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Start of 2020 Special Edition: I Thursday 23 January 2020



From the PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2020 school year and our 25th anniversary! 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.

This early edition of the College Newsletter has been produced to provide information relating to the commencement of the new school year, which you are encouraged to read and digest!

The College Administration Office is now open and staff are on site. 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 2020 College wide theme is 'Gathering together in light.' This will focus our hearts and minds throughout 2020 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 horizon for the opportunities that await us.

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 over 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 weeks, students who attended the College in 2019, will receive their copy of the College magazine, 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.

Our College Opening Worship on Wednesday 5 February will be a special time as we recognise our College Dux from 2019, **Tully Doddridge**, 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 Multi-purpose 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 community in 2020. I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

Yours in Christ

Mr Cain McDonald PRINCIPAL

from the **PRINCIPAL**

SOME OF OUR KEY DATES IN TERM 1 INCLUDE:

Monday 27 January AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday 28 January New Middle School Students Visit

Yrs 11 & 12 Orientation AM and Commence Classes PM

Wednesday 29 January Yrs R-6 Commence Classes

Reception Tea & Tears Event Yrs 7-9 Orientation Day

Yr 10 Orientation Day and Classes

Thursday 30 January Yrs 7 & 8 Orientation Day

Yr 9 Commence Classes

Friday 31 January Yrs 7 & 8 Orientation

25th Anniversary of College Opening

R-12 Student ID Card Photo Day

Monday 3 February Yrs 7 & 8 Commence Classes

Wednesday 5 FebruaryR-12 Opening ServiceTuesday 11 FebruaryJS Parent Information NightFriday 6 MarchCollege Sports Day (R-3)Friday 13 MarchCollege Sports Day (4-12)

Friday 20 March Twilight Food Affair

Friday 14 August R-7 Grandparents/Special Friends Day

Thursday 19 November Valedictory Service

STAFF

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

NEW STAFF

- Mel Buck, Junior School Year 4 Teacher
- Steph Clark, Junior School Year 6 Teacher
- Tonia Folino, Career Development Coordinator
- Leigh Norton, Middle/Senior Schools Teacher Media/ Digital Technologies
- Joey Quiniones, Years 7-12 Technology Learning Leader, Middle/Senior Schools Teacher – Design and Digital Technologies
- Trudy Sharrock, Middle/Senior Schools Teacher Art

RETURNING STAFF

We also welcome back from periods of leave:

- Rowan Bullock, MS Teacher
- Ebony Chapman, JS Learning Support Officer
- Rachel Overstreet, MS/SS Dance Teacher
- · Robyn Rouvray, MS Teacher
- Bec Williams, MS/SS Teachers

STUDENT ICT INSTRUCTIONS

Existing students should update the software on their notebook computers ready for 2020:

- Update MacOS to Catalina via Software Update, or Windows to the latest release via Windows Update
- Update Microsoft Office via Microsoft AutoUpdate
- Update Adobe software via Creative Cloud
- Double-check Google Backup and Sync is still running

If you have purchased a new device for 2020 and have not had it configured for use at the College please bring it to ICT services as soon as possible.



from the

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL



Welcome to the 2020 school year. We look forward to welcoming all students on Wednesday 29 January, including our Reception students. This year we have around 100 new students starting in classrooms right across the Junior School, including our additional Year 4

students who make up the new Year 4 class.

Junior School staff have been in over the break preparing their learning spaces, attending meetings and professional development. Nearly all teaching staff have moved to a new classroom, which has provided an opportunity to cull resources and de-clutter. Over the next few weeks, most classrooms will get some new furniture. The existing desks and chairs will be supplemented with larger tables to allow students to collaborate more readily, and to provide students with a bit more choice about where they sit. We also hope to provide additional outdoor bench and table settings to take advantage of the outdoor undercover areas as learning spaces.

The Junior School will also welcome two new staff members. They 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.

