



NEWSLETTER

18TH AUGUST 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Monday 21st August to
Friday 25th August
Year 9 City Experience Group 1
- ◆ Monday 28th August to
Friday 1st September
Diversity Week
- ◆ Wednesday 30th August
NMR Athletics
- ◆ Thursday 31st August
Senior Soccer
- ◆ Monday 4th September to
Friday 8th September
Year 9 City Experience Group 2

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Principal's Update

Awards

Mid-Year Award ceremonies were held over the past two weeks. It was lovely to see so many parents and student guests come out to celebrate the successes of the top 40 students in each year level. Thanks to the sub-schools and Wendy Van Dyk for organising the events and catering. These events build great connections in our school community. Thank you to all the parents who juggled their time to attend.



End of Term Parent, Teacher, Student Conference Arrangements

The Parent Teacher Student Conferences we hold at the end of Term 3 are a significant way to report on student progress. They will be run on-line, just as we did in Term 1. We want to provide the opportunity for parents and students to meet with all their teachers – so have provided ample time slots for this to happen. Students are expected to attend the online conferences with their parents/carers. The benefit of student participation cannot be underestimated.

Term 3 Conferences will be held across Thursday & Friday of the last week of school.

Thursday 14th September, classes will run periods 1-4, with Students dismissed at lunch time. Conferences will run from 1:30 to 7:30pm (Remote on TEAMS).

Friday 15th September, no classes will run, and conferences will be held from 9:00am to 2:00pm (Remote on TEAMS).

Lockdown Drill

On Wednesday 16th August the school conducted a practice lockdown drill. This was good practice for our teachers, staff & students if an emergency was to ever arise. Students were quick to enter buildings and shelter in place. Our OHS committee will be reviewing all reports from the drill to make sure we have even safer procedures for the future.

Subject Selection, VCE and VCAL Information Evenings

Thank you to the middle and senior schools, and curriculum leaders for their work in organising the many events associated with student subject selection. We had a good turnout of parents at the evening sessions and student were given valuable information to make their subject selections for years 10-12.

Seal Testing

On the 12th of August more than seventy year 6 students undertook testing to enter our SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Learning) program at Gladstone Park Secondary College in 2024. It is always a great day where we get to meet some of our incoming students and families and gain some data to help us determine which students will best suit the SEAL program.

For more info on our SEAL program, and other important things happening at GPSC, visit our website. Enrolments for 2025 SEAL program will open early next year.

Sad Passing of Arthur Traitsis

Arthur had taught for Gladstone Park Secondary between the years of 1985 – 2023 he taught Mathematics and imparted his vast knowledge to thousands of students at Gladstone Park. Arthur was recently awarded 35 years of service for the Department of Education. Our sincere condolences go to his family.

Junior School Mid Year Awards

Congratulations to all of our mid-year award winners from years 7 and 8. These students have been recognised for their outstanding academic achievement and their commitment to our school values of being safe, being a learner, and being respectful.

Academic excellence year 7	
isabella	Vo
Suhana	Ahmad
Willow	Lysaught
Savio	Georges
Madeleine	Jefferson
Chacha	Jin
Cedar	Breen-Sciulli
Evan	Mannath
Kai	Long
Moustafa	Said
Methuli	Fernando
Heoe	Nano
Aashika	Yella
Harnoor	Pannu
Jivesh	Sachdeva
Gabrian lance	Angeles
Cayden	Candasamy
Sandra-Tooa	Faalili
Carolin	Dallal
Joshua	Cliff
Nada	Mawal
Joshua	Vandervalk
Jaydin	Keles-Huseyin
Sandra	Grancharova
Heidi	Karlovic

Academic Excellence Year 8	
Meah	Allwell
Dumini	Manikku Wadu
Hayley	Allwell
Aikaterini	Rountou
Feyza	Bulut
Dilara	Demir
Thehas	Bomiriya
Anna	Breen
Michelle	Yusap
Nayli	Jayathissa
Lawanga	Gonsalge
Rusandi	Kalyananda
Jemima	Mariam Mathew
Emma	Pho
Jenuli	Malwenna Hewage
Federica	Cristiano
Johan	Varkey
Ava	Connell
Zeynep	Atasever
Maeve	Blachford
Ava	Wagner
Dinuga	Wasala
Evin	Jayasinghe Arachchige
Stephanie	Mikhael
Nethun	Kirulapana

Positive Behaviours for Learning Year 7	
Angelina	Santhosh
Tyler	Hall
Eleni	Kavalieratos
Azlan	Memon
Michael	Sayed

Positive Behaviours for Learning Year 8	
Isabella	Vlahek
Marco	Bazerghi
Mia Chanel	Hadchiti
Isabel	Hajnal
Lara	Semaan
Lyvia	Thomas

Junior School Mid Year Awards



Middle School Mid Year Awards

Congratulations to all of our mid-year award winners from years 9. These students have been recognised for their outstanding academic achievement and their commitment to our school values of being safe, being a learner, and being respectful.

