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NEWSLETTER

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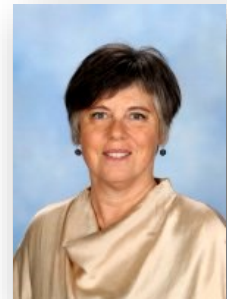
UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Monday 2nd December  
Yr 11 2025 - Vocational Major Orientation Day
- ◆ Monday 2nd December to Thursday 5th December  
Yr 11 2025 - Orientation Day
- ◆ Monday 2nd December to Friday 6th December  
Yr 12 2025 - Orientation Day
- ◆ Friday 6th December  
Last Day for Year 9
- ◆ Tuesday 10th December  
Yr 7 2025 - Orientation Day Student Free Day
- ◆ Wednesday 11th December  
Middle & Senior School Awards (6pm Start Time)
- ◆ Thursday 12th December  
Junior School Awards (6pm Start Time)

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Principal's Update



Parent and carer School Saving Bonus code distribution

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Parents will receive an email from the Department of Education on 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> of November with a unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code..

The School Saving Bonus will help families cover the cost of uniforms, textbooks, excursions, activities and more.

Major Activities running in 2025 include Year 7 Camp, Year 8 Canberra Camp and Year 9 Surf Camp and House Athletics Carnival in Term 1: Year 10 camp (details TBC), Year 11 Ski Camp Term 3. Regular activities include Interschool Sport, Year 7 Naidoc Excursion, and subject or year-level based excursions and incursions

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Year 12 Graduation

2024 Graduating Class attended our formal Graduation Ceremony, Hyatt Place Essendon Fields. It was a wonderful night celebrating the completion of high school education for the Class of 2024.

Every graduating student was presented with their graduation certificate on stage and award winners from across a range of learning areas and programs were recognised.

Congratulations to all students on your success in completing your VCE and on all the effort put in. We are very proud of you all. The graduation was a beautiful, formal occasion for our students, parents, and staff to celebrate the past 6 years of hard work and dedication at Gladstone Park and the many achievements over those years. It is always a relief for the VCE students to finish their exams and their learning outcomes. Thank you, parents, for supporting these young people through this time. We look forward to hearing how everyone went in the coming weeks.

Thanks to Ms. Joanne Carvalho and the Senior School Team for the mountain of organisational work required. Thanks also to all the teachers and staff who attended and celebrated with our students, and thanks for your support for the graduates throughout the years. Huge thanks to our College Captains for their brilliant and heart-felt speeches, you have been great leaders for the student body of Gladstone Park.

# Principal's Update continued

## Leadership Retreat

Recently the Principal Team, Leading Teachers and Learning Specialists went to our annual leadership retreat. This is an opportunity for professional growth, reflection, and collaboration around the work we do to improve student learning and wellbeing. This year we focussed on:

**Strengthening Leadership Skills:** Reflecting on challenges ahead and developing practical skills and strategies for meeting them.

**Collaborative planning:** With the new School Strategic Plan, following our review this year, we were able to map out actions for each of our key improvement strategies:

Instructional model

Instructional leadership

Data and assessment literacy

Supports for disability, inclusion and wellbeing

Positive Behaviours for Learning

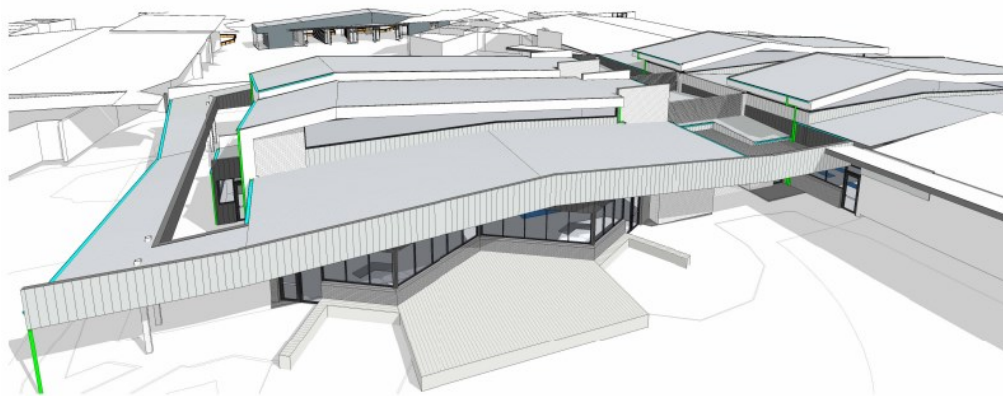
Parent and community partnerships.

**Revising school vision statement:** With the new Strategic Plan, the Leadership team has been working to align our school's vision statement with the strategic direction of the school.

Having this opportunity allowed leaders to develop their skills, feel supported, and have time to reflect and collaborate. This is important for creating a positive and effective school environment, which in turn can have a positive impact on student success.

## School Upgrade

Our meetings with the architects and VSBA are continuing well and we aim to have building works start in winter 2025. The main works planned are for: C block and central E block; middle school locker bay and toilets; and then refurbishment of some rooms in the T block.



## Starting Dates for 2025

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Australia Day – Public Holiday

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January - Teachers & Education Support Staff commence.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Year 7 & 12 students only

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – All Students Commence

## Year 9 Bakehouse

Year 9 Bakehouse students have just completed their design brief for semester 2. Students are asked to design and create a celebration cake. Over the second half of the bakehouse course, students are taught piping skills and learn a variety of decorating techniques that they can employ on their cake. This is a very exciting class for the year 9's to participate in and they all did a fantastic job.

### Mrs Dennis



Lucy Kregor



Jamie Bartsch



Lidia Majzec



Lucas Rotella



Mia Hadchiti



Alani Pavlesin

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# Smile Squad - Dental Program



## Smile Squad free school dental program



Have regular dental checks

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program. It offers free dental care to all Victorian government primary and secondary school students.

We want all students to get the most out of school.

Tooth decay can get in the way of learning. It can be painful and affect sleep and concentration.

Smile Squad is here to help children and young adults keep their mouth healthy and decay-free.

Here are some of our top tips for keeping school-aged smiles healthy. You can find more information about caring for teeth at [www.dhsv.org.au/smilesquad](http://www.dhsv.org.au/smilesquad)



Regular dental checks help spot and treat any problems early.

Sign your child up for free dental care with Smile Squad at your school.

**Want to know more?**

Visit [www.health.vic.gov.au/smile-squad](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/smile-squad)



# Smile Squad - Dental Program



## Eat well

A healthy diet for growing bodies and minds is the best choice for teeth. Eat a wide variety of healthy foods every day, including:

- fruit and vegetables
- grains and cereals like rice and bread
- dairy products like milk, cheese and yoghurt
- eggs
- meat without too much fat, and fish.

Food manufacturers hide sugars in many of the snacks marketed to children. Compare packets to choose products with less sugar.



## Drink well

Water is the best drink for the mind, body and teeth.

Fill up a reusable water bottle with water at school.



## Brush

### Clean well

Toothbrushing cleans away the bacteria that causes tooth decay. Fluoride toothpaste helps to repair the tooth surface and keeps teeth strong.

Children will need help to brush their teeth until they are eight years old.

### How to brush

#### STEP 1



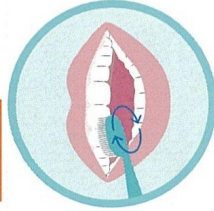
Brush in the morning and at night before going to bed.

#### STEP 2



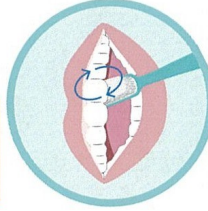
Use a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste on a soft toothbrush.

#### STEP 3



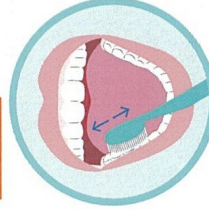
Brush teeth and along the gum moving in gentle circles. Start with the outside surfaces.

#### STEP 4



Repeat on the inside surfaces.

#### STEP 5



Use a light back and forth motion on the chewing surfaces. Spit out toothpaste, but don't rinse with water.

Be sure to brush all surfaces: top and bottom, left and right, front and back.

# Smile Squad - Dental Program

## Smile Squad is coming to the school.

Dear Gladstone Park Secondary School families,

The Smile Squad team from **Cohealth** are coming to our school soon.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program. Any Student enrolled in a Victorian Government PS are eligible.

No need to have a healthcare card, Medicare card or the CDBS.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school Annually.

