



NEWSLETTER

09TH DECEMBER 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Monday 12th December
Middle/ Senior School Awards
- ◆ Monday 12th December
Junior School Locker Clean Out
- ◆ Tuesday 13th December
Year 7 2023 Orientation - No
Other Students Required At
School
- ◆ Wednesday 14th & Thursday
15th December
Junior School Activities
- ◆ Friday 16th & Monday 17th
December
Junior School Counselling
- ◆ Tuesday 20th December
Last Day Term 4

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Principal's Update



Preparing for 2023

Our Orientation program for next year's Year 11 and 12 classes was very successful, and all students have been given their holiday homework. My tip for holiday homework is to get it done early, then cast an eye over it to refresh your memory in the week before school starts back again.

Celebration Assembly for Year 8 Students

On Wednesday this week, Junior school hosted a celebration assembly for Year 8 students to mark the end of their time with Junior School and their moving on to Middle School. This was an incredibly fun event – seeing photos from so many events, excursions and camps over the two years, and being entertained by the Year 8 student band. Students recognised and thanked Junior School staff for their support and guidance and left the PAC feeling happy and ready to move to Year 9.

End of Year Celebrations

I am looking forward to our end of year Awards Ceremonies that will happen over the next few days. I will report our award winners in the next and final Newsletter.

Starting Dates for 2023

Friday 27th January - Teachers Commence

Monday 30th January – Curriculum Day

Tuesday 31st January – Students Commence

Year 9 Surf Camp Photo's



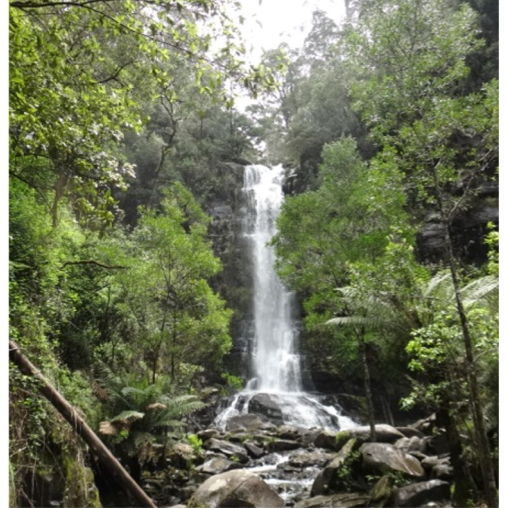
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Year 9/10 Summit Camp

On the 19th of October twenty middle school students travelled to Trafalgar East to attend 'The Summit Camp'. The three-day adventure camp focused on 'Facing Fears' and 'Challenging Yourself' through a range of adventure activities including:

- High Wire
- Giant Swing
- Summit Window
- Snakes and Nails
- Laser Skirmish
- Tash's Ladder crossing
- Trust Games
- Snowy River Challenge
- Monster Course

Thank you to Mr Zanetidis and Mr Centofanti for joining in the challenges and helping to run the camp. The staff were very proud of all the students for pushing themselves, trying new things and demonstrating excellent team work and resilience.

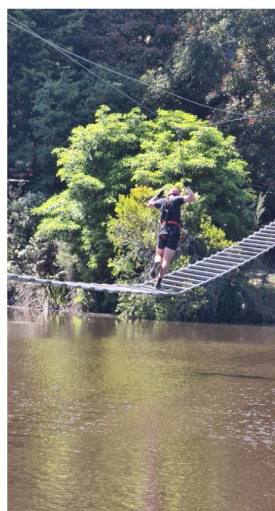
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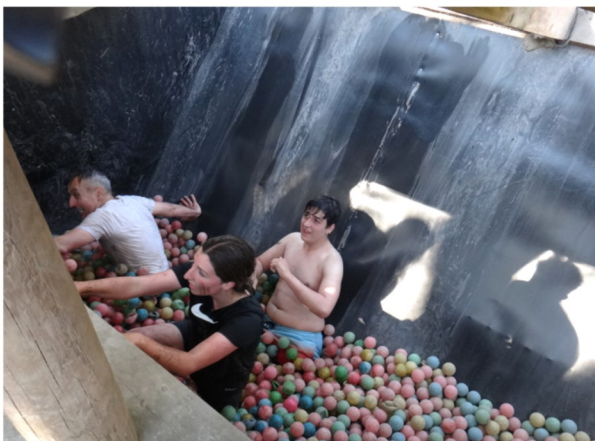
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Year 10 Social

YEAR 10 SOCIAL – ‘A Night to Remember’

On Friday the 4th November approximately 145 year ten students celebrated the end of being in middle school together at Melrose Reception Centre. The theme of the evening was focused around a ‘Red Carpet / Glitz and Glamour’ event. And those in attendance certainly lived up to the expectation, with everyone elegantly dressed for the event.

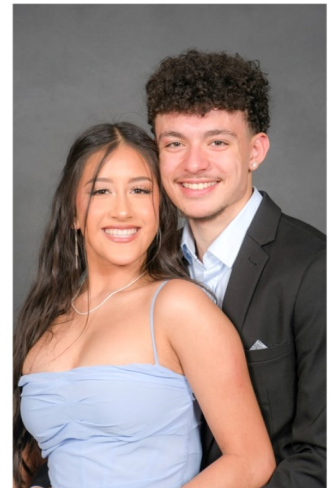
The students enjoyed a three-course meal, made the most of the photo-booth and professional photographer and danced the night away with their friends.

The social committee consisting of Tuscany Ruggiero, Evelyn Milonas, Kathryn Myers, Jessie Vy and Beau Intharapheng did an amazing job assisting in the planning and organising of the event, as well as hosting on the night. I would like to thank them on behalf of the staff and the student cohort.

