



NEWSLETTER

9TH JUNE 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Monday 12th June
Kings Birthday - Public Holiday
- ◆ Wednesday 14th June
NMR Cross Country
- ◆ Thursday 15th June
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- ◆ Monday 19th June
Year 9 Health Day
- ◆ Monday 19th June to
Friday 23rd June
Year 10 Work Experience
- ◆ Tuesday 20th June
Year 12 Parent Teacher
Interviews 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- ◆ Friday 23rd June
End Term 2 - 2:30pm Finish

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Principal's Update



Jake Herd – a sad loss

The school is in mourning after the tragic passing of past school captain, Jake Herd who died while hiking in Kazakhstan. Jake graduated in 2013 and had returned to the school to speak to students and families at our Italian Immersion Celebration Evening – inspiring the audience with his enthusiasm for his university studies and opportunities it gave including travel. Jake is remembered very fondly by staff at the school, which includes a number of his peers who studied here, and by many in the broader school community. Our thoughts are with his mother Wendy and father Dale at this incredibly sad time.

School Upgrade

I am very excited to let you know we have been allocated \$ 11.7 million from the 2023 State Budget to upgrade and modernise our school. We will work closely with the School Council and the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) to deliver an outcome that fits with our needs and benefits the entire school community. Our next step is to develop an Asset Management Plan to help us plan for the project. This is a long-term document that helps to plan for a school's future. We will be gathering input from staff, students and school council for this process and will be sharing updates with the community. You will also be able to follow our progress through the [VSBA website](#). We will keep you updated as we work to deliver this exciting project for our school community – one that ensures students have access to exceptional educational facilities that provide the opportunity to thrive.

Exams

Over weeks 6 & 7, our year 10 and 11 students and the year 9 SEAL class sat their mid-year exams. Experiencing the formality and rules of the VCE exam conditions is an important learning step for VCE success - 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

In week 9, from the 19th to the 23rd of June, 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.

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 the careers office, 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.

Principal's Update cont...

Musical Production Camp

Next week, students and staff will participate in a music production camp at Kyneton to rehearse and bond for our upcoming 'High School Musical' 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 20th of July.

Farewell to Karen Taggart

Karen Taggart, our Business Manager, will be taking extended leave leading into retirement at the start of Term 3.

This is sad for us, as Karen is an incredible brain's trust for our school. It is, however, exciting for Karen who will enjoy some very well-earned rest and free time. Karen has been the business manager at our school since 2005, training and supporting four principals in that time. She has provided incredibly careful, precise and essential guidance to principals, school council and staff. She will be missed very much.

Amy Mullins will join the school as our new Business Manager. She and Karen will work together over the holidays to hand over the work.

Celebrating milestones in the education workforce

Leeanne Lemin has been celebrated for her 45 years of service with the Department of Education, working at Gladstone Park since 1986. She is rightly proud of her length of service, and more specifically the support she has provided students in her time at Gladstone Park – as a technician in the foods department and as an integration aide.

Nola Evangelou and Andrew Barry will each celebrate their 35 years of service on the 19th of June. Nola joined Gladstone Park in 2002 and was instrumental in setting up the SEAL program. As SEAL coordinator she developed strong caring relationships with her students and their families and has keenly followed their successes in life. Andrew came to Gladstone Park in 2020 and then 2022, and he has been a member of the school community for longer, as a parent. Andrew has taught Mathematics to thousands of students across the north and west of the state in his time in education.

The difference school staff make to students' lives is immense, and we gladly celebrate the contributions of Leeanne, Nola and Andrew.

National Reconciliation Week

The Gladstone Park Secondary College community would like to recognise National Reconciliation Week by sharing some of the history behind the commemorations.

Reconciliation Week holds immense significance as it serves as a vital reminder of the ongoing journey towards healing and unity between Australia and its indigenous peoples. This is evident in the carefully chosen dates that mark this occasion from May 27th to June 3rd. The inclusion of these specific dates adds depth and meaning to the week-long observance.

