

**Be
Kind,
Brave,
You.**



Tenison Woods Catholic School, Richmond

Principal's Welcome Letter

Faith, learning & wellbeing go hand in hand.

At Tenison Woods, we're more than just a school—we're a community.

Rooted in the Josephite tradition and guided by 'In Omnibus Caritas' (In All Things Love), we focus on creating an environment where every child feels a deep sense of belonging and is encouraged to be kind, be brave, and be themselves.

We believe education is about more than just academics. It's about helping children develop confidence, resilience, and a lifelong love of learning. With specialist programs in Technologies, The Arts, PE, and Italian, along with modern learning environments, we ensure students are prepared for the future while staying connected to the values that shape them.

As a Positive Education school, we actively teach children the skills to flourish—socially, emotionally, and academically. Wellbeing is woven into everything we do, with dedicated staff providing comprehensive support to help students thrive in all aspects of their development.

Faith is at the heart of our school.

Through daily prayer, liturgies, and outreach programs, we encourage students to live out their values—showing kindness, service, and leadership within our community and as part of the Catholic education pathway, we set students up for a smooth transition into secondary school.

Most importantly, we believe education is a partnership. Families play a huge role in school life, and we value the strong relationships between students, teachers, and parents. When you step into Tenison Woods, you'll feel the warmth of our welcoming and inclusive community.

We'd love to welcome you into the Tenison Woods family. Come and see what makes our school special.



Mr Ben Catalano

Principal, Tenison Woods Catholic School



Our School

A Safe, Supported, and Thriving Community

At Tenison Woods Catholic School, we believe every child should feel safe, supported, and encouraged to thrive.

We're a Reception to Year 6 Catholic school with a strong sense of community, belonging, and faith.

Guided by Faith and Values

Shaped by our Josephite tradition and the words "In Omnibus Caritas" (In All Things Love), we teach children to treat others with kindness, take on challenges with courage, and grow into confident, compassionate individuals. That's why we embrace the phrase "Be Kind, Be Brave, Be You"—it reflects the heart of who we are.

A Commitment to Quality Education

As a Catholic school in South Australia, we're part of a community committed to quality education and student wellbeing. Inspired by St Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, we encourage students to live with purpose, support others, and embrace new opportunities with confidence.

Faith, Learning, and Personal Growth

With a strong focus on faith, learning, and personal growth, we nurture students academically, emotionally, and spiritually—helping them flourish in school and in life. Our specialist programs, engaging learning spaces, and use of digital technology prepare students for the future, while our close partnerships with families ensure every child feels supported on their journey.



Nurturing minds and hearts for a confident future.

At Tenison Woods Catholic School, learning and wellbeing go hand in hand. We create a supportive, engaging environment where every child feels safe, valued, and ready to thrive.

A Strong Foundation for Learning

Our teaching is backed by the Science of Learning and Science of Reading, ensuring every child builds strong foundations in literacy, numeracy, and critical thinking. We use explicit instruction and a Response to Intervention (RTI) approach to personalise learning, challenge students, and support their individual needs. Our classrooms are inclusive and structured to support diverse learning styles, with tailored strategies to help neurodiverse students feel confident and capable.

Opportunities in the Classroom

Students explore Performing Arts, Technologies, Italian, and Physical Education, giving them the chance to be creative, solve problems, stay active, and expand their world. Whether they're on stage, designing and building in Technologies, learning a new language, or playing sport, every experience helps prepare them for the future.

Wellbeing at the Heart of Learning

As a Positive Education school, we explicitly teach resilience, confidence, and emotional intelligence. Through Wellbeing Days, mindfulness activities, strong pastoral care, and trauma-informed practices, we ensure students feel supported in and out of the classroom. A dedicated Wellbeing Leader and allied health professionals work closely with teachers to provide the right support when it's needed, with targeted interventions for students requiring additional assistance, including neurodiverse learners.

At Tenison Woods, we give students the skills, confidence, and opportunities to be kind, be brave, and be themselves—at school and beyond.





A community that grows together.

Faith in Action

At Tenison Woods, faith is lived, not just taught. Inspired by the Josephite tradition, students take part in daily prayer, liturgies, and outreach programs, building a strong connection to their faith and the wider community.

Our school is part of St Aloysius Parish, strengthening the bond between school, parish, and family. Faith is also woven into learning, encouraging students to live with purpose and kindness in everything they do.

Partnerships with Families

We see education as a partnership. Families are welcomed into the community and encouraged to be involved in school events, volunteering, and their child's learning journey. We believe that when families and educators work together, students thrive.

Belonging & Giving Back

At Tenison Woods, every child belongs, every family feels connected, and every student learns the value of kindness and service. We celebrate diversity and inclusion, creating an environment where everyone is valued and respected. Through initiatives like Caritas, St Vincent de Paul, and local outreach programs, students learn the importance of helping others and making a difference in their world.

Learning Spaces & Technology

Tenison Woods offers modern, flexible learning spaces designed for collaboration, creativity, and hands-on learning. Students have access to specialist areas and technology-rich classrooms, with 1:1 iPads for Reception to Year 2 and MacBooks for Years 3 to 6, ensuring they have access to the tools they need to be successful.

Play, Exploration & Nature


Learning goes beyond the classroom with expansive play areas, multi-sensory spaces, and a community garden. Students are encouraged to explore, play, and connect with nature, fostering confidence, resilience, and a sense of responsibility for the environment.


Ready to Join Us?

1. **Apply** – Submit your enrolment form.
2. **Meet** – Book an interview with our Principal.
3. **Secure Your Place** – Accept your offer and get ready to start.

Visit us – See Tenison Woods in action.

Book a tour today.

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