FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In Christ - Wisdom and Knowledge

Torrens Valley Christian School is a Christ-centred learning environment developing young people to believe, belong and become all that God has created them to be.

Welcome back to the new school year!

I trust you and your family have had a good first week and that the students have settled into their new classes! The staff and I are eagerly looking forward to working closely with you this year.

A very special welcome to new families! I enjoyed the opportunity of meeting many of you at our welcome morning tea and hope you will soon feel at home in the Torrens Valley Christian School community.

This year, as a school community, we will be focusing on growing IN CHRIST.

This is beautifully expressed in our School Motto, In Christ, Wisdom and Knowledge, from Colossians 2: 2-3 and we will be focussing our thoughts on the identity we have in Christ and our salvation through Him alone.

IN CHRIST: We are unashamedly and unambiguously a Christian school and it is our prayer that every student will develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

IN CHRIST alone we find salvation and relationship with God. Christ is the rock we can build our lives on! He is utterly dependable; 100% reliable; an anchor for our soul. He is our Creator and Redeemer; and the only wise God our Saviour! We want each of our young people to come to know this for themselves!

IN CHRIST we can experience authentic, loving caring Christian community where young people have a stable nurturing environment which enhances their feeling of well-being and security!

IN CHRIST means that we recognise that mankind has been made in the image of God. Each child is precious and we actively seek to develop their full academic, creative, personal, physical, moral and spiritual potential.

IN CHRIST: Building a strong sense of community is a fundamental part of life at Torrens Valley Christian School. Partnership between parents, teachers, students and the wider community is pivotal to enhancing and enriching the life of the school as we seek to achieve excellence in Christian Education to the glory of God.

IN CHRIST: Young people are given a strong foundation for the future. The educational opportunities we provide TODAY... mold and shape our children..... TOMORROW! And we want those experiences to be founded In Christ!

2017 promises to be an exciting year and I look forward to partnering with you, as parents, to see our young people growing In Christ to become all that God created them to be!

Yours in Christ’s service.

Julie Prattis. Principal.

A PERSONAL INVITATION:

As we commence our year together, I would like to personally invite you to our Opening Service which will be held at Hope Valley Uniting Church on Monday, 20 February, commencing at 7.00pm.

I look forward to seeing you and your family there!
SCHOOL FEES

A reminder that all school fees are due by Friday the 17th February, unless you have a payment plan in place that has been approved by the School.

The first due date for school card applications is also the 17th February. It is expected that payments are made to school fees while waiting for school card eligibility.

Account statements will be coming out on the 1st March. Important: Please check your statement carefully to make sure all money you have paid has been allocated to your account. We have received money into our school bank account recently that we have not been able to identify. If you think this is your account please call the school and ask to speak with Sharyn or Gary. To ensure your payment is matched to the correct account please put your family code first as the reference with all bank transfers.

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In order to meet needs now and into the future, a number of changes will be made to the administrative oversight of the school. This will involve some changes to the structure and staffing of the Administration Team, particularly in the Finance Department.

As from the end of February, Gary Johns will be taking up the role of Finance Manager with responsibility for the financial management of the school, including Accounts Receivable and Accounts payable, payroll, general ledger, compliance and other financial and administrative duties. Gary will be working alongside Accountant, Sharyn Field until the 3rd March, 2017 when Sharyn will be leaving TVCS to take up a new appointment.

In the early part of this year, we will be seeking to appoint someone into a senior management role who will take responsibility for the strategic financial, business and administrative functions of the School. This Business Manager position will be advertised, as from 11th February, with an appointment being made in the first half of this year.

Both Gary and Sharyn have served faithfully at Torrens Valley Christian School, showing exceptional commitment and dedication to the ethos of the school and I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge their contribution and honour them as well-loved and highly valued members of our community.

Please uphold our school in your prayers as these changes take place, asking for God’s grace and guidance as we move into the future.

Julie Prattis (Principal)

STRATEGIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OF TORRENS VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Over the past few years, the Board and I have been working closely together to consider the long term strategic direction and development of the school. As part of these discussions, careful consideration has been given to the structures and personnel that will support the long-term financial planning and strategic management that will undergird and support future development.

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SACE MERIT AWARD CEREMONY

On Tuesday, 7 February, five students from Torrens Valley Christian School attended the annual SACE Merit Ceremony at Government House.