26th of May

The day before reconciliation week begins is recognized as National Sorry Day, commemorating the day in 1997 when the ground-breaking "Bringing Them Home" report on the stolen generation was presented to the Australian Parliament. This day serves as a solemn reminder of the historical injustices inflicted upon Indigenous peoples and highlights the need for healing and reconciliation.

27th of May

Is the anniversary of the 1967 referendum takes place, a landmark event that acknowledged Aboriginal people as citizens of Australia and paved the way for greater recognition and equality. This date holds profound significance as a testament to the ongoing struggle for Indigenous rights and the commitment to inclusion.

3rd of June

Lastly, Reconciliation Week concludes with Mabo Day, honouring Eddie Mabo's successful native title claim, which challenged the notion of terra nullius and led to the High Court's landmark decision declaring it unlawful. This day stands as a testament to the resilience and determination of Indigenous peoples in the fight for land rights and recognition of their enduring connection to the Australian land.

By incorporating these historically significant dates, Reconciliation Week amplifies its importance and serves as a powerful reminder of the progress made and the work that still lies ahead in the journey towards reconciliation in Australia.

The theme for National Reconciliation Week for 2023 is "Be a Voice for Generations". Indigenous cultures all across Australia exist as a voice carrying stories from one generation to the next through the millennia. This theme encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and socialise. For the work of generations past, and the benefit of generations future, let's choose to create a more just, equitable and reconciled country for all.

Year 8 Art Excursion

On Wednesday 17th and 24th of May, the Art Department took 80 eager year 8 students to experience Australian Art in person, on a tour of the Ian Potter Centre, at the National Gallery of Victoria in Federation Square.

Education Officers from the NGV gave the students fascinating insights and some secret histories of the artworks on display, and how they related to the wider City of Melbourne's history and people. Our year 8 students got the chance to see in real-life, the Australian masterpieces that they have been studying in class. A group favourite was Tom Roberts, *Shearing the Rams* and Fredrick McCubbin's *The Pioneer*.



Year 8 Art Excursion

Students spent time studying and drawing from life the sculptural form of Inge King's *Forward Surge* located out front of the NGV International and the Arts Centre Spire opposite Hamer Hall. They investigated the meaning behind the enormous series of stainless-steel sculptures titled, *The Travellers* as they embarked on a walking tour of Sandridge Bridge in Southbank, which represents a period of migration to Australia (as defined by historian Dr. James Jupp AM). More than 3.7 km of stainless steel (in 4455 pieces) was used to create the sculptures. The average weight of each figure is 2307 kg while the heaviest figure is 7701 kg!



Year 8 Art Excursion

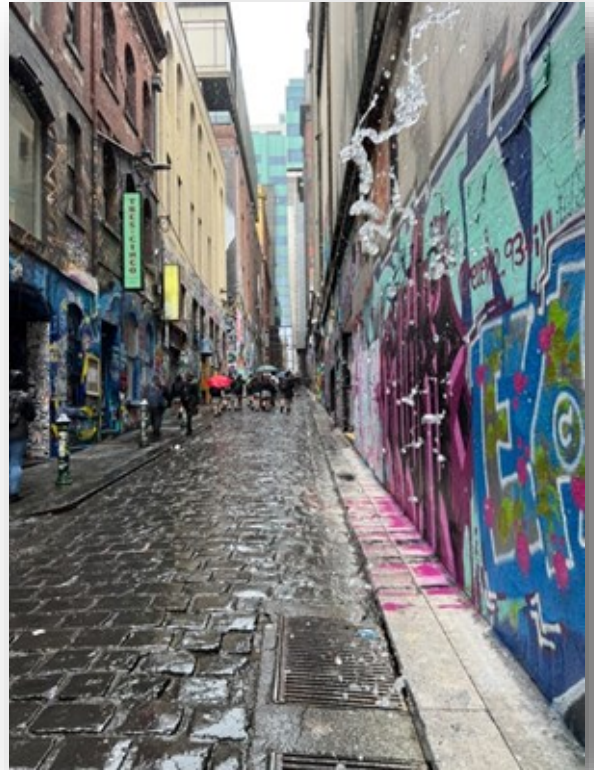
Students concluded the day by visiting the ever-popular, Hosier Lane where they witnessed murals and pieces by some of Melbourne's most talented street artists and graffiti writers. Students discussed the age-old debate whether graffiti is art or vandalism and whether it contributes positively to our nation's landscape or degrades it.