The first few days of school can be an anxious time for some students. KidsMatter have a lot of good advice for parents about transitioning back to school. https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/starting-school The parents.com site is another useful resource, and while aimed at young chidren, the strategies they suggest can be adapted for older children. https://www.parents.com/toddlers-preschoolers/starting-preschool/separation-anxiety/overcoming-separation-anxiety/

ARRANGEMENTS FOR STUDENT STATIONERY

All stationery has been ordered by the College and has been delivered direct to the College. Teachers will issue it 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. Exercise books will not be sent home for covering, although you may be asked to name the pens and pencils required for Term 1. You may also be asked to provide a pencil case.

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.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

The Junior School Parent Information Night (PIN) will be held for all year levels on Tuesday 11 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), Lindee Hopkins (Assistant Head: Student Wellbeing), Ali Thacker (Assistant Head: Teaching and Learning), and Karen Turner (Learning Enhancement R-6 Coordinator) will present key initiatives for Reception to Year 6.

A sausage sizzle will be provided, and there will be plenty of time to meet your child's teacher and other parents in the year level. We hope all Junior School families will be able to attend.

LABEL EVERYTHING

If you have ever visited the Junior School office, you may have seen 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. Please wash your child's hat before the start of term.

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 lunch box will help to keep it cool.

We also recommend the use of insulated lunch boxes and freezer blocks. These are proven to keep student lunches cool even on very hot days.

JUNIOR SCHOOL CLASS BLOGS

The Junior School has a centralised blog site where year level is represented. Families with children in more than one year level have only one blog platform to learn and visit. This is the main form of communication between school and home. A link and password will be shared with all families soon.

Best wishes to all Junior School families as you prepare for the start of the year. We are excited and optimistic about the year ahead.

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 2020 that they flourish in their academic, social, personal and spiritual life and come to know their identity through God's love for them.

LINES OF COMMUNICATION, SUPPORT AND CARE IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr Mike Ebert continues as the Assistant Head of Middle School: Student Wellbeing and Mrs Caroline Pritchard will be Assistant Head of Middle School: Teaching & Learning. Mrs Therese Cook is Year 7 Coordinator, Mr Ian Hopper is Year 8 Coordinator for Term 1, Mrs Jenna Fowler from Term 2 and Chris McElligott is Year 9 Coordinator. 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.

NEW STUDENT OPEN MORNING

On Tuesday 28 January new students are invited to attend an open morning with their parents from 9:00am - 11:00am in their year level area.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD

On Wednesday 29 January, 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 Summer Uniform and should bring their stationery, hat, drink bottle, recess and lunch for their first day. Parents/caregivers can collect students from their Home Classrooms, or carpark. The school bus services will also be in operation during orientation week. The College Canteen will be open from Tuesday 28 January.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION PROGRAM

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

R-12 OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE

The R-12 Opening Worship will be held on Wednesday 5 February. 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 lessons.

MS PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

On Tuesday 4 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 what is happening in your child's year for 2020.

There will be an opportunity to meet other parents and teachers over drins and nibbles at 6pm. Please RSVP by Thursday 30 January via this link: https://www.trybooking.com/BHXWV.

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 the love of Christ fill your hearts and minds as we celebrate 25 years of Lutheran education in the Southern Fleurieu.

Yours in Christ,

Ms Sarah Hoff-Zweck HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL



from the

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL



It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Tatachilla Senior School in 2020. 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 2020 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 and clear about the expectations of 2020.

General information about 2020 dates, Uniform Shop opening hours and travel information can be found on the College website.

Please find information below to assist you in the beginning of the 2020 academic year.

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

Senior Student Leaders have worked to develop a focus for building community in 2020 and have gathered their ideas around the areas of courtesy, copoperation and consequence. We encourage all students to fully engage in every opportunity to become a part of our community, to have agency in decision making and to contribute to the continual improvement of our sub-school.

We are excited to be working together in 2020 to develop a sense of belonging and purpose for all of our young people in this special 25th year for the College.

