



Message to the Gleneagles Secondary College community from the School Council President

The Gleneagles Secondary College Council always seeks to provide the very best facilities for our students. The College is able to fund some upgrades through the careful management of funds and long term planning but for significant developments we need the support of Government(s) and Council.

It is with much excitement that I can share two significant developments.

On Wednesday the Hon Tim Smith, Shadow Minister for Education, visited Gleneagles and committed over 1.3 million to build a VCE Centre at the College. This centre would provide a flexible learning space (four classrooms), study area, a kitchenette, careers centre and toilets. The support of Vikki Fitzgerald, the local Liberal candidate for Narre Warren North, was vital in achieving this commitment from the Coalition. "Gleneagles Secondary College is a school of choice for many families in and around the greater Endeavour Hills area" said Ms Fitzgerald. "The students at Gleneagles Secondary College will greatly benefit from this VCE Centre as it will provide modern and contemporary facilities to nurture positive learning outcomes and great educational results." This is a very welcome announcement for a school that is still growing and needs more permanent facilities.

Secondly, the long awaited full sized synthetic soccer field is finished and students will be able to use it from next week. I would like to acknowledge the significant funding from the Victorian State Government and the additional funding and construction management that was provided by the City of Casey. The field was funded by grants from the Department of Education, the Victorian Government Shared Facilities Fund, the City of Casey and a modest sum from the College development fund. In total, the project cost around 1.7 million. I have previously acknowledged the strong support for this project from Hon Luke Donnellan M.P. member for Narre Warren North and Councillors Amanda Stapledon, Rosalie Crestani and past Councillor Rafael Kaplan for their work with the City of Casey.

The soccer field is an all-weather field and will be used by the school Monday to Friday and by local soccer clubs, as allocated by the City of Casey, after hours and on weekends.

The Gleneagles College Council, will continue to work closely with our local politicians, various levels of Government and explore every avenue to secure support for our school community. I am delighted to share these two recent developments with our school community.

Paul Newton

President

Gleneagles S.C. Council