

Toodyay District High School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Your children are settling in very well, especially given the extreme heat that February has gifted us! We will continue to employ our extreme heat processes as alerts come through from BOM and the Wheatbelt Education Regional office.

With heat being the order of the day, the thought of swimming lessons is refreshing! Our Primary students are no doubt enjoying this experience; the final day of lessons is Thursday 22 February. This is followed on the Friday by our annual Faction Swimming carnival. Family and friends are all welcome to support what is sure to be an enjoyable day.

Speaking of water, at my regular meeting with secondary students at the start of the year, I shared the concept of the ripple effect. Mother Teresa once said, “you alone cannot change the world, but you can cast a stone to create many ripples.” It means, also, that it only takes one small pebble to create a ripple – and in turn, have a big impact. My message is that the little things **do** matter. With this in mind, we continue our drive to improve small things:

1. Attendance at school matters. Secondary students have all been provided with a copy of our Good Standing processes and this has also been provided to parents. Attendance is crucial to being eligible to attend events such as Country Week and other camps.

The Education Act requires that students attend school during term time and the policy states that reasonable cause for absence needs to be provided. I know that the prices of air fares and accommodation increase in school holiday time, and we all wish we could take advantage of lower term time airfares. However, taking holidays during term time is not considered a reasonable explanation for absence. Being away from school impacts student achievement and progress and can also negatively impact social connections. As such, if you choose to take holidays in term time, we will not provide work for students to complete during such an absence.

100% Attendance

To acknowledge the importance of attending school, those students who attend 100% across the three week period between assemblies will go in the draw for a prize. At the moment, the prize is an icy pole! Congratulations to the following students who will receive their prizes today:

Sasha Minchinton, Lucas McIntosh, Tayt Cook, Clinton Ross, Victoria-Lee Quin, Elix McConnell, Holly Watkinson, Jordan Phillips and Tilda Stone.

2. Fostering a sense of belonging matters. Feeling like you are part of a team is important to wellbeing. Our School Dress code is designed to assist students to feel that they belong to ‘Team Toodyay’.

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It also sets a standard. It is a seemingly small thing, but it makes a difference. The code was endorsed last year by our school council and can be found at the end of this newsletter for your convenience. Please note that we request that students who have hair longer than shoulder length tie their hair up. This has been in practice for secondary students for a long time and, as we are a whole school, needs to apply to Primary as well. It will make their future transition to High School so much easier! I thank you for your co-operation.

Other 'small things' that we will be focusing on through our Positive Behaviour Support Programme across the next three weeks are:

- **greeting people by name** and
- **classroom entry and exit routines.**

I am positive that, with all of us adding our own small pebbles to the collective pool, we can create many positive ripples that make a difference to many.

School Funding

Here is an explanation of why we value payment of school fees so much...

Education Department schools are funded jointly by the Commonwealth (20%) and State governments (75%). This means that there is a shortfall of 5% which school fees are designed to fill. While this may not seem like a huge percentage, every bit counts and with an estimate budget of around \$4,000,000, the amount is significant. Your contributions make an enormous difference to the programmes and experiences we are able to offer our students. In saying this, I know times are tough. If you wish to make arrangement to pay fees in instalments, we are happy to set this up; just contact Kate Wakka. As I said before, small things matter – and every small contribution makes a difference.

Student leaders

We conducted our formal induction of our student leaders for 2024 across two assemblies this term. These young people have been chosen by both their peers and school staff and I am confident of their capacity to lead and make a difference.

Special Mention

Our P & C have generously donated 12k to fund Literacy and Numeracy books for students. This has saved parents a significant sum of money from the booklist. Our students benefit when our parents support the P & C with their fundraising endeavours.

Australian Government School Student Broadband Initiative.

The Australian Government School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) is offering free home internet for eligible families with school-aged students until 31 December 2025.

To be eligible, families must:

- have no active broadband service
- have a device capable of accessing the internet
- live in premises where they can access a standard NBN service
- have a child living at home who is enrolled in an Australian school.

The free broadband starts from the day the service is activated with a participating internet provider. Families will not be placed on a paid service by the internet provider at the end of the free service without consent.

