



## Message from the College Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the staff of Tarneit P-9 College, I would like to warmly welcome back our school community. Our returning students came back rested and excited to commence the school year and we welcomed many new faces, including 170 smiling preps.

I am extremely excited and honoured to start as the new College Principal and look forward to working closely with the entire Tarneit P-9 school community as we continue to build upon the amazing work of the past 9-years. I would like to acknowledge the work of Mr Matt Naudi, Acting College Principal and substantive Prep—Year 1 Assistant Principal for his solid and supportive handover throughout December and January. Mr Naudi has been appointed Acting Principal at Point Cook P-9 College and I take this opportunity to wish him the best in his new role.

Anne-Maree Kliman  
College Principal

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I would like to welcome the following new and returning staff to the college:

### New Staff members

Sarah Austin	Year 9 Eng/Hums
Danielle Kelly	Year 8 Eng/Hums
Serena Ripari	Year 7 Eng/Hums
Jacob Carter	year 7 Maths/sci
Braydon Macdonald	Year 8 maths/Sci
Ellie Vincent	Secondary PE
Kayla Bourke	Year 1
Anthony Villani	Prep
Celia Iao	Maths Improvement
Carly Marasco	Education Support Staff
Frederick Mynhardt	Secondary P.E
Courtney Jeantou	Secondary P.E
Kunal Sachdeva	Year 4
Sandra Kannemeyer	Prep
Wayne Stellini	Year 7/8 English Hums
Kirstie Koonwhyte	Secondary Music/Music Perf
Sharni King	Year 4
Megan Holmesquest	Prep
Drew Coleman	Year 3
Jess Mercica	Year 3
Jake Dunnell	Year 2
Danielle Lim	Year 1

### Returning Staff members

Carly Hollibone	English Improvement
Madi MacDonald	Cover
Roshini Muslayah	Secondary French

## College Values

At Tarneit P-9 College, we believe that it takes the combined efforts of parents, teachers and students to create a learning environment based on mutual trust and respect. Whilst at school or representing the school in any capacity all members of our community are expected to behave in a courteous manner and live the College values of Learning, Pride, and Responsibility. If you have any concerns or issues, please contact our Administration Office who will assist you in making a time to speak to the classroom teacher or any member of our Leadership Team.

In starting the school year, we ask that all parents and carers ensure that their child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name and class. This will allow any lost items to be easily returned to the correct owner. We are a sun smart school and all students from P-9 are expected to wear a hat at recess and lunchtime in Terms 1 and 4.

## College Code Green Lockdown Incident

As many of you are aware, the College went into lockdown at 3:15pm on Wednesday 1st February. Whilst we cannot disclose information about the issue, we can say that it was a police incident in the local area. There is never a good time for incidents to take place, but it is important that we put the safety of our students, teachers, and the broader community at the forefront of all that we do which in this case resulted in keeping students back at the end of the day. We thank everyone for their patience while the College waited for confirmation from the police that it was safe to dismiss the students.

## School Council

We will be conducting our School Council process next week and will be calling for nominations. If you are interested in being part of our School Council, nominations forms will be available at the Administration Office. Full details about the School Council Election will be distributed as a direct send

## College Communication

It is important to us that our parents and carers are kept up to date with all that is happening at Tarneit P-9 College. The College uses several communications modes to support this including:

- Fortnightly whole school Newsletter (odd week)
- Fortnightly Area Newsletter (even week)
- Compass notification—as needed
- Follow us on Facebook
- College Website [CLICK HERE](#)

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## College Administration

### COVID-19 Update

Collectively, our hopes and wishes that we would return to a somewhat normal commencement to the 2022 school year have not eventuated. You will be aware from Compass notifications and a formal letter distributed this week with the Rapid Antigen Tests that we are still bound to our Covid Safety Plan.

We have revisited our Covid Safety Plans in line with DET advice and the following protocols will be in place for the first 4-weeks of term 1. Parents and Carers;

- will be able to enter the school grounds for drop off and pick up. We do ask that everyone observes social distancing.
- who need to speak to a staff member are asked to call the office to make an appointment. We ask that families do not enter the buildings.
- must be fully vaccinated to enter the school office and must QR. Parents who are unvaccinated will need to communicate with the school via phone or email.
- Year 3-9 students must wear a mask inside unless they have an exemption, and it is strongly recommended for Prep -2 children. We ask families to provide their children with a mask.



## Tarneit P-9 College On-Site Vaccination Clinic

As part of the COVID-19 vaccination roll-out, all Victorians aged 5 years and older are now [eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine](#). Getting vaccinated is the best way you can protect yourself, your family and our school community from further outbreaks and the spread of COVID-19.

Vaccination is not mandatory, but it is highly encouraged, except where your medical practitioner advises you otherwise.

[An on-site vaccination clinic is coming to Tarneit P-9 College, 21-23 Brinbrook Street, Tarneit Vic, 3029](#) on the following dates:

**Saturday, 5 February, 9am – 5pm**

**Sunday, 6 February, 9am – 5pm**

There is no need to book, you can walk in to get vaccinated. This clinic is accessible to all, including people with disabilities.



## Every Day Counts

You and your child are an important part of your school's community.

Students will be returning to face-to-face learning in Term 1 and great things will be happening at your child's school this year.

We are so excited to have your child in the classroom, where they can receive the support that they need to succeed and have a happy experience at school this year.

Every day of attending school counts. Being at school supports your child's learning, social and mental wellbeing.

## Supporting our students

Schools will be making sure classrooms are as safe as possible for students and will be monitoring their mental, physical, and social wellbeing.

Your child's school will support students who need to catch up. Teachers will work with students to understand who may need extra learning support. Some students may be offered tutoring or other assistance to ensure that they are able to participate and enjoy their lessons.

Schools also have programs and staff who can respond to a range of student health and wellbeing needs.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, you can contact your child's teacher or College Principal, and you can talk with them about how the school can support your child.

## **Providing a COVID Safe environment**

Your child's school is operating in a COVIDSafe way. Schools will make sure that staff and students wear masks, stay home when unwell, and physical distance when appropriate.

Schools will provide free, regular COVID rapid antigen testing for students to help keep them safe.

There will be voluntary Rapid Antigen Testing in place for the first four weeks of Term 1 2022. The Victorian Government will deliver more than 14 million rapid antigen tests to schools and early childhood education and care services.

Your child's school will let you know if there has been a positive COVID case at school and what you need to do.

## **Helping keep your school community safe**

Everybody has an important role to play. Mask wearing, hand washing and having your child vaccinated are all very important. All children aged 5 years and over can receive a vaccination and help to protect their family, friends, and school community.

If your child is unwell, or has symptoms, keep them at home and notify your school.

Be prepared and know how to support your child's return to school.