



Our Community

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In the spirit of staying connected

Community profiles

TOGA – Carol Robertson

Carol's association with Tintern began in 1975 when she started in Form 1, before completing Year 12 in 1980. She remembers feeling overwhelmed initially after coming from a small rural primary school; she couldn't believe the facilities. Many changes have taken place over the years; the pine forest is gone as is the outdoor pool, but the grounds and buildings are fabulous and the farm is still a big part of life at Tintern. The students are very fortunate to belong to something so admirable.



Carol's daughter, Tamara, is currently in Year 9. Carol reflects, "She ventured into Tintern in Grade 5 and I still think that it was one of the best decisions I ever made. I chose Tintern because I believed in the values and ethos of the school. I knew that she would receive the best possible education and also receive many opportunities. Tintern is more than an education, it gives the students self confidence, a belief in themselves and their abilities and the wherewithal to have a go." Carol believes that children benefit from parental involvement in their activities and school is no exception. She further adds, "I have always been involved in their various pursuits and believe that the connection between school and family life is very important. Even though I joined TOGA a few years after finishing Year 12,

Upcoming Meetings:

I became more involved once Tamara was also a Tinternite. It never ceases to amaze me the bond we have as past students. We may have attended at different times but all have strong memories of our time at Tintern."

Carol strongly believes TOGA provides a link between past students and the school. As TOGA president she would love to see mentoring, networking and greater communication develop between the school and past students. She is also looking forward to forging strong links with Southwood and SOBA.

News from our Friends of Music (FOM) – Keng McDowell

Munch with the Musos – After the very successful Munch with the Musos event last year, we are pleased to announce that this year's Munch with the Musos will be held on Sunday 29 November from 10:00am to 12:30pm. Please mark this date in your diary. Order forms will be available in Term 4.

FOM Award – We are delighted to announce the introduction and sponsorship of the Friends of Music Award, to be presented at the end of this year at the Southwood Presentation Night and Tintern Speech Night. The eligibility criteria for the award can be obtained from the Music Department.

Year Level Functions

Tintern Year 7: On Friday 14th August, approximately 20 Year 7 parents met for dinner at Bucatini's Restaurant. We also had the pleasure of the company of Di Grochowska, our Year 7 Co-ordinator. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet parents new to Tintern as well as parents of older girls and boys attending Tintern Schools. We had a thoroughly enjoyable evening and look forward to the next opportunity to get both the mums and dads together for an evening out.

Southwood & Tintern Year 11: A lovely, relaxing evening was had by parents from Year 11 on Friday 21 August at Balsamic, Ringwood. Whilst we were small in numbers, we all shared a laugh amongst good company and enjoyable food. These social dinners are a wonderful opportunity to meet new families and catch up with old ones. Kathy Green.

Tintern Year 7: On Wednesday 26 August several Year 7 parents met at Kennedy cottage to enjoy morning and afternoon tea. The morning group had just waved their girls off to camp whilst the afternoon group eagerly awaited the return of the first group. A great time was had by all as parents took the time to get to know others from their daughter's year level.



If your year level is planning or has recently held a get together email us a couple of lines for the next community page.

Family connections

The Community Relations Office is looking for the current Tintern Schools family with the most generational links. If your son or daughter is a current student, are you and your mother a past student? Is your grandmother or aunt also a past student? If so we would like to hear from you. This information is always welcome to keep our database current and up to date. Please contact Di Lacey on 9845 7893 in the Community Relations Office or by email dlacey@tinternschools.vic.edu.au.

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The Tintern Association (TTA) Next Meeting Thursday 15 October 7.30pm Kennedy Cottage, Tintern President: Amanda McKenzie	Southwood Parents' Club (SPC) Next Meeting Tuesday 20 October 7.30pm Southwood Senior Staff room President: Sue Jane	Southwood Old Boys' Association (SOBA) For details of next meeting, please contact Community Relations. Presidents: Aaron De Lacy and Matthew Ross	Tintern Old Girls' Association (TOGA) Next Meeting Monday 12 October 7.30pm Kennedy Cottage, Tintern President: Carol Robertson	Friends of Music (FOM) Next Meeting Wednesday 7 October 7.30pm CM Wood common room, Tintern President: Keng McDowell	Other Groups: Parents of Paddlers (POPS) Friends of Equestrian (FOE) Please contact Community Relations for next meeting details.
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