



NEWSLETTER

17TH JUNE 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Musical Matinee 1:00pm
Closing Performance 7:00pm

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Principal's Update

Exams

Over weeks 6 & 7, our year 10 and 11 students and the year 9 SEAL class have sat their mid-year exams, all experiencing the formality and rules of the VCE exam conditions. This is the first time we have been able to use our 'usual' exam processes with all students in the gym and formal exam conditions. Although these exams can be stressful for students, it is great practice and preparation for the year 12 final exams. Thank you to families for supporting our students leading up to the exam, to the students for their work in preparing for the exams and to the middle and senior school teams, classroom teachers, admin staff for their work in ensuring a very smoothly run program.



Work Experience

Next week all year 10 students will have work experience placements. This is an exciting time for our students, many of whom would have been experiencing their first journey into the workplace. I hope every student takes away some valuable insights. Some will be fortunate enough to get an offer of part-time work with their employer.

Where practicable, every student will be visited by a member of staff to check on their progress, either in person or by phone. Thanks to all the parents who support their children throughout the week and in assisting the organisation of placements. Thanks also to Mr Yip and Ms Carr in careers, for their work in processing the placements and assisting with positions. I am looking forward to hearing the stories first-hand from the students and the visiting teachers.

Musical Production Camp

This Friday and Saturday, 47 students and 8 staff will participate in a music production camp at Kyneton to rehearse and bond for our upcoming 'Matilda' musical production.

A huge thanks to the following staff who will accompany the students, giving up family time and braving the cold to work with our students in what we know will be a real boost for all involved:

Tyson Richardson, Luke Condello, Jayne Carfi, Wendy Van Dyk, Leah Kemp, Omar Moustafa, Con Zanetidis and Roger Centofanti. Your dedication to our students is greatly appreciated.

Please make sure you [purchase tickets](#) to the Musical (through our website). The show opens on the 21st of July.

Farewell to Staff

Leandro Castelli, our Whole School Numeracy Leader and Learning Specialist, has moved house and school and we wish him well in his next career phase. Leandro has been teaching Mathematics at Gladstone Park since 2011 and has been an active contributor to the growth of the faculty. He played a key role in helping the Math and other faculties adapt teaching and assessment resources for remote teaching and learning. We know his new school will value his skills and we wish him well.

Natali Jovanowski, English teacher, has also moved to another school. Natali joined our school in 2021 and has navigated her time here collaborating with the English faculty through remote and onsite learning. We wish her well in her new school.

VCAL Mushroom Farm Excursion

On Tuesday 24th May, VCAL students from Gladstone Park Secondary College went to one of the Mushroom factories in Mernda. We caught a bus to Mernda in the morning at 9:30am. We jumped off the bus and walked to the entrance, where we had to wear high vis vests before we could enter. A couple a group photos were taken at the front entrance and then we commenced our tour.

The experience was awesome for our students as we got to see the entire process of the mushroom production. We learnt what mushrooms needed to grow and how long it takes with the entire farming process.

Some students got to experience a virtual reality session which we did not expect to see at a mushroom farm.

One of the last stops was the tour of the room where mushrooms are harvested. All students were given the opportunity to pick mushrooms and take some home with us which was a great way to end the experience.

The day was overall a fun experience where students learnt a lot about farming mushrooms which we hope to implement in our own VCAL garden.

We'd like to thank the VCAL teachers for organising the excursion.

Matthew Welsh



Year 9 Visual Communication Design

Skateboard Designers of Year 9 Visual Communication Design

In semester one this year we have two Year 9 VCD classes, and students have been working on their designs for their very own Skateboard decks. Students followed the Design Process and researched board designs for inspiration then began generating their own ideas. They developed their favourite ideas with Design Elements & Principles, and then refined their design even further and set out their work plan to reach their perfect design solution.

The Year 9 students explored and experimented with Posca paint, textas, Ironlak spray cans, stencilling skills and metallic and acrylic paints to produce their skateboards. Made of shaped and laminated plywood, the finished boards were then varnished to give that professional finish, and they look awesome! The Year 9s have made an outstanding effort. You can see the skateboards in real life for a limited time in the VCD rooms and display cabinets of the T-Block foyer.

