



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Wednesday 30th December
VCE Results
- ◆ Friday 18th December
Last Day Term 4
- ◆ Wednesday 27th January
General Office Opens
- ◆ Thursday 28th January
First Day Term 1 for all Year
7 and Year 12 Students
- ◆ Friday 29th January
Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 Students
Commence
- ◆ Wednesday 3rd February
Year 7 Camp
3rd February to 5th February
- ◆ Thursday 11th February
House Swimming Sports
- ◆ Thursday 18th February
Year 7 BBQ - 5:30pm

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Principal's Update



We Made It!

What an exceptional year it has been. I think you would all agree that this year has been one like no other. Throughout it all I have been privileged to work with incredibly flexible, resilient and hardworking staff, students and parents, which has gone a long way to helping us reach the end together in one piece. Overall, I am confident our students and staff have weathered the storm have not been too disadvantaged. Thank you to for the support of our students, staff and leadership team throughout the year.

Year 12 Graduation

A different event to the normal gala evening, but non-the-less special for our graduating students. This was held on Monday the 7th December in the PAC and live-streamed to families. Thank you to the Senior School for all their work this year getting out year 12 students across the line. In particular, I wish to thank Ms Veronica Hoy and Ms Elizabeth Dickin for taking over the leadership of Senior School mid-way through the year, following Mr Harrison and Ms Brown's departures. It would normally be a huge task in itself, but given the Covid factor, it has been enormous. They have both done a magnificent job for our students.

Thanks to Ms Elana Ieremidis for organising the graduation, to the school captains for their roles and to the senior school staff and other staff who assisted on the day.

2021 School Captains

After a very intensive selection process, the **2021 College Captains** have been selected and will soon be presented to the student body on the Teams platforms. There were many excellent candidates and it was a very tough decision selecting the top four out of a very talented pool of applicants.

Let me introduce and congratulate our **College Captains for 2021**:

Academic Captain – Jordan Back

Civics and Citizenship (SRC) Captain – Reuben Silveira

Arts Captain – Zach Daniels

Sports Captain – Ruby Smith

Please see their photo on the following page:

Principal's Report Continued...



Staffing

Staffing is almost finalised, as much as we can for this stage of the year. In 2021, we will be welcoming staff across many faculties as well as staff for the new Tutoring Initiative.

Some of our staff will be leaving us and either to retire, take on other positions in other schools or taking leave for 12 months.

Of note is the retirement of a long time teacher of Gladstone Park, Mr Rob Jones, who began with us back in January of 1978, as a new graduate. Rob has seen many students successfully through his Commerce and Humanities classes over the years, as well as taking on leadership responsibilities for many years as a year 8 coordinator. It will be very sad to see Rob go, as he has become part of the backbone of the Gladstone Park teaching culture. We will miss him and wish him all the best for a wonderful retirement life.

VCE results

I normally report on the VCE results this time of year, however they will not be released until the 30th of December.

