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## NEWSLETTER

18TH OCTOBER 2024

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Monday 21st October  
State Track & Field
- ◆ Thursday 24th October  
NMR Basketball Yr 8 Girls & Boys
- ◆ Monday 28th October to  
Friday 1st November  
Year 9 City Experience
- ◆ Tuesday 29th October to  
Wednesday 20th November  
Year 12 Exams
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Public Holiday—Student Free Day

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## Principal's Update



### Term 4 Welcome back

I hope week 1 of Term 4 commenced well for all students. Being back in familiar surroundings and to the routines of attending school will be a relief for many families. May Term 4 bring great success to every student and may they reach their true potential.

Considering all the challenging moments of the year, it is amazing that we have arrived at this point in our calendar and have managed to maintain a commitment to the learning agenda while supporting the wellbeing and health of our community. The beginning of the term provides us an opportunity to start afresh with renewed energies to tackling the future challenges and strive to do our personal best.

### Important dates

- Year 12 Exams 29<sup>th</sup> October – 20<sup>th</sup> November
- Curriculum Day – Student Free Day - 4th November
- Melbourne Cup – Students Free Day - 5th November
- Year 9 Surf Camp 13<sup>th</sup> November - 15<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 10 & 11 Exams 19<sup>th</sup> November - 27<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 12 Graduation - 25<sup>th</sup> November
- Middle/Senior School Awards - 9<sup>th</sup> December
- Year 7 Orientation - 10<sup>th</sup> December
- Junior School Awards - 12<sup>th</sup> December

### Year 12 Graduating Class of 2024

Congratulations to the Graduating Year 12 Class of 2024 for all the hard work completing their coursework for the year. The work continues with exam preparation and your teachers are here to help. On Wednesday, the Year 12s came to school in PJs and had a karaoke concert at lunch – full of nostalgia and camaraderie. On Thursday the nostalgia and gratitude continued with the annual T-Shirt Signing Day - with a great rapport between students and staff. Today is Celebration Day, we have Year 12 students in costumes, having a breakfast in the study centre, a Parade in the junior quadrangle and stage, and then a final student-led Year 12 Assembly and performances prior to dismissal at about 12:15.

Year 12s, I am proud of all the work you have done this year and of the growth you have made over your 6 years at the school. Thank you for all your contributions to a positive school culture. I wish you all well in your exams and look forward to celebrating with you further at your Graduation in November.

Thank you to the student leaders and Ms Cavalho for creating a great atmosphere for the celebrations, and thanks to all the Year 12s for the wonderful spirit you have brought to the celebrations.

# Principal's Update continued

## Gloscars

The annual Gloscars were held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October and provided a great night for students, families and staff to see the incredible films created by students this year. Thank you to Paul Pouniotis for making the night happen and for the hours of editing to create this incredible showcase.

## Art Show

Our annual Art Show was opened by the Mayor of Hume City Council Naim Kurt on 15<sup>th</sup> of October, and it was a huge success. It showcased the work of students from Art, Visual Communication Design, Technology and Digital Media. The standard of work this year was high and our students were proud to have had the opportunity to share their work with family, friends, and the local community. The creativity and work was incredible and I am so pleased to see so much creative talent by our students. Special thanks to Wendy Van Dyk, Emilio Longo, Paul Pouniotis, & Joanne Carvalho. Congratulations to all our nominees and our winners.

# Jake Herd Memorial Scholarship

The Jake Herd Memorial Scholarship was created to honour the legacy of Jake Michael Herd. Jake passed away on the 23rd of May 2023, aged 27.

Jake attended Gladstone Park Secondary College from 2008-2013. During his time at the College, Jake was a School Captain. After graduating from Gladstone Park Secondary College, Jake completed a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Italian and Psychology, and then a Juris Doctor, from The University of Melbourne. Jake spent his graduate year at King Wood Mallesons in dispute resolution and tax law and was, before that, a paralegal for the Victorian Government Solicitor, working in public law. Jake has also authored and been published in a law review journal. In 2021, Jake joined the Supreme Court, as a Judge's Associate to Justice Lisa Nichols.

The Jake Herd Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a Gladstone Park Secondary College student who exhibits some of the values and character strengths that Jake demonstrated. Those include, but are not limited to: leadership, learning agility, passion, enthusiasm, integrity, curiosity, gratitude, humility, insightfulness, connection and empathy.

One (1) financial scholarship to the value of \$1,000 will be awarded annually.

The scholarship will be available to the recipient as a disbursement towards the cost of their education. This could include textbooks, laptop, excursions/camps, VCE exam seminars, uniform, and other educational materials.

A summary of the application requirements:

- Personal essay (student must write about how they have demonstrated some of the values and character strengths that Jake exhibited)

- Endorsement from a minimum of 2 teachers

- Copy of your most recent school report (e.g. Semester 1 Report)

- Supporting portfolio or work samples (if applicable to the scholarship).

- Copies of awards or certificates

All application materials must be submitted by the end of Week 3 of Term 4 to the General Office.

For more information, please visit the school website :

<<https://www.gladstoneparksc.vic.edu.au/jake-herd-memorial-scholarship/>> or contact the sub school or Ms Li.



# Jake Herd Memorial Scholarship



# Barista Course - Vocational Major

This week our Year 11 Vocational Major students completed their Barista Course, giving students the chance to dive into the world of coffee. Students mastered not just the techniques of coffee brewing, but also the rich history and cultural significance behind this beloved beverage.

