



Quaynotes 10th November, 2025

**Respect, Friendship and
Doing Your Best.**

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Torquay College Festival - we are so excited with preparations well under way for our Festival, being held on Friday 5th December. We will be showcasing our specialist program, including campfire, STEAM challenges, old fashioned sports, Indonesian dances, Art Show, collaborative art pieces, secondhand book and clothing stalls, food and drink stalls, cafe & cakes and more. The event will start at 3:00pm and run through until 7:00pm. We can't wait for all families to enjoy the afternoon together. Please keep an eye out this week for opportunities to help. All staff will be in attendance, and community support will make the day even more special!

Class requests - Class requests are now closed for the 2026 school year. Thank you to the families who provided valuable insight. In most cases, your requests had already been accommodated by current and past classroom teachers. Please note that while every effort is made to consider requests, it is not always possible to meet all preferences. Also, if your child is moving on from Torquay College at the end of this year can you please contact the office to let them know.

One-Up and Transition Days - To support a smooth transition into 2026 we will be holding a one-up afternoon on Thursday 20th November from 2-3pm. This will give students the opportunity to visit the 2026 classrooms for their designated year level. Our big transition session will be on Tuesday 9th December, and it is on this day that students will meet their 2026 classroom teacher and classmates.

Grade 5 Camp - Best wishes to our Grade 5 students, staff, and parent helpers as they head off to Camp Kangarooobie this week! There's been plenty of excitement in the lead-up. We have spoken with students about upholding our school values and representing Torquay College proudly while out in the broader community.

Uniform - Behind the scenes, there has been a great deal of work around our school uniform. Last term, families were invited to contribute feedback about whether our current uniform meets the needs of students and families and to indicate an interest in joining a uniform working party. We received over 180 responses. As a result, we are in the process of updating our uniform policy and moving toward a more streamlined design. Sample garments are currently being developed and should be arriving soon. We plan to launch the new uniform in the second half of 2026, with a two-year phase-out period for the existing uniform, to be fully implemented by the beginning 2029. More information, including the updated policy and final designs, will be shared before the end of this year. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this important process.

Important dates 2025

- 11 November** - Foundation school readiness sessions.
- 12-14 November** - Yr 5 Camp
- 14 November** - Yr 2 Butterfly & Egg Hatching Program
- 21 November** - Yr 1 Scienceworks
- 24 November** - Girls STATE Softball comp
- 25 November** - Yr 6 Camp
- 26 November** - 2026 Foundation transition Session 2 9:30am - 10:30am
- 25-28 November** - Yr 6 Camp
- 28 November** - Athletics F-2
- 28 November** - Yr 5 Community Activities 11am - 1pm
- 1-2 December** - Yr 3 Camp 3B, 3C
- 2-3 December** - Yr 3 Camp 3A, 3D
- 3 December** - Additional SCS transition session
- 5 December** - Yr 5 Community Activities
- 5 December** - Torquay College Festival
- 8 December** - Bush Blitz excursion
- 9 December** - **State Wide Transition Day**
- 12 December** - Yr 2 Celebration Day
- 12 December** - Yr 5 Community Activities
- 15 December** - Grade 6 Graduation
- 15 December** - Yr 4 Celebration day
- 15 December** - Yr 5 Celebration Day
- 16 December** - Whole School Christmas Carols.
- 17 December** - Yr 6 Adventure Park
- 17 December** - Yr 1 Celebration Day
- 17 December** - Yr 3 Celebration Day
- 18 December** - **Curriculum Day (no students)**
- 19 December** - Last Day of School (1pm dismissal)

LAST BOOKCLUB IS OUT NOW!
DUE BACK TO SCHOOL 21ST
NOVEMBER

Regional Softball



Our Regional Softballers had a very successful day at Stead Park last week in the regional finals. Winning all 3 matches and the grand final with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations to these students on their performance and exceptional behaviour representing Torquay College and getting through to the State Championships.