ATTENDANCE

One of the most significant contributors to student success is sound attendance and we would ask that students attend each day with punctuality. Where possible, please make appointments outside of lesson hours or at the beginning or conclusion of the day to minimise impact on attendance.

Should you wish to seek permission for absence that is planned and extended, please write to the Head of Senior School at mmarshall@tatachilla.sa.edu.au.au Term 1 dates are listed below for your information and organisation.

TERM 1 DATES

Tuesday 28 January Wednesday 29 January Monday 9 March Wednesday 8 April Years 11 & 12 Commence Year 10 Commence Public Holiday Last Day of Term 1

STATIONERY

Stationery orders in 2020 are supplied by Lighthouse Books. The contact email is booklist@lighhousebooks.com.au Online ordering commenced in December 2019 and orders were required by 20 December 2019 with payment due by 7 January 2019 for guaranteed delivery or pickup before the College year commenced. Orders placed after 20 December 2019 will be treated as late order and will incur a \$15 service fee, which includes the existing Administration Fee to cover the costs of additional ordering, packaging and distribution.

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

SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSIONS

You are strongly encouraged to join us for the Parent Information Sessions in the first few weeks of Term 1. These sessions 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 offers the opportunity for a more personal experience as well as personal convenience.

Please book your place and your preferred session time by accessing SOBS.

Year 10 - Thursday 30 January 2020, 4:00pm - 7:00pm (Week 1)

Years 11 and 12 - Thursday 13 February 2020, 4:00pm - 7:00pm (Week 3)

UNIFORM FOR THE FIRST DAY AND TERM 1

Please ensure that your child wears their Summer Uniform including formal school shoes. 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 on the first day.

Students are reminded to adhere to the clear and equitable rules for appearance.

Students are permitted to wear one earring - plain metal stud or sleeper in each ear lobe. No other piercings are permitted. Regardless of the newness of a piercing, it will not be permitted nor will band-aids covering new piercings.

Please also support the College regarding appearance by advising students that false nails and nail polish are not acceptable for school wear.

I wish all members of our community a positive, productive and fulfilling first term for the new academic year.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs Marylyn Marshall HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL



GENERAL INFORMATION

COLLEGE CALENDAR

As always there are many events on throughout the year. The calendar of dates can be found on our website, newsletter, Facebook page, Twitter page and Skoolbag App. Please regularly check these sites for calendar events.

COLLEGE SKOOLBAG APP

A reminder that our free Skoolbag App is available for download from the iTunes Store or Google Play. Information about College events, news and newsletters 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.

A reminder if you subscribed for a year level, you may need to change this as your child moves up the school.

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.

UNIFORM

The Uniform Guidelines can be found on the College website at 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 2020 staff will be ensuring that students are adhering to the Uniform Guidelines and we ask for your continued support in these endeavours.

UNIFORM SHOP - 'THE SCHOOL LOCKER'

Tatachilla Lutheran College has a Formal Uniform and a Sports Uniform and students are expected to have all of the required items of both these uniforms as listed in the Student Appearance Uniform Guidelines.

The College Uniform Shop is run by 'The School Locker', a company specialised in the manufacture and sale of school uniforms. Friendly staff are available in the College Uniform Shop, located on the eastern corner of the College Gymnasium for shop purchases and fittings.

Online purchases can also be made through The School Locker's online shop, 24 hours, 7 days a week. Online purchases can be collected from the shop (parents/caregivers, Middle and Senior School students) or delivered to classrooms (for Junior School students).

It is an expectation of the College that students take pride in their personal appearance by wearing their uniform neatly and correctly at all times. That is, from the time that they leave home in the morning until they return in the afternoon.

Please ensure that all uniform items are part of the official College uniform, and that all uniform items are appropriately labelled with the student's name.

Uniform items (with the exception of shoes) are only available through the College Uniform Shop and at www.theschoollocker.com.au.

Parents/caregivers can also download 'The School Locker' app from either the Apple or GooglePlay stores.

