



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Thursday 6th April
End Term 1 - 2:30pm
Early Finish
- ◆ Monday 24th April
Pupil Free Day
Teachers Professional Practice
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ANZAC Day - Public Holiday
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Musical Intensive Rehearsal
9:00am - 4:00pm
- ◆ Friday 5th May
Division Cross Country

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Principal's Update

Roger Centofanti for Veronica Hoy who is on leave until the end of term 1.

It's been a busy second half of term.



Performing Arts

Cast auditions for this year's musical (High Musical) were concluded and the cast is now busy rehearsing for the show in early term 3. Looking forward to the show. Great job by the Musical production team.

The musical department had their end of term 'PAC'd' musical performance night. The night's entertainment included the Junior, Middle and Senior Concert Bands, Vocal Ensemble and Junior through to Senior Rock bands. It was a great night of entertainment with a fantastic turn out adding to the great atmosphere. Well done to Andrew Whitmore (Director of Music) and his team.

NAPLAN Testing

NAPLAN testing for Year 7 and Year 9 occurred this term. We now await the data from the testing which will help us with future planning. Big thanks to Mr Klate McFarlane and Ms Wendy Van Dyk.

Morrisby Report and La Trobe University Visits

Year 9 students participated in the first part of the Morrisby Testing this term which will allow us to commence future pathways conversations. Students will get a better picture of where their strengths and interests lie, and hopefully use the data from the testing to assist them make the best choice for their individual pathway.

Year 9 students also attended an excursion to La Trobe University where they had the opportunity to experience university life and take in various workshops throughout the day. Many thanks to Samuel Yip and the Careers team.

Principal's Update Continued

House Athletics Carnival

The House Athletics will be held on Wednesday April 5 for all students from year 7 to 12.. There will be no scheduled classes on that day. The event is well attended one and is a great opportunity for all members of our school community to come together and see off the end of term one. Many thanks to Scott Puxley for organising the event.

Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences

A reminder to all that the **Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences** will be held remotely via TEAMS on Tuesday April 4 from 1:30PM to 7:30PM and Thursday April 6 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM.

Monday April 3 will be a normal school day. Scheduled classes will run on Tuesday April 4 up to 12:35PM. Students will be dismissed at 12:35PM.

Term 2 Start

Term 2 will start on Wednesday April 26 after the ANZAC DAY Holiday. Monday April 24 will be a Profession Practice Day for teachers. Students are not required to be at school.

I wish everyone well over the break, and Blessed Ramadan and a Happy Easter to all those celebrating.

Roger Centofanti (Acting College Principal)

Seymour Whyte Excursion

A group of Year 9s attended a Project being constructed by Seymour Whyte at Terminal 4 of Melbourne Airport on 14th March. Seymour Whyte is a large civil contractor that delivers major essential infrastructure across Australia.

Our students were able to attend the site during an RDO shutdown and hear firsthand from Engineers, Project Managers, Environment and Planning staff, and Marketing staff, about careers within their company.

Students gained a better understanding of opportunities that exist within a large company, and how many different careers, trades and people it takes to bring a project from the planning stage to completion.

We did a site walk and students were given PPE equipment to wear, with an explanation about the importance of Health and Safety on the site. It was an informative excursion. The project is close to completion, and the students could see the benefit of how the traffic will flow easily through that section of the airport once the bridge opens.



Year 9 La Trobe University

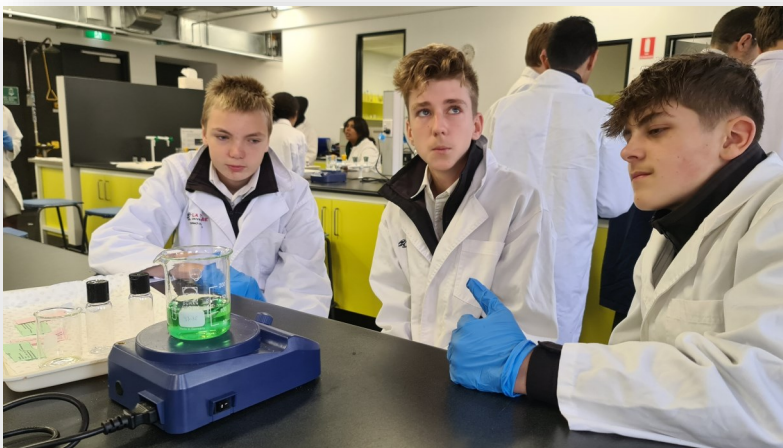
Our Year 9 students had the opportunity to visit La Trobe University to experience what it was like to be on a university campus. This was part of their Morrisby / My Careers Insight program, where students visited La Trobe for one day, and worked on discovering what their options were for their future study and careers.