Regional Volleyball



Congratulations to these amazing volleyballers on their efforts in the Regional Finals last week. The team played very well but unfortunately did not progress to the next round. Thankyou to the parents/carers for transporting these boys to Melbourne for this event. These opportunities would not be possible without your assistance.

Regional Hot Shots Tennis

Last Thursday the grade 5 and 6 girls hotshots tennis team competed in the Regional tournament in Williamstown. They played in 3 rounds of tennis, consisting of both singles and doubles matches. Although they didn't finish the day with enough points to make it through to the State finals they were very proud of how far they had come. A big congratulations to the Torquay College team for the efforts. A special thankyou to our parents for driving the kids to Williamstown for this event. We couldn't do these things without your help!



Yr 6 Rubbish Rangers



Our Yr 6 Rubbish Rangers had a big day collecting rubbish around our community and environment last week. Students learned a lot about how they can contribute to our local community through groups like this whilst enjoying the perfect weather and a lovely morning tea the Rangers put on for us. The students also did some marine biology fieldwork, identifying features of marine life at the beach.

Yr 3 Mad about Science



On Friday 7 November, our Year 3 students had an explosive time exploring the wonderful world of chemistry with Mad About Science. They grew Orbees and saw what happened to them when we added salt to the water, tested everyday liquids to discover whether they were acids, bases or neutral, and created fizzing reactions that blew up zip-lock bags using vinegar and bicarb soda. The biggest excitement came when we launched our “rocket fuel” experiment, dropping half an aspirin into vinegar to blow the tops off test tubes. It was a fun, hands-on day of learning about reactions, change and scientific curiosity.

Congratulations

Last Thursday, Pip H represented Torquay College in the State Athletics Championships in both the 800m and 1500m finals. She did extremely well coming 9th in both races. It continues to be an excellent year for Pip breaking the Bellarine 800m record, the Western Region 1500m record and also pitching in the Torquay College Softball team which will contest the State titles on the 24th of November. Well done Pip, we are really proud of you!



Congratulations to Joshua M for competing in the Rocky Trail Academy School Championship Mountain biking race in Mogo NSW. Josh came in 20th position in the Primary School Category. Being one of the youngest competitors in his category, this was a terrific achievement representing Torquay College.



TORQUAY COLLEGE



The year 6 students have completed their final lesson of SAKG enjoying party food. We wish them the best in their new high school and hopefully the skills they have learnt over the past 2 years cooking and gardening will help them in their new school.

The year 5 students will be cooking an Indian theme menu including Dahl with Potatoes & Silver beet, Yellow Indian Rice & Pappadams, Indian Flat Bread, Vegetable Samosa, & Indian Kulfi Ice cream. A HUGE THANKYOU to MITRE 10 and SOUTHPOINT GARDENING SUPPLIES for their kind donation of timber and Rio to enclose our main veggie garden near the oval, without their support this project would not have been possible. Please support these local business.

The year 4 students will be joining us in the kitchen for their Introduction lesson to SAKG.
Date for classes Term 4 Introduction class 2025

Introduction Lesson

4A Korina Noble Wednesday 3rd December 8.30am – 10.30am

4C Tristan Johns Wednesday 3rd December 11.00am – 1.00pm

4B Ellie Timms/Tim Rahilly Thursday 4th December 8.30am – 10.30am

4D Ashele Gathercole-Tine Thursday 4th December 11.00am – 1.00pm

If you are interested in volunteering, it is fun and you get to meet new people, work with great kids & cook delicious food, or if you would rather not work with the student's we have many volunteers who help in other roles in the program, including helping in the garden.

Please give Terri a call on 5261 2360 or email tresamintram@education.vic.gov.au, a Working with Children Check its FREE for volunteers and easy to apply for online.

You also are required to complete the documentation on this link <https://forms.gle/tmvTFERgp4lvTugAA> or you can go to the Torquay College Website, click on information, volunteers, online induction.



