



NEWSLETTER

5TH AUGUST 2022

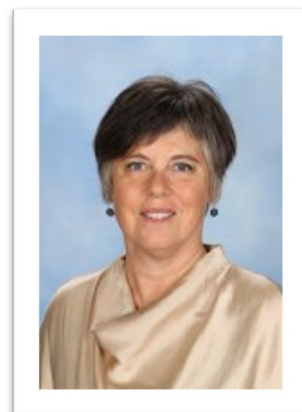
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Principal's Update



Senior Students and the General Achievement Test (GAT)

The date for this year's General Achievement Test (GAT) is Wednesday 7th September.

As part of the reform of the VCE and VCAL system, senior secondary students will all have their literacy and numeracy skills measured against new standards in a redeveloped GAT. The new standards test whether students have the literacy and numeracy skills expected of someone completing school and give another indication of their readiness for further education, training or employment.

This year, all students studying a year 12 VCE subject (this includes many year 11 students) or Year 12 VCAL subject are required to sit the GAT.

Student Free Days in Term 3

Please note in your diaries the following dates:

Monday 15th of August is a Curriculum Day – Student free for all year levels.

Wednesday 7th of September is a Professional Practice Day - Student free for students in Years 7 – 10. Students studying a year 12 VCE or Year 12 VCAL subject need to attend school to sit the GAT on this day.

Subject Selection

Last week we had many events for students to select subjects for next year. There was a subject selection expo for year 9 and year 10 students to help with their selection of subjects for next year. Year 8 students selected their electives for next year, and we had good attendance at our Parent Information Evening for students going into year 10 and 11 next year. Thank you to Leah Kemp, Curriculum Coordinator, Middle and Senior School staff, Careers and Learning Area Leaders for all their work in putting together information to support students and families to plan for 2023. Thank you to parents and carers for attending and learning more about the changes to the VCE that will impact your children.

Principal's Update Continued...

Year 10 Course counselling next week

Every year 10 student will participate in a course counselling session with experienced staff members, including the principal team, sub-school school teams, leading teachers, learning specialists and careers practitioners, to discuss student choices for VCE (including the Vocational Major) and alternate educational pathways. Thank you to Middle school, Senior school, Careers, Learning Area Leaders and classroom teachers for working with students in preparation for this important process.

Mid-Year Awards

Over the next two weeks we will celebrate the top 40 academic and 10 most improved students at each year level 7 – 11 at our Mid-Year Awards ceremonies. These are always positive events and enjoyed by all who attend.

We will hear the biographies, written by each student, which outline their involvement in the school, extra-curricular activities, favourite subjects and aspirations for the future.

Thank you in advance to all parents and friends who will attend the awards. Congratulations to the award recipients.

Junior, Middle and Senior School staff are working hard alongside Lily Balzan to organise and run these awards ceremonies

Divisional Track n Field

On the 19th July a squad for Track n Field competed at Divisional level at Keilor Athletic Track. It was a great day with many ribbons won.

The following students have made it through to NMR on the 31st August. Thank you to all that competed and to the staff – Mr Freeman, Mr Puxley, Mr Johnson and Ms Miles. Plus Thank you Ms McLennan for a great carnival.

