



NEWSLETTER

5TH MAY 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Open Day
- ◆ Wednesday 10th May
Intermediate & Senior Sport
- ◆ Tuesday 16th May
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- ◆ Wednesday 17th May
IDAHOBIT Day
- ◆ Thurs 18th & Friday 19th May
Victorian Careers Expo

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Principal's Update

Anzac Day Service

This year, our school ANZAC Day service took place on Wednesday, 26th of April.

Our ANZAC ceremony took place, not only to remember all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations, but also to commemorate a fallen soldier who was a much admired and respected student of Gladstone Park - Corporal Cameron Stewart Baird, recipient of the Medal for Gallantry and posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

The ceremony, arranged by Roger Centofanti, was conducted by school captains, Marjorie Falafata and Brivini Fernando with student leaders and staff attending. In our ceremony, we paid respect to past student and Victoria Cross recipient, Corporal Cameron Baird with the reading of a poem written by past school captain, Andrea Poblete. After the playing of the Last Post by student Jack Breen, student cadets Airforce Cadet Under Officer Tomy Andreetta, Army Cadet Corporal Thomas Watson, and Airforce Cadet Sergeant Chelsea Watson, lead staff and students in following piper John Kemp to the flagpoles where Cadets laid a wreath and raised the flags.

It was a very moving tribute to all members of the defence force, past and present. Lest we forget.



Principal's Update Continued

Information Evening

We held a very successful Information Night on Wednesday 3rd of May. Meeting new and prospective members of our community was lovely and we were proud to provide a picture of the great work we do at Gladstone Park. It was a valuable opportunity for prospective parents and students to hear student and parent perspectives of the school, and to learn about the opportunities we provide, our programs, our successes, and the culture of this vibrant school community. If you have any friends or family with questions about year 7 for 2024, please encourage them to contact Junior School.

Thank you to the students who spoke - school captains, Marjorie Falafata and Brivini Fernando, Cedar Breen-Sciulli, Chacha Jin, Toby Myers, Allira Danger; and thank you to the students who performed a scene from our musical production. Thank you also to the staff who contributed - Jody Scott, Anthony Greaney, Angela Giardina, Tom Hughes, Andrea Caponeri, Antonello Capone, Federico Scalvini and Rhys Edwards. Special thanks to Sharon Matuauto, School Council President, for providing a parent's perspective.

We are looking forward to our Open Day next week.

Uniform Reminder

We ask parents and carers to assist us in teaching students to respect themselves and the uniform by wearing it correctly and with pride. Some students have returned from school holidays having grown out of uniform or with piercings or false eyelashes. This note is a reminder that Gladstone Park Secondary College has a strict uniform policy. Throughout the next few weeks, we will be closely checking if students are adhering to our uniform rules which are outlined in the student planner. Please be sure to note the following in particular:

- Make up and nail polish must look natural (no false eyelashes).
- Only one small piercing in the nose and a maximum of two small studs or sleepers in each ear is allowed.
- If a student is out of uniform, they must bring a note from a parent. They will be given a loan item to wear for the day.
- If a student is out of uniform without a note, they will be given a lunch time detention and a loan item to wear for the day.
- If a student is consistently out of uniform consequences will increase.

Please assist us in teaching students to respect themselves and the uniform by wearing it correctly and with pride. Families experiencing financial hardship with uniform can contact the general office for advice and assistance. If you are experiencing difficulty obtaining items of uniform, please contact the school for assistance. We want all our students wearing correct uniform as they represent our school and its values to the community.

House Athletics Carnival Photo's



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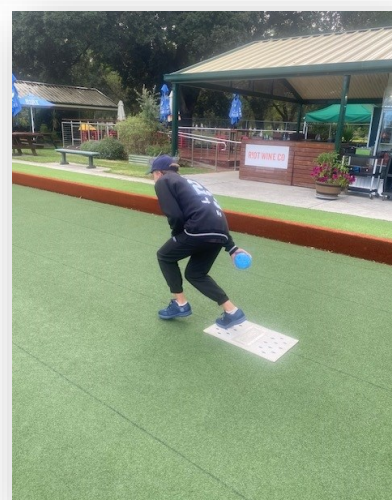


NMR Lawn Bowls Regional Finals

On Friday 31st March our lawn bowls team consisting of – Ky Shennan, Trent Piesik and Tyler Quinlan travelled to Fitzroy Bowls Club to compete in the Northern Metropolitan Secondary Bowls Senior Region Finals. All games were nail biting and the team made it through to the semi finals. We lost to Richmond High school. It was a great day.