The art which students experienced throughout the day provided them with perspective and understanding as to how art is interwoven through the fabric of our Australian culture and helps form the identity of our Nation. This knowledge will be carried forward into the art classroom and will aid students with their future creative projects.

In all, a very informative and enjoyable day was had by everybody who attended.

Emilio Longo

Visual Arts Learning Area Leader



IDAHOBIT Day

"International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia"

On the 17th of May, students performed in a lunchtime concert to recognise IDAHOBIT day. It was a fantastic concert that was dedicated to recognising the prejudice and exclusion LGBTQI+ individuals and groups within our society still face, and reminds us that kindness and inclusion are virtues that we should all strive for as a school community.

The concert went fantastically, and many students flocked to the cafeteria to crowd into the audience. What a great way to spend a lunchtime!"



The Parliament Prize 2023

What would you say to Parliament if you were an MP?

During sitting weeks, Members of Parliament (MPs) get the opportunity to make statements on matters of interest and concern to them. Often that includes matters arising in their electorates that they wish to bring to the attention of Parliament, for example, achievements of people or organisations in their electorate, challenges being faced in their local community, or perhaps broader state or national issues. The maximum time allowed for such statements is 90 seconds per member. You can see what members speak about during Members' Statements by looking at Hansard, which is the record of what is said in Parliament.

The Parliament Prize invites Victorian school students to consider what they would say in Parliament if they were an MP, and submit a 90-second video of their own Member statement.

The competition is open to three categories: Grades 5 and 6; Years 7 to 9; and Years 10 to 12.

A prize of \$500 and a commemorative trophy will be awarded to the first-placed entry in each category. There will also be prizes of \$250 to the second-placed entries and \$125 to the third-placed entries in each age group.

Submissions close on Friday, 16 June 2023 by 5PM.

For more information, please send Ms Li a message via Teams or visit

<<https://new.parliament.vic.gov.au/teach-and-learn/parliament-prize/>>



Year 10 Photography Excursion

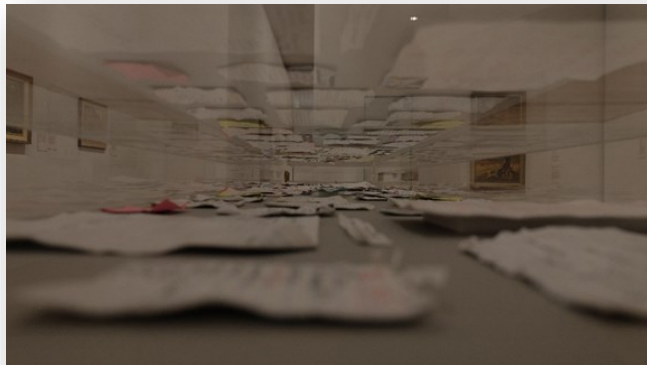
On Tuesday 16th of May, Year 10 Photography students went to the city as an excursion and to take photos for our 'Major Practical Project' which is our assessments. We took the train to head over to the Federation Square to meet up together. After our roll call, we then went to explore and photograph in the city.

Once that was over, we were tasked to go gather at Federation Square again to view the current exhibition '**Melbourne Now**' Ian Potter Centre. In the exhibition, it had a diverse range of fashion, sculpture, architecture, video, virtual reality, painting, and a lot more various collection.

