



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Monday 11th February
Musical Rehearsals
3:30 - 5:30pm
- ◆ Tuesday 12th February
Elevate Parent Seminar
7 - 8pm
- ◆ Thursday 14th February
House Swimming Sports
- ◆ Friday 15th February
Photos - Whole School
- ◆ Monday 18th February
Intermediate Sport and
Senior Tennis
- ◆ Thursday 21st February
Year 7 BBQ - 5:30 pm
- ◆ Thursday 28th February
Year 7 WaterMarc

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Principal's Update



Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you have all had a good summer break with your families and I'm happy to see you all back safe and sound. Thank you to students, parents and staff for the smooth start to the year, it has been very calm and productive. Our student numbers are similar to last year, with around 1650 students currently enrolled.

New and Returning Staff

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new and returning staff to the Gladstone Park community:

Returning Staff:

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| Antonia Pouniotis | Science |
| Ivona Lonac | English |
| Jessica Nash | English |
| Maree Gray | Student Services |

New Staff:

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| Will Sayers | Science |
| Camelia Janz | English |
| Domenica Sabatino | English |
| Ben Gibson | English |
| Scott Puxley | PE |
| Lorenzo Scordamaglia | Italian |
| Federico Scalvini | Italian |
| Nicholas Slaney | Music |
| Sophie Weston | Music |
| Irene Komiti | Student Services |
| Klate McFarlane | Junior School Principal |
| Jodie Scott | Art and Junior School Program Manager |

We are in the process of employing a new Foods teacher.

School Council – Call for nominations

School Council currently has three parent vacancies and one student vacancy. Nominations for these positions will open on Monday 11th Feb and close at 4pm on Monday 18th February. Information will be sent home to students. Nomination forms can be collected from the General Office.

Car parking during drop off and pick up

I have noticed quite a few parents are parking illegally, in the Child Care centre and no-standing areas. Please note that the local council have been patrolling the area, photographing cars and issuing fines. Students must cross Taylor Drive at the school crossing to avoid the risk of being hit by cars backing out of car-parking spaces. Sanctions will be given to students breaking this rule. **Please put the safety of your children ahead of convenience and take extra care when dropping off and picking up.**

Update Your Details

It is very important that the school has current contact details for each student. If you have changed address, phone numbers or anything else that is related to your child, could you please inform the school as soon as possible so our records are up-to-date.

Important Dates

Please take the time to put the important dates, listed in this newsletter, in your diary. It is a very full term one with many whole school events, such as the Swimming and Athletics carnivals and school photo day. We also have the **Year 7 Barbecue on Thursday 21st Feb.** to welcome new students and their families.

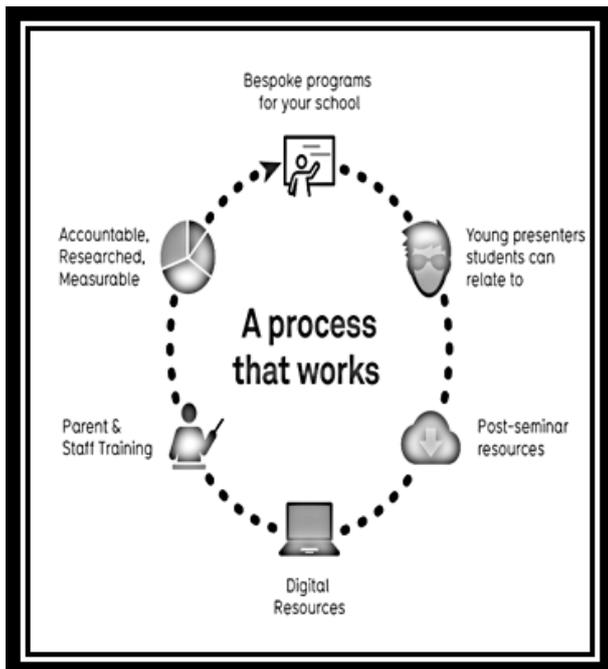
Elevate Study Skills Program



Our study skills program increased to incorporate all year levels starting from year 7

Since 2001, Elevate has been transforming the way study skills programs are run across Australia. Drawing upon over 15 years of research into the habits of the country's top students, Elevate's high impact seminars & workshops help students improve their study techniques, increase motivation, build confidence, and lift exam performance.

It isn't enough that students simply understand what they need to do in their study. The challenge in any study skills program is getting students to use and apply the skills they learn. We introduced a whole school program last year and now run the Elevate Program for our students from years 7 to 12. We believe this whole school approach will provide a more consistent way to introduce healthy study tips from the start of high school. This year we will be introducing a parent session to help you reinforce healthy study habits at home.



2019 Study Skills Program

Year 7s

July Study Skills Kickstart

Year 8s

1 May Junior Time Management

Year 9s

26th February Memory Mnemonics

Year 10s

3rd May Study Sensei

Year 11s

22rd February Time Management (Seniors)

30th April Ace your Exams

Year 12s

August Goal Setting

September Preparing for the final exams

You can find more information on COMPASS as each session will be entered as an Event for your approval or you can contact your relevant Sub School.

Study Skills - Parents Information Session

Study Skills – Information Session for Parents

Empowering parents to support healthy study habits at home

We would like to invite all parents to a session on supporting your child's study habits at home.

Where: in the PAC

When: Tuesday 12th February from 7pm to 8pm.

The session aims to provide information to parents on the advice we provide to students on how to implement effective study techniques.

The session is delivered by Elevate, a company engaged to deliver sessions to all students at Gladstone Park Secondary College from years 7 to 12.

We want to expand this program to include parents so that the messages at school can be reinforced at home.

