The Gleneagles Cup started out a number of years ago as a student led project and is now a tradition. It remains a wonderful opportunity for our students to develop their leadership skills. Over 600 Grade 4 students, their teachers and a large number of parents spent the day here on Monday 13th October. Despite the cold weather, the rain held off for most of the day and we have received very positive feedback from all involved. We would like to acknowledge the leadership of Ms MC Leith and Ms Georgia Evans in this program and also thank the many staff who gave generously of their time and assisted with the Gleneagles Cup this year.

VCE ART SHOW
The VCE Art show was held this year at MUMA, (Monash University Museum of Art). It was wonderful to see our students work displayed in a gallery space. Our students were glowing, their families very proud and everyone in attendance could appreciate the hard work, creativity and time commitment required to produce the works on display. This would not have occurred without the enthusiasm and drive of Ms Jess Kinnersley supported by Ms Lyn Spooner.

EXAMINATION PERIOD
The examination period is fast approaching for our students. Whilst this can be a difficult time for students and families alike, it can be made easier if students are well prepared and use their time wisely. All should be preparing for these tasks by ensuring that they are up to date with their subject work and homework and seeking the assistance of their subject teachers to explain what they don’t understand. Students should also organise a revision timetable so they can review what has previously been learned. Mentors and Home Group teachers can assist with this. Year 12 students have copies of their examination timetables. Examination timetables are currently being finalised for Year 9, 10 and 11 and will be provided to the students in the near future. As this is the last newsletter before the Year 12 students last day, we would like to wish them all the very best with their upcoming exams and look forward to hearing of the results of their work in early December.

SEXting
‘Sexting’ means sending sexually explicit photos or videos electronically (eg by mobile phone, app, chat, social networking or email). With modern technology this can be done instantly, but it can have serious and lasting consequences. For people under 18, sexting is illegal. It is a criminal offence to take, possess, or transmit a naked image of a person under the age of 18 years. It doesn’t matter if your child took their own photo and willingly sent or published it. You cannot ‘give someone permission’ to break the law. Penalties for these offences are very serious and can result in your child being placed on the sex offender’s register.

It is important that you regularly talk to your child about their experiences with communications technology. Make sure that you continually reinforce that your child should come to you if they have any problems, if they see something that they know is wrong or anything that upsets them. If you require further support, please speak to one of the Principals or Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator.

BICYCLE THEFTS
In the Casey Police Service Area, bicycle theft has increased 130% this financial year. Half were from residential locations. The bikes were stolen from the front of the house and were not locked up at the time.

Police Advice:
- Secure your bike with a lock
- Do not leave bikes in the front yard - Move to a secure location out of sight (garage, shed)
- Engrave the underside of the bike frame with the letter V followed by the owner’s/parent’s drivers licence number to assist police in returning located bicycles
GLENEAGLES FILM FESTIVAL

On Wednesday, 8th October the annual Gleneagles Film Festival was held at Hallam Senior Secondary College Theatre. It was great to see such a display of skill and talent from the students. It was clear the amount of hard work that all the filmmakers had put into their work. It was a very successful night and we thank the teachers, parents and friends who were so supportive of the students involved and the media teachers led by Robert Young.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

To coincide with Art week, the annual photography competition was held last week. There were a large number of entries from students and staff, keen to demonstrate their photographic skills. Congratulations to the following students who were the winners of this competition; Samuel Brancea 8M, Cameron Sheppard 9F, Adriana Parwak 9I and Mariana Ivanisevic 9A.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

INFORMATION NIGHT, 28TH OCTOBER 2014
RE: GERMAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2015

The German Exchange Program with our sister schools in Hessen has been operating since 1998. Each exchange has been extremely successful and participants have enjoyed many benefits. Students naturally improve their German skills and broaden their understanding of German culture, giving them a strong base from which they can continue their language learning into VCE and beyond. Students also develop greater independence, maturity, and self-confidence. All past exchange-students have found the experience to be highly rewarding, and have forged friendships and collected memories that will last a lifetime.

Your child has the opportunity to get involved next year. The 2015 program begins in September with our group’s visit to Germany. The German exchange group will then make their visit to Australia in March 2016. The German trip involves an extensive 4-week program of sightseeing, home-stay, and language classes. Previous groups have visited such beautiful and historic cities as Vienna, Berlin, Frankfurt, Heidelberg, and Cologne, and have taken a cruise on the Rhine River. For three of the four weeks students live with their host families and attend school classes. If you are interested in travelling or hosting a German student, you are invited to join us at an information night in the library at Gleneagles Secondary College on Tuesday, 28th October at 6.00pm. Teachers and students who have participated in the exchange will talk about the program in detail. Costs, dates and the region of Germany where the students will be staying will also be discussed. Please let your German teacher know if you intend to come to the meeting. For further details, contact Ms Rajamaki at the College on Telephone 9708 1319.

Ms Rajamaki, German Teacher, LOTE Domain Leader

THE YOUNG AUSTRALIANS BEST BOOK AWARDS


Ms Moller, Library Co-ordinator

CHANGE OF CONFIDENTIAL DETAILS

If parents/guardians have any changes to students details please fill out the following and return to the school office:-

NAME OF STUDENT: ...................................................

YEAR LEVEL/HOMEROOM: ..........................................

ADDRESS: ..................................................................

PHONE NUMBER: HOME ...........................................

MOTHER’S NAME: ....................................................

MOTHER’S PHONE NO: HOME ..................................

MOTHER’S WORK: OCCUPATION: ............................

ADDRESS: ..................................................................

MOBILE: .................................................................

FATHER’S NAME: ....................................................

FATHER’S PHONE NO: HOME ..................................

FATHER’S WORK: OCCUPATION: ............................

ADDRESS: ..................................................................