NMR Lawn Bowls Regional Finals



Year 8 Girls NMR Tennis Team

On Thursday 27th April the following students represented our school for Year 8 girls Tennis.

Maeve Blachford, Hayley Allwell, Meah Allwell, Dumini Manikku Wadu and Nethuki Prematilaka.

The girls won their pool and made it through to the finals. Unfortunately, Melbourne Girls were too strong. We were very competitive but came 2nd in the region. Thank you to Ms Abby Watts for taking the girls.

Well done to all. It was a great effort

Ms Talbot



Year 8 Girls Softball

On Monday 1st of May the year 8 girls softball team travelled to Mill Park to participate in the Northern Region Softball Championship. They played four games against St Helena, Macleod, Melbourne Girls College and Preston High. The girls won each of their games with some great fielding and even better batting.

We now go to the State Championships in November to take on the top schools in the state.

Congratulations to the following students on their excellent efforts:

Maryam, Sandra, Kiara, Tenuli, Nayli, Meah, Lara (year 7), Hayley, Lucy and Hayley.



Thank you for to our VET helpers Raefa and Bailey for their assistance during the day and Mr Freeman and Ms Miles for coaching.

Year 11 & 12 VCD Excursion

On Thursday the 30th of March, years 11 and 12 VCD students headed to the CBD to visit *Via Architects* architectural firm on Lonsdale Street, as well as *Top Designs* at the Melbourne Museum, and *Top Arts* at the National Gallery of Victoria.

Students were given an introductory presentation to *Via Architects* by the firm's director which covered the history of the firm, recently completed projects and insight into their design process. Students toured the firm and studio space where they had the opportunity to ask questions to a vast range of architects and interior designers who were working in the vicinity.

Next, students visited *Top Designs* at the Melbourne Museum where they had the chance to view high achieving year 12 VCD folios and finished design works from the previous year. The works on show spanned communication, industrial, as well as environmental design and incorporated both digital, and analogue design processes.

The day concluded at the National Gallery of Victoria, Ian Potter Centre where students viewed the *Top Arts* exhibition which showcased exemplary year 12 Studio Arts folios and finished pieces from around the state of Victoria.

Being able to visit both, *Top Designs* and *Top Arts* in the same day was complimentary as students were able to observe the threads that connect Art and Design, and truly get a sense of cross-pollinate creative practice through multi-disciplinary outcomes.

The day filled students with inspiration with what a life in Art or Design involves post-secondary education and the experiences had provided perspective for their own folios back at school.

A wonderful day was had by all in attendance.

Emilio Longo

Visual Arts Teacher and Learning Area Leader



Year 11 & 12 VCD Excursion



GPSC Science Club - Term 1

Science Club is continuing onto it's second year at GPSC with explorations lead by students and teachers alike.

We gained a few new members with brave Year 7's showing the Year 12's they have what it takes, in our first activity of code breakers. We then expanded our psychology knowledge by testing our taste buds in a taste versus flavour with Zooper Doopers and food dye.

Then Ms Paterson and Ms Smith took a step back and encouraged the students to develop their very own Myth busting activity. A huge congratulations goes out to all students involved in hosting and planning the following Myth Buster activities.

- Static Electricity - Are humans good conductors or are their too many variables?
- Shop 'til you drop – How is the layout of supermarkets designed to make us spend?
- Grand Prix – How does the shape of an object impact its Aerodynamics?

The Science Club will continue to run every Friday lunchtime in W9.

We've already got some incredible members but we would love to see more of the school community getting involved!



I.T. Excursion at LaTrobe University

On Thursday 27th April 25 girls from Year 8, 9 and 10 attended a Women Rock IT Seminar at La Trobe University. The seminar was facilitated by female 2nd and 3rd year cybersecurity students, which included a panel discussion/ Q&A and graduate talk. It was an informative day and the students enjoyed this unique experience.

On Thursday about 20 girls from year 8, 9 and 10 went to Latrobe University for a program about women in IT. First we had a quick lunch and then 2 of the universities students in IT spoke to us about their degrees and experiences and we were able to hear about working in cyber security and ask them questions about it.