If you would like more information or have any questions please contact Keri Brown at brown.keri.k@edumail.vic.gov.au

More information on elevate can be found at <https://au.elevateeducation.com/programs/parent>

We hope to see you on the 12th February. Parents of all year levels are welcome.

Ms Keri Brown
Senior School Program Manager

Monash Uni - LAMADA



MONASH UNIVERSITY
ART DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE

During the summer holidays, Monash University hosted five Gladstone Park Visual Arts students for three days at the all inclusive *Learning and Making in Art, Design and Architecture (LAMADA) Camp*.

Alannah Salgado, Caitlin Tullberg, Gayeshi Perera, Aisyah Mohammad Sulhanuddin and Eva Chen were selected to attend after submitting a 500-word proposal stating why they were suitable candidates.

Participants came from all over Victoria, some travelling 8 hours by train and even staying at a nearby motel the night before to attend this very special camp. They experienced practical workshops in Architecture, Design and Fine Art, as well as a tour of the Campus.

The girls sat down at lunch time with Ms Neven to share stories from their experience.

“We stayed in Mannix college and travelled by private bus to the Clayton and Caulfield campuses of Monash University for our sessions. It was so fun! “

“We designed and made drones out of recycled materials, and we designed adaptations of the human body to survive in extreme weather conditions “

“We also designed and made extensions of the human body with the purpose of generating artwork, and it had to spin- that was the most fun one, ours was a giant arm paintbrush that had sharpies coming out of it and it span around and we made a mess!”

“One of the most interesting things was making stuff out of unusual recycled things”

“We made heaps of new friends and we got to connect with people who shared the same interests as us”

“We got to see the different university facilities including a huge display of the periodic table with the actual elements all in boxes on display”

“We got to hear everyone else’s ideas, everyone had something so different and creative, it was so inspiring- we had to present to everyone so many times it shocked me- I was nervous at the start but was fine by the end”

“We had to draw something that we were afraid of and then we had to pass it to someone else who turned into something not scary, like balloons into jellyfish”

“Taking the tour of the Clayton campus left us in awe of all the impressive university facilities, a delightful mix of both new and older buildings.”

Monash Uni - LAMADA Camp cont...

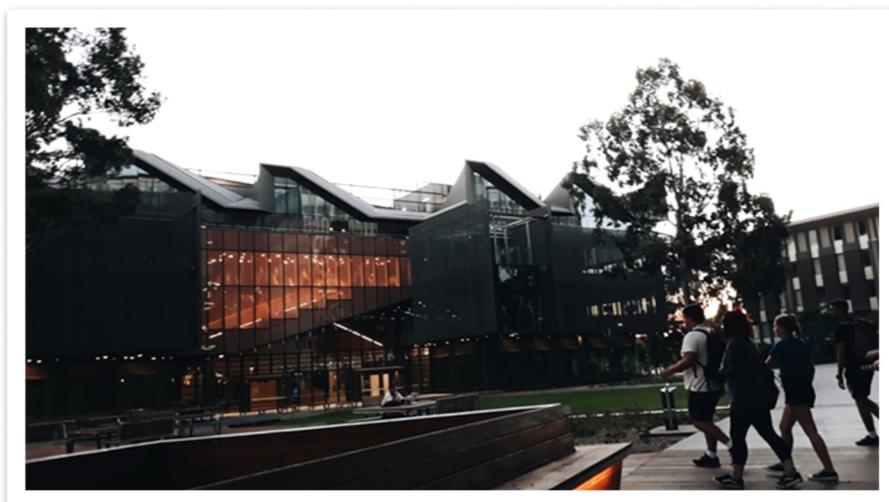
"We did physical activities that were really fun and competitive, the funniest was dodgeball"

"The architecture in the Education Building at Caulfield was so beautiful. And the one million dollar moot court room - incredibly high tech, and we got to talk to one of the heads of law department"

"We took hundreds of photos of our time there and made new friends "

In closing, the girls have this to say:

"If you have this chance in future, go for it! It was a great opportunity and we took it. We enjoyed it so much and are very grateful for it. Now we are going to use what we learned as inspiration, at school in the future and in our own lives."



Monash Uni - LAMADA Camp cont...



Careers

How to apply for a Tax File Number.
Essential for employment and study!

<https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/Apply-for-a-TFN/>

How do I pay for studies in Australia?

<http://www.sbs.com.au/radio/article/2017/10/31/how-do-i-pay-my-studies-australia?%3F>

2019 Important Dates

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| Thursday 14th February | House Swimming Sports |
| Friday 15th February | Senior/Intermediate Girls Cricket |
| Friday 15th February | Whole School Photos |
| Monday 18th February | Intermediate Sport & Senior Tennis |
| Thursday 21st February | Year 7 BBQ 5:30pm Start |
| Thursday 21st February | Photos catch-up |
| Friday 22nd February | Elevate Year 11 |
| Tuesday 26th February | Elevate Year 9 |
| Thursday 28th February | Year 7 WaterMarc |
| Friday 1st March | Year 10 Macbeth Performance |
| Friday 1st March | Year 7 WaterMarc |

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
8:15am to 4:15pm

Friday
8:15am to 4:00pm

Last day of each Term the office will close at 2:30pm

The office is CLOSED during all school holiday periods

All upcoming dates can also be found on our Website:
www.gladstoneparksc.vic.edu.au

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR DETAILS ?

Please immediately notify the College of any changes to your address or contact details.

ATTENTION YEAR 11 & YEAR 12 PARENTS

Parents are reminded that where a Year 11 or Year 12 student is absent from school due to a family holiday, this will be considered an unapproved absence.

VCE and VCAL have attendance requirements which must be met in order for a student to pass.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Parents are reminded that the school does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents/guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers should you require one.