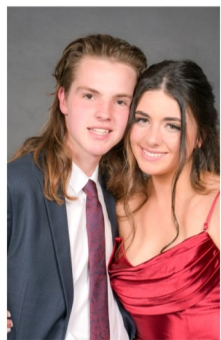
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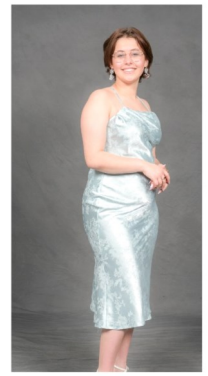
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Year 12 Graduation - 2022

A night of glamour, poise, tears and pride. Year 12 graduation – a night where we farewelled one of the most beautiful, kind and supportive year 12 cohorts this college has had the pleasure of watching complete their year 12.

The captains each gave a beautiful and heartfelt speech, reminiscing on their years at the college and the impact that these green gates have made on them. Each student was acknowledged and presented to their friends and family, followed by the presentation of the college's academic and community awards.

Congratulations to our award winners:

The Robert Lamb Award (for community contribution): Emily Dooley

The Long Tan Award: Ines Zepcan

The Commerce Award: Samantha Stavrakis

The Humanities Award: Jake Bond

The Mathematics Award: Samir Bitar

The Digital Media Award: Tahlia Simmons

The LOTE (Italian) Award: Monica Ruccuzzo

The Performing Arts Award: Joseph Silveria

The Product Design & Technology Award: Ben Cartwright

The Food Studies and Science Awards: Zachary Abdel-Sayed

The Information Technology and Visual Arts Awards: Alessio Mengato

The Politics, Health & PE and English Awards: Ines Zepcan

Our Marty Starfrace VCAL Award for excellent achievement in 2022: Mia Woolcock-Prisco

And our Academic Excellence Award was given to Samir Bitar.

We ended the night with our students and families dancing the night away. With so much to celebrate, it was such a beautiful and momentous occasion.

We congratulate all of our award winners and our graduates for their achievements this year in 2022 and wish them the best of luck for all their future endeavours.



Year 12 Graduation - 2022



The Active Citizenship Medallion Program

The Active Citizenship Medallion Program - Term 4 Excursion.

For Term 4 of the Active Citizenship Program, the focus of the term was culture. The ACM participated in an excursion to CERES, an environmental park located in Brunswick with a lovely local community garden, an organic grocery store, and many showcases of the beautiful and ancient art and culture of the First Nations People.

The students discovered the many words, items and regions of Indigenous Australia, however mainly focused on the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people, who were the traditional owners of the land CERES was on. The students learned about what acknowledgement of country means, its significance to Indigenous people and its history, learning words such as “Wominjeka” that translates to “Welcome”. The students learned the uses of items such as boomerangs, possum skin cloaks, digging sticks and more. We learnt how items such as boomerangs are used as musical instruments for ceremonies. The students also gained an understanding of Australian native plants, how they survive in Australian weather, and the ranging health benefits of each. Dreamtime stories and the creation of Narrm Narrm (known as Port Phillip Bay) were told as well.

Written by Anna Nissan

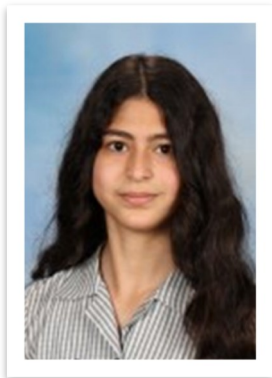


Harding Miller Foundation Scholarship

Gladstone Park Secondary College would like to congratulate **Mona Maskin** of Year 8 for winning a Harding Miller Foundation Scholarship, assisting her with her schooling for the next two years. Mona will receive:

- Up to \$2,500 for personal tutoring for their core subjects (English, Maths and/or Science)
- Unlimited online homework help
- \$650 Pre-Paid Card to be used for educational expenses
- Study skills support through Enhanced Learning
- Invitations to participate in enrichment activities to assist them to develop their career ambitions and create pathways to university
- 4G SIM and up to 20GB Wi-Fi per month
- Access to remote IT helpdesk support
- And much more!

Mona is a very hard-working student who has only been in Australia since 2018 after leaving Syria with her family. She is a very deserving winner, and we wish her all the best in middle school.



'I would like to thank all my teachers for their support especially Miss Scott and Miss Rasha for helping me to apply for this scholarship. I am so happy and honoured to be part of this program and I hope to inspire others to work hard and never give up as our school provides us with all the support and help that we need to achieve our dreams, we just need to know how to ask for it and use it right.'

Mona Maskin 8A 2022

2022 Buddy Program

A big thankyou to the students who participated in this year's Buddy program. We received some really positive feedback from our Year 7 students this year about how the Buddy program helped them settle into the College. Our Year 9 Buddies displayed outstanding leadership skills this year and we thank them for their contribution to make the program such a success. For their wonderful achievement, the students were presented with a badge, certificate of appreciation and a letter of acknowledgement from our College Principal. Well done!



PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources

www.education.vic.gov.au/protect

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Friday 27th January	School Office Opens
Thursday 26th January	Australia Day - Public Holiday
Friday 27th January	Teachers Commence
Monday 30th January	Curriculum Day - No Students at School
Tuesday 31st January	First Day Term 1 2023
Thursday 2nd February	Musical Auditions Begin
Monday 6th February to Wednesday 8th February	Year 7 - Camp 1
Wednesday 8th February to Friday 10th February	Year 7 - Camp 2
Thursday 9th February	Year 12 BBQ at 5:30pm
Monday 13th February and Tuesday 14th February	Senior & Intermediate Sport
Friday 17th February	Whole School Photo's

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.