Isabelle Miller

Abbey Pantelidis

Milana Kozulin

Matthew Curtolo

Caitlyn Stokes

Arda Asir

Damien Fernando

Poppy McKernan

Taylah Miller

Michael Mayne

Sarah Hafiz

Ava Wagner

Athanasia Danos

Meah Allwell

Hayley Makowski

16 Boys Relay

Layla Hanlon

Dumini Manikku wadu

Amaiya Matuauto

Emily Cliff

Lara Tenik Temiz

Sky Robertson

MaxNicholson

Jack McKernan

Nathan Kenneth

Qudre Tuakanan Kuki

Janelle King

Toby Myers

Alessio DeMercurio

Archer Bramble

12/13 Boys Relay

Open Boys Relay

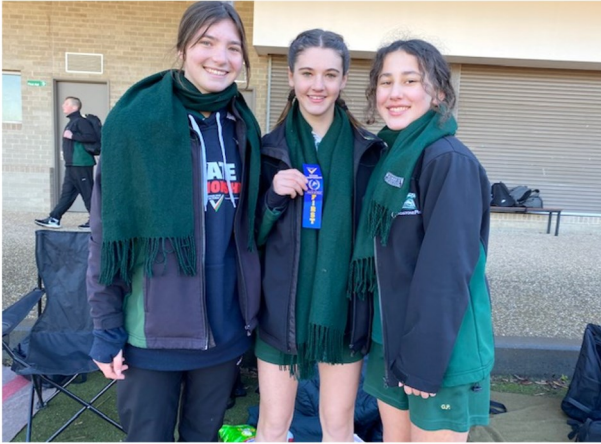


Congratulations and Good Luck

Lee-Anne Talbot



Divisional Track n Field Cont...



Art Excursion - National Gallery of Victoria

Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 Art Excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria

On Monday the 25th of July 2022, 50 eager art students from years 9, 10, 11 and 12 were involved in an excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria to visit the winter masterpieces exhibition – *The Picasso Century*.

The day began with a lecture provided by NGV curators on one of the most affluent artists of the 20th century, Pablo Picasso. The lecture covered Picasso's cultural and historical contexts, sources of inspiration and aesthetic qualities, as well as the methods, materials and processes that he used in his works.



Next, the students were enthralled by the multitude of artworks they witnessed by Picasso and his contemporaries in the self-guided tour of the exhibition, which consisted of a plethora of mixed media artworks including; drawing, painting, collage, sculpture, photography and video. The diversity of works presented filled students' imaginations with inspiration for their assignments back at school.

The day concluded with the students partaking in a workshop run by NGV art educators whereby they created portraits which were based on the 'process to find content' studio practice often used by Picasso. Collaging, drawing and printmaking were some of the processes they took in creating these works which we collected and brought back with us to school, to display in the Art Department.

This excursion was made possible by the generosity of Melbourne based art collector, connoisseur and philanthropist, Krystyna Campbell-Pretty, who has donated funds to the NGV to provide subsidised cultural experiences for eligible schools in Victoria. Transport was provided to and from the NGV, as well as a catered lunch for the students, some A5 sketchbooks and an exhibition catalogue for our school's library.

Gladstone Park Secondary College would like to thank Mrs. Campbell-Pretty for this generous act of kindness. Our students were grateful for the opportunity to learn more about such an esteemed artist as Picasso and to study his work up, close and personal. They will remember this experience for some time to come.