La Trobe University were happy to host our Year 9 students and offered them a range of activities to keep them active and give them the La Trobe experience. Students got to work on creating their own shampoo in the labs, visited and played in La Trobe's amazing sports centre, played Campus Bingo (like the Amazing Race) and sat down and chatted with existing La Trobe students on careers and study options at La Trobe.

The students behaved well and were exemplary representatives for Gladstone Park Secondary College, and we look forward to developing their career and study aspirations in the coming months!



Year 9 La Trobe University Excursion



Year 10 & 12 Art and Design Excursion

On Tuesday the 7th of March 2023, 41 eager art students from years 10 and 12 were involved in an excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria to visit the exhibition, *Alexander McQueen: Mind, Mythos, Muse*.

The day began with a lecture provided by NGV curators on one of the most affluent fashion designers of our time, Alexander McQueen. The lecture covered McQueen'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 captivated by the arrangement of design and artworks they witnessed by McQueen and his studio in the self-guided tour of the exhibition. A plethora of textile-based works were presented and supplemented with a selection of drawings, paintings and sculptures which related thematically. The diversity of works on display filled students' imaginations with inspiration for their assignments back at school.



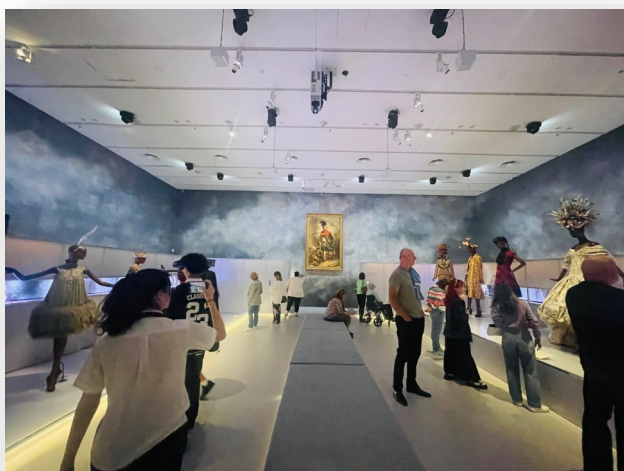
Year 10 & 12 Art and Design Excursion

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, and a catered lunch for the students, as well as some A5 sketchbooks and an exhibition catalogue for our school's library.

Gladstone Park Secondary College would like to thank Ms. Campbell-Pretty for this generous act of kindness. Our students were grateful for the opportunity to learn more about such an esteemed designer as Alexander McQueen and to study his work up, close and personal. The experiences had on this day will remain with them well into their lives outside of school.

Emilio Longo,

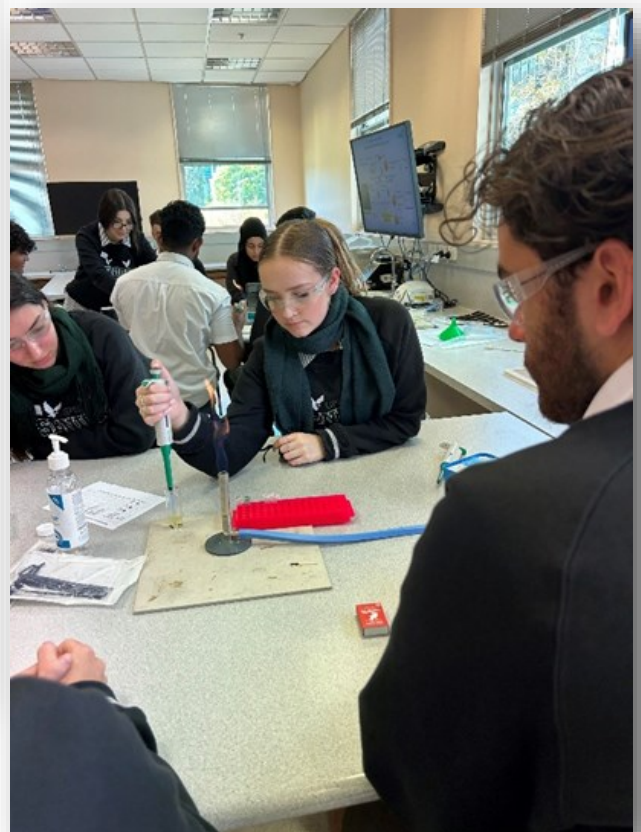
Visual Arts Teacher and Learning Area Leader



Year 12 Biology GTAC Excursion

On Friday 17th of March the year 12 biology class attended the Gene Technology Access Centre at University High School. They performed a bacterial transformation using a human insulin gene and a green fluorescent protein gene. They were able to do a number of activities that are performed in molecular biology laboratories under the guidance of a number of scientists.