8K - Anna, Jenul I, Lawanga, Devna, Dilara, Sheena, Jemima



Thanks to Mr Yip, Mrs Carfi, Mr Montiero and Ms Incani for organising and attending this event.



Grand Prix Excursion

On the 30th-31st March, students from Vocational Major, Pathways and VET classes attended the Formula One Grand Prix at Albert Park. In what has become a yearly event, students made their way to the city with free entry into this educational and entertaining event.

Students spent the first part of their day attending industry specific areas in relation to career pathways. The army and police were on show as well as several other industries including technology and IT. Students from GPSC seemed to interact well with the presenters which gave students some great insights into their future pathways.

Students then enjoyed the rest of their day around the many tents and pits in anticipation of the race on the Sunday. Some great experiences were had which will hopefully assist student choices in their pathways going forward.

It was a great delight for staff and students to catch up with ex Gladstone Park student Sarah Abu Awad at the Grand Prix. Sarah has gone on from her mechanical studies in VCAL (VM) to now being part of the Tickford racing team. An example to all students where pathways can lead to.

Mr. Saliba

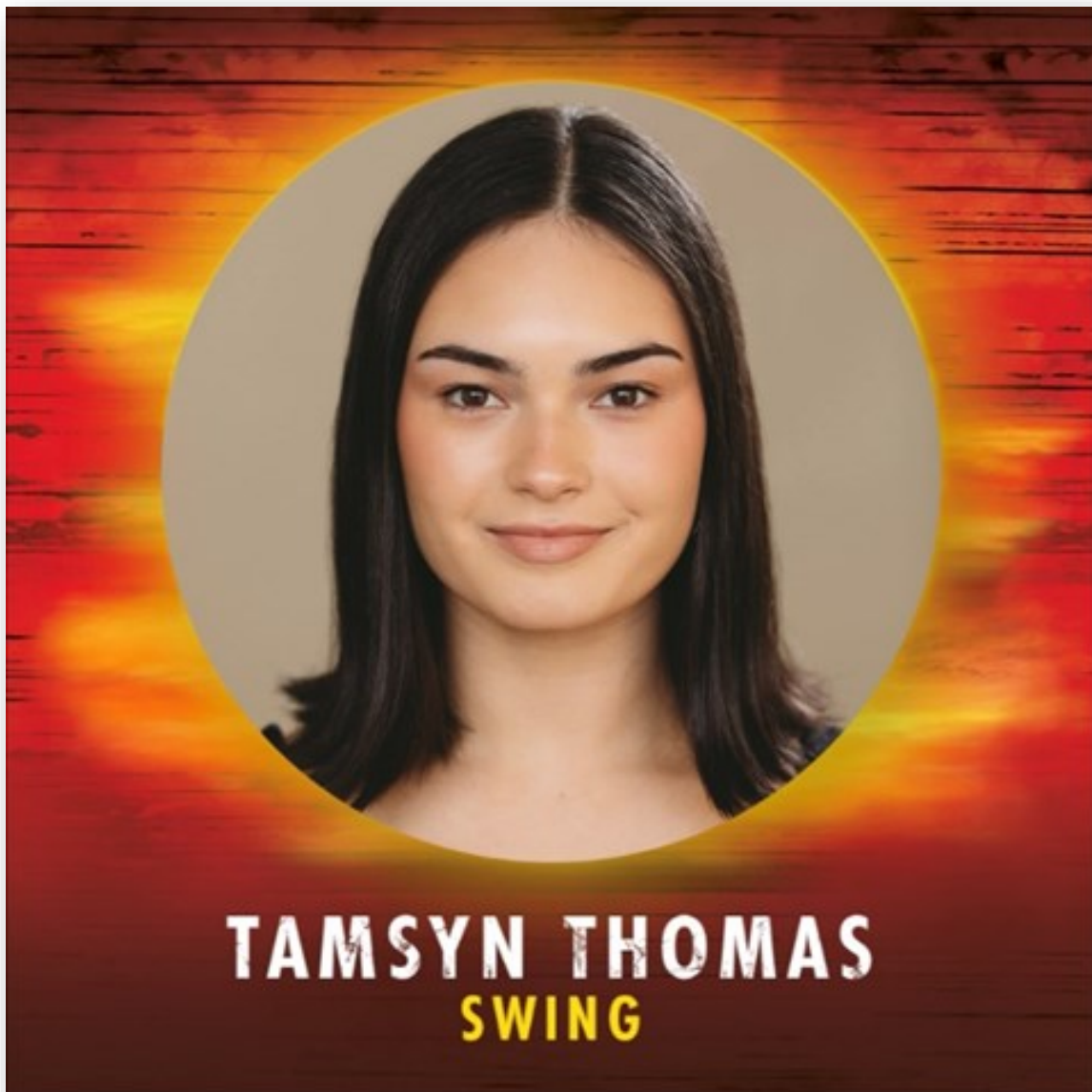


Congratulations Tamsyn

Tamsyn Thomas - Miss Saigon

Tamsyn Thomas, past student of Gladstone Park Secondary College, will make her professional theatre debut in the new Australian Miss Saigon season! Set to play at the Sydney Opera House from August to October, Tamsyn will be taking on the role of ensemble/swing.

She attended GPSC from 2017-2020, departing from traditional schooling to undergo training for her Diploma of Musical Theatre at Kelly Aykers Full-Time Dance. We are so thrilled for her and always love to see our student's, hard work, passion and excellence create incredible opportunity and achievements like this. Congratulations Tamsyn!



