



THOMAS CARR
COLLEGE



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Welcome to the 2022 academic year at Thomas Carr College. We look to a positive future as a school seeking to provide excellent educational opportunities for all our current and future students.

While we have developed tremendous resilience from facing all the challenges of COVID-19, we look to the future with great hope, witnessing increasing enrolments at the College. We have a master plan that will deliver wonderful new buildings and facilities for our students. We are planning for the commencement of a new senior school building which will house our vertical House structure, and senior classrooms, designed as ideal learning environments.

Our aim for 2022 is to continue to foster a culture of excellence in a nurturing environment where the students have a sense of pride as members of our learning community. Our goal is to set high expectations for our students while we continue to provide opportunities for our staff to develop best practices in high quality learning and teaching.

Our Year 12 students from the Class of 2021 have accessed wonderful destinations to Universities including courses in Allied and Clinical Health, Legal fields, Education,

Business and Commerce, IT and Design. RMIT, Victoria University and Deakin University have been very popular destinations with many of our students, along with ACU.

Our new Year 7 students, the Class of 2027 - the year they will graduate from Thomas Carr College, have made a great start as they transition to this new environment. I have been delighted to meet our new families and those returning.

We hope to see our extensive sporting program and extra curricula offerings delivered this year to assist us to build College spirit and pride. These sporting and cultural programs represents a great opportunity for students to develop important interpersonal skills which can be developed further by our rich student leadership opportunities.

As a Catholic school we have selected the value of RESPECT for 2022:

'Respect everyone, show special love for God's people and honour God'

Derived from 1 Peter 2:17

I wish all our current and future families every success as we strive out in 2022 to be the best people we can be.



Mr Holmes with Oliver Pond, Social Justice Captain at the Opening Assembly.



Mr Holmes with the Class of 2021 Dux – Sebastian Kuszner and Dux Proximus – Mackayli Lee.



Mr Holmes and Ms Angelico with the 2022 College Captains at the Opening Assembly.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEW BEGINNINGS AND A FABULOUS YEAR IN 2022

This academic year brings new beginnings and the opportunity to build on what has been created over the past 25 years at Thomas Carr College. Some of the highlights at the end of last year were the Class of 2021 Final Assembly and Graduation Mass and the Gala Night of Excellence which showcased student achievement in Technology, Sport, and the Visual and Performing Arts.

A Night to Shine on 2 December, the annual academic awards evening, was a wonderful celebration of learning and of the rich opportunities available to students that enable them to succeed and thrive at the College. On 3 December, the whole College community gathered at the end of Headstart week to give thanks at our Advent Mass and final College Assembly. The 25th Anniversary celebrations concluded with the creation of our new Time Capsule which will be opened in 2046.

We now look forward to 2022 and all the new opportunities it brings for our vibrant community. We have welcomed

our new Year 7 students, the students who have joined us in Year 8 -12 from other schools and our new staff. The College Student Leadership program will be enhanced this year by the new emphasis on House Captains and the various student leadership development programs which will continue to grow in 2022.

The recent College Assembly recognised the achievements of the Class of 2021. We continue to focus on designing and delivering high quality learning and teaching experiences and to set high expectations for our students as well as supporting them as they strive for excellence in all that they do.

We look forward to the many traditions that have been established at Thomas Carr College and new ones that we are creating.



2022 Senior and Middle School College Captains.



Ms Angelico



Year 7 students on their first day at College.



2021 Dux – Sebastian Kuszner with Mr Bryson.



2021 Dux Proximus – Mackayli Lee.

At Thomas Carr College we are committed to fostering a culture of excellence and creating opportunities for all members of our community to shine their light into the world.

As a College, this extends to creating a narrative that inspires learning and reflects our aspirations by providing opportunities for all students to excel based on their individual learning pathway.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

At the start of this year, we gathered as a community to celebrate the academic achievements of the Class of 2021. At this assembly, we also acknowledged the students who undertook VCAL during their senior years at Thomas Carr College, as they too were able to excel in pursuing a pathway that allowed them to shine and pursue their dreams.