Students enjoyed the experience and can put this new knowledge into practice for their upcoming assessment.



Senior Girls Softball Make State Finals

On Thursday 23rd of March the Senior Girls Softball team took on Hazel Glen College at the NMR finals. The team, which was predominantly made up of year 9 and 10 students, played so well that they came away with a convincing win, 28-11. Congratulations to all of the students who participated, we will now be attending State Finals in term 2.



NMR Swim Team

On the 29th March a small team of swimmers competed in the NMR swim competition at Watermarc in Greensborough. The students though not winners through to the next level, swam very well and many personal best times were achieved. Thank you to Elsa Hawes who lead the team as swim captain and Lachlan Anderson for taking on the role for the carnival as medal presenter. Thanks to all participants and we look forward to seeing you next year

Ms Talbot



Year 9 Girls P.E

The year 9 girls pe program participated in a fitness program which entailed all the fitness components that they have been learning about in their theory classes. Cardiovascular endurance, strength, flexibility, power, muscular endurance, and agility. The girls worked hard and enjoyed the structure of the class.

Thank you to the PE teachers for their work organising and setting up the circuit.



Art Teacher Enters Archibald Prize

Luke Sinclair, one of our loyal Visual Arts teachers will be entering this year's Archibald Prize with a self-portrait he has painted in homage to his past art teachers and his current year 12 Art Creative Practice students.

Standing over 1.5 metres tall and over 1 metre wide, the portrait depicts Mr. Sinclair within his private studio in Brunswick, with a pencil in one hand and a craft knife in the other, as he sits on one of the tools of his trade, his trusty sewing machine. Featured on the painting's stretcher bars are the initials of the artist's former art teachers on one side, and the initials of his current year 12 Art Creative Practice students on the other.



Throughout the month-long process of painting the canvas, Mr. Sinclair has kindly shared his creative process with his year 12 students, at one point bringing the painting into class and demonstrating his techniques and processes for the students.

A journalist from the local *Northern Star Weekly* newspaper visited our school to interview Mr. Sinclair about the process of creating the painting and sharing it with his students. That interview culminated into Mr Sinclair being featured on the front page of *Northern Star Weekly* newspaper.

Mr. Sinclair drove the painting up to the Art Gallery of NSW last week where he will compete for the \$100,000 grand prize alongside over 2000 other entries from across the nation.

GPSC would like to thank Mr. Sinclair for his willingness to share his Archibald journey with his students and we wish him the very best with his entry.

Emilio Longo,

Visual Arts Teacher and Learning Area Leader



Corporal Cameron Baird Award

Nominations open for Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG Memorial Award



Nominations are open for the 2023 Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG Memorial Award. This award honours Gladstone Park local and national hero, Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG, and supports young people in Hume City to pursue their dreams. The award provides up to \$5000 for young locals aged 12-25 to put towards personal and professional development in achieving their goals.

There are two categories to apply for:

- **Leading from the front Achievement Award** – where achievement in sports, community, art, employment or education is recognised.
- **Gaining ground Encouragement Award** – where a commitment to an area of interest is recognised.

Successful recipients can use the award funds towards:

- education costs
- conference fees
- support for personal or professional development
- equipment (e.g. sports equipment, a computer, or software)

Nominations close Sunday 23 April.

[Find out how to submit a nomination application.](#)

The Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG Memorial Award was established by Hume City Council in 2015 to recognise the legacy of Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG, a Hume local and national hero who was killed in action in 2013.

This is a significant year as it marks 10 years since the passing of Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG. Corporal Baird will be remembered for his bravery, his commitment to the community, and his ultimate sacrifice on the battlefield. He was awarded the country's highest military award, the Victoria Cross for Australia and was also awarded the Medal for Gallantry for his service in Afghanistan in 2007-08. Along with his military service, Corporal Baird was an active member of our local community who aspired to support the next generation to follow their dreams.

Successful recipient(s) will be announced at the awards ceremony later this year in June 2023.

Hume City Council staff will work with the winners over the following year to provide support and guidance in helping the recipients achieve their stated goals with the award funds.

Visit the [Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG Memorial Award webpage](#) to read about the previous winners and find out details about the award.

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Wednesday 3rd May	Parent Information Evening for Year 7 - 2024 Enrolments
Friday 5th May	Division Cross Country
Wednesday 10th May	Open Day
Wednesday 10th May	Intermediate and Senior Sport
Thursday 11th May	Curriculum Day
Wednesday 16th May	Intermediate and Senior Sport
Thursday 18th May	Year 10/11/12 Victorian Careers Show (9:00am - 1:00pm)

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00am 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.