When that was finished, we had one more opportunity to view the city to take our last photographs for the day as we also had our lunch. This excursion was a fun and fascinating experience for all the year 10 students.

A huge thank you to Ms Carvalho and Ms Jamieson for organizing the excursion, as well as Mr Johnson, Mr Monterio and Ms Li for attending.

Gwayne Angeles (Year 10)



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 - 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)

Tech & Trades Experience Day 2023



Come and be a part of RMIT's Tech and Trades Experience Day, an exciting event that lets you delve into the dynamic world of Technology and Trades!

Don't miss out on this exclusive chance to gain practical knowledge, explore potential career paths, and network with industry professionals. Join us at RMIT's Tech and Trades Experience Day and get a glimpse of what your future could hold!

All year 10, 11 and 12 high school students are welcome, as well as parents/guardians. Students can participate in two hands-on workshops, tour facilities, interact with staff and students, and win prizes. Parents can connect with staff, students, and industry guests to learn about opportunities at RMIT.

Students will have the chance to choose two workshops from fields such as Building Design, Carpentry, Cyber Security, Electrical, Engineering, Refrigeration, Information Technology, Plumbing, and Surveying. These fields offer strong industry growth and promising future career prospects.

Date: 29 Jun 2023

Time: 09:00 am - 02:45 pm

Cost: Free

Location: Melbourne City

Open this link to register!

<https://www.rmit.edu.au/events/2023/june/tech-and-trades-experience-day>

Career's Information

The Hotel School

Ever wondered what goes on behind the doors of a hotel and how they get it all to work? A Diploma or Bachelor in Hotel Management might be your next course.

As Australia's leading hotel management university, The Hotel School offers international tourism, hospitality, and hotel management courses and degrees.

hotelschool.scu.edu.au

IMPORTANT - Apply for a USI

To all Year 12 students who do not have a Unique Student Identifier (USI), please make sure you apply for one at <https://www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi>.

You will need it to apply for University and TAFE courses.

University Open Days (As of 10 May 2023)

30 July 2023, 10am-4pm Swinburne University (Hawthorn Campus)

6 August 2023, 10am-4pm La Trobe University (Melbourne Campus)

6 August 2023, 10am-4pm Monash University (Clayton Campus)

6 August 2023, 10am-4pm RMIT (Bundoora Campus)

12 August 2023, 12pm-4pm Monash University (Caulfield Campus)

12 August 2023 Torrens University (City Campus)

13 August 2023, 10am-2pm ACU (Melbourne Campus)

13 August 2023, 10am-4pm RMIT (City Campus)

20 August 2023, 10am-2pm Monash University (Parkville Campus)

20 August 2023 Deakin University (Geelong)

20 August 2023 Melbourne University (City)

20 August 2023 Victorian University (Footscray)

Careers Information

Holiday Events at RMIT and Collarts

RMIT - Tech and Trades Experience Day

29 Jun 2023

09:00 am - 02:45 pm

Free

Melbourne City

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High school students can participate in two hands-on workshops, tour facilities, interact with staff and students, and win prizes. Parents can connect with staff, students, and industry guests to learn about opportunities at RMIT.

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COLLARTS - Winter Workshop Series

SATURDAY 1 - SUNDAY 2 JULY 2023

These Winter Holidays, we're opening our doors to Victorian High School students in years 10, 11 and 12 to participate in a series of practical, hands-on workshops!

Come and experience what it's like to live a day in the life of a Collarts student. We will have workshops covering the various creative study areas that Collarts offers.

We have 11 exciting workshops (\$15) over 2 days for you to explore. Book your preferred workshops below!

<https://www.collarts.edu.au/holidayworkshops>

Careers Information

Torrens University Bright Awards

Year 10-12 students who want to enhance their resume with a creative award should take a look at participating in Torrens University's Bright Awards. It's an annual design competition that allows students to flex their creative muscle and win.