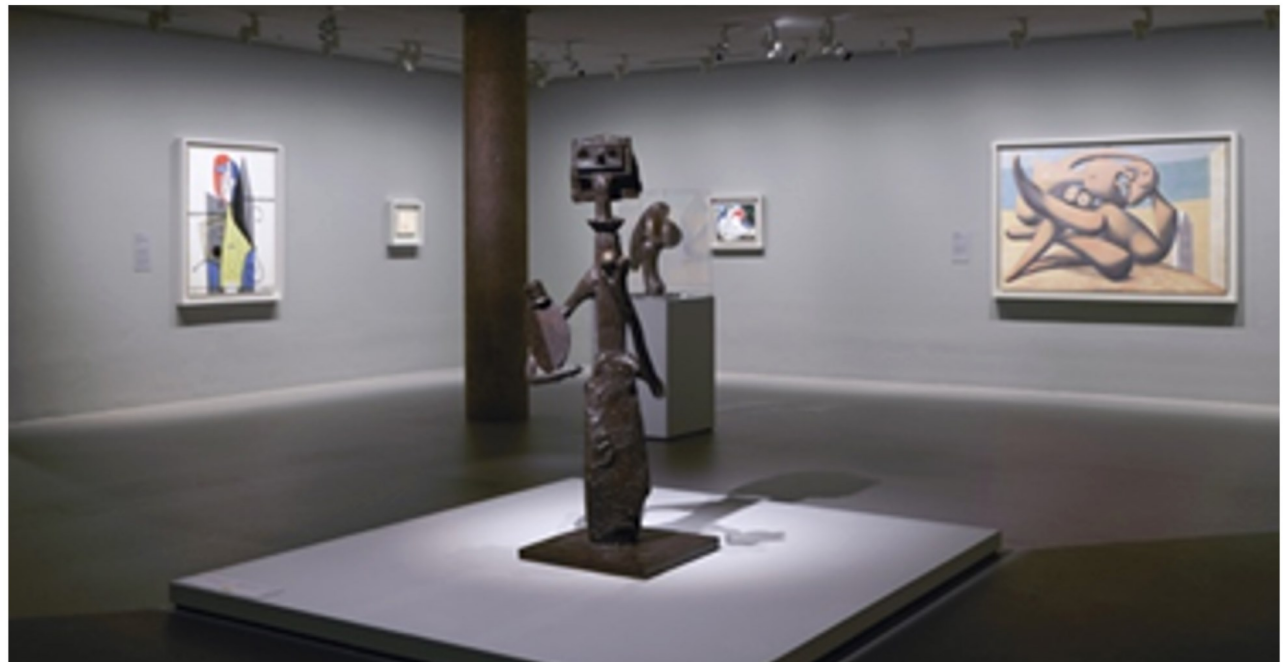
Emilio Longo,

Visual Arts Teacher



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NAIDOC Week Excursion

During week 1 of this term all of our year 7 students got to make the trip to Melbourne Museum to view the first peoples exhibit. The students were very excited to be able to venture out of the school. This was also a great opportunity to build on their learning about first nations cultures and peoples. While there they learned about how the first nations managed their country, farmed the land and manipulated the waterways of Victoria. They also learned about the challenges first nations people have faced, and continue to face as Victoria moves through its treaty process. Thank you to the junior school team for their work in organizing this opportunity for our year 7s.

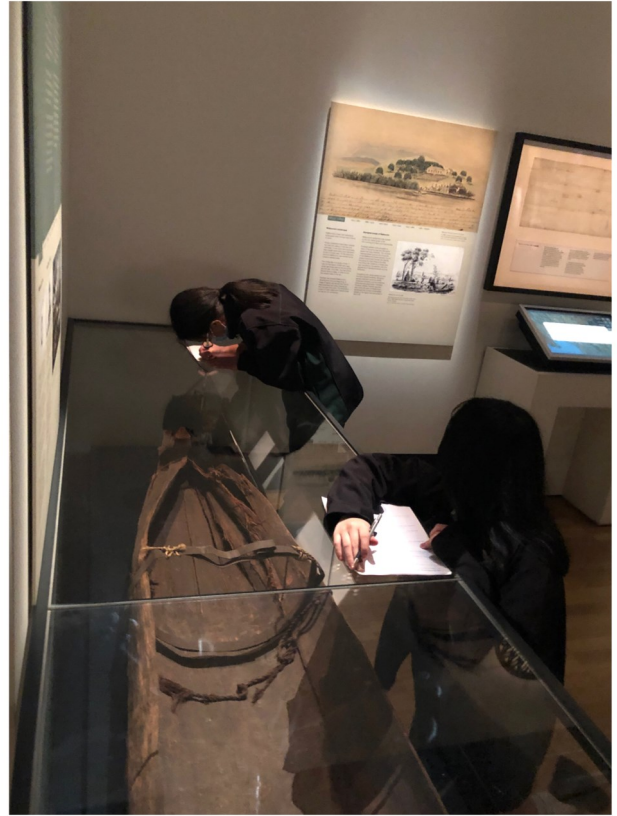
There was also an opportunity at the museum for the students to engage with their science and humanities studies as they explored the history of Melbourne over time, explored the ecosystems that exist around Melbourne and see some excellent model design. Not to mention the highlight for so many, the dinosaur fossils.

I'd like to congratulate the students for being excellent role models and ambassadors while at the museum and thank them for engaging with a challenging but fulfilling day. They enjoyed the day and did our school community proud.

Mr Taylor



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Careers Excursion

21 Students and 4 Staff went on an excursion to the Fulton Hogan site for the Craigieburn Road Upgrade. Fulton Hogan is doing the upgrade with Major Road Projects Victoria as the client. The upgrade to enhance the flow of traffic started last year and should be completed by Feb 2024 at a cost of \$320 million.

Students were taken by bus to the site and were met by Craig, the General Superintendent; Taj, the Site Engineer and the Site Safety Team.

After a brief project presentation, students and staff were given safety gear (PPE) to wear: glasses, hard hats and fluoro-vests.

