### IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

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| Monday 2nd June | VCE Unit 1 Biology Excursion  
- Year 11 Exams (2-6/6)  
- Year 10 Exams (2-6/6) |
| Friday 13th June | Report Writing Day – no students |
| Wednesday 4th June | UNSW Science Competition  
(selected students) |
| Monday 16th June | Year 10 Work Experience (16-20/6)  
- Year 8 LOTE Excursions  
- Regional Cross Country (selected students)  
- UNSW Writing Competition (selected students)  
- Student Leadership Fashion Parade, 7.00pm-9.30pm |
| Thursday 5th June | Year 7 Boys Football, Soccer, Netball  
- Year 7 & 8 Badminton  
- PFA Meeting, 3.30pm-4.30pm at the College |
| Monday 19th June | Trivia Night, World Challenge, 6.00pm-10.00pm, the Shed |
| Friday 6th June | Year 12 Excursion, Monash University  
- Presentation Ball |
| Wednesday 19th June | Senior Basketball and Hockey  
- Table Tennis all Levels |
| Monday 9th June | Queen’s Birthday, Public Holiday |
| Wednesday 25th June | Free Dress Day  
- Instrumental Music Concert  
- Year 9 & 10 students tour of Hallam SC (selected students) |
| Tuesday 10th June | Book Club, Youth Literature at the State Library Excursion  
- Year 9E MUMA Creative Careers Seminar  
- PFA Meeting 7.00pm-8.00pm, McDonalds, Endeavour Hills |
| Thursday 26th June | Year 10 students excursion to TAFEs, Universities |
| Wednesday 11th June | GAT (General Achievement Test), no Year 11 or 12 classes  
- Year 7 & 8 Sport Interschool  
- Immunisation - Year 7, 9 & 10 students |
| Monday 27th June | Term 2 last day, 2.30pm dismissal |
| Monday 14th July | Term 3 first day |

### COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

#### YEAR 10, 11 & GAT EXAMS

Year 10 and 11 students will be sitting their mid year exams from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th June. Students received the Gleneagles Exam Navigator which includes important student information, exam timetables, guidelines, rules, approved materials and equipment permitted. The Exam Navigator is also on the College website on the Homepage under Quicklinks and also on the VCE App. All Unit 3 & 4 students will be sitting the GAT (General Achievement Test) on Wednesday, 11th June. To help prepare students for this experience they will be involved in a number of study skills and exam preparation activities throughout this Term. The VCE Homework Club has also been established to support students. Full details are on the College VCE App, in addition to some useful GAT Links.

#### REPORT WRITING DAY

A student free day has been scheduled for Friday 13th June. Gleneagles staff will use this day for correction and reporting. There will be no students attending on this day.

#### EXCURSIONS

All excursion notices have a date by which payment must be received. This allows the school to confirm bookings at venues and with transport, as well as draw cheques for payments. Please ensure you pay by the date required to avoid disappointment. All excursion notices are available on the College website under the Events tab.

### ‘UV BELOW THREE - SAFE TO GET SOME VITAMIN D’

As schools and early childhood services across Victoria prepare for the onset of the winter months, SunSmart is encouraging everyone to get some sun exposure during their week to help with vitamin D levels. Although ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun is the main cause of skin cancer, it is also the best natural source of vitamin D; essential for strong bones, muscles and overall health. Sun protection is required when UV Index levels reach three and above. In Victoria, average UV levels fall below three between May and August, making it a great time to get outside for some sun to help with vitamin D levels. Actions required:

- Check UV levels for your area by visiting the SunSmart UV Alert in the weather section of your daily newspaper or at [www.sunsmart.com.au/uv-sun-protection/uv-uv-widget](http://www.sunsmart.com.au/uv-sun-protection/uv-uv-widget)

Download the free SunSmart UV Alert widget:

Download the SunSmart Smartphone App:

For further information call SunSmart on Tel 9635 5148 or see: [www.sunsmart.com.au](http://www.sunsmart.com.au)

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne
IMMUNISATION CONSENT CARDS FOR YEAR 10

All Year 10 Immunisation Consent cards were due back to Home Group Teachers last week. The cards need to be filled in and signed in the appropriate section whether or not your child is having the immunisation. Please fill out the card in full and do not leave it for me to do at school as I have many more to check through than your child’s. These consent cards were distributed to all Year 10 classes two weeks ago. The immunisation is on Wednesday, 11th June but we need to be organised well ahead. Any queries should be checked out with your doctor or the Environmental Health Unit of the City of Casey, Tel 9705 5200.

Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

PFA MEETING

The upcoming PFA meetings will be held as follows:

- Thursday, 5th June, 3.30pm-4.30pm at the College
- Tuesday 10th June, 7.00pm-8.00pm at McDonalds, Endeavour Hills,

Small children welcome. If you are free to attend we’d love you to join us for a coffee and chat. The second meeting is a “repeat” of the first.

ACCESS MONASH MENTORING PROGRAM

This year 17 Gleneagles students in Year 11 and 12 will be mentored by Monash University students as part of the Access Monash Mentoring Program. The program provides intensive support to selected Year 11 and 12 students who aspire to university study. It aims to support their decision making and preparation for university and careers by matching them with successful Monash University students to work in one-to-one mentoring relationships. Our selected students attended an induction day at the Monash University Peninsula Campus in February and met their mentors for the first time at the College launch in March.

Students meet with their mentors fortnightly usually at the College and have the opportunity to attend university and other events together. They will explore tertiary study options and career pathways, gain great academic advice and study tips and learn how to get the most out of their VCE experience. To find out more about the Access Monash Mentoring program visit monash.edu/access

CELEBRATING VCE

Recently the Gleneagles Wellbeing Team hosted free luncheons for Year 11 and Year 12 students to recognise and celebrate students’ progress to date and remind them of school based wellbeing support staff and services. The Year 10 Discovery students led by their teacher, Kristy O’Brien, catered for each of the luncheons, providing an opportunity to fundraise whilst simultaneously providing a collegial connection between Year 10 and VCE students. In addition, Carolyn Hamilton made stress balls with her Year 8 ceramics students and this was complemented by a personalised ‘stress less’ note for each Year 12 student which proved to be a huge hit. VCE students were reminded to take care of their health and wellbeing and reminded of staff they could go to for help and support at school including:

- VCE Sub School Leader - Jo Tippett
- Year 12 Team Leader - Sam Florence
- Year 11 Team Leader - Balbir Singh
- Mentors
- Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator - Maxine Foster
- Adolescent Health Nurse - Anne Clancy
- Social Worker - Laura Wilks

Anne Clancy, Adolescent Health Nurse

VCE SPECIAL PROGRAM DAY

On Wednesday 21st May, VCE students participated in their first Special Program Day of the year. These events are designed to support students in particular areas important to success in senior classes. Following the three hour practice GAT in the morning, the Year 12 cohort enjoyed an afternoon of activities designed to be a break from the stresses of their studies, as well as to serve as a reward for their efforts so far this year. Students had an option to attend Sorrento beach, Peninsula Hot Springs or Trees Adventure, with a focus on “recharging” before final Unit 3 SACs and the commencement of Unit 4. Year 11 students were able to participate in sessions facilitated by Deakin and Monash Universities in the morning. The first session ‘Uniiloply’ run by Monash students encouraged students to think about the different challenges and choices they may face in the transition from secondary school to university. After recess student ambassadors from Deakin shared their experiences and tips for studying successfully. The afternoon session was led by enthusiastic Year 10 & 11 Student Leaders focusing on experiential learning.

Mr Florence & Mrs Singh, Year 12 & 11 Team Leaders
CHEFMASTER CHALLENGE

On Friday 23rd May, the Year 10 Hospitality class took part in a ChefMaster Challenge. This Challenge was run by the Nutrition and Dietetics department of Monash University. Groups of three students were given a recipe for a two course meal which they had to prepare in 90 minutes. All groups successfully produced high quality food. The winning group were selected on their food preparation skills and also the presentation and taste of their meal. The winning group of students, Annalise Barry, Rhys Bell and Naomi Blakeley will now attend the final ChefMaster Challenge at Monash Base facility in August. These students will work in a commercial kitchen and will be competing against five other schools. All students who participated were fully engaged in this activity and gained a lot from this experience.

