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COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

TRANSITION PROGRAM FOR 2012

The examination period is well under way and the Year 9, 10 and 11 examinations will be held next week. On November 28th Year 11 students will begin their Year 12 studies with a series of classes that will prepare them for their Year 12 program. It is important that all students take part in this two week transition program as it will provide a solid introduction to the demands and expectations of their final school year.

The end of semester for students in Year 10 is fast approaching. All students should be focused on getting the best results possible. No matter what pathway individuals have chosen, their Year 10 report is an important document. Monday 21st through to Friday 25th November is Year 10 examination week, which is to be followed by two weeks of transition to prepare for Year 11. Commencing their Year 11 studies this year places our students at a great advantage and will provide a solid introduction to the demands and expectations of VCE studies. Students going to Hallam for their program in 2012 should have received a letter in the mail with all relevant details.

BOOK SALE TO SUPPORT TRANSITION PROGRAM

In order to support students in their preparations for VCE 2012, we have organised with Wooldridges, the college bookseller, for a lunchtime sale of selected novels, plays and poetry books that students in Year 11 and 12 will need for next year. It is important that all students have the books in order to complete their holiday homework. The texts on sale are those that will be studied earlier in the course for English, English as a Second language and Literature. The nature of the VCE course requires that particular texts are very well known, and these texts require a minimum of 3 – 4 readings throughout the year. The sale will be held in the Library on Monday 5th December between 12:30 and 1:30pm. All students received details of the texts available during Home Group on Thursday.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

A reminder to all parents that the EOY Activities permission, elective and payment forms are due to the Bursar by Thursday 24th November. The quicker you get your form in the more chance of getting your first elective! Any questions please contact the College.

2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Students return to school for 2012 on Friday 3rd February and all students are expected to attend on this day. If your child is intending to travel overseas or take an extended holiday beyond the 3rd February, parents/guardians must supply a note to the college before leaving which indicates the return date to school. Students should return these notes to their Home Group teachers. Gleneagles is becoming a very popular destination for many families and we receive a number of enquiries for enrolments for 2012 every day. It is essential we know if you are intending to return to school any later than February 3rd to retain your place at this College.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

YEAR 10 DISCOVERY CAMP

In Week 5, the 10D Discovery class went on a three-day camping trip to Torquay. The trip was paid for through the dedicated fundraising done by the group in their Challenge class throughout the year. Accompanied by Ms Tippett and Mr Florence, the group were responsible for setting up their campsite, rationing their supplies and cooking their meals in the great outdoors. Over the course of the trip, the group visited the local surf museum, followed by a trip to the world famous Bells Beach and a night walk along the beach (pictured below). On their final night, the students showed their resourcefulness by crafting their own fishing rods and joining the locals to cast a line (with mixed success). With beautiful weather, the final day proved the highlight for all with a visit to the Geelong Water Adventure Park for some fun hurtling down waterslides, playing mini-golf, racing go-karts and many other activities. Overall, the camp was a great time for all involved and the students are to be commended for their amazing planning efforts and their willingness to participate in the week with great enthusiasm.

Ms Jo Tippett and Mr Sam Florence
SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP
The Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on December 1st from 9 – 11am at the front office.

YEAR 10 HUMANITIES EXCURSION
On Wednesday the 2nd of November, Year 10 students visited the Holocaust Museum and Chadstone Shopping Centre. On arrival at the Holocaust Museum, we were introduced to the harsh realities of the Holocaust during the Second World War. We listened to a Jewish Holocaust survivor, named Sara, who kindly shared her experience with us. Later we were given a tour of the museum by other Holocaust survivors or their descendants, who explained the meaning of the artworks and artefacts. At the end, two students were chosen to light a candle in the memorial room in remembrance of those who died during the Holocaust.

We were hungry and glad to arrive at Chadstone Shopping Centre where we sampled the huge variety of food. As part of our fieldwork, we noted the range of goods and services provided, the types of shoppers and different marketing strategies used to attract people like us. After our quick observations, we spent the rest of the day shopping!

Students: Karla Topic & Tarana Naseer 10B

CAREERS NEWS

Year 9 Career Transition Program in December
Year 9s please return your yellow permission form to your home group teacher or Ms Wood next week. This is a compulsory transition program leading into Year 10, which includes personal career exploration, safe@work training, identification of work skills, preparing for work experience and developing interview skills. Parents please ensure that your child attends every day of the program. Certificates of completion will be given to all students who attend the three days and this will be included in the assessment for their Year 10 Humanities Careers portfolio.

VCE Summer School – Attention Year 11

The University of Melbourne Student Union is running a VCE summer school program from 9th to 20th January 2012. The cost is $170, but bursaries are available for students who cannot afford the cost of the program. Most VCE subjects are available. The program aims to assist students from under-represented Government schools (Gleneagles SC is on the list). For more information contact email summerschool@union.unimelb.edu.au (or phone 83448204). The application form is on the website: http://union.unimelb.edu.au/summerschool/how-to-apply

Summer – Hospitality Short Courses
Students: increase your casual job opportunities – learn to become a barrista and coffee maker over the holidays.

The Coffee and RSA School (Hospitality Training) in Elizabeth St, Melbourne, is running short courses in Barista, Coffee Art, Responsible Service of Alcohol and Follow Workplace Hygiene Procedures. The cost of the Barista course (level 1) is $99 per person for three hours of training. Courses are offered in December, January and February. See the website: http://www.coffeeschool.com.au/

Link Employment and Training in Dandenong offers the Barista ($99) and Certificate level Barista / Expresso Coffee course ($140), as well as Safe Food Handling and RSA. http://www.linkemploy.org.au/courseinfo.asp?id=174 Hospitality Training Australia, 250 Collins St, Melbourne, also offers these courses. http://www.hosptrain.edu.au/

Summer Gap Medics Volunteer Program in Tanzania – Attention Year 11

Gap Medics is offering an exciting hospital work experience program for Year 11 students who are looking to apply for university courses in medicine, nursing, dentistry or midwifery. There are two-week placements in Tanzania for Australian students 8-21st January or two-week placements in Thailand 8 – 21st April 2012. It is also open to Year 12 students who have already applied for healthcare related university courses. During weekdays, students will shadow highly skilled doctors in their day-to-day work on a fully-supervised hospital placement. Students will also have the benefit of clinical teaching, safe and secure accommodation, food, airport transfers in Tanzania or Thailand, local orientations, 24/7 support from our teams overseas and in the UK and lots of help with trip preparation. The cost is approximately AUD $1990. For information about the programs go to the website: http://www.gapmedics.com/articles/2011/10/6/australian-high-school-special-2012 or email info@gapmedics.com.

ACE Education VCE Summer School at Monash – attention Year 11s

Do you want to improve your VCE results in 2012? Monash University, Peninsula campus (at Frankston) is hosting a series of ACE Education VCE lectures during January. The three-hour sessions cost $52 per person and cover the

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator

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