Gaining an award at this level is a fine achievement and we warmly congratulate students, staff and parents for these outstanding results.

Pictured above are our award winners (from left to right): Samuel (who gained a Merit for Mathematical Applications), Sarah (Merit for Mathematical Applications), Taniesha (Research Project), Ashlyn (Classical Studies) and Nathalie (Research Project).

Congratulations to all our 2016 Year 12 students!

The high standard of academic achievement obtained last year was a credit to the students and staff, with our students performing well above the best state averages. Students at TVCS attained eighty A grades, with a total of 69.5% of all results being an A or B grade.

A total of 11 students scored an ATAR of above 90.

Well done and congratulations!

Julie Prattis (Principal)

UNIFORMS FOR SALE

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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH DAY

**Thursday 23 February - Individual and Class Photos**

Every child has received an order envelope.

**PRIMARY students** - return order envelopes to the class teacher by Friday, 17 February, **even if you are not ordering**.

**SECONDARY STUDENTS** (Years 7 - 12) must bring their order envelope with them on photo day and hand to the photographer, **even if you are not ordering**.

A guide on how to order individual and class photos are detailed in each envelope. Students wanting individual/class photos must have their own order envelope.

Full family payment can be enclosed in one envelope, please indicate if payment has been made in another envelope. Please ensure the correct amount is enclosed.

**Friday 24 February - Family Photographs**

Family Photo Order envelopes are only available from the Front Office. A guide on how to order family photos is enclosed in each envelope.

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

The Music Department offers private tuition on the following instruments:

- **Acoustic guitar**
- **Electric guitar**
- **Trumpet**
- **Cello**
- **Flute**
- **Viola**
- **Clarinet**
- **Piano**
- **Violin**
- **Drum kit**
- **Saxophone**
- **Voice**
- **Electric bass**
- **Trombone**

Individual instrumental weekly lessons are ½ hour in length and cost $29. Some instrumental teachers are willing to teach groups of up to 3 students at a time and the cost of a group lesson is $16.00 per student. Lessons run on a rotational basis during the school day to ensure that students do not miss out on the same lesson each week. Senior students are often able to book a fixed time with their instrumental teacher during a study period, lunch, recess, or before or after school. If you would like more information on the Instrumental Programme here, please see the Front Office.

Laura Zavarce (Music Teacher)

Parent & Friends

brings you

**THIRSTY THURSDAY**

Ice blocks for sale at lunch times

Term 1 - Weeks 2, 4, 6, and 8

50 cents each - from the Hall kitchen
MIDDLE SCHOOL - Meet the Teacher Night
Tuesday, 28 February at 7.00 pm in the school hall.
This evening is an opportunity for you to meet your child’s Care Group teacher and find out about Middle Schooling at Torrens Valley Christian School, including policies, procedures, organisational expectations and how we support young adolescents to develop their full potential.
Maths Pathway and Parent use of SEQTA will also be covered.
There will also be an opportunity to mingle with staff who are available to answer your questions. We are looking forward to meeting new parents and seeing our “experienced” parents.
Trevor Coward (Middle School Coordinator)

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)
with Camp Australia
The service provided includes both before and after school care for primary school children. At Camp Australia’s web home page www.campaustralia.com.au, enter our school, Torrens Valley Christian School, and the website takes you to a location specifically linked to OSHC at our school.
More information is given as you register your name. They are more than happy to answer any questions and can help with the process of determining what rebates etc. you are able to receive. OSHC meets in Room 23.

STUDENT ID CARDS (Year 9 to Year 12)
A student ID card is required for concession rates when using public transport, at sporting venues, movie theatres, concerts etc. The school offers this to service to school aged students 15 years and older (or look 15 years of age) for a cost of $8.00. Should your student require an ID please see the Front Office before Friday, 17 February, 2017, with payment of $8.00. Late or replacement cards will cost $10.00.

VOLUNTEERS INDUCTION PROGRAM FOR 2017
Torrens Valley Christian School believes that Volunteers make a significant contribution to the school community. Two Volunteer Induction Programs are being offered to new and exciting families on the following dates.
   Monday, 6 March 7.00pm - 10.00pm
   Tuesday, 7 March 9.00am - 12.30pm
Please see accompanying flyer in this newsletter.
Sue Leary (Community Development Officer)

LEARN A LANGUAGE?
The School of Languages hold lessons here at TVCS on Tuesday nights. Languages offered are: Afrikaans, Chinese, French, Italian and Korean! Classes are held in the Middle School classrooms for the following year levels:
   Years 4 - 7 3.45pm to 5.15pm
   Years 8 - 10 3.40pm to 6.15pm
For further details contact the School of Languages:
Email: admin@schools.sa.edu.au or phone: 8301 4800
Open Day
Thursday 23 March 2017
Come experience our community
Classroom tours 9.15am to 10.15am
Principal's address & student presentations
10.45am to 11.30am
Book a tour
Please contact Julie Dow, Enrolments 8265 2077
or email admin@tvcs.sa.edu.au
1227 Grand Junction Road, Hope Valley SA 5090

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Volunteer Induction Program 2017

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**Term 1, 2017**

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*Volunteer forms are available from the Front Office.*

**Volunteer Induction Program**

Please return this slip to the Front Office to book into a session.

**Name:**

**Contact Number:**

Please tick preferred session

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*Places are limited so please book early.*

Contact Sue Learey (email: sue.learey@tvcs.sa.edu.au) or the Front Office on phone 8265 2077.
RESEARCH PROJECT FUNDRAISER

As part of my Year 12 Research Project I am hosting a Vintage High Tea Fundraising Event on Sunday, 26th February, 2017 from 2pm to 4pm. It will be held at 55 Hill Street, Campbelltown SA. The tickets are selling for $25 pp.

100% of the profits will be supporting the amazing works of International Justice Mission (IJM) Australia.

International Justice Mission protects the poor from violence in the developing world. Partnering with local authorities to rescue victims, bring criminals to justice, restore survivors, and strengthen justice systems. IJM Australia joins in this mission globally and works locally to grow the movement of Australians seeking justice for the oppressed.

To find out more about them visit their website:
https://www.ijm.org.au/home/

Join us for the high tea, take part in a silent auction and there will be prizes awarded to those attending in the best Vintage Attire. This is an adult event for both women and men. (15 years+)

For further information see invitation, search Vintage High Tea Fundraiser on Facebook or speak to Bethany Hendricks.

If you would like anymore information, I can be contacted on Ph: 0412 870 634 or email: BHendric@tvcs.sa.edu.au.

Thank you. Bethany Hendricks (TVCS Year 12 student)

ONE TONNE OF SILVER FUNDRAISER

Following successful efforts Torrens Valley Christian School is trying to raise another One Tonne of Silver.

Its SO EASY just follow these simple steps:

- Find a jar, tin or whatever, paste on a label using the slip below
- Fill it up with your silver or gold coins or notes!
- Bring to the Front Office
- Then watch out for your family’s star on the school notice board
- Start again and again and again!!!

If you have any queries please feel free to contact the P&F Committee through the front office.

This fundraiser will continue all year. Thank you from the Parents & Friends Committee.

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(name)

Is collecting one tonne of silver

PLEASE DONATE YOUR SPARE CHANGE

When full please return to school and look for your name on our special display.
Free parenting seminar
The mysterious world of teens: survival tips for parents

Are you the parent of a teen or pre-teen? Come and join us or watch our live webcast.

Find out:
- what's going on in your child's brain
- what it means to be a teenager in a digital world
- how best to communicate and what to do when things get tough
- what parenting style works best.

Wednesday 22 March
When: 7.00 - 9.00pm
Where: Riverbank Room
Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace, Adelaide

Presented by Kimilie Smout, an Adelaide psychologist working with children, teens and their parents.

Register to attend in person or view the live webcast at:
Online: http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au
Phone: 8303 1660
Email: health.parentingsa@health.sa.gov.au

For more information about raising children and teenagers visit
www.parenting.sa.gov.au or www.cyh.com

This seminar is designed for an adult audience.
Welcome to Torrens Valley Christian School - Skoolbag App.

Skoolbag is a school to parent communication tool. This School Mobile App provides Torrens Valley Christian School with an easy way to inform parents and carers everything they need to know about school news, newsletters, calendar events, cancellations, school notices, school information, absentee note forms, school documents and much more. The Skoolbag App is very flexible and allows us to send school alerts by using Free Push Alert Notifications directly to parent smartphones. Skoolbag App is also available for parents to use on our website, if you do not wish to load the App onto your own phone.


Please use the information below to install the app on your phone or tablet device by following these instructions:

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.