Academic excellence year 9	
Hana	Ahmed
Kerem	Aydin
Gemma	Cicitta
Emily	Cliff
Monika	Cuic
Farid	Dallal
Kaavinaah	Daver
Ada	Derin
Abdala	El Nahhal
Judy	El-Moustafa
Shenantha	Fernando
Steve	Georges
Soubhi	Habbouchi
Kurumi	Haruki
Thomas	Hawes
Eden	Hegarty
Sabrina	Hermiz
Adam	Iftime
Alec	James
Anuga	Jayawardena

Academic excellence year 9	
Lachlan	Johnson
Ewan	Khartabil
Natalie	Khoury
Cooper	Kirk
Kenny	Le
Gizelle	Malki
Mona	Maskin
Deanna	Massmann
Giuliana	Mengato
Taylah	Miller
Ryan	Nguyen
Anna	Nissan
Jayden	Pancarci
Sandeep	Paranamanna
Bonnie	Pardo
Logan	Quagliarella
Aidan	Roberts
Dimitrios	Skouras
Gridtaya	Tongchoti
Bindaya	Wella Hewage

Endeavour Award Year 9	
Monika	Cuic
Shanaya	De Silva
Tyler	Harris
Natalie	Khoury
William	Khoushaba
Kenny	Le
Giuliana	Mengato
Sandeep	Paranamanna
Jye	Ritchie
Maxam	Yalcin

Middle School Mid Year Awards

Congratulations to all of our mid-year award winners from years 10. These students have been recognised for their outstanding academic achievement and their commitment to our school values of being safe, being a learner, and being respectful.

Academic excellence year 10	
Arin	Akarsu
Hala	Alnader
Liahn	Angeles
Jai	Beckwith
John (Jack)	Breen
Amelia	Callus
Kyeisha	Candasamy
Jemima	Chintokoma
Scarlett	Connell
Gabriele	Cristiano
Matthew	Curtolo
Thomas	Davenport
Zach	De Luna
Lincoln	Driver
Dihansa	Fernando
Iris	Hart
Daneil	Hasoon
Jacob	Hiron
Mitch	Jansen
Dashveen	Jayasundara

Academic excellence year 10	
Januthmie	Kankani Pathirage
Verity	Ladiges
Michelle	Lu
Sethmi	Madurasinghe
Petra	Manalo
Sienna	Matte-Hado
Amaiya	Matuauto
Maanya	Menon
David	Osagiede
Pranjal	Patel
Athina	Phaedonos
Isabelle (Rei)	Pho
Melinda	Puskaric
Christopher	Scalise
Areeba	Shah
Evelyn	Thomas
Nefeli	Venakis
Jan Aeisha	Villanueva
Ranuga	Wasala
Caleb	Welch

Endeavour Award Year 10	
Jai	Beckwith
Amelia	Callus
Iris	Hart
Jon	Jansen
Verity	Ladiges
Wahalathanthirige (Shehan)	Perera
Mariam	Potres
Talha	Sahin

Senior School Mid Year Awards

Congratulations to all of our mid-year award winners from years 11. These students have been recognised for their outstanding academic achievement and their commitment to our school values of being safe, being a learner, and being respectful.

Academic excellence year 11	
Ellara	Bazerghi
Shae	Brooks
Jedd	Corcuera
Zara	Cuic
Renae	Duncan
Eliza	Ellul
Marin	Esho
Amelia Rose	Evans
Suhan	Fernando
Olivia	Galatas
Tania	Georges
Elsa	Hawes
Natalie	Hermiz
Tahlia	Herron
Uvini	Hettiarachchi
Trung	Huynh
Mercedes	Ioane
Tijana	Jovic
Lilli	Kelly
Mason	Lim

