FRIDAY 21st MARCH
NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE
TAKE A STAND TOGETHER – JOIN THE WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Gleneagles Secondary College is proud to be a registered school for the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. At Gleneagles we plan to use this day to launch a number of anti-bullying and anti-violence workshops and initiatives within each Sub School throughout the year.

On Friday 21st March our focus activity will be A Walking School Bus aimed at raising awareness of the National Day of Action. Students who choose to participate in the Walking School Bus will be choosing to ‘take a stand’ against bullying and violence and will be recognised for their efforts with a free wrist band, refreshments and the unique opportunity to become a Gleneagles Advocate against Bullying and Violence.

The Walking School Bus will start at Singleton Reserve (see map) departing at 7:45am (near the clubrooms) and follow a designated route around Endeavour Hills, stopping and picking students up at four designated pick up points and finishing at The Shed Gleneagles at 9:30am. At each pick up point there will be a Gleneagles staff member wearing a bright orange top. The teacher will be at the pick up point 15 minutes prior to the meeting time. These staff members will mark a roll at their pick up point and will wait for the Walking School Bus to arrive at the scheduled time. As the Walking School Bus progresses from pick up point to pick up point it will grow in student and staff numbers and together we will ‘take a stand’ against bullying and violence. Students will be supervised by staff throughout the journey and walk on paths (not road ways). Students need to obey all traffic laws and instructions of teachers.

In order to make the Walking School Bus visible within the community and to support the National Day of Action we encourage all participating students to wear an orange (colour for unity) or blue (colour for stand against violence) t-shirt with their Gleneagles PE shorts or track pants and appropriate runners as per the PE/Sport uniform policy. If students do not have an orange or blue t-shirt they are to wear their PE polo. Participating students will be permitted to remain in these clothes throughout the day.

Arrangements will be made for students to have their school bags collected at each pick up point via a staff car and they will be able to collect them on return to Gleneagles.

Details of the Walking School Bus route and pick up times are on the back of this notice. Please read carefully and return the attached slip to your homeroom teacher or the drop box in the Leading Teachers office by Thursday 13th March if you wish to participate and ‘take a stand’ against bullying and violence.

Cost: NIL
Equipment required: Water bottle (optional)
Uniform Requirements: Orange or Blue t-shirt with PE shorts or track pants OR Gleneagles PE polo with PE shorts or track pants
Permission form due: Thursday 13th March**
** Students must register by the due date to participate.

Organising Teacher
Jo Tippett
Principal
Sue Peddlesden

NB: A copy of this information will be available on the College website
I give permission for my son / daughter to participate in the Walking School Bus on Friday 21st March in recognition of the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

Student Name: ____________________________  HG: _______________________

I will walk with the teacher(s) along the route marked above and I will meet at pick up point (please circle):

#1  #2  #3  #4

I AUTHORISE THE TEACHER IN CHARGE OF THE EXCURSION TO CONSENT, WHERE IT IS IMPRacticABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH ME, TO MY CHILD’S RECEIVING SUCH MEDICAL OR SURGICAL TREATMENT AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY

(Please indicate any allergic reaction to any drugs): _______________________

I EXPECT MY SON/DAUGHTER TO BEHAVE IN A GOOD AND PROPER MANNER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COLLEGE CODE OF CONDUCT, TO CARRY OUT ANY INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE TEACHER IN CHARGE, AND AGREE TO MEET ANY EXPENSES INVOLVED WITH ANY MISBEHAVIOUR

SIGNED: ___________________________________________  DATE: ____________

(Parent or Guardian)

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER ON DAY OF ACTIVITY: ______________________

STUDENT’S MEDICARE NUMBER: _______  _______  _______  _______  _______

*This statement will remain in the possession of the Teacher in Charge of the party and a list of the participants will be filed at the College.*