MOBILE: .................................................................

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

(1) NAME: .........................................................

PHONE: .................................................................

(2) NAME: .........................................................

PHONE: .................................................................

DOCTOR DETAILS:

DOCTOR NAME: ....................................................

NAME OF CLINIC/CENTRE (if applicable): ..............

ADDRESS: ..................................................................

PHONE NO: .................................................................

ANY CHANGE TO MEDICAL DETAILS (Please specify):

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ANY OTHER CHANGES (Please Specify):

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Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our records up to date.
Computer program 2015:

The 1:1 computer program is an exciting step forward for our students and their learning at Gleneagles Secondary College. The program will start from Year 7 & 10 (2015) with the option of students in VCE (Year 11 & 12) participating in this program. Parent information evenings were held in the first week of term 4 for Year 7 (2015), Year 10 (2015) and Year 11 & 12 (2015). Students in Year 8 & 9 will continue to have access to our College wide fleet of netbook computers and computer labs which are bookable by classroom teachers whilst at school.

There have been many questions from students and parents about the program and we have addressed these at the parent information evening and also via the Gleneagles website www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au > follow the quick-links on the left hand side of the page to the 1-1 program. Presentation slides and further information are all available at the website.

Below are some of the answers to some frequently asked questions:

1. Will each student in Year 7 & 10 (2015) be expected to purchase one of the two computer options?

Yes. These computers will be used across all curriculum areas and it is expected that students have them fully charged for each day at school.

2. What about students in Years 11 & 12 (2015)?

Students in Years 11 & 12 (2015) will continue to have access to the NSSCF Dell computers that were initially funded by the Federal Government. This funding is no longer available so we cannot provide computers to parents at no cost. These students will have the option to participate in the 1-1 program by purchasing a device or keep the existing Dell computer acknowledging that on November 2nd 2014 the warranty and insurance will expire.

It is expected that all VCE students will have either their Dell computer or one of the Lenovo computers selected from the 1-1 program.


The options for Year 11 & 12 students are:

a) Donate your Dell computer to Gleneagles and buy into the 1-1 program. These computers will then be used to repair our existing fleet.

b) Continue to use the Dell computer at Gleneagles until it stops working (note - we will not provide support for hardware issues or accidental damage. We will however still provide software support for these computers.

c) Keep the device at home and use it as a spare or just for fun. Note - it cannot be brought back to school. In order to do this, we will need to reimage the device to enable administrator privileges. The Govt. Microsoft agreement will not allow private devices access to certain software. We will also not be able to provide any tech support. Approx $129 for a Microsoft Home and student disk and a windows operating system disk for approx. $137. If students require a power supply for this computer in case of breakdown they will be able to be purchased at cost price from school ($25 at present)

d) You can participate in the 1:1 program for the remaining 1 or 2 years that the students will be at Gleneagles and retain the device for use afterwards – perhaps Uni. Lenovo can send out a recovery USB which will contain basic Windows operating system and you will also need an Office 365 subscription at about $8 per month if you want Office programs AFTER you have left Gleneagles.

3. What is the school going to do to support teachers using the computer in classes?

All teachers regularly receive professional learning about using ICT effectively to promote student learning. In fact, most of our teachers who have taught at Years 10,11 & 12 where all students had access to a computer for the past 3 years, are already using the technology effectively in classes. Teachers of Year 7,8 & 9 have always had access to netbook trolleys and computer labs to support student learning so the transition to a 1-1 environment for students is the next step for our school.

Teachers will continue to have professional learning in the form of small group coaching, classroom observations, domain level support and whole staff professional learning.

4. What about parents who genuinely can't afford the device?

We acknowledge that this is a cost for parents. We have cut the number of items to be purchased through the booklist as the device can provide an alternative to some text books.

If you qualify, you could use the Schoolkids Bonus of $800, half of which will be available in January 2015 and the second $400 at mid-year. You can use the payment option and spread the costs over 2015.

In the case of genuine financial hardship, parents can contact the school and speak with either Maxine Foster, (Student Wellbeing Coordinator) or Sue Quinn (Business Manager), to access information on available agency programs – qualification for these programs is likely to require a Health Care Card. Unfortunately, the school cannot purchase or contribute to the cost of this device for your child.

5. Can I bring my own device (BYOD) or buy a different device from a retailer and use that instead?

No. Gleneagles Secondary College is not in a position to support multiple computer configurations in the form of students bringing their own device from home. Nor can we provide access to all the licensed educational software under this agreement for a device not purchased through the school program.
END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

The End of Year Activities for Year 7, 8 and 9 is happening on Thursday 11\textsuperscript{th}, Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} and Monday 15\textsuperscript{th} December this year. Various options are available including school based activities for Year 7 and shopping/movies etc for Year 8/9, as well as a BBQ at Lysterfield Lake.

It costs $35 for all three days.

Please note that some activities are on a first come first serve basis. The End of Year Activities forms were posted home to parents in August and are due by Wednesday 31\textsuperscript{st} October. Additional forms are available on the college website.

Lucie Turner, End of Year Program Co-ordinator

PLANNING FOR 2015

The College is currently in the initial stages of organisation for classes for 2015. As many of our decisions rely upon an accurate knowledge of student numbers, it is important for the school to be made aware of student movements. If your son/daughter will not be returning to Gleneagles Secondary College for 2015, please complete the information below and return this slip to the front office by Friday 31\textsuperscript{st} October 2014.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Paul Thorne, Assistant Principal

Student’s Name: ____________________________________________ Home Group: ______________________________
School enrolled at for 2015: _____________________________________________________________________________
Reason for Transfer: ___________________________________________________________________________________
Parent/Guardian’s name: ______________________________________________________________________________
Signature: ___________________________________________________________________________________________ Date: ____________________________