Victorian Law Week 15th - 21st May 2023

Victorian Law Week is an annual festival, run by Victoria Law Foundation, that makes learning about the law easy.

Discover how the law affects your life, find answers to your legal questions, meet the people who resolve your disputes and enforce our laws.

The program includes free legal advice and information, topical panel discussions, interviews with prominent people, legal workshops and much more.

There are plenty of events for students in this year's program, just a few highlight events include:

- Chief Magistrate Justice Lisa Hannan presents: Our court of the future
- You be the judge!
- Courts and the Media
- Overview of the Drug Court of Victoria
- Take a virtual Tour of the Neighbourhood Justice Centre
- The Neighbourhood Justice Centre's Speaker Series
- Community justice in practice: the Neighbourhood Justice Centre
- Cultural diversity and the Law
- Overview of the County Court of Victoria
- Specialist Courts and Innovative Justice: a conversation with Rob Hulls
- VCE Legal Studies: Criminal and civil case scenarios
- What's in a sentence?
- What's it like to be an associate to a judge?
- 'Political Unrest on the Gold Fields' exhibition at the Old Treasury Building
- 'Protest Melbourne' exhibition at the Old Treasury building
- Sex and the law
- A mock inquest - what happens when unidentified human remains are found?

For more information visit < <https://www.viclawweek.org.au/program> > or message Ms Li via Teams.



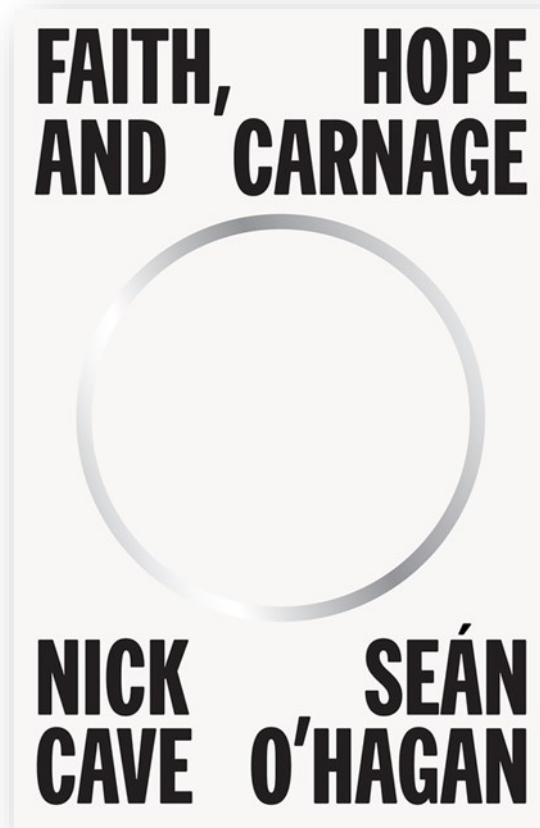
Staff Book Club - Term 2 2023

We're back for another term of Book Club after a successful first meeting of the year reading and discussing *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin and *Portable Magic: A History of Books and their Readers* by Emma Smith in March.

