



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Monday 12th February
Year 7 Musical Auditions
- ◆ Wednesday 14th February
House Swimming Sports
- ◆ Wednesday 14th February
Musical Rehearsals
- ◆ Friday 16th February
Whole School Photos
- ◆ Thursday 22nd February
Year 7 BBQ 5:30pm
- ◆ Thursday 8th March
School Photos Catch-up
- ◆ Monday 12th March
Labour Day - No School

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Principal's Update



Welcome back to the 2018 school year. I hope you have all had a great start to the year.

From my perspective, the year has begun in a very calm manner, which is thanks to staff, students and parents for all being prepared.

We have reached record numbers, 1644 at last count, with many more students on our waiting list.

New and Returning Staff

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

Jane Carfi	LOTE and Dance
Sarah Cleeland	English
Andrea Caponeri	LOTE
Giuliano Lasco	LOTE
Emilio Longo	Art
Omar Moustafa	Voice
Simon Phelan	Commerce
Mark Shelley	English and Humanities
Thomas Taylor	Science

We are in the process of employing a new English teacher, a new multicultural aid and two instrumental music teachers.

School Council – Call for nominations

School Council currently has three parent vacancies. Nominations for these positions will close at 4pm on Monday 12th February. Information was sent home to students this week. 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, non-standing areas and in the staff car-park. Please note that the local council have been patrolling the area, photographing cars and issuing fines. The staff car-park is out of bounds for students and parent cars for safety reasons. 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.**

Principal's Update Cont.....

Student Leaders for 2018

It gives me great pleasure to introduce our four School Captains for 2018 and their areas of responsibility:

Ben Imbesi

Sports Captain

Jarrad Rowe

Academic Captain

Sarah Moustafa

Arts Captain

Amal Wehbe

Civics and Citizenship Captain and SRC President



All four captains have been presented to the student body and have addressed each year level at the recent assemblies. I look forward to working with these enthusiastic young leaders. Congratulations to you all.

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 22nd February**. to welcome new students and their families.

Secondary School Vaccine Program

All parents and guardians of Year 7 and 10 students have been sent a letter via Compass regarding the Secondary School Vaccine Program. This program offers free vaccines to help make sure students and communities are protected from diseases.

Year 7 students will be immunised for diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, human papillomavirus (HPV), and Year 10 students will be immunised for meningococcal A,C,W,Y.

Hume City Council delivers the program at the school and the school distributes the information and consent card booklets.

What do parents and guardians need to do?

Your information will be provided to Hume City Council in March 2018. If you do not wish for your details to be provided, please advise the school in writing before 28 February 2018.

When you receive the consent card booklet (later in the year), read the information provided and complete all sections, regardless of whether or not you consent for your child to be vaccinated as part of the school-based program.

For further information please go to the following links:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/immunisation-in-secondary-schools>

<http://immunehero.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation-info/parents-and-guardians/>

<http://immunehero.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation-info/students/>

Uniform

The new soft-shell jacket and black track pants are already being worn proudly by many students. They look great, as you can see in the photos. The school does not want families to be financially affected by the uniform change, so the old spray jacket and green track pants are still allowed to be worn and can be worn until the end of 2019.



Careers

Melbourne ADF Careers Expo
Friday, 23rd February 2018, 9am – 3pm
Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton

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/>

This is Engineering!

<http://www.thisisengineering.org.uk/>

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>

Creative Coworking Space

<http://www.kindredstudios.com.au/>

Work integrated learning

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWiapeXBEys&list=PL8uYOKwoXWA8S8tc0bpCP7gcJ_3m9AxXs

Monday 16/04/18	Start of Term 2
Wednesday 16/05/18	Year 12 Careers Expo
May – August	Finalise course choices
Wednesday 13/06/18	GAT
Monday 16/07/18	Start of Term 3
Monday 06/08/18	VTAC, SEAS, scholarship applications open
August weekends	University and Tafe Open Days
Monday 27/08/18	Year 12 Career Action Plan due
Thursday 27/09/18	VTAC applications close
Monday 08/10/18	Start of Term 4
Tuesday 09/10/18	SEAS applications close
Friday 12/10/18	Scholarships close
31/10/18 – 21/11/18	VCE exams
Monday 26/11/18	Year 12 Graduation
TBC	VCE results and ATAR distributed online
TBC	Round 1 VTAC offers online

2018 Important Dates

Monday 12th February	Year 12 Elevate
	Numeracy on Demand Year 7 - 9
	Year 7 Musical Auditions
Tuesday 13th February	Senior Sport
	Year 12 Elevate
Wednesday 14th February	House Swimming Sports
	Musical Rehearsals
Friday 16th February	Whole School Photos
	Senior / Intermediate Girls Cricket
Monday 19th February	Intermediate Sport & Senior Tennis
Thursday 22nd February	Year 7 BBQ - 5:30pm
Friday 23rd February	Year 11 Elevate
Tuesday 27th February	Year 9 Elevate
Tuesday 27th February	Year 9 Elevate
Thursday 8th March	School Photos Catch-up

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.