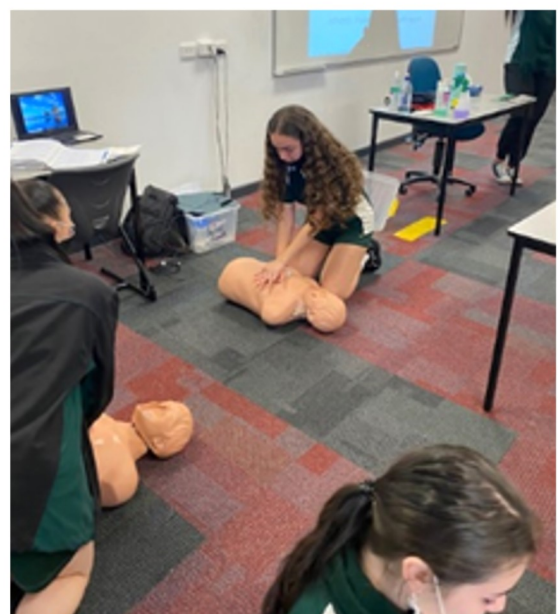
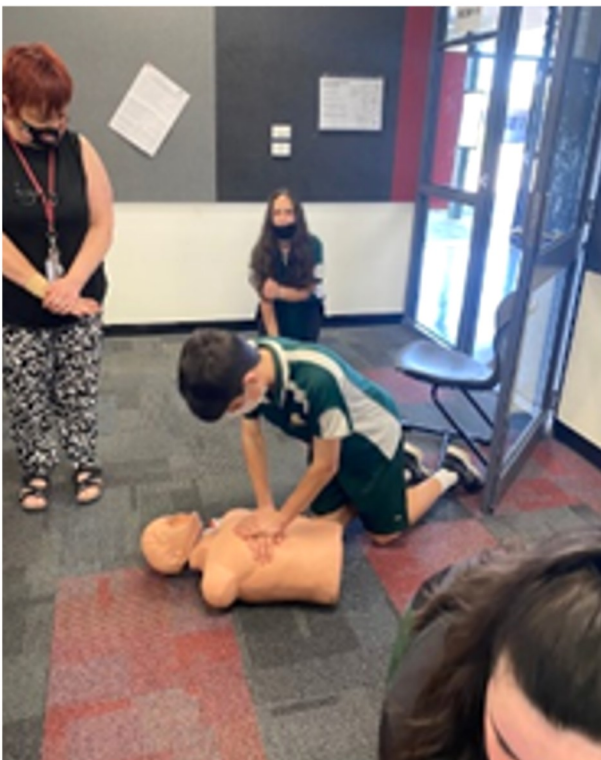
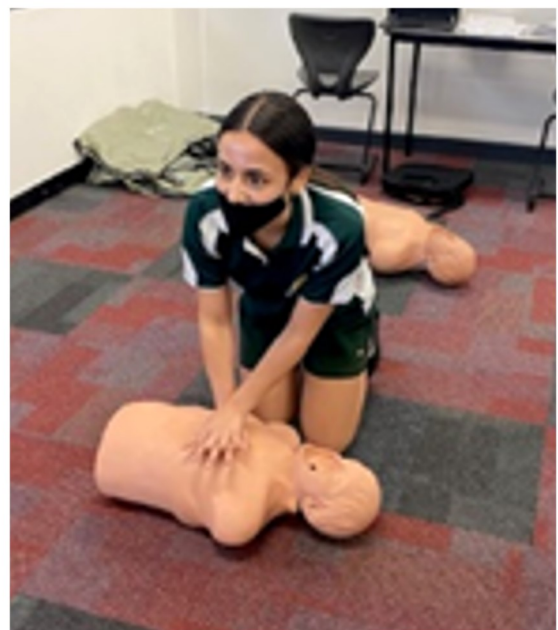
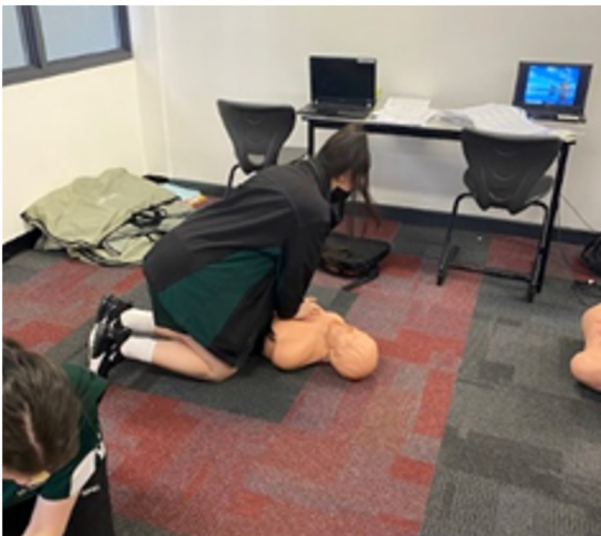
Thank you

Please accept my heartfelt thanks to you all as parents and students for your perseverance throughout this year. You have all been generous in your support of the school during the school closures and remote learning. I know it hasn't been easy for anyone, so I thank you for your support. We have tried our best to minimise the disruption to student learning and to keep communications open between parents, students and teachers. We intend to utilize tools we have been communicating through this year, such as Compass and Microsoft Teams, to enhance our communications in 2021 and beyond.