Jenny McHarg, Food Technology

YEAR 7 ANGELS LIGHT PROGRAM

All Year 7 girls recently participated in Angel Light Link’s Body Image/Body Wise Workshops. The 90 minute workshops engaged the girls through interactive, fun and thought provoking activities and games to encourage them to think about beauty in a positive way. The workshops addressed negative influences of the media, society and peers on body image and equipped the girls with practical tips on keeping healthy.

Laura Wilks, Student Welfare Worker, Wellbeing Team

CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION

Our young people of today are very much enthralled with the use of technology. It is widely published that there are many pitfalls in the use of this technology. To support students, through these pitfalls on Friday 23rd May 2014 all Year 7 and 8 students attended a Cyber Safety presentation by police officers from the “Youth Resource Officer for Greater Dandenong/Cardinia/Casey”.

The police officers spoke to students about keeping themselves safe when using technology and the laws related to using this technology. Students received advice about dealing with images they received and were also made aware of some of the legal implications of “sexting” along with the longer term implications such as getting a job or travelling overseas. The message presented to students was to respect themselves, respect others and to be responsible for their own actions. These are also the same messages Mr Thorne spoke about at the first school assembly earlier this year. The feedback from many of the students and staff who attended was that the session was informative. Some people also commented that they were not aware of some of the legal implications of sending and keeping explicit images on their phones. This session is only one step in this education process and in the upcoming weeks and months we will explore these ideas and issues further with students. Students are also reminded to speak to a trusted adult such as a parent, teacher or the adolescent nurses if they are unsure about how to deal with sexting issues. Alternatively contact the Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800, or visit their website at:- http://www.kidshelpline.com.au/kids/get-help/

Mr Van der Westhuizen, Cyber Safety

Schools’ 2014 Mental Health Week Creative Writing Competition

Explore the issues of mental health. Write a play, a story or a poem, the style is up to you. Conditions apply. Cash prizes. Go to the Mental Health Foundation’s website and download the entry form. Entries close Friday 1st August. Need someone to proof read or help you with any inquiries - see Ms Moller in the library.

YEAR 8 GIRLS NETBALL TEAM
On Monday 26th May the Year 8 Interschool Netball A and B teams represented Gleneagles. All students represented the school with great sportsmanship, energy and skill against other schools in the region.

Results:  A Team - won 3 and lost 3  B Team - lost 6
A fantastic day out was had by all with excellent behaviour and leadership shown by all of the girls involved.

Ashlee Chatfield, Carnivals Co-ordinator

CAREERS NEWS
RMIT University Experience Holiday Sessions (Years 10-12)
You will need to register in advance before you attend any of the following experience sessions:-
www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays

Monday 30th June: Accounting and Finance – City campus
Monday 30th June: Trades Day, city campus (Years 9 & 10)
Tuesday 1st July: Journalism and Audio Visual day – City campus
Tuesday 1st July: Justice courses – City campus
Tuesday 1st July: Engineering – City campus
Tuesday 1st July: Health and Medical Sciences, Bundoora campus
Wednesday 2nd July: Brunswick – Information Systems and Logistics
Thursday 3rd July: Advertising, Marketing and PR day, City campus
Thursday 3rd July: Environments, City campus
Friday 4th July: Art and Design, City campus
Friday 4th July: Science Day

Register For A Discover Deakin Day
Registrations are now open for the Discover Deakin Program during the July school holidays. Students can experience University life on either the Burwood (11th July), Waterfront or Waurn Ponds campuses (4th July) and attend a range of faculty workshops and classes and seminars of their choice.

Year 10 Work Experience Is In June
It is only three weeks to go until Year 10 Work Experience – 16th to 20th June. While on their placement, each student will complete their work experience diary and they will have a visit from a Gleneagles teacher (unless they are located in a country or regional area).

Monash University Events
- Thursday 3rd July – Year 10 Independence Day
- Wednesday 9th July – Year 11 Inspiration Day

Year 10 students will also have an opportunity to visit Monash or Deakin Universities in the last week of Term 2 (permission forms will be given out in early June). All Year 12 students will be visiting Monash’s Clayton campus on Friday 6th June for the Tertiary Information Service and Expo.

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator