“Student Voice” is a group of representatives of the student body at Gleneagles that formally meet once a week to discuss issues identified as important to you the students, within the school. Student voice enables us to represent our own ideas, opinions, knowledge and experiences in order to improve school life. Their main focus is on improving our learning and social outcomes and facilitating school change. The types of issues that may be considered to be addressed can include:

- student views on classroom learning – e.g. learning confidence, stimulating learning
- facilities and resources available to students
- student safety
- recognition and reward of students
- student connectedness to school
- student motivation
- the state of the school toilets
- and any other issues students feel need addressing

What is Student Voice? We want to introduce ourselves to you :)
Merit Certificates—We want to know your opinion?

Merit certificates were put in place to reward students for outstanding effort at school, you can get them for always doing your homework, behaving well, helping out a fellow class mate or basically anything positive. They currently look like this.

We are asking you the students to let us know your opinion. We want to know any ideas or feedback you have regarding Merit Certificates.

A) Are they used enough?
B) Do you like the idea of them?
C) Have you got any other ideas about their design or how they should be handed out?

Let a member of student voice know your feedback or write your comment in the Student Voice opinion box outside the library (see below) or you can speak to Ms Sofra or Ms Sweet.

The Student Voice Your Opinion Box—

This box is located at the front desk of the library. It is there so you can have your say about any issues concerning the students or school that you would like student Voice to discuss.
Pacific Rim Movie Review
The movie was overall an average one, although the only action scenes in
the film were really good. The storyline was alright but it lacked consisten-
cy in the story with the two lovers in the end.
I rate the movie:

Man of Steel Movie Review
This is a fantastic movie that will always keep you on the edge of your seat, especially
Kal (known as Clark), talk about his abs, HOT HOT HOT! All the action scenes are very
well done and I believe it is almost as good as the original, cannot wait for the next part!
I rate this movie:

Why nail polish is not cool at school!
- It looks cheap
- It goes against the schools uniform policy
- Its made out of female lac bug poo (Shellac)
- It looks unattractive when it starts to peel

VOX POP
“What do you think of the new canteen?”

Rohan (Year 7)
It is much more efficient

Hayley (Year 7)
It works well and the colours are much more modern and vibrant

Ronith (Year 7)
It is much more spacious to look at the menu and exit easier.

James (Year 7)
It is a lot easier for students to collect their orders and pay
Q1. Dear Anne, one of my best mates keeps calling me names such as “fat” and “chubs” in front of our other friends when we play soccer at lunch. He says that he is joking and that I should “toffen up” and now am scared if I say anything my friends will think I’m a woose. How do I get them to stop?

Words can hurt and it’s important to let others know when they do! What’s a joke to one person isn’t necessarily funny to someone else. Find a ‘right’ time to speak to your friend in person about how you feel (e.g. when your other friends aren’t around, after school). Remember it’s ok to let someone know what you are thinking and feeling, the trick is in the how you go about it. Speak calmly to your friend, use “I” statements and avoid name calling. Here’s an example:

“When you call me fat or chubs” “I feel (describe your feelings, for example upset, hurt, embarrassed)” ………

“I would like you to stop” Your friend may not realize he is hurting you, if he is a good friend he should stop! If the situation continues talk to a trusted adult or a support service such as kids helpline.

Q2. Dear Anne, all of my friends have boyfriends except for me. I feel left out of conversation and like none of my friends want to talk to hang out with me anymore? What do I do?

Thanks for your question. This is a really common concern amongst young people. Firstly ask yourself is it really true that my friends don’t want to talk to or hang out with me or just my perception? Sometimes we are quick to assume and mind read that our friends don’t want to hang out with us anymore or they are not interested in what we have to say. A good way to find out is to look at what happens at recess and lunchtime, if they are still hanging out with you this means they still value your friendship.

Try not to feel awkward just because you don’t have a boyfriend, last thing you want to do is get a boyfriend just to fit in. Also, try and feel relaxed and reassured that your friends value what you have to say, even if it does not involve boyfriends and look for conversation topics that you all enjoyed before your friends had boyfriends.

You can also use this as an opportunity to make new friends who are not ‘coupled’. Having friends male and female is more important than having a boyfriend and/or girlfriend and being in an intimate relationship doesn’t define your worth as a person. Have confidence that you will have one if you want one when the time is right. Good Luck!

Help and Support for Young People

There are many services and resources available when difficulties arise. If a problem or crisis comes up for you or a friend – don’t keep it to yourself! Talk to a trusted adult and/or use these help services. Remember asking for help can be hard but it is courageous to do so in times of trouble.

Emergency – 24 hours, 7 days per week

Kidshelpeline 1800 55 1800

Lifeline 13 11 14

Monash Health (Psychiatric Triage) 1300 369 012

SECASA (sexual assault and family violence) 1800 806 292

Non-emergency

Beyond Blue (depression and anxiety) www.youthbeyondblue.org.au

Bullying No Way www.bullyingnoway.com.au

Casey Youth Counselling and Support Services 0417 347 909

Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria www.glhv.org.au

Headpace Dandenong 8792 1992

Reachout www.eheadspace.org.au (9am to 1am EST)

Tetris Blitz

Free

Blitz as many lines as you can and rack up some serious points in this two-minute adaption of a much loved and popular game. With sharper graphics and enhanced controls and sounds this is a must have mobile game. Shatter High Scores! Feel the Frenzy!