



# **Tenison Woods Catholic School**

A faith filled community with a commitment to  
**Inspire Innovate Excel**



***"In all things Love"***

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# Welcome

I extend a very warm welcome to you and your family. At Tenison Woods Catholic School, we are called to *inspire, innovate and excel*.

Living out the charisms of Fr Julian Tenison Woods and Australia's first saint, St Mary Mackillop, we are inspired by Jesus, we are a community of learners, committed to quality outcomes in authentic relationships, seeking goodness and fullness of life. We are guided by "In omnibus caritas" - In all things Love.

Tenison Woods Catholic School celebrates children and their childhood, where every child matters, absolutely. We are an excellent educational environment where each child is valued and challenged to reach their full potential.

We offer extensive educational and co-educational programs to ensure your child is given a variety of opportunities to flourish.

Positive Education underpins our approach to individual and community wellbeing. Children are engaged from Reception to Year 6 in developing the strategies and dispositions necessary for them to be thriving people, capable learners, leaders for the world God desires.

Enrolling at Tenison Woods Catholic School enters you in to a Catholic educational pathway where children will graduate from a number of excellent local Catholic secondary schools.

The recent expansion of the physical environment at Tenison Woods means that your child will be immersed in 21st Century learning spaces, natural and expansive play spaces, as well as access to the latest in Digital Technologies. Through our ongoing commitment to excellence, your child will receive the highest quality primary education.

I look forward to meeting you and your family.

Ben Catalano  
Principal



**“At Tenison Woods Catholic Primary School we aim to educate the whole child, including fostering the spiritual, religious and social growth of each child.”**



***Tenison Woods is a Catholic School with an enrolment of approximately 220 students providing a co-educational Reception to Year 6 Catholic Education***

# Our Catholic Identity

Tenison Woods Catholic School was founded by the Sisters of St Joseph in 1933 and was originally called St Joseph's, Richmond. In 1997 St Joseph's amalgamated with Kilmara Catholic School, Thebarton and the name changed to Tenison Woods. The Official Opening and Blessing of Tenison Woods Catholic Primary School took place on 9 March 1997.

## Fr Julian Tenison Woods

Fr. Julian Tenison Woods co-founded the Sisters of St Joseph along with Australia's first Saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. They were driven by the vision that all children had access to an exceptional education.

Whilst born in England, Fr. Julian worked tirelessly with the Sisters of St Joseph throughout the South East of South Australia, starting the catholic school in Penola.

Fr. Woods was an extremely intelligent man, he was a well respected geologist, botanist, explorer and environmentalist. This drives our call to care for all creation.



“Living in harmony with nature and with God gives us full happiness and purpose.”  
- Fr Julian Tenison Woods

# In Omnibus Caritas

## *"In all things Love"*

As a school community we follow the Josephite Traditions of In Omnibus Caritas, that is , *in all things love*. These traditions and beliefs are deeply rooted in our school community and guides the way we develop our students to be stewards of their world. Every element of life at Tenison Woods Catholic School provides opportunity for students to experience the graciousness of God in their lives. Each child is encouraged to grow spiritually.

At TWCS our mission is to be a catholic learning community that:

- Recognises the image of every child as competent, capable and full of possibilities
- Encourages the development of a personal relationship with God through times of prayer, reconciliation and celebration
- Embraces the diversity and potential of families within our community.
- Is inspired by the life and values of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Juilian Tenison Woods.

The religious dimension that underpins the Josephite Charism is experienced through:

- A religious education curriculum - Crossways and Made In The Image Of God
- A rich sacramental program connected with St Aloysius Parish
- Daily prayer and reflections
- Class and whole school liturgies
- Outreach programs with Caritas Australia and the St Vincent de Paul Society