For more information and a list of participating internet providers, visit NBN Co School Student Broadband Initiative or call 1800 626 269.

If you think you are eligible and want to self-nominate for the free broadband offer:

- call the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610 (Monday to Friday, 10 am to 6 pm Australian Eastern Daylight-saving Time)
- visit the School Student Broadband Initiative website.

Kind Regards

Sharon Anderson
Principal



Term Dates for 2024

Semester 1 2024		
Term 1	Wednesday 31st January - Thursday 28th March	
Term 2	Monday 15th April - Friday 28th June (Friday June 2nd will be a pupil free day making it a long June weekend)	
Semester 2		
Term 3	Monday 15th July - Friday 20th September	
Term 4	Monday 7th October - Thursday 12th December	

Labour Day	Good Friday	Easter Monday	ANZAC Day Public Holiday	Western Australia Day	Pupil Free Day	Kings Birthday
4th March	29th March	1st April	25th April	3rd June	29th Jan 30th Jan 31st May 15th July 7th Oct 13th Dec	23rd September



Music



Greetings to all TDHS Families,

As we dive into the new school year, our music department is basking in the warmth of good vibes!

Embark on the Choir Adventure!

A hearty welcome to our Year 3 and returning students! The Choir eagerly embraces new talents, and we're thrilled to have you join us. Our first practice session last Friday was nothing short of magical, filled with energy, laughter, and the promise of beautiful music - we finished the session with harmony! We're looking forward to witnessing our Choir members' fantastic growth and unique contributions.

Big Plans Unveiled for the Choir!

Get ready for a musical spectacle! We've officially registered to be part of the 2024 One Big Voice, Australia's largest children's choir festival. Picture over 8000 students united in song at the iconic RAC arena in Semester 2. Can you feel the excitement? More details regarding this event will follow in due course.

A Symphony of Woodwind Wonders!

Ten selected students have embarked on an enchanting instrumental journey with Simon Style, an experienced woodwind maestro from the Department of Education Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS), formerly SIMS. Delving into flute and clarinet, we wish them all the best and cannot wait to see their musical performances in Semester 2.

Heartfelt Thanks for the Ongoing Support!

To our parents: Your steadfast support is the heartbeat of your child's musical endeavours. Thank you for being the wind beneath their musical wings and cheering us on.

A special acknowledgment to Emma Pettemerides for her continued invaluable guidance.

Unveiling Secrets in the Music Room!

Behind the scenes, a symphony of creativity is brewing. We're working hard to bring live music workshops and incursions to our students. This is just a sneak peek—exciting things are unfolding at TDHS, and we cannot wait to share the magic with all of you!

Warmest regards, Shuang Aliaga



SLIME FUN IN KINDERGARTEN!



STUDENT LEADERS 2024

On Tuesday the 13th of February our School Leaders were presented with their Badges. A big congratulations to our School Captains Matilda, Jasmin, Eden and Tilda. Our year 6 Prefects Corbin, Kirra, Max and Isabelle. And to our Faction Captains Jayden, Taimana, Tay, Riley, Missy, Lincoln, Baden and Sasha . We look forward to the year ahead and watching you all develop as leaders.



Awards Winners 2024

Aurora Oliver

Year 4 Class

Coby Eatt

Freddy-Jay Morey

Jasmine Girling

Lulu Spooner

Jake Smith

William Ovens

Tay Williams

Kelly Thomson

Isabella Brooks

Jay-D Thomas

Mason Roper

Izaak Watts

Tyson Corbett

Lucian Walton

Fraser Wood

Harper Smith

Mahli White

Rohnan Brooks

Shatanna Clinch

Sophia Walker

Taj Wishart

Valen Saunders

Congratulations

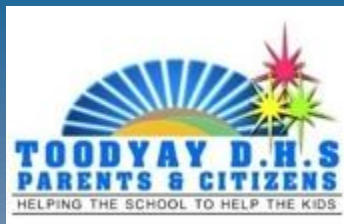
COMPASS

Welcome to our new one stop shop for information about teaching and learning at TDHS!