- Kerri Neven

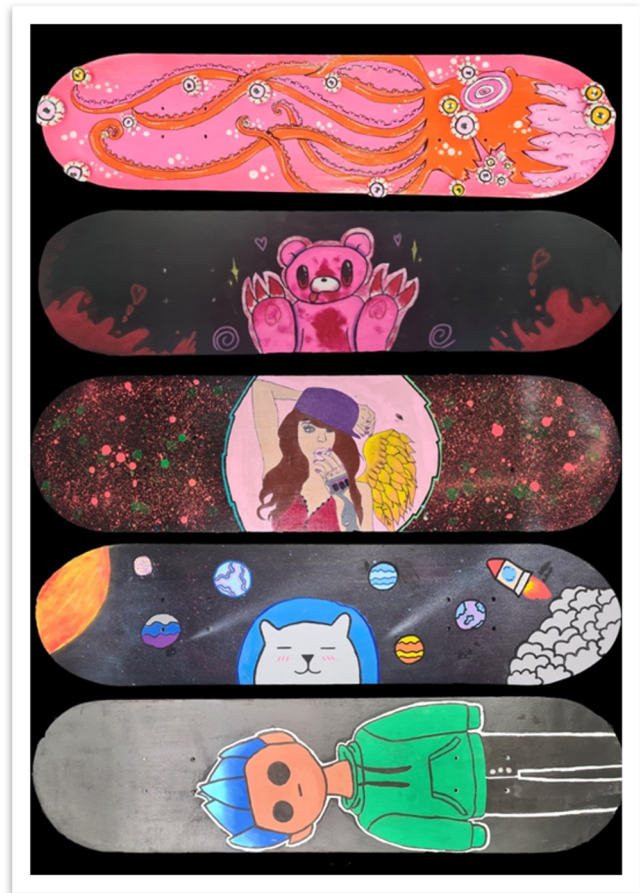
Visual Arts Learning Area Leader

Skateboards created by:

Ethan Al Jinavo, Ayman El Moustafa, Cody Liersch, Mariam Potres, Dani Aboukirche, Zully Ahmat, Paige Alexopoulos, Elias Boulus, Le Angela De Jesus, Tirosh Fernando, Iris Hart, Mia Kelly, Verity Ladiges, Layla Majkic, Pranjal Patel, Emily Stevanovic.