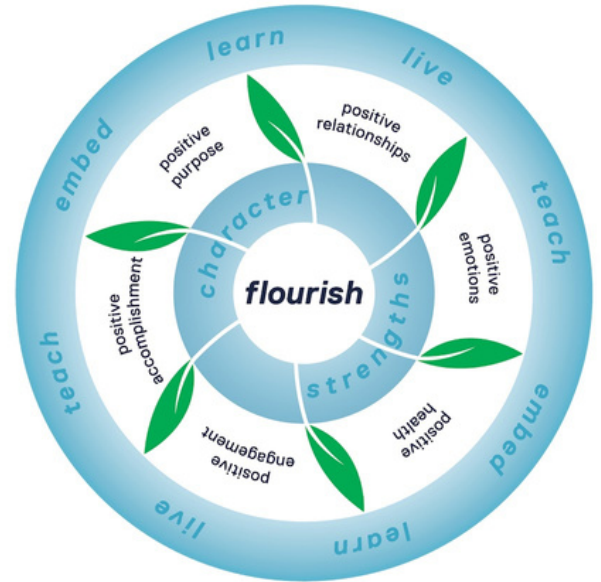


# Positive Education and Wellbeing

*"Feeling Good by Doing Good"*

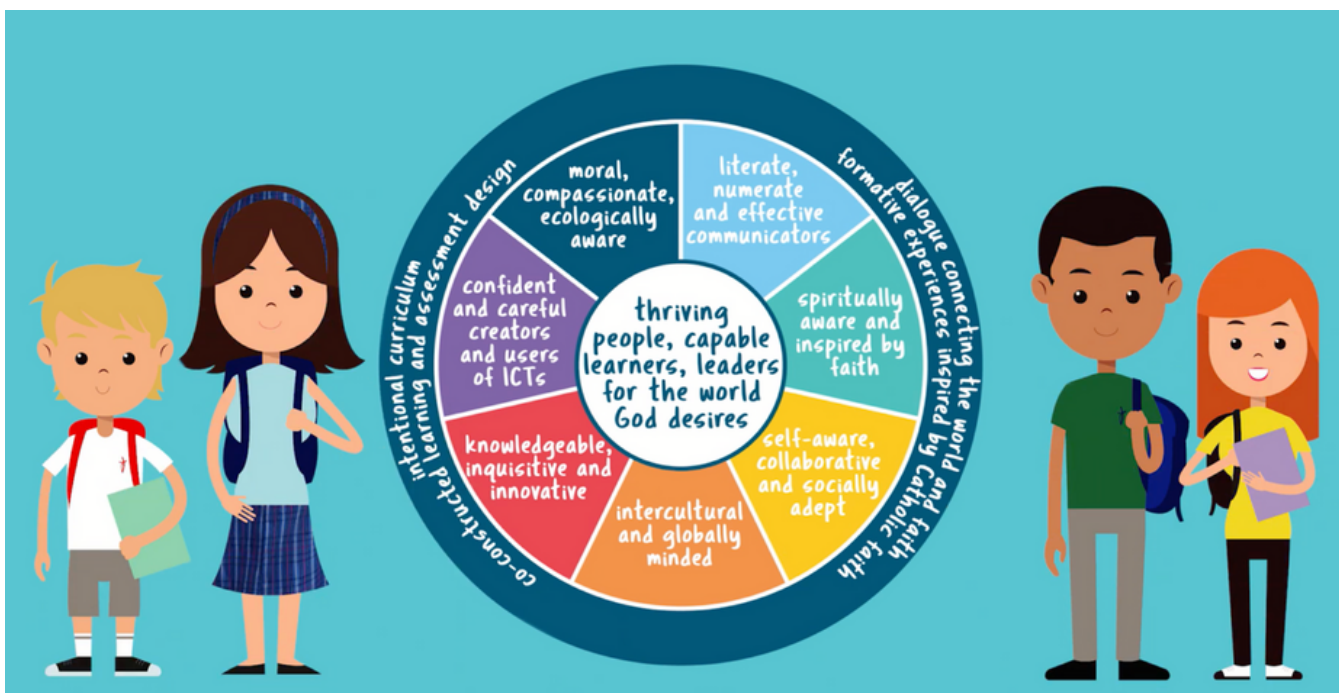
We are a Positive Education school, utilising research based on neuroscience, education and psychology. Positive education teaches children the strategies and dispositions they need to flourish in today's world. We believe flourishing is feeling good by doing good. Children are encouraged to use their character strengths to develop resilience, grit and success. The word **FLOURISH** is at the core of all that is Positive Education.

The 6 Elements of our Positive Education model are explicitly taught to all children throughout the year. Positive Education supports your child to be growth minded.



## Live Learn Lead Framework

At Tenison Woods Catholic Primary School we utilise Catholic Education SA's Live, Learn, Lead Framework. Children are at the centre of this framework: **thriving people, capable learners, leaders for the world God desires.**





# Enrolment

As per State Government legislation, children who turn five years of age prior to 30 April are eligible to begin Reception at the beginning of Term 1 of the same year. If your child turns 5 between 1 May and 31 October, they are eligible to begin in Term 3 that year as Tenison Woods Catholic School offer a Term 3 intake.

You will receive an Enrolment Pack which contains a prospectus, application form and information pertaining to our fees and policies. Once the application is completed you are required to lodge the application for with a copy of your child's birth certificate.

On acceptance of enrolment an 'Offer of Enrolment' letter and an 'Acceptance of Offer' form will be sent. The 'Acceptance of Offer' form is to be lodged with a \$200.00 Confirmation Fee. The Confirmation Fee will be credited to your first fee account. Should the child's enrolment be withdrawn prior to commencement the full Confirmation Fee payment is non-refundable.



**“ Working together makes all the difference ”**



# Transition to school

Your child's first experience at Tenison Woods Catholic School is important and through our structured transition program, this transition creates a positive start to a lasting and life-giving relationship.

Our 'Little Wonders' Transition Program gives your child the opportunity to spend time familiarising themselves with our school, develop social skills and build relationships with other students and their peers.

At Tenison Woods Catholic School we value the connection between our school community and local Child Care and Pre-school settings. The transition program ensures your child is fully supported as they start school.

The Little Wonders Transition Program is available in the Term prior to your child commencing Reception. The program runs for full school days over multiple weeks leading into the commencement of Reception.



# School Curriculum

We offer a comprehensive curriculum which is designed to be inclusive of all students in assisting them to grow and develop to their full potential. In line with all schools in the country, our school uses the Australian National Curriculum to support students in their learning.

All staff at Tenison Woods Catholic School pride themselves on knowing each child and their wellbeing and learning needs. As key partners in their child's lives, parents are included at all times in their child's learning.

Our learning community aims to develop safe, contemporary, sustainable, stimulating and innovative learning environments by:

**Inspire:** Children are inspired to develop learning dispositions that ensure all children have the skills, knowledge and strategies to be life long learners

**Innovate:** Through a commitment to research based teaching and learning programs and opportunities. Children experience truly innovative teaching practices and learning opportunities.

**Excel:** Highly trained educators, support all children to understand what is necessary for them to achieve success in all learning. At Tenison Woods every child is individually supported to excel.

At Tenison Woods Catholic School, children are supported through a rigorous whole school approach to literacy and numeracy practices. Staff utilise a range of assessment and diagnostic tools to ensure all children are experiencing success in their learning. We have clear processes in place to support children through an extensive Response to Intervention approach, including dedicated Literacy and Mathematic interventions.





## Specialist Teaching

- Italian
- Performing Arts
- Physical Education
- STEM



## Programs/Facilities

- OSHC - Before and after school care (Camp Australia)
- Multi device technologies including iPads, MacBooks, Smart TV's and Apple TV's
- Camps
- Parent Learning Forums
- Library
- Music
- Community Garden
- 2 multi-sensory rooms
- Oval
- Reception - Year 2 1:1 iPad program
- Year 3 - 6 1:1 MacBook program
- Expansive play opportunities for children
- Sacramental program
- Long transition program
- Student leadership - SRC
- Church



## Parents as Partners

At Tenison Woods Catholic School we value the strong connection and partnerships with parents to support the learning outcomes for all children. Parents are actively involved in the school community through organised groups such as the School Board, Parents and Friends Committee, Sport Team Coaching and Volunteering in the classroom.

To ensure parents are fully supported in their role in their child's lives, we offer a range of parent education forums.

- Positive Parenting
- Literacy and Numeracy
- Digital Technologies
- Sacramental Programs

Parents are the most powerful educative influence in the life of their child. Much of the child's value system is derived from parental influence. The parent, as first educators of their children, share with the school the responsibility of their children's education.

## Volunteering

All parents and caregivers who wish to volunteer their services must obtain a Working with Children Clearance and undergo a screening with the Catholic Diocesan Centre.

Volunteers are also required to complete the Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect - Education and Care training which can be accessed through our school website.

Please contact our friendly staff in the front office for more information.





# Community Events

- Family Fun Sports Day
- Caritas Carnival
- Well-Being Days
- Book Week Parade
- School Concert
- Italian Carnivale
- Pancake Day
- Clean up Australia Day
- Harmony Day
- Reconciliation Week
- SACPSSA Athletics Carnival
- SACPSSA Touch Football Carnival
- SACPSSA Swimming Carnival
- SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival
- Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir





## Uniform

At Tenison Woods Catholic School children are encouraged to be active and engage with the natural environment through play. To support this, the school uniform is an activewear uniform.

Children are able to be comfortable when engaging in learning and play

## Out of School Hours Care

An 'Out of School Hours Care' Program is available at Tenison Woods. The service provides for both Before and After School Care.

The program is managed by 'Camp Australia' who offer 'Healthy Snacks, Dance & Drama, Art & Craft, Sport, Cooking, Group Games, Homework and Quiet Time'.

Brochures are available from the School Office.

For further information and registration contact Camp Australia ph: 1300 105 343.  
Or visit [campaustralia.com.au](http://campaustralia.com.au)



**"At the heart of our school  
is a community of  
committed, caring people"**





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