### **How to access free dental care**


We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: [SDP Consent Form](#)

OR use the below QR code:



# Lunchtime Clubs & Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>DEBATING CLUB</b> [E1] Ms Light	<b>VOCAL ENSEMBLE CLUB</b> [M1] Mr Moustafa	<b>STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL</b> [E21] Ms Stewart	<b>FITNESS CLUB</b> [GYM] Mr Karaban	<b>SQUASH CLUB</b> [SQUASH COURTS] Ms Talbot	<b>SPORTS TOURNAMENT</b> [GYM] Mr Zanetidis
<b>RUNNING CLUB</b> [Behind PAC] Mr Georgiathis Mr Zanetidis	<b>SPORTS TOURNAMENT</b> [GYM] Mr Zanetidis	<b>SPORTS TOURNAMENT</b> [GYM] Mr Zanetidis	<b>RUNNING CLUB</b> [Behind PAC] Mr Georgiathis Mr Zanetidis	<b>SPORTS TOURNAMENT</b> [GYM] Mr Zanetidis	<b>MUSIC CLUB</b> [M2] Mr Whitmore
<b>ART CLUB</b> [T4] Mr Sinclair	<b>ESPORTS CLUB</b> [PAC] Mr Burrows	<b>MINICRAFT CLUB</b> [E19] Mr Puhane	<b>CAR CLUB</b> [E16] Mr Janineh	<b>MUSIC CLUB</b> [M2] Mr Whitmore	<b>BOARDSGAMES/HOMEWORK CLUB</b> [E1] Ms Kemp
<b>Interested in something else? Talk to your teachers or subschool!</b>	<b>STUDENT INCLUSION ALLIANCE</b> [M2] Mr Taylor		<b>MATHS CLUB</b> [E1] Ms Abdelaziz	<b>Sports equipment can also be borrowed from Mr Zanetidis at the Lunchtime Activity Store.</b> Located behind the PAC and opposite the oval.	
<b>SCIENCE CLUB</b> [W1] Ms Borrelli					



# Career Information



*Australian*  
**Air League**

*Niddrie Squadron*

*Operating since May 1964*



**FUN, FRIENDSHIP  
& FLYING  
SINCE 1934**

Join us

Thursday Nights 7pm - 9pm  
Neil Heinze Pavillion, 56 Lake Street,  
Avondale Heights 3034

**JOIN  
TODAY!**



## 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,  
PLEASE CONTACT US  
USING THE DETAILS  
PROVIDED BELOW**

[www.airleague.com.au](http://www.airleague.com.au)

Phone:  
1 800 502 175

E-mail:  
[info@airleague.com.au](mailto:info@airleague.com.au)

# Career Information - Yr 10-12

## Attention Yr. 10 – 12 Students

Two Summer Courses offered by **The Masters Institute of Creative Education**.

See details below.

For more information and to book a spot please visit: <https://tmice.edu.au/pages/courses>

Click on “Short Courses” then “Explore”

SHORT COURSE

## Summer 2025 School Holidays Creative Workshop: Fashion

4 Days | 20th - 23rd January 2025 | 10 AM - 3 PM

Calling all high school students passionate about fashion! Whether you're drawn to the world of design or intrigued by the business side of fashion, this workshop is the perfect opportunity to explore your creative potential and uncover the pathway that's right for you.



COURSE SNAPSHOT

Course Dates:

20th - 23rd January 2025  
10AM - 3PM

Location: Melbourne

Fees: \$240.00

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SHORT COURSE

## Summer 2025 School Holidays Creative Workshop: Hair, Beauty, MakeUp

3 days | 21st - 23rd January 2025 | 10AM-3PM

Discover the world of hair, beauty, and makeup in this hands-on workshop designed for high school students eager to explore the fundamentals of this dynamic industry.



COURSE SNAPSHOT

Course Dates:

21st - 23rd January 2025  
10AM - 3PM

Location: Melbourne

Fees: \$180.00

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# 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!

# 2025 Collarts Summer Holiday Workshops

Collart's High School Summer Holiday Workshops are back for 2025! Tickets have gone on sale this week for our Summer Holiday Workshop Series for High School students in years 10, 11, and 12.

We have 13 practical workshops on offer on January 22, and 23rd, across a range of study areas at Collarts including Performing Arts, Fashion, Animation, Interior Design, Photography, Music, Media, and more.

Tickets are only \$15 for half-day workshops and \$30 for full-day workshops, and students can get 50% off when they purchase tickets 2 or more tickets. Students can experience what it's like to live a day in the life of a Collarts student.

You can find more information and purchase tickets through our [website](#) and we would love for you to share the flyer attached with any students you think would be interested.



