter page and Smartphone App are all ways that you can stay in touch on a daily basis.

COLLEGE SMARTPHONE APP

A reminder that our free Smartphone App is available for download from the iTunes Store or Google Play. Information about College events, news and the Newsletter are available through the App. In addition, if you subscribe to notifications you will get alerts when we send out notifications for such information as reminders for tasks to be completed, up-to-date time travel of camps and in the event of an emergency, specific information related to this. You are encouraged to download the App.

ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION

It is important that we have accurate and timely information regarding the attendance of students. In the event that you have not informed the College of your child's absence, you will receive an SMS to notify you that your child has been marked absent from school. This message will also ask you to contact the College to confirm their absenteeism. As always, if your child is going to be absent from school, you can call the College Absentee Line, 24/7, on 8329 4444 or send a message through the Smartphone App.

SEQTA: ENGAGE

We invite parents/caregivers to make regular weekly visits to Seqta: Engage, your online portal to the teaching and learning communications of the College are located. For our Middle and Senior School families this is also where regular assessment, feedback, results and grades are provided by teachers.

Students also have access to their portal through SEQTA: Learn where you can also sit with them, discuss the feedback and results from teachers and plan goals and areas of improvement.

New families will recently have received an email to log in to SEQTA: Engage and activate your account. Continuing families should still have access from 2017. If you have any trouble logging on please contact our ICT Helpdesk through the College Administration Office or ictservices@tatachilla.sa.edu.au

UNIFORM

The latest version of our Uniform Guidelines can always be found on our website. Click here to view these: <https://www.tatachilla.sa.edu.au/enrolments/uniform>. Please take the time to ensure that you have the required items for your child and that you discuss with them the requirements for dress and appearance at the College. Please note that any hair below collar length must be tied back, male or female. Throughout 2018, staff will be ensuring that students are adhering to the Uniform Guidelines and we ask for your continued support in these endeavours.

NAME ITEMS

Students bring a range of items to school each day which can be misplaced. In order to give the best chance of a drink bottle, a hat or a jumper finding its way back home, please make sure you clearly label all your child's belongings. You may need to reapply this throughout the year.

SUN SAFETY

While sunscreen is available in some key areas of the College such as SSO's and Gym, students are encouraged to apply sunscreen before they leave home each day. In these summer days students continue to participate in outside activities both during break times and in class times.

Hats are to be worn by all students during Terms 1, 3 and 4. Likewise, sunglasses are able to be worn during break times, but are to be removed when inside.

BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST

UNIFORM

- Summer Grey Shirt (boys)
- Summer Grey Shorts (boys)
- Summer Grey Dress (at appropriate length at the knee - girls)
- TLC Hat (named)
- Polished black lace up school shoes (Dunlop volleys, skate shoes, canvas shoes are not acceptable)
- TLC Sport Polo Shirt (white with embroidered House)
- TLC Sport Black Short
- TLC Sport Black Tracksuit Pant
- TLC Sport socks
- Sport shoes
- Hair ties & ribbons in College colours

SCHOOL BAG

- TLC school back pack
- Lunch box & containers clearly named
- Drink bottle clearly named
- TLC hat (named), pencil case (named), electronic device for Monday 29 January

THINGS TO BUY

- Drink bottle and pencil case
- Healthy snacks for school and after school

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"Switching to the exclusive energy deal was simple and quick. Minimum hassle for maximum savings."
School Teacher



"This the perfect way to save money and give me peace of mind knowing that I'm contributing back to my daughter's school community."
School Parent



"Perfect for helping P&F groups with fundraising efforts. Good value add for school communities."
School Principal

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