Vegetable Samosas

Fresh from the garden: coriander, onion, peas, potato, pumpkin or sweet potato

Equipment:

metric measuring scales, jug and spoons
clean tea towel
chopping board
cook's knife
vegetable peeler
saucepans – 1 small, 1 large with steamer
mixing spoon
2 large bowls
plastic wrap
rolling pin
baking tray
baking paper
serving platters
serving tongs

Ingredients:

For the hot water pastry:

85 g butter
180 ml boiling water
350 g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
1 pinch salt

For the filling:

350 g pumpkin or sweet potato, peeled and diced into 2 cm cubes
3 large potatoes, peeled and diced into 2 cm cubes
1 tbsp olive oil
1 medium onion, peeled and finely diced
2 tsp mustard seeds
2 tsp cumin seeds
1 tsp cardamom powder
1 tsp garam masala
½ tsp turmeric
1 pinch of salt
1 pinch of pepper
3 large handfuls of peas, podded (or 1 cup frozen peas)
1 small handful of coriander leaves, chopped

What to do:

To make the hot water pastry:

1. Prepare all of the ingredients based on the instructions in the ingredients list.
2. Melt the butter into the water in the small saucepan.
3. Put the flour in a large bowl with the salt.
4. Add the butter and water mixture.
5. Stir until the dough forms a ball.
6. Knead the dough on a clean, dry, floured workbench for 2 minutes.
7. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and store in the refrigerator while making the filling.
8. Preheat the oven to 180°C.



Vegetable Samosas continued

To make the filling:

1. Steam the pumpkin and potato until tender, then allow them to cool a little.
2. Heat 1 tbs olive oil in the large saucepan on medium heat.
3. Add onion and cook until translucent.
4. Add mustard and cumin seeds and stir until fragrant.
5. Add the spices, salt, pepper, peas, pumpkin and potato, and stir to combine thoroughly.
6. Make sure the spices are evenly distributed and break up any lumps.
7. Stir the fresh coriander through and allow the mix to cool.

To make the samosas:

1. Divide the pastry dough into 16 balls.
2. Roll each dough piece out into a circle.
3. Place a spoonful of mixture into the centre of a pastry disc.
4. Fold it in half, pressing all the air out. It will be a half-moon shape.
5. Press the edge together firmly.
6. Follow the same assembly process for each piece of dough.
7. Line the baking tray with baking paper, then place the samosas on the tray and bake in the oven for 15 minutes.
8. Serve with Yoghurt & Sesame Sauce (page 160).



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Grow Healthy Kids

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Student of the week- Our School Values

These students will be celebrated at assembly this Friday 14th November, 2025.

Respect

Foundation

Maddie G

Yr 1

Yr 2

Sienna W

Yr 3

Charlie M
Eli M
Patterson N

Yr 4

Yr 5

Charli J
Charlotte N
Leo K

Yr 6

Friendship

Foundation

Sandro B
Amelie B
James P
Evie M

Yr 1

Yr 2

Ruby S

Yr 3

Teddy I
Wilkie R
Cooper

Yr 4

Yr 5

Frankie I
Frankie W
Fox G
Otis I

Yr 6

Doing Your Best

Foundation

Charlotte W
Niamh B
Poppy K
Knox M

Yr 1

Ellie R
Samantha H
Coco S
Elodie A

Yr 2

Asher S
Scarlett S
Hudson G
Jaxon P
Carla P
Evie I
Alby M

Yr 3

Evie T
Allina M
Jack R
Solomon T
Jimmy S
Eddie

Yr 4

Eva B
Vivien Mc

Yr 5

Zoey

Yr 6

Nicholas P
Lachlan R
Xandi H
Nate S

Congratulations

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support



Torquay College Matrix School Wide Positive Behaviour Support



The Behaviour Matrix provides an opportunity to specifically define each of the school's behaviour expectation and standardise them. The Matrix of Expected Behaviours

- makes it clear for staff and students to know exactly what is expected across learning and other spaces around the school
- establishes a consistency of practice for adults and students across the school
- creates a school culture that is clear, positive and consistent

These are the behavioural rules that are expected in each and every school location. The Matrix explicitly teaches the skills we want students to be able to demonstrate. Our behaviour matrix displays positive language and is underpinned by the school values and guiding principles. By focusing on the school values, we support all children to be kind and successful. We recognise behaviour as a form of communication and we actively support students to modify their behaviour for social acceptance and safety.