Academic excellence year 11	
Alexis	Massmann
Poppy	Mc Kernan
Evelyn	Milonas
Eren	Murataga
Kathryn	Myers
Yusuf	Osman
Eylul	Ozcelik
Nicolette	Paschalis
Cameron	Porter
Emilie	Pratt
Brandon	Raffone
Tristien	Ricciuti
Lucas	Ruscigno
Gemma	Spencer
Jake	Sweerts
Amy	Thompson
Sami	Ulusoy
Jessie	Vy
Methshika	Watagodakumbura
Rashmi	Wella Hewage

Endeavour Award Year 11	
Jazmine	Hassan
Aidan	Zarb
Mia	Gionfriddo
Isabella	Balkan
Layla	Hanlon
Adem	Ozcan
Amelia	Liuzzo

Year 10 Excursion to Kangan

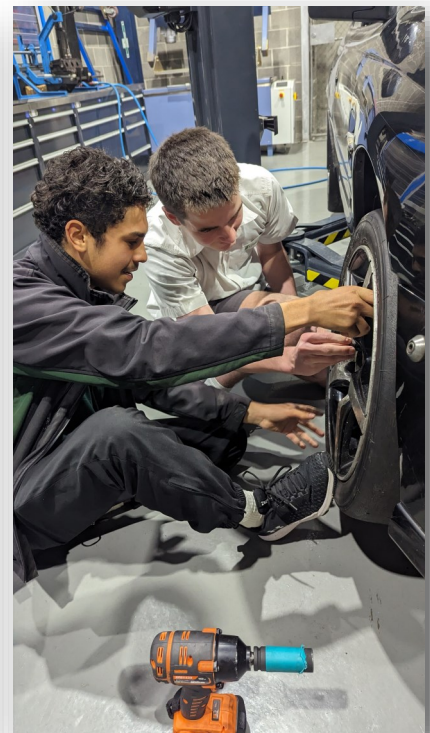
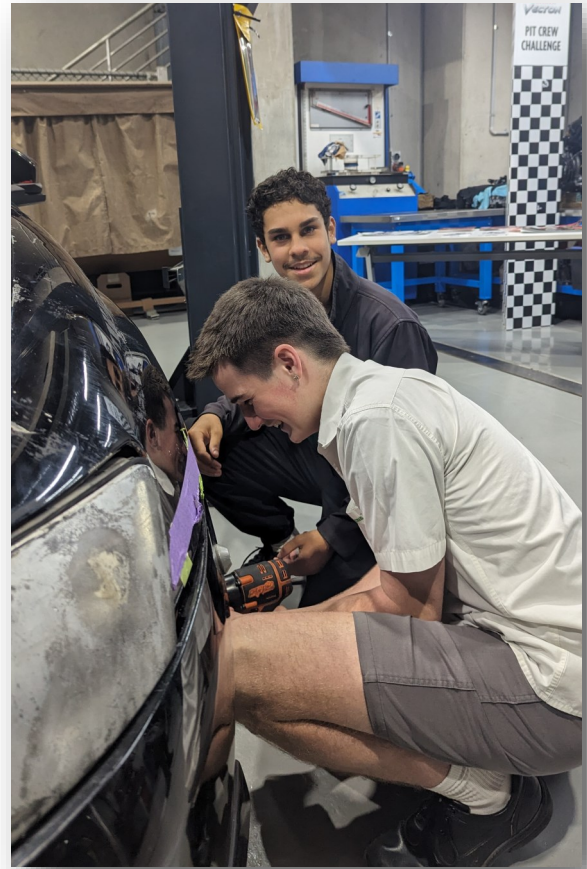
Future Options Event at Kangan Institute (Docklands)

20 Year 10 students had an opportunity to visit the Kangan Automotive Centre of Excellence (ACE) at Docklands to learn more about automotive engines, bodymaking, electrical and motorsports.

Students got to experience what it was like to create a test light, fit a wheel and experience what it was like to work on motorsports vehicles.

This event was designed to inspire students to think about automotive trades as a possible future.

We would like to thank Mr Davies and Mr Suratman for escorting the students on this excursion!



Year 10 Law Excursion - 7th August

On Monday 7th of August, Mr Georgostathis' Year 10 Law class visited Melbourne CBD for a tour of the **Victoria's Parliament House** and a scavenger hunt of **Melbourne's Legal Precinct**.

We met at Parliament House in the morning. It is one of Australia's most distinguished public buildings that boasts a rich history and plays an active part in our democracy. Construction began in 1856 and remains unfinished to this day. We were given a tour of the building, with the guide showcasing important areas of such as the Legislative Council and Legislative Council chambers, the outdoor garden area, and the private library. Whilst we were there, the Grand (Queen's) Hall was being prepared for the inauguration of the new Governor of Victoria, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Gardner. We learnt about the ceremonial mace – the first one kept above the main entrance of the library; the second stolen in 1891 (with a **\$50,000 reward** for its return); and the third one which is locked for safe keeping, only to be taken out when the Legislative Assembly meets.