We have emailed all parents the details to download the app and login to Compass.

The first thing you will have access to is the calendar - so log in and take a look!



Toodyay DHS Parents & Citizens Association

email pandctoodyaydhs@gmail.com, Facebook 'Toodyay DHS P&C'

President - Kelly-Anne Murray on 0406 585 716

Welcome back TDHS students, parents and families and best wishes for the new school year.

P&C Membership

Did you know that...?

P&C members need to submit a new membership form every school year.

Without financial members, the P&C is unable to operate.

This means renewing your membership is essential every year. Membership forms were recently sent home. Please complete and return it to the school office, or scan and send to pandctoodyaydhs@gmail.com.

If you ticked the \$1 P&C contribution when paying your voluntary contributions, then you needn't pay the \$1 membership fee again.

How can you help?

You can help in any way you choose. You don't have to join the committee or come to meetings to be a P&C member. You can help in the canteen, volunteer at school events, help to organise a fundraising event or assist with a project. Joining the P&C and helping at an event are great ways to meet other parents and strengthen our school community.

This year the P&C needs the help of parents or family members to volunteer at events/fundraising stalls like the upcoming Swimming Carnival on Friday 23 February.

Our current committee members are not available during school time to help at events as they're working or have other commitments. It's a perfect time to put up your hand to help at an event or stall during the year.

Why not ask a friend to join you?

Swimming Carnival Stall – Friday 23 February

Swimming, sunshine, sausage sizzles and sweet treats await students, staff and families fired up for the school's swim carnival.



If you can help at the swimming carnival stall by baking or donating some baked goods for sale, or serving at the stall, please contact Tash Hof on 0457 556 397. Remember to return sausage sizzle orders by Tuesday 20 February.

Term 1 members meeting and AGM

Save the date – Tuesday 12 March from 5.30 pm for the term 1 members meeting and annual general meeting. Everyone is welcome, including the kids, so if you've been meaning to get along to a meeting for the first time, make it the 12th February.

Students and the school benefit from every dollar donated by the P&C and its supporters. Together we make a positive and lasting impact.

Follow the 'Toodyay District High School P&C' Facebook page for information about upcoming fundraising activities and events. If you'd like more information please contact pandctoodyaydhs@gmail.com.

TDHS P&C Food Service – Open Monday and Friday



Recess

Hashbrown	\$1.50
Pizza Cheesie	\$1.50
Raisin Toast (2)	\$1.50
Tst Banana Bread	\$1.50
Assorted Cakes	50c
Jellycup	50c
Fruit Cup	\$1.00
Pikelets	50c
Potato Chips	50c
Pop Corn	50c
Choc Mousse	50c

Monday and Friday Menu

Pie	\$3.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Party Pie	\$1.00
Hotdog	\$3.00
Nuggets	\$3.00
Vegemite Sandwich	\$2.50
Cheese Sandwich	\$2.50
Ham Sandwich	\$2.50
Chicken Sandwich	\$2.50
Tst Cheese Sandwich	\$3.00
Tst Ham & Cheese	\$3.50
Tst Chicken & Cheese	\$3.50
Ham & Cheese Croissant	\$3.50

Icy-poles 50c but only available at lunch time (not for recess)

Moo boxes – Juice boxes – Water \$2.00

Sauce 30c

Friday Lunch Meal Deal – Meal and Drink \$6.00

Friday 2nd February	Hot Chicken & Mayo Roll
Friday 9th February	Fried Rice & Spring Rolls
Friday 16th February	Sausage & Pasta Bake
Friday 23rd February	Chicken & Cheese Wrap
Friday 1st March	Lasagna & Garlic Bread
Friday 8th March	Super Hotdog
Friday 15th March	Mac N Cheese
Friday 22nd March	Yumbo Roll (Ham, Cheese & Pineapple)

Secondary Open Night



22nd February 2024

2.45PM

School Library

BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!

**Come see your child's electives
and come join us for the big
Pathways announcement!**



ARTS TOODYAY

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Arts Toodyay are holding an Art Exhibition on the Mothers Day weekend - 10th 12th May 2024. Junior artists are invited to submit works to the Arts Toodyay "Baby Vino" Exhibition 2024.

Entries close 1st April 2024:

Art Categories 2D 18 ++ years, 2D 12-18 years and 2D 6-12 years.

3D Category - all ages

For further information and entry forms, please contact the Secretary Kerrie at secretary.arts.j2@gmail.com or see further information on our facebook and instagram socials.



Good Standing Processes and Procedures

Good Standing and Attendance at Non-curriculum Related Events

Students are offered the following events (including, but not limited to these alone) **by invitation only**: Graduation Dinner, CountryWeek, inter-school events, incentive excursions (arranged by Year Co-ordinator), Wilderness Hike, school camps. This is because they are not considered essential to the learning experience but are in addition to what the school curriculum provides.

As such, only those students with Good Standing will be invited to attend these events.

To be eligible to attend such events, students must

- ⇒ Attend school regularly (90%)
- ⇒ Have 100% of absence explained as 'reasonable cause' by their parent'.
- ⇒ Demonstrate that their school achievement is on track
- ⇒ Follow all school rules and expectations
- Consistently receive 6 ticks on daily behaviour sheets
- No suspensions
- ⇒ Receive letters of commendation or certificates
- ⇒ Not have lost good standing during the year leading to the event.

Students may negotiate their inclusion in such events. In such cases, inclusion is at the [Principal's](#) discretion. The [Principal](#) will consider such things as:

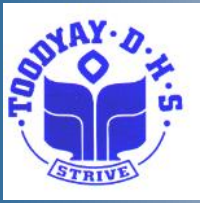
- Recency of breaches
- Level of seriousness – eg reason for loss of good standing
- Number of breaches

NOTE – Students with two or more suspensions during the year of the event may [experience difficulty](#) negotiating a positive outcome.

Good Standing and Attendance at Curriculum-based Excursions

Safety is the number one concern when making decisions about student participation in curriculum-based excursions or camps.

- Students need to have their good standing intact at least two weeks prior to the event
- Decisions about Cadets' inclusion in camps and excursions will be based on their behaviour as evidenced in weekly tick sheets.
- Cadets need to have attended at least 90% of instruction to be eligible to participate in a camp. This is to ensure the students have completed enough learning to ensure their safety.
- Students will require approval from [all of](#) their teachers based on Attitude, Behaviour and Effort.



Uniform Policy

Policy Statement

The purpose of the school uniform is to create a sense of community that engenders the feeling of belonging in all individuals.

The uniform represents a commitment to our values which underpin the teaching and learning at Toodyay District High School. Our aim is to have a learning environment that is supportive, positive, non-discriminatory, equitable and safe.

The wearing of the school uniform proudly identifies our students at all times and can assist teachers with duty of care in the school yard and on excursions. The school's solid blue with white trimming colour, is highly recognisable from a distance. It also avoids the issues of competition and purchasing expensive clothing, providing functional and cost effective clothing for children.

Any changes to the school uniform will involve consultation with the wider school community. The final authority for any changes to the School Dress Code rests with the Governing School Council.

Awareness of, and sensitivity to students in financially disadvantaged situations has been taken into consideration in relation to the School Dress Code. Our uniform offers affordable clothing for all students. It is flexible, based around the school's colours of blue and white.

Procedure: Toodyay District High School Dress Code

Clothing

Shirts are to be royal blue polo shirts with a white collar and school emblem. A commemorative Year 6/Year 10 or other curriculum designed shirt may be worn. Windcheaters and school jackets are royal blue with school emblem. Shorts, Pants, Skirts or Skorts must be black with no noticeable stripes, logos or motifs. School shorts must be at an appropriate length. *

If leggings or tights are worn, then appropriate black school shorts are to be worn over the top.

Hats must be worn outdoors at all times. School faction brimmed hats are strongly recommended. Sports Uniform to be worn at interschool sports will be black skirts, skorts or shorts with a blue school uniform polo shirt with a school logo.

School uniforms are available from Cadds Fashion Surf and Sport in Northam, open on Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 5.00pm and Saturday, 8.30am to 12 noon.