One of the highlights of the course was the emphasis on teamwork. Students worked in pairs or small groups, simulating a café environment where collaboration was key. This not only enhanced their coffee-making skills but also fostered communication and problem-solving abilities, essential traits for any successful barista. Staff and students enjoyed their café style coffee and hot chocolate throughout the day.

Jayne Carfi

Vocational Major Coordinator



# Career Information



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## ABOUT US

The Australian Air League is a youth organisation for girls & boys aged 8 - 18 yrs which encourages interest in aviation as a career or as a hobby. Cadets learn practical and theory aviation, life skills, team building, personal development, leadership skills, as well as take part in outdoor activities such as Flying & Gliding.

## PARTICIPATE IN LESSONS & ACTIVITIES SUCH AS:

- Theory of Flight
- Aircraft Recognition
- Gliding and Soaring
- Building Model Aircraft
- Flight Simulators
- Drill
- Engineering
- Ranks & Badge Achievements

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

ANZAC Day March  
Remembrance Day  
Australian International Airshow  
Community Service

**FOR FURTHER  
INFORMATION,  
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PROVIDED BELOW**

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# School Savings Bonus

Dear Parents and Carers

As shared with you previously, parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025 will receive the one-off School Saving Bonus \$400 support.

In the coming months, the Department of Education will send you 2 email communications for each of your children enrolled in Victorian government schools.

By Friday 18 October 2024, please ensure that your child's 2025 enrolment is completed and that your contact information is up to date.

The 2 emails from the Department of Education will:

1. Confirm your email address between mid-October and late-November.
2. Provide you with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code by the end of November.


If you do not receive a confirmation email from the department by late-November, please check your spam or junk folders and contact Gladstone Park Secondary College on 9933 0500 if needed.

You can read more about the School Saving Bonus on the [Department of Education website](#), with key information now available in 14 different languages.

Kind regards

Veronica Hoy  
Principal

# Lunchtime Clubs & Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>DEBATING CLUB</b> [E1] Ms Light</p> <p><b>RUNNING CLUB</b> [Behind PAC] Mr Georgesthitis Mr Zanetidis</p> <p><b>ART CLUB</b> [T4] Mr Sindelar</p> <p><b>Interested in something else? Talk to your teachers or subschool!</b></p>	<p><b>VOCAL ENSEMBLE CLUB</b> [M1] Mr Moustafa</p> <p><b>SPORTS TOURNAMENT</b> [GYM] Mr Zanetidis</p> <p><b>ESPORTS CLUB</b> [PAC] Mr Burrows</p>	<p><b>STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL</b> [E21] Ms Stewart</p> <p><b>SPORTS TOURNAMENT</b> [GYM] Mr Zanetidis</p> <p><b>MINICRAFT CLUB</b> [E19] Mr Puhane</p> 	<p><b>FITNESS CLUB</b> [GYM] Mr Karaban</p> <p><b>RUNNING CLUB</b> [Behind PAC] Mr Georgesthitis Mr Zanetidis</p> <p><b>CAR CLUB</b> [E16] Mr Janineh</p> <p><b>MATHS CLUB</b> [E1] Ms Abdelaziz</p>	<p><b>SQUASH CLUB</b> [SQUASH COURTS] Ms Talbot</p> <p><b>SPORTS TOURNAMENT</b> [GYM] Mr Zanetidis</p> <p><b>MUSIC CLUB</b> [M2] Mr Whitmore</p> <p><b>BOARDSGAMES/HOMEWORK CLUB</b> [E1] Ms Kemp</p>	<p><b>Sports equipment can also be borrowed from Mr Zanetidis at the Lunchtime Activity Store.</b> Located behind the PAC and opposite the oval.</p>



# Year 12 - VTAC Information

## Year 12 - What is VTAC?

The **Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre** is a hub where students apply for courses through TAFE, polytechnics and university. This includes Cert IV, Diplomas, Associate Degrees and Bachelor Degrees. They don't decide who gets into the course, they only facilitate the application process.



There are key deadlines for all Year 12 students to pay attention to:

Key Dates	
12 December (7am)	VCE results and ATARs available to applicants
23 December (10am)	December offer round - Domestic
10 January 2025 (2pm)	January offer round one - Domestic

These dates are taken from the [VTAC.edu.au](http://VTAC.edu.au) website

Due to the complex nature of applications, some offers (like Medical entry and Acting) will only make an offer to students in January.

Some courses (like Architecture and Design) require a portfolio to be submitted and a selection task to be completed. Most of these **selection tasks** are released in July and students have 4-8 weeks to complete them. These tasks may be in addition to the presentation of their folios and interviews.

## Where to look for courses?

Students are encouraged to visit the **Open Days** conducted by various universities in Term 3 (August-September) and use VTAC's CourseSearch ([www.vtac.edu.au/coursesearch](http://www.vtac.edu.au/coursesearch)) feature to understand the courses and their pre-requisites for entry.

If students require a hard copy of a University's Course Guide, please visit the Careers Office. Note that these guides are limited!

OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup>

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Monday 18th November	Last Day for Year 10 & 11 Classes
Tuesday 19th November to Wednesday 27th November	Year 10 & 11 Exams
Monday 25th November	Year 12 Graduation
Thursday 28th November	Year 10, 11 & 12 Course Confirmation

### 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](http://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, including VM, has 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.