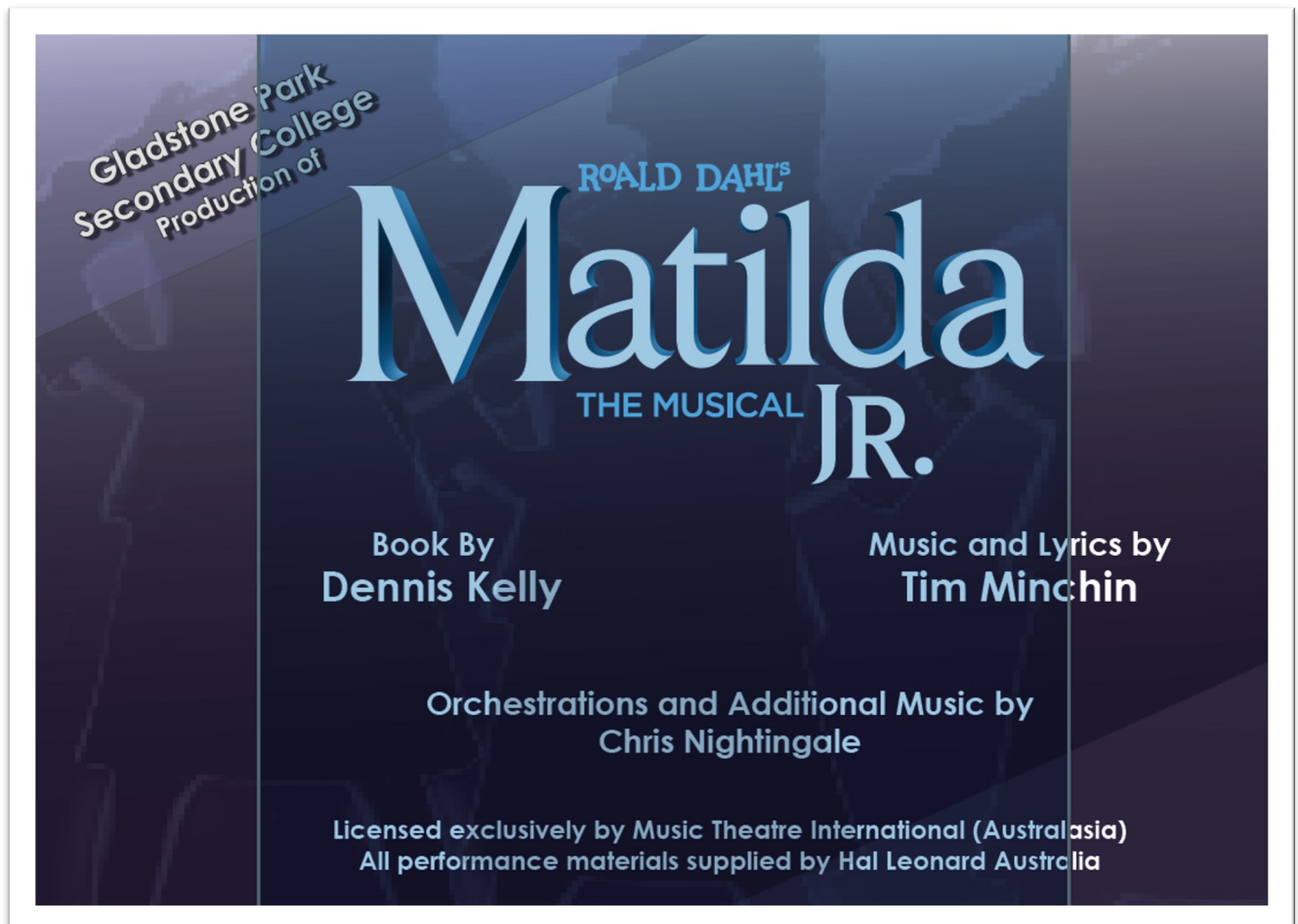


Year 9 Visual Communication Design



School Production 2022

Get your tickets before they sell out!!!!



Matilda JR is the story of an extraordinary little girl with extraordinary powers. The daughter of abusive parents, Matilda finds refuge in library books, which she reads quickly and in creating her own stories. Things are no better at school, where Matilda also must face a tyrannical and cruel headmistress, Miss Trunchbull. Matilda finds companionship in her teacher, Miss Honey, who, though well-intentioned, is shy and fragile. Brave little Matilda knows she has to stand up against the adults in her world, and in doing so, discovers her own remarkable powers. Matilda's bravery teaches Miss Honey and her classmates an important lesson -- that even though life can be hard, "nobody but me is gonna change my story" so "sometimes you have to be a little bit naughty."



Tickets for Matilda the Musical Jr. will go on sale at 9.00am on Monday the 16th of May through the [trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com) website and bookings will close 2 hours before each performance commences.

Please be aware that some shows sell out completely so I would suggest booking early.

All bookings are through this website (details below) no payments taken at the school.

Website: <https://www.trybooking.com> Search word for booking is – Matilda the Musical Jr. (or see links below)

Bookings are NOW OPEN and Close – 2 hours before each performance

Bookings Close – 2 hours before each performance

Ticket Prices: Adults \$20.00, Concession/Child \$15.00, Group of 10 \$150.00

Dates and links

Opening Performance – Thursday 21st July 7.00pm

Website link – <https://www.trybooking.com/BZFXX>

VIP Night – Friday 22nd July 7.00pm

Website link – <https://www.trybooking.com/BZFYA>

Saturday Matinee – Saturday 23rd July 1.00pm

Website link – <https://www.trybooking.com/BZFYM>

Saturday Evening – Saturday 23rd July 7.00pm

Website link - <https://www.trybooking.com/BZFYs>

2022 Important Dates

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Tuesday 21st June	Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 22nd June	Musical Rehearsal 3:20pm - 5:00pm
Thursday 23rd June	NMR Cross Country
Thursday 23rd June	Year 9 Health Day
Friday 24th June	End of Term 2 - 2:30pm Finish
Friday 8th July	Musical Full Cast Rehearsal 10am - 4:00pm
Sunday 10th July	Musical Full Cast Rehearsals and Costume 9:00am - 4:00pm
Monday 11th July	1st Day Term3
Monday 11th July	Musical Full Cast Rehearsals/Costume Fitting 3:30pm - 6:00pm
Monday 11th to Friday 15th July	Naidoc Week
Wednesday 13th July	Musical Full Cast Rehearsal
Sunday 17th July	Musical Full Dress Rehearsal/Tech Run 9:00am - 4:00pm
Monday 18th July	Year 10 Immunisations
Monday 18th July	Musical Full Dress Rehearsal with Hair and Make-up 4:00pm - 10:00pm
Tuesday 19th July	Division Athletics
Tuesday 19th July	Musical Primary School Performances
Thursday 21st July	Musical Opening Night 7:00pm - 9:30pm
Friday 22nd July	Junior Girls Football
Friday 22nd July	Musical VIP Night 7:00pm - 9:30pm
Saturday 23rd July	Musical Matinee 1:00pm - 3:30pm
Saturday 23rd July	Musical Closing Night 7:00pm - 9:30pm

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.