Limberlost, the third novel by celebrated Australian author Robbie Arnott is our fiction pick for Term 2. Set in mid-20th-century Tasmania, it follows the life of young Ned West as he grapples with childhood, wartime, life in the Tasmanian bush, coming-of-age, fatherhood, and old age in a rapidly changing world. *The Guardian* describes Arnott as having "an eye and an ear for description that can elevate otherwise quiet moments to something genuinely transcendent", so our staff are very much looking forward to diving into this beautiful book.

Our non-fiction book for Term 2 is from another sublime lyricist, the musician Nick Cave. *Faith, Hope, and Carnage*, written with music critic and journalist Sean O'Hagan, expresses Cave's deepest thoughts about life, music, art, grief, creativity, and freedom, as it explores his childhood, his music career, his rise to fame and his experiences with family and loss.

Both books, as always, are available through Hume Libraries. We encourage parents, carers and students to read along with our Staff Book Club and share your thoughts about the books when we see each other in class, at Parent Interviews, and at school events.



Wellbeing



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Is your teenager struggling to attend school due to anxiety, depression or emotional distress?

Be among the first to trial a new online parenting program designed to support parents of teens struggling with school attendance.

Researchers from Monash University and Deakin University are offering parents a **FREE online parenting program** designed to support parents of teenagers who have **difficulty attending school due to anxiety, depression, or emotional distress** (sometimes called 'school refusal', 'school can't', or 'school phobia'). The program is being offered as part of a research trial.

What's included in the program?

- A parenting self-assessment tool with personalised feedback
- Up to 13 online modules with practical strategies to support your teen's mental health and school attendance
- Complete weekly modules and work towards goals

Who can take part?

You may be eligible to participate if:

- you are the parent or guardian of a teenager aged 12-18
- live in Australia
- can read, write, and speak in English,
- have regular access to the Internet.

The program is not recommended as a sole source of support for young people experiencing school refusal. We recommend seeking professional support from a mental health or education professional alongside completing this program. Although all parents are able to take part, please also note that the program content is not tailored for parents of teenagers with Autism Spectrum Disorder or intellectual disability.

What else is involved?

To help us evaluate the program, we'll ask you to complete two online surveys about your parenting and your teen's mental health. We may also invite you to complete an interview about your experience with the program. You'll receive a \$20 gift voucher after completing the second survey, and an additional \$20 gift voucher if you complete an interview.

FIND OUT MORE:

pip-ed.web.app

Contact:

med-pip-ed@monash.edu



This research has been approved by the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (ID: 32704).

School Musical Production - 2023



Disney's *High School Musical JR* centres on the blossoming relationship between Troy, a high school jock, and Gabriella, the new smart girl at school. They meet on a family vacation and become attracted to each other while singing in a karaoke competition. Rediscovering each other at school, their relationship and their surprise decision to audition together for the school musical are thwarted by the school's current leading lady, Sharpay, and Troy and Gabriella's well-meaning friends. Finally, Gabriella and Troy find a way to be themselves and are rewarded with the lead roles in the school musical. Full of catchy songs and exciting dance routines, this musical explores issues of friendship, first love, and acceptance.

Our hardworking production team has assembled another very talented cast who are now rehearsing to present this fun and vibrant show to parents, friends, and staff of the college. The cast are currently rehearsing twice a week and will also be attending a rehearsal camp later in term 2 and they can't wait for you to see the show.

Performances are held in the school's theatre on the following dates:

Thursday 20th July – 7.30pm

Friday 21st July – 7.30pm

Saturday 22nd July 2.00pm and 7.30pm

Tickets available through TryBooking from the 15th Of May (please refer to the next page for booking links)

School Musical Production - 2023



TICKET ORDERING INFORMATION

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

Bookings Open – Monday 15th May at 9.00am

Bookings Close – 2 hours before each performance

Ticket Prices: Adults \$20.00, Concession/Child \$15.00

Dates and links:-

Opening Performance – Thursday 20th July - 7.30pm

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

VIP Night – Friday 21st July - 7.30pm

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

Saturday Matinee – Saturday 22nd July - 2.00pm

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

Saturday Evening – Saturday 22nd July - 7.30pm

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

Career News

Upcoming events!

Victorian Careers Show (Melbourne Showgrounds) – For Year 10 – 12s on 18 / 19 May 2023.

