- Middle School Principal: Michael Keenan
- Careers: George Georgostathis/Jos Kurrle
Yr 10 – the year of decision-making

- Critical year to determine future careers pathways:
  - VCE
  - VCAL
  - TAFE
  - APPRENTICESHIP
  - EMPLOYMENT
- Mid-year and end-of-year exams
- Work experience
- Portfolio interviews in Term 3 2015
Student experience

- Zoe Evans/William Woon
**Six subjects per semester- 2 core, 4 elective**

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Aiming for VCE - subject choice

- Consider career aspirations - what qualifications do they require? Do these courses have any pre-requisites e.g. LOTE, high level mathematics?
- Consider Year 11 and 12 courses that they plan to take - what Year 10 subjects will prepare them well?
- Select subjects from a range of curriculum areas in order to keep as many career options open to them
- Consider subjects they enjoy and/or are good at
- Don’t choose subjects based on friends’ choices
Aiming for VCE - performance

- Work ethic
- Good grades – Year 11 students must maintain a C average to be eligible for a subject in Year 12
- Exams important
Choosing elective subjects:

- Read the contents of the Year 10 2015 Course Handbook (on school website)
- Talk to current teachers
- Unless you have a clear direction, choose broadly to keep all options open.
Choosing VCE subjects:

- A broad range of VCE subjects is available to Year 10 students

- Information about VCE subjects is available from the VCE/VCAL 2015 Student Handbook. This is also available on the College website.
Why choose a VCE subject?

- Students have a chance to gradually adjust to the demands of VCE during Year 10
- Increased flexibility in meeting the requirements of the VCE
- Opportunity then for Units 3,4 to be done in Year 11 allowing for an extra subject in Year 12 – a bonus for an ATAR score
- Can provide Year 10 students with a satisfying challenge
The offer of a VCE subject in Year 10 depends upon:

- Demonstrated academic and organisational capacity of the student
- Availability:
  - spaces in classes
  - timetable constraints
  - staff availability
- Staff Recommendation
VCE attendance rules

- no more than 10% unapproved absence
- attendance including approved absences must not be less than 80%
Maths Recommendations

- You should have received or will soon receive the Maths recommendation
- Contact the Middle School if you have questions/concerns
Year 9 Mathematics

Year 10 Mathematical Methods

General Specialist Maths (1 & 2)

Mathematical Methods CAS (1 & 2)

Specialist Mathematics * (3 & 4)

Year 10 Further Mathematics

Mathematical Methods (3 & 4)

General Mathematics Further (1 & 2)

Foundation Mathematics

No further mathematical pathway

Further Mathematics (3 & 4)

* Specialist Mathematics must be taken in conjunction with Mathematical Methods CAS
Uni Bridges

- Guaranteed place at La Trobe in certain Science, Engineering and Health Science courses if program successfully completed
- To be eligible, choose at least one of the Introduction to Biology, Introduction to Chemistry or VCE Biology subjects, and also the Biomath elective
- See Mr Keenan or Ms Sweeney for more information
What is VCAL?

- VCAL stands for Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning
- VCAL is about hands on work, teaching skills to assist students in gaining employment in their chosen field.
Aiming for VCAL

- Limited VCAL places in Year 11 (approximately 20-25 initial offers))
- Consider choosing Pathways as a subject
- Have a clear idea of career pathway
- Maintain good work ethic
VET (Vocational Education & Training) – these are VCE-level subjects

- VET Business Administration
- VET Interactive Digital Media
- 2 Year Study over Year 11 & 12
Why choose a VET subject?

- VET Certificates are nationally accredited.

- A student obtains a VET Certificate on successful completion or a statement of attainment of the units of competence that have been completed while enrolled at school.

- All VET subjects contribute to a student’s ATAR score.

- Refer to handbook for costs.
Pathways Subject

- Careers and work focused subject

- Students explore their career options by completing work experience one day per week
Careers - Resources

- GPSC Careers Centre
- Careers information and news on school website.
- University/TAFE Open Days.
- Parents/Guardians; Family and friends.
Subject selection 2015

- This process will be done on-line
- Preferably at home in consultation with parents
- Handbooks are on line
Our Values

Gladstone Park is founded on a culture of respect: respect for the school, our peers and ourselves. From this, all aspects of school life follow.
School website
Completed Process

- Monday 18 August, links will be made inactive after this date
- Print off 2 copies of the report (pdf)
- Keep 1 copy for yourself
- Sign the second copy and also have your parent sign it. This copy must come back to the sub-school.
School Newsletter

- Online
- Every 2 weeks
- Families need to sign up on the school website to have this sent to them
Parent and Student Portal

- Reports
- Attendance
- Events