Key dates

Entries are now open, and close 3 Sep 2023

Judging period: 4 - 15 Sep 2023

Winners announced: 21 Sep 2023

Check out the website below and get information on how to participate.

<https://www.torrens.edu.au/studying-with-us/why-study-with-us/student-showcase/bright-awards>



Discover your path with a Home Affairs GAP Year

Are you in Year 12 and not sure what you want to do next?

Spend an exciting 12 months, where you'll not only get paid to carry out meaningful and important work that improves the lives of all Australians but also gain life-changing skills.

WHO WE ARE

The Department of Home Affairs offers challenging and diverse employment in roles impacting many parts of Australian life – emergency management, trade and travel, national security, immigration, settlement services, citizenship and border security.

Be part of something bigger: contribute to building a secure, prosperous, open and united Australia.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

Positions will be offered in dynamic teams to support the processing and administration of fast paced and essential business areas within the Department.

Duties may include undertaking basic administrative support tasks, requesting and retrieving information from external stakeholders and clients, and responding to written and telephone customer enquiries, among other things. These entry level roles do not require any prior experience. All training and coaching will be provided.

THE OPPORTUNITY

- Are you about to finish year 12 and wondering what to do next?
- Are you considering a gap year to earn some extra cash?
- Are you looking for an interesting and well-paid job for 12-months?

If you answered 'yes' to the above questions then you should consider a Gap Year with the Department of Home Affairs.

WHAT WE OFFER

Successful applicants will be offered a 12-month full time or part time temporary employment contract at the Australian Public Service (APS) 2 classification. Full time salary at commencement will be \$54,439 per annum plus 15.4% superannuation contribution. Part time staff will be paid proportionately.

We will provide comprehensive on the job training, mentoring and further development opportunities through the 12 months, and offer the opportunity at the end of the program to continue with Home Affairs through a part time APS3 internship program while completing tertiary studies. Positions will be located at various national offices across Australia.

Visit homeaffairs.gov.au/about-us/careers/working-with-us for more information about working in the Department.

WHO YOU ARE

No past work experience or ATAR is required. Applicants must be an Australian citizen and prepared to undertake and pass an Australian Government security clearance process.

Visit homeaffairs.gov.au/about-us/careers/vacancies/employment-suitability-clearance for more information about the security clearance process.

HOW TO APPLY

Scan the QR code to be taken to the application page.

You will need to upload a current CV (two-page maximum) and the details of two referees, along with applicant response outlining your career aspirations and why you want to participate in the Home Affairs GAP year Program. Limit it to 200 or 300 words.

All applicants will be invited to participate in a short online cognitive and emotional intelligence test. Successful applicants will then be invited to a virtual one-way interview where you will have the opportunity to talk about your interests, skills and experiences working in a team.

Applications close Sunday 2 July 2023 at 11:59pm (midnight) AEST.

For more information or any enquiries, please contact entryprogramsandpathways@homeaffairs.gov.au

2023 Important Dates

Friday 9th June	Report Writing Day - Student Free Day
Monday 12th June	Kings Birthday - Public Holiday
Wednesday 14th June	Northern Metropolitan Regional Cross Country
Thursday 15th June	GAT
Thursday 15th June and Friday 16th June	Musical Camp
Monday 19th June	Year 9 Health Day
Monday 19th June to Friday 23rd June	Year 10 Work Experience
Tuesday 20th June	Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00pm - 6:30pm
Wednesday 21st June to Friday 23rd June	Junior School Leadership Camp
Friday 23rd June	End Term 2 - Early Finish 2:30pm
Monday 10th July	Start Term 3
Monday 10th July to Friday 14th July	Naidoc Week
Thursday 20th July	Musical Opening Night 7:30pm
Friday 21st July	Musical VIP Night

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.