Australia's biggest education and careers expo has been running for over 30- years! An extensive range of [exhibitors](#) from all over Australia will be in attendance providing –

- *Information and resources for the VCE*
- *Information about tertiary study, university, TAFE, and training courses*
- *Career advice*
- *Study advice*
- *Employment advice and opportunities*
- *Apprenticeship and traineeship advice*
- *International exchange and gap year programs*

Attendees will also have access to [VCE and Careers Expo: Seminars](#) on topics including –

- *VCE subjects including English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Legal Studies, Business Management, Psychology, Health and Human Development*
- *Tertiary courses*
- *Careers*
- *Employment opportunities*
- *Study advice*
- *Gap year options*

Please provide consent and payment via Compass by 16 May 2023.

Looking for an apprenticeship?

Check out these links.

<https://mas.jobreadygateway.com.au/vacancies>

<https://www.megt.com.au/apprentices-and-trainees>

<https://www.arcltd.org.au/careers>

Career News - Important Dates For Year 12's

VTAC Applications – for University

Course applications	Open	Close	Fee
Timely applications	31 July (9am)	28 September (5pm)	\$55
Late applications	28 September (5:15pm)	3 November (5pm)	TBC
Very late applications	3 November (5:15pm)	1 December (5pm)	TBC

Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS) applications	Open	Close	
SEAS applications and supporting documentation for 2024 course entry	31 July (9am)	6 October (5pm)	>> Applicants must submit a course application to activate the SEAS application in their VTAC Account.

VCE results and ATAR release	
VCE results and ATAR available online	11 December 2023 (7am)

Focus on Melbourne Series 2023

The Focus on Melbourne 2023 series gives students the opportunity to explore the courses and study areas that interest them at Melbourne University. Students also get to chat face-to-face with Uni staff and academics. Each course information evening will be held on campus from 6.00pm – 8.00pm.

DATE	EVENT
23 May	Focus on Agriculture
	Focus on Music
29 May	Focus on Information Technology
	Focus on Arts
30 May	Focus on Biomedicine
31 May	Focus on Commerce
5 June	Focus on Law
6 June	Focus on Engineering
7 June	Focus on Design
	Focus on Education
8 June	Focus on Fine Arts
	Focus on Science

Students should please register at [Focus on Melbourne](https://study.unimelb.edu.au/student-life/events/focus-on-melbourne).

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Career News

Bricklaying Apprenticeships.

Brick and Block are currently seeking candidates who are interested in joining the Construction Industry. Bricklaying apprenticeships are ideal for anyone looking for a career in the building and construction industry. It provides a hands-on learning environment with consistently challenging projects demanding versatility and skills development.

The following criteria will significantly increase the chances for a candidate to get an apprenticeship in construction:

- Technical aptitude to follow plans
- Physically fit and healthy - Ability to work at heights and outdoors
- Motivated to work as part of a team
- Good awareness of health and safety issues

Please note - Apprenticeships are available to secondary school students who are over 15 years old and enrolled in years 10, 11 or 12. Candidates also require a White Card (White Card is compulsory for anyone working on a construction site in Australia). This will increase their chances of getting an apprenticeship.

You can find out more about Brick and Block at <https://www.facebook.com/BrickandBlockCareers>.

Apply via Brick and Block's site - <https://www.brickandblockcareers.org.au/contact-us/> or call them on 1300 66 44 96.

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2023 Important Dates

Friday 5th May	Division Cross Country
Wednesday 10th May	Open Day
Wednesday 10th May	Intermediate and Senior Sport
Tuesday 16th May	Intermediate and Senior Sport
Wednesday 17th May	IDAHOBIT Day
Thursday 18th May	Year 10/11 & VCAL VM Victorian Careers Show (9:00am - 2:15pm)
Friday 19th May	Year 10 & Year 12 Victorian Careers Show (9:00am - 2:15pm)
Monday 22nd May	Year 10 Elephant Ef
Tuesday 23rd May	Year 7 Sport
Monday 29th May	Year 8 Sport
Tuesday 30th May	Year 7 Immunisations
Wednesday 31st May	Junior Sport
Thursday 1st June To Thursday 8th June	Year 10 & Year 11 Exams
Thursday 8th June	Year 9 Maths Exam
Friday 9th June	Report Writing Day - Student Free Day

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.