During this assembly, we formally recognised the efforts of our high performing students with all the below listed students receiving 85% or above for their ATAR. Many of these students also received Study Scores of 40 or above for one or more subjects and have been awarded university scholarships.

To further recognise the commitment to excellence that is required to achieve these results, The College Dux is awarded to the student with the highest ATAR Score in their year and the student with the second highest ATAR Score is awarded College Dux Proximus.

COLLEGE DUX

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| Sebastian Kuszner | 90.35 |
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COLLEGE DUX PROXIMUS

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| Mackayli Lee | 88.6 |
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HIGH ACHIEVERS

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| Nina Dino | 88.3 |
| Dinushi don Bombuwelage | 87.6 |
| Yaxin (Cici) Duff-Jones | 87.5 |
| Samuel McAdam | 86.55 |
| Charles Huynh | 86.4 |
| Anzelina Pyakurel | 85.6 |
| Jobanpreet Brar | 85.25 |
| Benjamin Holman | 84.6 |
| Mia Bellet | 84.6 |

We congratulate all these students and wish the Class of 2021 every success in the future.

We are proud of their achievements, and when receiving her award, Mackayli explained that it was her perseverance and commitment to success that contributed to her achieving such high results.

With the start of the school year upon us, I thank Mackayli for sharing her story and for the powerful message that we can all be inspired by. I encourage all members of our College community to be aspirational in committing to excellence and may we all have the courage and strength to persevere as we shine our light into the world.

“IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD.”



Hello and welcome to all our students, staff, and families!

As the new Deputy Principal Student Engagement and Wellbeing, I am honoured to have been welcomed into this community. As the proverb above states, it takes a village to raise a child and I thank you for the privilege of helping you to raise your child. As a Catholic school, we know and celebrate families as the first educators of our young people, and we walk beside them in partnership.

Our young people have experienced quite a turbulent 2 years – as have we all – and we, as a community are committed to ensuring we support them as they

return to onsite learning and engaging them with the opportunities that this affords. As I write this, I see outside my window the heartbeat of this College – our students. This year we have begun a new chapter in the College’s life, with some new structures, some new opportunities for learning, and some new personnel – me included! We are building upon the College’s 25-year history and we are keen to shape this foundation with the input of our students and our families. I look forward to meeting you in the forums we are planning for the future.

I hope to share with you a range of resources and information throughout the year to assist you with your child’s engagement in their learning and with their wellbeing. Your child’s Pastoral and Learning Mentor is your first port of call, and your child’s advocate and go-to person. As well as their PaLM, I say to all my students, that “my door is always open”. The same is true for our families.

I share with you a piece of writing that inspires me and assures me of the importance of community and connectedness. The scientist, Neil deGrasse Tyson, famously spoke about the connection we have to the very beginning of time, and that this connection exists within us to this day. Our faith clearly states that we are all made in the image and likeness of God, that we are all connected and valued and loved. These two truths sustain me in the work that I do – and my hope is that I bring that to this, our village, to raise these, our children.



Mr Lucas with members of the Peer Support Team.



Ms Bonde, Director of Students with Ms Spiteri, Deputy Principal Student Engagement and Wellbeing.

OUR COLLEGE THEME FOR 2022 IS RESPECT.

Archbishop Thomas Carr, our College patron and namesake, was known for his work in building Catholic education in and around Melbourne. He was also very active in his work to overcome inequality and inequity. He demonstrated **'love-in-action'**; at Thomas Carr College in all we do, we too are called to demonstrate this 'love in action' which starts with **RESPECT**.

Pope Francis reminds us "Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives... they are God's handiwork, his creation." We

are created in the image and likeness of God. Every person is worthy of respect simply by virtue of being a human being.

Respect for the human person entails respect for the rights that flow from his dignity as a creature.

We welcome you as part of the Thomas Carr College community to join in our Faith and Mission, and Social Justice awareness activities throughout the year, as we aim to follow Jesus' teachings "Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them," and to "Love one another. As I have loved you."

Respect everyone, show special love for God's people, honour God.



SACCSS SPORT

Our Thomas Carr College TITAN. A representative of our College, one that is gigantic in its size and power.

One that stands for greatness and achievement.