Part of the presentation educated students about the stakeholders affected by the project, which were the many homes and businesses in the Craigieburn area – over 200 traders, chemists, doctors and local businesses. Students also learned about the need to consider emergency services when upgrading roads – ambulances and fire-engines need access at all times.

Students also understood that the project is not just about building roads, there is a massive team behind the project. Supporting the workforce building new roads are a massive amount of office staff, project engineers, accountants, designers and administration workers behind the scenes.

After the presentation and induction, students got back on the bus and did a drive-through the whole site. They explained all the improvements and road widening that is going to make the roads more efficient and safer for travelling - helping with congestion and getting residents home sooner at peak times.

Craig explained to the students the importance of having the concrete barriers to keep the workforce safe from live traffic. Traffic control is very important and lane closures and peak hours need to be considered before they start working on any project.

In addition, underground services such as gas, power, water pipes and communication lines (such as Telstra internet lines) need to be relocated before they can start laying down new roads. Community feedback is also important before they start work on a project. Some work is non-negotiable but they seek public feedback before the begin.

Students found it interesting that there are so many career roles within major construction. The following are a list (not exhaustive):

- Administration
- Human Resources
- Engineers
- Designers
- Planning managers
- Traffic Control
- Consultants
- Estimators
- Safety manager
- Rigger
- Crane Operators
- Crane Superintendent
- Supervisors
- Excavator/Heavy equipment drivers

This pilot project to bring students in to educate them on the importance of traffic and infrastructure was valuable as students got a behind the scenes look at a Major Road Project.

Career's Excursion Photo's



VU Explore Business Day 2022

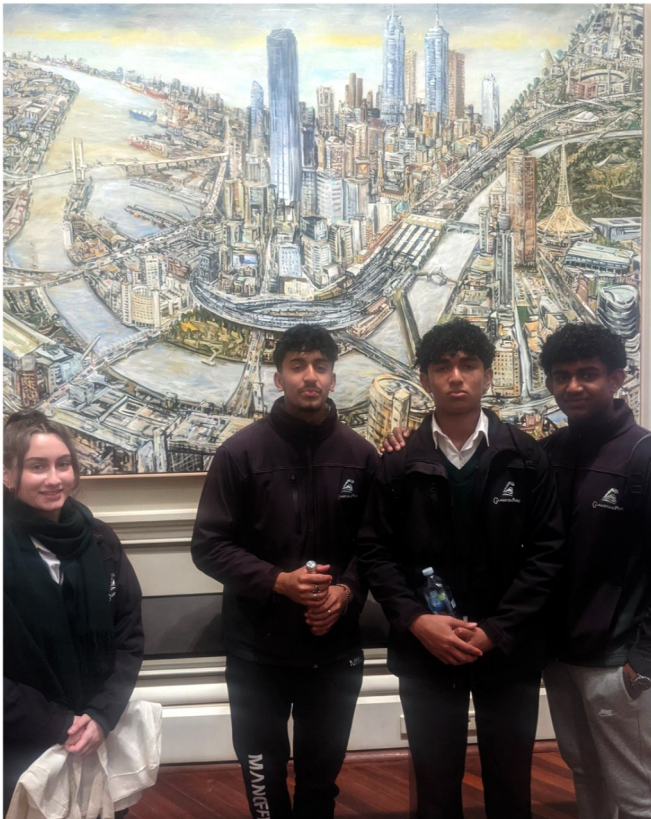
Several of our students elected to go to Victoria University on the 27th July 2022, to participate in the Explore Business Day. This event was created to get Year 10 students thinking about Business as a pathway in University, showing them the various roles they could strive for.

The event was a welcomed change, as COVID prevented a lot of students from going to Universities to expand their experiences. The students heard from University academics, past alumni of Victoria University and current business students – different viewpoints and expectations of lecturers, students and individuals out on the workforce.

The day was capped off with a visit to the State Library where the students got to learn about the businesses that were started in Victoria and how the state is a vital engine of business in Australia.

Darcy Davies

Humanities Teacher



Victoria University Discover STEM Day

Victoria University Discover STEM Day – 29 July 2022

Victoria University held their Discover STEM Day on the 29th July 2022, where Year 11 students were given the opportunity to try their hand at the various streams of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

The one day program took students from the classroom to the labs and the outdoors, where they got a taste of programming, mechanics and even built a rocket.