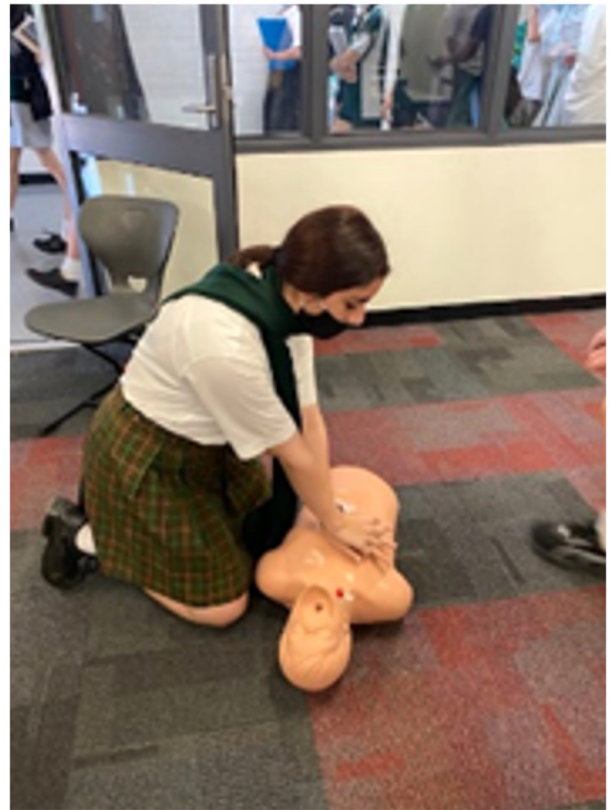
Stay safe over the holiday break, enjoy the celebrations with your families. I'm looking forward to a great year in 2021 with you all!

Year 11 VET Business

As part of our course our students completed their CPR course through an outside company called Stitches. They had a chance to use the resuscitation dummies, see the defibrillator in action, watch a PowerPoint and complete a written test. The aim of the course was to just have a go. The students completed it easily and had a chance to hear about many real-life scenarios from the instructor who was a fireman.



Year 11 VET Business



Year 11 VET Business - Hume Award

Congratulations to Zarah Raia for winning the Hume Whittlesea Vocation Education Award for 2020

Zarah demonstrated excellent skills, knowledge and attitudes during our Vet Business classes especially during the remote learning. She displayed great leadership skills in our small remote groups enabling the group to achieve great results. She is always a positive and effective communicator and well-liked by peers.



2020 Important Dates

Friday 18th December	Last Day Term 4 - 2020
Wednesday 30th December	VCE Results Released
Tuesday 26th January	Australia Day - Public Holiday
Wednesday 27th January	School Admin Office Opens for 2021
Thursday 28th January	First Day Term 1 - 2021 for all Year 7 (Orientation Day) and Year 12 Students
Friday 29th January	First Day Term 1 - 2021 for all Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 students
Wednesday 3rd February to Friday 5th February	Year 7 Camp
Tuesday 9th February	Senior Sport
Tuesday 9th February	Intermediate Cricket
Thursday 11th February	House Swimming Sports
Monday 15th February	Year 7 Sport
Monday 15th February	Year 8 Cricket
Tuesday 16th February	Divisional Swimming
Thursday 18th February	Year 7 BBQ - 5:30pm Start
Thursday 18th February	Intermediate Sport
Thursday 18th February	Senior Sport

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.