Following the tour, we walked over to Williams Street, stopping at the intersection of the law courts. We were sent on a scavenger hunt where we had to search for locations such as the Melbourne Magistrates' Court, County Court, Supreme Court, Office of Public Prosecutions, VCAT, Law Institute of Victoria. We had to take a photograph of our group at each location and collect information. We also had the opportunity to have lunch.

A big thanks to Mr Georgostathis for organising this trip, and Ms Li for assisting on the day. This immersive experience provided the students with a more hands-on approach to learning about our political and legal system.

Eva Bitar (Year 10)



Year 10 Law Excursion- 7th August



Year 10 Law Excursion - 8th August

On the 8th of August, Mr Saliba's class had the amazing opportunity to visit the **Victorian Parliament House**.

We started off the day by visiting the courts, which was a very informative experience. During our time there we learnt about the different types of courts and their function, which cases are heard in which courts, role of judges, magistrates, and other court officials, and the importance of a fair and impartial justice system.

Our visit to the Parliament House was very educational. We were struck by the beauty and grandeur of the building and were fascinated by the intricate architecture of the building. Our guide took us through the building, explaining in detail the purposes of each area. We learnt about the history of the parliament and its role in shaping the state of Victoria. The Victorian Parliament was also an important site for our evolution into becoming a Federation, and for 27 years, the location of the Federal Parliament.

We also had the opportunity to participate in a fun scavenger hunt. We were given a list of landmarks and buildings, such as Melbourne Town Hall and the Old Treasury Building, and had to work together to locate them. The scavenger hunt was an enjoyable and exciting way to explore Melbourne.

We left with a greater appreciation for the workings of government and the justice system. Thank you to Mr Saliba and Mr Georgostathis who were able to give us this opportunity.

Thehara Mudiyanse and Evelyn Thomas (Year 10)



Year 10 Law Excursion - 8th August



Year 10 La Trobe University Excursion

On Tuesday 8th August, a select group of Year 10 Law students visited **Latrobe University** in Bundoora for an immersion day for Law and Criminology. The students participated in a range of university experiences aimed at giving them a 'slice of life' as a law or criminology university student.

Students participated in a university style law and criminology lesson and interactive workshops where students learnt about the law system in Australia, debated a real-life cases and perform a real-world law court trial where students acted as lawyers and judges. Students were also able to ask questions with current La Trobe university students studying Law from a range of different subjects which was valuable in understanding the differences between Secondary school and university.

Here are some comments from the students who attended:

- *"It was very fun and interesting to see what it would be like to study law at uni and I'm happy I came"*
- *"I enjoyed the criminology workshop as it was very fun and interesting. I also enjoyed the Question & Answer as it was good to see what real students thought of Uni"*
- *"I enjoyed the various activities such as the mock trial...it was very fun and I had a good time"*
- *"I really enjoyed the experience of going to La Trobe and having the opportunity to see how 'student life' may be in La Trobe. Criminology is very much an interest for me, despite having more passion for Philosophy, History, Political Sciences and the Arts. I really do enjoy that aspect of solving cases, listening to arguments, formulating arguments, and really discussing and formulating solutions and the rest of it"*

Thank you very much to La Trobe University for hosting, Mr Stingell for accompanying us, and Mr Yip for organising.



Year 10 La Trobe University Excursion



Year 11 Legal Studies Excursion

On Thursday, 10th August, Mr Georgostathis Year 11 Legal Studies class visited the **Melbourne Magistrates' Court**, located in the heart of the Legal Precinct.

We were welcomed by Ms Jefferies, who is a Court Registrar and an ex-Gladstone Park Secondary College student. She introduced us to Magistrate Hartnett. Magistrate Hartnett spoke to us about her journey into the legal profession, the roles and responsibilities of the court, and sentencing practices. We also watched her in action as she presided over the Remand Court (Courtroom 2).

We were allowed to explore all the 30 courtrooms listening to a wide range of cases and different types of hearings, such as bail hearings, summary pleas, and committal mentions. This excursion gave us a first-hand experience of the court and it was as if our textbooks were coming to life!

Special thanks to Mr Georgostathis and Ms Li for taking us on this excursion, everyone had a blast!