One that is influential and will represent great strength.

Titans are powerful, athletic people that ruled in physical dominance before the Olympics were born!

In 2020, staff and students alike were given the opportunity to put their suggestions forward for a Mascot that would best represent our College. After a voting process, the idea of a 'TITAN' was put into action, where staff and students were encouraged to design what our Titan would look like.

There were two stand out designs which we couldn't separate, so it was decided that we would blend these two designs together to create our awe-inspiring Titan Mascot. Congratulations to Liam

Morgan (Class of 2021) and Brianna Lapina (Current Year 12) for their amazing contributions to our Mascot which will be a lasting legacy.

In 2021, we were excited to introduce to our College community our Thomas Carr College Mascot, the TITAN, in the flesh. The excitement was palpable when the Titan was unveiled at the end of Year Assembly. It has been well received by staff, students, parents and alumni alike, with a reach of over 3,400 views of the unveiling video on the College's social media accounts.

You will see our Titan at many of College events, like House Carnivals, SACCSS games, community events and at our Open Day on Sunday 20 March. So make sure you go up and say 'Hi!' Don't forget to hash-tag #tcctitan if you get a photo. Please ensure to respect our Titan Mascot as it represents our traditions and aspirations.

GO TCC TITANS!



Our Titan welcoming students to the College Swimming Carnival.



The Titan pictured with our Principal Mr Holmes.

Thomas Carr College is a beautiful school. It has taught me to be more open minded, responsible and to be disciplined. However, high school has been tough as it includes so many new things to cope with for example, locks and lockers, responsibility of school resources like laptops and most importantly correct uniform. Although, all of this is just another way to learn and is also a head start for the future as there will be many responsibilities assigned to me.

Keisha Joshi

7 White

Every step I took, my heart was racing faster. As I entered my class, I was welcomed by a warm smile from my Pastoral and Learning Mentor which quickly put me at ease. Immediately I knew I would make great memories here.

Izelle Kwek

7 White

My first day at Thomas Carr College has been very exciting! I hope that I can take all the experiences that I got from primary school and implement them into secondary school. I am really looking forward to the bright future ahead of me.

Marquis Villegas

7 White

My experience so far has been wonderful and the teachers are helpful. One of my highlights here at Thomas Carr College is that I got to meet new people from different ethnicities and backgrounds and got to develop strong bonds with them.

Hesti Patel

7 White

Coming into the College was a very different experience. Orientation was nerve racking at first, but I pulled through, made new friends, and enjoyed the beginning of my high school journey!

Santina Utoasega

7 Jade

My first day at Thomas Carr was amazing! At the beginning of the day, I was so nervous because there were so many people I didn't know, and the school is humongous. My PaLM teacher was so welcoming and kind which made me less nervous. The teachers are so helpful, and I have found some awesome friends. I enjoyed my first day of secondary school more than anything and now I want to return every day.

Callum MacCarthy

7 Purple



Year 7 students on their first day at Thomas Carr College.

I was nervous and didn't really know how the day would work, but all the teachers were kind and helpful. I checked the daily planner in the morning, so I knew what to take. Once I got to school the day was much easier than I expected. The teachers helped me on my way to a great start.

Isabella Fisher

7 Aqua

My first day of school was good because I made a new friend and I played basketball. I enjoyed the subjects and had fun in my homeroom.

Corben Truter

7 Aqua

As I was approaching Thomas Carr Drive, I instantly felt butterflies in my stomach. I was nervous. The teachers were so welcoming, and I knew that everyone else was nervous and in the same boat. I felt so excited to start today but mostly to experience the journey in high school.

Sienna Berardi

7 Aqua

One word to describe my Orientation Day is adventure. I met lots of new people, stepped out of my comfort zone and adjusted to new routines. Soon enough, my nervousness started forming into excitement. I was so grateful to attend.

Kavreen Aulakh

7 White



Year 7 students on their first day at Thomas Carr College.



OPEN DAY

They will shine

Sunday 20 March 2022

10.30am – 2.00pm

To register your interest, please email registrar@thomascarr.vic.edu.au or phone (03) 8734 2444.

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