STUDENT UNIFORM OUTSIDE COLLEGE GROUNDS
A small number of students are wearing non-College uniform items to and from school. Such items include hoodies, coats, beanies and baseball caps. These items are not College uniform items and are not permitted to be worn whilst in College uniform. Gleneagles Secondary College prides itself on the turnout of our students both at school and in the local community. Please assist the College in reinforcing this issue with your child.

STUDENT RINGING OR TEXTING PARENTS
Recently, a small number of students have taken it upon themselves to telephone or text their parents and request that they be picked up due to illness. This is not appropriate and parents are requested to speak with their children and remind them that in such a situation, their son or daughter needs to attend Sick Bay, where they will be assessed and treated as required. Parents will be contacted by College staff if students need to be collected.

NAPLAN
The NAPLAN tests for Years 7 & 9 students will be held on the mornings of Tuesday 15th May, Wednesday 16th May and Thursday 17th May. Students will be given further information about these tests shortly. We encourage all students to attend on these days to ensure all students can be included in the process and enable parents to receive relevant reports when they are published. If you have any queries or concerns please contact Kathie Toth.

YEAR 10 & VCE EXAMS
In Week 8 of this term (June 4-8), the Year 10 and 11 students will be sitting their mid-year exams. The Year 12 student’s exams are scheduled for Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th June. Unit 3 & 4 students will be sitting the GAT on Thursday 14th June. More detailed information will be sent home with students in the near future, outlining the exam timetable and the protocols students are expected to follow throughout the exam process. To help prepare students for this experience they will be involved in a number of study skills and exam preparation activities throughout this term. Students should be doing at least 2-3 hours of study each night in preparation for the exams.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos have arrived and have been given to students in home group meetings this week. VCE students can collect their photos from their mentors.

VCE SPECIAL PROGRAM
The VCE Special Program was held on Wednesday 9th May. There were a number of activities throughout the day including a practice GAT, private study and a motivational guest speaker. Year 12 student, Danielle Kocic said of the practice GAT: “It was long and tiring but good to practice. It’s important as we’re soon moving on to tertiary study.” Another presentation, “What Makes You Tick,” described the different ‘Study Types’ and discussed study strategies to best suit each individual student. Year 11 student Karla Topic’s study type is “The Cruiser” which she admits isn’t the most efficient type of studier. “This activity opened my eyes about all the types of study and what to improve on. It also shows us how important the next two years are to prepare for tertiary study,” Karla said. Later in the afternoon, VCE students enjoyed a motivational speech by guest speaker Sam Bramham, Paralympic Gold Medalist. “The guest speaker was very inspirational. He told us to never give up and always believe in ourselves. It’s something we can relate to because we’re studying very hard right now,” said Year 12 student Dragana Bozic. With exams fast approaching the students can take a lot from the special program and apply it to their studies.

Ms Jo Tippett, VCE Coordinator

MELBOURNE ZOO EXCURSION
On Tuesday, the entire Year 7 boarded buses to head to the Melbourne Zoo for a science excursion. Each class attended a session at the Discovery Centre where they learned how to classify animals. Once they understood the difference between warm-blooded and cold-blooded, terrestrial and arboreal, and vertebrates and invertebrates, the zookeeper brought out some animals for them to classify. Students were excited and a bit squeamish when they had the chance to touch a snake and frog. Everyone thought that the slow loris from southeast Asia was very cute despite being venomous. When their session was done, students were free to visit the rest of the zoo in small groups. They saw everything from penguins and seals, to lions and snow leopards. Everyone agreed that it was great fun to be able to explore without constant teacher supervision and the teachers all agreed that everyone was on their best behaviour. A great time was had by all!

Ms Allison Cox, Maths & Science
Are you the primary carer for your grandchildren, niece or nephew? What are the issues you are facing in raising these children? Where can you find information? What services can assist you and these children? Come along to share your concerns and learn from others in the same situation as you.

**Where:** Services Central, 6B Henry Street Pakenham 3810  (Melways ref: Map 317 D7)

**When:** Friday 18th May, 10.30am – 12pm

**RSVP:** Yvette on 0431 400 744 or yvettes@taskforce.org.au

Please RSVP for catering purposes.

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**INTERMEDIATE BOYS AFL**

On Tuesday 8th May, the Intermediate Boys AFL team (pictured left) travelled to Sweeney Reserve to compete in a round-robin competition. Our first match up was Nossal High School, the boys played well and had a good first up win. In our second match we came up against Hallam, who have a sports academy and a very good team. We performed well against some good opposition and lost only by a few goals, with Matty Doubrava snagging two goals from the goal square. Our last game was against Berwick. With the boys feeling tired from three games of footy we lost by 3 points. Best players for the day were: Bailey Rice, Brandon Kram, Johnny Cayhan, Joseph West and Dom Gray. A big thank to students helpers Cosi Anagnostou, Bryce Day and Ben Dalforno.

*Mr Sean Leith, Sports/PE*

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**CAREERS NEWS**

**Changes to TAFE Funding**

The Victorian Government has announced cuts to TAFE funding, particularly in the areas of Sport and Recreation, Business, Events and Hospitality. The TAFE colleges are currently working out which courses can still be offered in 2013 and if so what fees will be charged. Some Diplomas will cost many thousands of dollars. VCE students please see Ms Wood if you require further counselling about your options.

**RSPCA offers Certificate II in Animal Studies**

The RSPCA in conjunction with Victoria University is offering a Certificate II in Animal Studies with work experience at the RSPCA in July. The theory work is completed on-line. There are four intakes per year into the Certificate. For more information please see the website www.rspcavic.org/services/education/cert-ii/

**Accounting Cadetships**

Each year the four major accounting firms offer a small number of cadetships to students commencing an Accounting degree at a Victorian University. There is a very competitive selection process. Ernst and Young is opening its applications on 21st May. There is an information session at Ernst and Young on 7th June or 13th June. RSVP with your full name to MelbourneGraduateRecruitment@au.ey.com. Go to www.ey.com/au/careers for more information about their Accounting Cadetships.

**Tertiary Course seminars – VCE students**

- **Monash University (6.30 to 8.00pm)**
  - Tuesday 8th May - Science degrees – Clayton campus, Rotunda Theatre 5
  - Tuesday 15th May – Performing arts degrees – Clayton campus, Drama theatre
  - Thursday 17th May – Law degrees – Clayton campus, South 1 Theatre, building 64

*Meet the lecturers, find out about entry requirements and units. Register in advance at http://monash.edu/study/options/schools/at-monash.html*

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**University of Melbourne (7.00 to 8.30pm)**

- **Focus on Arts – Tuesday 15th May – Parkville campus**
- **Focus on IT and Engineering – Tuesday 22nd May – Parkville campus**
- **Focus on Biomedicine – Tuesday 24th May – Parkville campus**

**Computer Game Festival (IFEST) and Holiday programs**

A free 1 day festival for independent game developers – in Melbourne on 7th July. Register free online at www.ifest.com.au. The Academy of Interactive Entertainment is offering three different school holiday programs in July for students aged 10 to 18. The cost is $240 for a 2 day course (9.30 to 4.30pm). For more details email Melbourne@aie.edu.au or call 9820 8201.

*Ms Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator*

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**SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

The Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday 15th May, 9 – 11am at the front office.