Aeisha Villanueva (Year 10) and Emi Pratt (Year 11)



Year 11 Legal Studies Incursion

To cap off a massive week, Year 11 Legal Studies students were treated with a special **Monash Steet Law Workshop** from the Monash University Law Clinics and Monash University Law Students' Society.

The Monash Street Law is a community legal education program to help people understand their legal rights. The workshop focused on balancing police powers/individual rights and included fun, interactive activities to engage students.

Thank you to the presenters (Andrea, Aya, and Oliver) from Monash University; Mr Georgostathis and Mr Binz for assisting, and Mr Scicluna for organising the space.

Ms Li



(Watch this space because we have some more exciting Legal excursions coming up!!)

Year 9 Dance

Our Year 9 Dance class has been studying different styles of Dance, including Contemporary, Broadway Jazz, Tap and Hip Hop.

On Thursday 17th August our students were lucky enough to participate in a Hip Hop workshop delivered by ex – Gladstone Park Student, Sarah Wickham. Sarah studied Dance at GPSC and performed in many musicals.

Sarah is a very experienced Hip Hop teacher and the students were highly engaged during her workshop. We look forward to welcoming Sarah back to GPSC to deliver more workshops in the future.

Jayne Carfi

Dance Teacher



Debating Team Success

Gladstone Park Debating

We made it to FINALS!

On Thursday 17th August, our year 8 D-grade debate team competed in the first round of finals. The playoffs are an incredible achievement for our girls, having entered the round as one of the top 30 teams in the state.

We faced a challenging debate against Fintona Girl's School.

The topic tonight was '**That students should elect their school principal**' we were the negative team

I am very pleased to announce that our girls have done themselves and Gladstone Park very proud, **winning their debate by 5 points!!**

The girls and I are incredibly proud of their efforts and are excited to be entering the octo rounds, meaning we are one of the top 8 debate teams in the state for the D-Grade division.

Massive congratulation to Sheena Babbar, Anna Breen and Lawanga Gonsalge!!

We wish them the best of luck for the next round!!



Career News - Important Dates For Year 12's

VTAC Applications – for University

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.

This is in preparation for VTAC applications, which will start on 31 July 2023.

<https://www.vtac.edu.au/dates.html#mainround>

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)

Career's Information

INSTITUTION	DATE	TIME
Australian Catholic University Ballarat Campus	Sun 27 August	10am – 2pm
Australian National University	tbc	tbc
Box Hill Institute of TAFE Elgar Campus Lilydale Campus	Tues 22 August Thur 24 August	3pm – 7pm 3pm – 7pm
Australian College of Arts (Collarts)	Sat 26 August	9am – 2.30pm
CQUniversity	Sat 31 August*	4pm – 7pm
Deakin University & Deakin College Geelong Campuses Burwood Melbourne Campus	Sun 20 August Sun 27 August	9am – 3pm 9am – 3pm
Holmesglen Institute All Campuses	Various days	Various times
JMC Academy Melbourne Campus	September	tbc
La Trobe University Shepparton Bendigo Campus	Sat 26 August Sun 27 August	10am – 2pm 10am – 3pm
Monash University Parkville Campus (Pharmacy Focus)	Sun 21 August	10am – 2pm
RMIT Point Cook Flight Training & Bendigo	Sun 20 August	
University of Melbourne Parkville & Southbank	Sun 20 August	10am – 4pm
University New South Wales (UNSW) Canberra Campus (ADFA) Sydney Campus	Sat 19 August Sat 2 September	tbc tbc
University of Sydney	Sat 26 August	tbc
Victoria University Footscray Park Campus City Flinders Campus City Queen Campus	Sat 20 August	tbc

2023 Important Dates

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Wednesday 30th August	NMR Athletics
Thursday 31st August	Senior Soccer
Monday 4th September to Friday 8th September	Year 9 City Experience Group 2
Tuesday 5th September	Vocal Soiree
Thursday 7th September	Battle of the Bands 3:30pm - 9:30pm
Monday 11th September to Thursday 14th September	Year 11 Ski Camp
Thursday 14th September	Parent Teacher Interviews 1:30pm - 7:30pm
Friday 15th September	Parent Teacher Interviews 9:00am - 2:30pm
Friday 15th September	End Term 3
Monday 9th October to Wednesday 11th October	Year 10 Summit Camp
Tuesday 10th October	Art Show
Thursday 12th October	Year 12 T-Shirt Signing Day
Friday 13th October	Year 12 Celebration 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.