The Behaviour Matrix is displayed with visual posters throughout the school environment. Students are acknowledged when they demonstrate the school values with verbal, non-verbal and tangibles.

Torquay College Matrix School Wide Positive Behaviour Support				
Values	ALL	Inside	Outside	Digital
Respect The way I treat myself, others, places & belongings 	- I look after myself - I use my manners - I listen when others are speaking - I value the opinion of others - I speak and act positively - I use appropriate language - I wear correct uniform - I respect the property of others, school property and my community - I respect the privacy of others - I use the toilets appropriately - I follow directions when moving between spaces	- I take pride in my work - I allow others to learn - I arrive on time - I accept that people learn in different ways - I leave a space the way I found it - I use my inside voice	- I respect the choices of others during playtime - I am inclusive of others - I keep our school clean - I put my rubbish into the bin - I am inclusive of others - I walk calmly around the school during lesson time - I move safely around the school - I play in supervised areas at recess and lunchtime	- I follow the Digital Technology Acceptable Use Agreement - I think about what I'm going to send before I send it - I use the Internet as a learning resource - I value other's privacy and work - I keep passwords and personal information private - I will communicate with others online respectfully - I will treat ALL digital equipment with care
Friendship I look out for others and treat them with kindness 	- I am a good friend - I treat others well - I am helpful - I am trustworthy - I will speak to others in a caring way - I speak only what I know is true - I praise others for a job well done - I respect the personal space of others - I include others and accept their differences - I celebrate the success of others - I take responsibility for my actions - I will use the Wheel of Choice	- I am considerate - I work cooperatively - I give others their personal space - I am patient - I make good decisions about who I sit next to	- I play cooperatively - I care for others - I set a good example for others - I play fairly - I play safely	- I communicate positively online - I report cyberbullying to a trusted adult - I ask for permission before posting anything online - I only communicate with people I know and trust online
Doing your best I do the best I can to achieve my goals 	- I take responsibility for my own learning - I have a positive attitude to my learning - I am an active listener – I listen to and follow instructions - I speak when it's my turn - I ask for help if needed - I accept help - I help others - I am resilient - I challenge myself - I can identify my emotions - I can manage my emotions - I can problem solve	- I am ready to learn - I have a go at all learning tasks and put my best effort in - I stay on task - I do the work that is expected of me - I make sure I have the correct equipment ready for each session - I learn from my mistakes - I value persistence - I use feedback for personal growth	- I will use the Wheel of Choice - I play within boundaries - I move quickly when the music begins - I follow game rules - I seek help if I can't solve something myself	- I bring my device charged and ready for learning - I only use school approved apps and websites - I make sure the information I present is my own - I balance my screen time - I use all devices carefully - I report any issues to an adult

Torquay College Matrix Lesson Week 5

Setting	ALL
Value	Doing your best
Expectation	I can challenge myself

Torquay College Matrix Lesson Week 6

Setting	Outside
Value	Friendship
Expectation	I set a good example for others



House Points



Charlemont

1st

42 points

Inverlochie

2nd

39 points

Bancoora

3rd

37 points

Scammell

4th

32 points

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TORQUAY COLLEGE FESTIVAL

3:00-7:30PM

FEATURING

Campfire Indonesian Dance Art Show Photo Booth
Old Fashioned Sports Live Music Secondhand Stalls
Student Performances Food, Cafe & Drinks

5 DECEMBER 2025

The event is cash free, Torquay College Cash Token
Cards will be available for purchase upon entry.