**COLLARTS**

**SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS**

**13 WORKSHOPS OVER 2 DAYS  
22ND & 23RD JANUARY 2025  
LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE**

LIVE A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A COLLARTS STUDENT  
OPEN TO VICTORIAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GOING INTO YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 IN 2025 OR THOSE THAT COMPLETED YEAR 12 IN 2024

**WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:**

AUDIO & MUSIC	INTERIOR DESIGN
ANIMATION	PERFORMING ARTS
FASHION	PHOTOGRAPHY
FILM-MAKING	DIGITAL & SOCIAL MEDIA
ENTERTAINMENT MGMT	GRAPHIC & DIGITAL DESIGN

SCAN OR CLICK  
TO  
RSVP



[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

# Medical Action Plans

## IMPORTANT

**Students with the following medical conditions are required to provide an up-to-date Action Plan to the school.**

**Allergies**

**Asthma**

**Anaphylaxis**

**Diabetes**

**Epilepsy**

**Please ensure that you obtain a new plan from your doctor for the start of 2025.**



# SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



## MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2025:

### Volleyball Tournament

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Broadmeadows Aquatic and Leisure Centre  
1 Tanderrum Way, Broadmeadows VIC 3047  
Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

## TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2025:

### Pathways to Health and Community Careers

Time: 10am – 1pm

Age: 16 – 24

Location: Youth Central  
33 – 37 Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows VIC 3047  
Bookings are essential, limited spots available

## WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2025:

### Chill and Grill - Craigieburn

Time: 3pm – 6pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Craigieburn Youth Centre  
59 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn Victoria 3064  
Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

## THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2025:

### Lunchbox Cook Up

Time: 11am – 2:30pm

Age: 10 – 14

Location: Sunbury Youth Centre  
51 – 53 Evans Street, Sunbury VIC 3429  
Bookings are essential, limited spots available

## FRIDAY 17 JANUARY 2025:

### Chill and Grill - Broadmeadows

Time: 3pm – 6pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Youth Central  
33 – 37 Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows VIC 3047  
Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

## SATURDAY 18 JANUARY 2025:

### Hume Youth Makers Market at Craigieburn Central SC

Time: 10am – 2pm

Age: All Ages

Location: Craigieburn Central Shopping Centre  
340 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn Victoria 3064  
Walk ins welcome

## MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2025:

### Photography Workshop

Time: 11am – 2pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Youth Central  
33 – 37 Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows VIC 3047  
Bookings are essential, limited spots available

## TUESDAY 21 JANUARY 2025:

### Gymnastics Holiday Fun

Time: 10:30am – 2:30pm

Age: 10 – 14

Location: Craigieburn Youth Centre  
59 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn Victoria 3064  
Bookings are essential, limited spots available

## WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2025:

### Art Frenzy

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Craigieburn Youth Centre  
59 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn Victoria 3064  
Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

## THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2025:

### Cheap Eats Cooking

Time: 11am – 3pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Roxburgh Park Youth Centre  
75 Lakeside drive, Roxburgh Park, 3064  
Bookings are essential, limited spots available

### Tennis Competition

Time: 10am – 1pm

Age: 16 – 24

Location: Hume Tennis & Community Centre  
225 Marathon Blvd, Craigieburn Victoria 3064  
Bookings are essential, limited spots available

## FRIDAY 24 JANUARY 2025:

### Chill and Grill - Sunbury

Time: 3pm – 6pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Sunbury Youth Centre  
51 – 53 Evans Street, Sunbury VIC 3429  
Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

BOOK NOW!  
SCAN BELOW



For further information, please contact us at:  
youth@hume.vic.gov.au  
or phone 03 9205 2556



## 2024 Important Dates

Monday 2nd December	Year 11 2025 - VM Orientation Day
Monday 2nd December to Thursday 5th December	Year 11 2025 - Orientation Day
Monday 2nd December to Friday 6th December	Year 12 2025 - Orientation Day
Friday 6th December	Last Day for Year 9 Students
Tuesday 10th December	Year 7 2025 - Orientation Day (Student Free Day)
Wednesday 11th December	Middle & Senior School Awards 6.00pm Start time
Thursday 12th December	Junior School Awards 6.00pm Start Time
Monday 16th December & Tuesday 17th December	Junior School Activities
Wednesday 18th December & Thursday 19th December	Junior School Counselling
Friday 20th December	End of Term 4
Tuesday 28th January 2025	All Staff Commence Term 1
Wednesday 29th January 2025	Year 7 & 12 Students Only Commence Term 1
Thursday 30th January 2025	Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 Commence Term 1

## 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.