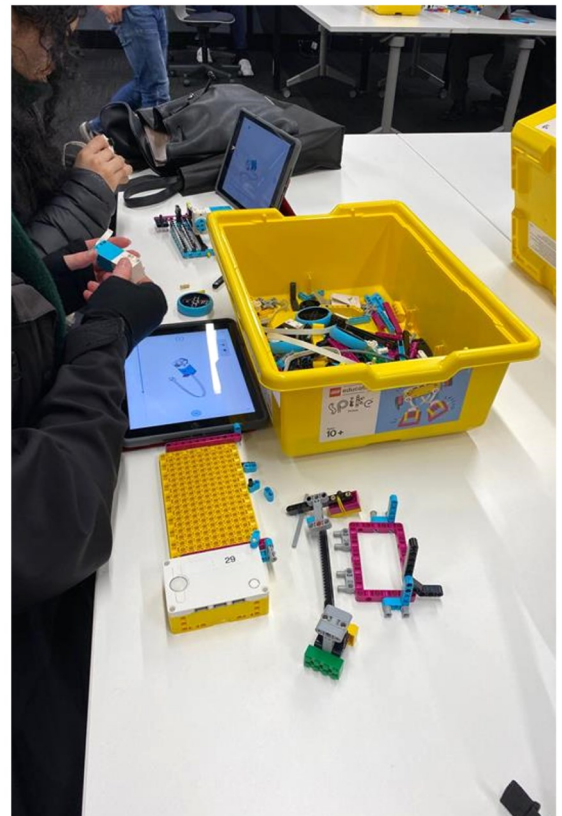
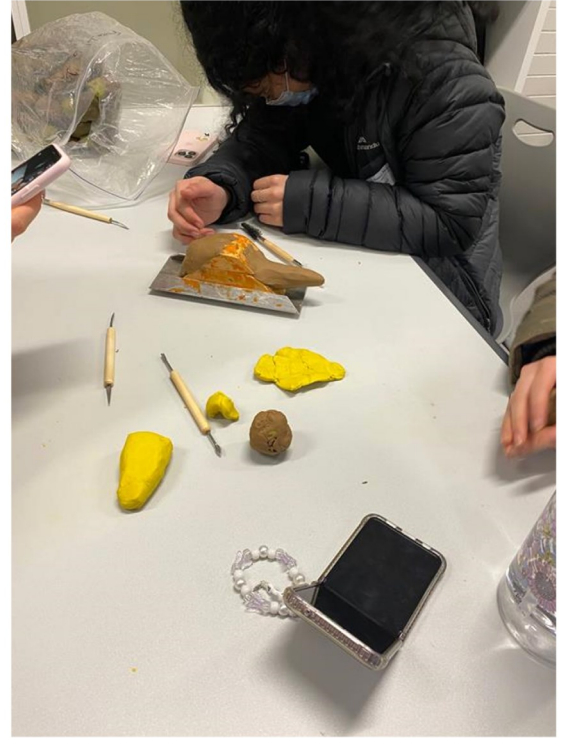
This excursion provided students with an overview of what was on offer at Universities, providing them with options in the various pathways in Science – becoming a mechanical engineer, programmer, chemist and more.

Jessica Smith

Physics / Science Teacher



Victoria University Discover STEM Day



University Open Days 2022

Institution Open Day	Date
RMIT University	August (Various Dates, Please Check RMIT Website)
Torrens University	Saturday August 6 (Virtual)
Monash University	Saturday August 6 - Peninsula Sunday August 7 - Caulfield Sunday August 7 - Clayton Sunday August 21 - Parkville
Australian Catholic University	Sunday August 7 - Melbourne Sunday August 14 - Ballarat
La Trobe University	Sunday August 7 - Melbourne Sunday August 7 - Online/Virtual Wednesday August 10 - Mildura Saturday August 13 - Shepparton Sunday August 21 - Albury Wodonga Sunday August 28 - Bendigo
SAE QANTM	Saturday August 13
Federation University	Sunday August 14
University of Melbourne	Sunday August 21
Victoria University	Sunday August 21
Charles Sturt University	Sunday August 21 - Albury Wodonga
COLLARTS	Saturday August 27
CQ University	Saturday August 27 - Virtual Open Day TBC - Melbourne Information Session
Australian College of Applied Professionals	TBC
AIT	TBC

VTAC University Applications Are Open!