School Excursions require full school uniform being black shorts, pants, skirts or skorts and royal blue school uniform shirts and jumpers or jackets with school logo.

Footwear must be appropriate and comfortable. For safety reasons, thongs are not permitted.

Any clothes made of denim are not permitted.

The following items are **not permitted**: Hoodies, tank tops, singlets, see through garments, midriff tops, thongs, high heels. Shorts, dresses, skirts must be mid-thigh length **not too revealing**. (Short- shorts are NOT permitted*) There is to be no visible labelling except for the school logo on any part of the uniform.

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Year 10 Leavers jacket and Year 6 Milestone shirt are exempt and are endorsed by School Council.

**This is defined as acceptable if, when standing straight with hands by your side, the finger tips do not reach past the bottom of the shorts or skirt.*

Jewellery

Fashion type jewellery is not permitted. Children may have a single stud or sleeper earring in each ear only. No facial or visible body piercings are allowed.

Sun Policy - In accordance with the school Sun Policy, the wearing of hats is essential throughout the year. Toodyay DHS School bucket hats are strongly encouraged, as they offer the best protection. Hats are not to have visible graffiti. Students who choose not to wear a hat will be required to remain in the shaded veranda areas.

Footwear

Sensible, comfortable closed footwear is to be worn at all times. Preferably on days of PE children wear sports shoes.

Makeup & Hair

Make up and brightly coloured nail polish are not considered appropriate for children at school. Students with hair longer than shoulder length will have it tied back for safety reasons.

Casual Days, Camps and Sports Days

On Casual Days, camps and Sports Days, Sun Safe and jewellery dress code applies. Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Bathing suits are to be consistent with the sporting activity.

Consequences of Inappropriate dress

Students who arrive in attire that does not meet the dress code will be asked to wear a school polo shirt as their outer garment. Secondary form teachers will ensure compliance during morning form. Primary teachers will do uniform check first thing in the morning. If needed, the student will be sent to the Administration where they will be offered a borrowed uniform and expected to swap their incorrect item of clothing for the day. The student item will then be swapped back at the end of the day. A student who refuses to comply with the Uniform policy will be managed using the Toodyay Managing Behaviour policy.

Responsibility

Parents: Acceptance of enrolment at Toodyay DHS assumes an agreement between the school, parent/carer and the enrolling student to follow the dress code. Parents will be expected to supply suitable clothing for the child's use in school activities. Issues of financial hardship can be discussed with the Principal or Manager of Corporate Services. Parents will be notified either by phone, letter or diary if their child is not wearing appropriate clothing. Parents are expected to notify the school either personally or in writing if their child is unable to wear the correct uniform. Second Hand uniforms are often available from the Toodyay Op Shop.

Exemption: DOE Policy states that Principals may exempt students from the Dress Code Policy upon written request from the parents, on the following grounds: The Principal may approve items for special events. (eg. Country week)

- Religious, Cultural or ethnic
- New student (two weeks to purchase)/Itinerant students
- When there is a genuine medical or family reason for not wearing uniform, the school should be informed in writing.

All students are required to wear clothing consistent with the School's Dress Code at all times.



TERM 1 PLANNER 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan 29 SDD	Jan 30 SDD	January 31 Students Return to School	Feb 1	2 Assembly— Student Leader Induction
5	6	7	8	9
12 Swimming Lessons P - 6	13 Assembly at 8.50am	14	15	16
19 Swimming Lessons P-6	20	21 Pre-Primary Parent Information Meeting at 3.10	22 Secondary Parent Teacher Night	23 Swimming Carnival 9am - 3pm
26	27	28	29 Cadet Camp	March 1
4 Labour Day Public Holiday	5 Assembly at 8.50am	6	7	8
11 Year 6 Camp	12	13 NAPLAN 3, 5, 7, 9 begins	14	15
18	19	20 School Council Meeting at 9am	21	22 Interschool Swim Carnival
25 NAPLAN 3,5,7,9 Concludes	26 Assembly at 8.50am	27	28 Last Day of Term for Students	29 Good Friday Public Holiday
April 1st Easter Monday				