The Uniform Shop can be contacted by phone or email:

- t: 8329 4488
- e: tatachilla.lutheranc@theschoollocker.com.au



GENERAL INFORMATION

BUSES – COST OF SERVICE DRASTICALLY REDUCED IN 2020

The College operates bus services to and from school throughout the Fleurieu area. From 2020 the College Bus Service cost for parents/caregivers has been markedly decreased. In many instances, families will find themselves saving more than 50% compared to last year.

A new zoning system has been established (Zone 1, Zone 2, Zone 3). Depending on the pick up and drop off location will depend on the cost of the trip. The reduction in price is due to feedback from families last year when we conducted a survey to look at the accessibility and affordability of our bus services. We are pleased to be able to implement this new pricing schedule that will save families throughout the year in transport costs.

Details of the zones and costs can be found on the College website (https://www.tatachilla.sa.edu.au/enrolments/busservices). Families wishing to book a bus service must complete a Bus Travel Application Form and return it to the College.

Once your child is registered to the service, your child may use the bus as frequently or infrequently as they wish using either their Student ID Card (Yrs 7-12) or Keyfob (Yrs R-6).

For more information, please contact:

Mrs Kay Digby

College Bus Coordinator

t: 8329 4411 e: kay.digby@tatachilla.sa.edu.au

TATACHILLA LUTHERAN COLLEGE IS A MOBILE PHONE AND ACCESSORY FREE SANCTUARY FORM 2020

Australian teenagers are spending 20 per cent of their waking hours on their phones. With so much of their lives spent plugged in, it can become difficult for them to switch off. With this in mind, and the wellbeing of our students at the heart of our decision making, we are pleased to announce Tatachilla Lutheran College will be a 'mobile and accessory free' sanctuary.

With this in mind and the wellbeing of our students at the heart of our decision making, Tatachilla Lutheran College will be a 'mobile and accessory free' sanctuary from the start of the 2020 school year.

We believe this important change will have a positive impact on student learning, social behaviour and complement our Wellbeing Program at the College. With concerns around mental health at an all time high, promoting social interactions is more important than ever before and this has been the driving force behind this new initiative.

From the start of Term 1, students will be required to store their mobile phones in their locker from the start of the school day until the final bell. When emergencies occur, parents can reach their son or daughter by calling the College office.

The updated Mobile Phone and Accessories Policy can be found on the College website and SEQTA Engage.

We are looking forward to partnering with students and parents to successfully implement this change and we believe it will assist our students to balance the pressure in today's digital environment.

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.

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 recently received an email to log in to SEQTA: Engage to activate your account. Continuing families should still have access from 2019. If you have any trouble logging in please contact our ICT Helpdesk through the College Administration Office or ictservices@tatachilla.sa.edu.au

CANTEEN

The College Canteen is managed by Rory's School Lunches. Rory's School Lunches is a local based catering and canteen management company who provide excellent and extensive "healthy choice" food offerings to numerous schools across South Australia.

The Canteen will open on Tuesday 28 January from 8am. Students that place lunch orders will be able to order from the menu that is available on QKR app or on the Rory's website at www.rorys.com.au or from the menu in the canteen.

Senior students can also purchase from a great selection of hot and cold foods from the displays at recess and lunch. Full EFTPOS facilities are available in the canteen.

The 2019 menu can be found on the Rory's School Lunches website <u>www.rorys.com.au</u>, the QKR app and the College website.

We encourage you to check out the Rory's School Lunches website at www.rorys.com.au and like our Facebook page for service updates.

TATACHILLA LUTHERAN COLLEGE

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Opening Worship
Wednesday 5 February, 9am



Twilight Food Affair
Friday 20 March, 4.30pm



Tree Planting



Challenge4Charity
Wednesday 10 June



Winemakers of Tatachilla
Friday 30 October, 6.30pm



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Twilight Food Affair

Friday 20 March 2020

4.30pm - 9.00pm



food & wine I live entertainment I rides & activities I fireworks