For Year 12 VCE students, this is a crucial time where they have to enter their university course choices into the VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre) portal. Students have the option to enter 8 choices.

The portal opened on 1 August 2022 and close 29 September 2022.

Course applications	Open	Close	Fee
Timely applications	1 August (9am)	29 September (5pm)	\$44.00
Late applications	29 September (5.15pm)	4 November (5pm)	\$126.00

Students will need to remember to apply for SEAS (Special Entry Access Schemes) as they can get special considerations for 4 categories to get their desired course.

- [Category 1: Personal information and location](#)
- [Category 2: Disadvantaged financial background](#)
- [Category 3: Disability or medical condition](#)
- [Category 4: Difficult circumstances](#)

Special Entry Access	Open	Close	Fee
SEAS applications and sup-	1 August (9am)	7 October (5pm)	N/A

There is also a section for scholarships from select universities.

Scholarships applications	Open	Close
Scholarships applications and supporting doc-	1 August (9am)	7 October (5pm)

For more information and requirements for SEAS, Scholarships and dates, please go to the VTAC website.

LOWES School Wear Sale



A promotional graphic for a Lowes School Wear Sale. The background is a vibrant blue with pink and yellow geometric shapes. At the top left, a pink circle contains the text '2 DAY VIP EVENT'. To its right, a black banner with white text reads '4TH & 5TH AUGUST'. Below this, another black banner with white text says 'ZERO & REWARDS CARDS HOLDERS'. The center of the graphic features a large yellow rectangle with the text '20% OFF' in white. Below the yellow rectangle, a black banner with white text reads 'SCHOOLWEAR*'. At the bottom, two credit cards are displayed: a white 'LOWES zero' card and a red 'LOWES REWARDS CLUB' card. Below the cards, white text on a blue background reads 'DON'T HAVE A CARD? APPLY INSTORE OR ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS'. At the very bottom, small white text on a blue background reads '*T&C'S APPLY, SAVINGS OFF ORIGINAL PRICES.'

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Foster Carers Needed



Foster carers play an incredible community service by providing temporary care in safe and nurturing homes for children and young people not able to live safely in their own homes.

Being able to support a child remain in their local community and to continue in their same school and social network is a really important consideration when looking to place children and young people into out of home care and for that reason, the best foster care home is one already in a child's community.

We run monthly information sessions for members of the community who might be interested in exploring foster care .

The need for community based foster carers is great and we would be very appreciative if the school was interested in promoting awareness of our program within its own school community.

Thank you very much for your time and kind regards,

Kate Paterson & Jo Poulsen



FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

TUESDAY, 23 AUGUST 2022 | North West Region
6:30pm – 7:30pm (via ZOOM)

Now more than ever, foster carers are needed for children & young people across Victoria.

REGISTER NOW!

Online Information Presentations available during COVID-19



9301 5200 | Carer.Info@anglicarevic.org.au | anglicarevic.org.au

2022 Important Dates

Friday 5th August	Year 7 & 8 Awards
Saturday 6th August	SEAL Testing
Monday 8th August to Friday 12th August	Morrisby Interviews
Wednesday 10th August	VCAL Parent Information Night
Wednesday 10th August	Year 9 Awards
Thursday 11th August	Year 9 SEAL Subject Interviews 3:30 - 5:30pm
Thursday 11th August	Year 10 Awards
Friday 12th August	Year 11 Awards
Monday 15th August	Curriculum Day - No Students at School
Wednesday 17th August	SRC - Casual Clothes Day
Thursday 18th August	Year 8 Sport
Thursday 18th August	"Unplugged" Music Performance
Friday 19th August	YEAR 9,10,11 & 12 Subject Selection Due
Friday 19th August	Gladdy's Got Talent
Monday 22nd August to Friday 26th August	Year 9 City Experience - Group 1
Monday 29th August to Friday 2nd September	Diversity Week
Tuesday 30th August to Friday 2nd September	Year 12 Ski Camp

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.