



Glenroy
College

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SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

Aspiring Together

SCHOOL VISION

“Students learn by using the strategies that enable them to confidently and independently engage with the curriculum.”

SCHOOL VALUES

Pursuit of excellence
Respect for the individual
Integrity
Teamwork
Healthy environment

2015 TERM DATES

TERM 1

29th January – 27th March

TERM 2

13th April – 26th June

TERM 3

13th July – 18th September

TERM 4

5th October – 18th December



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 2 is well under way and students have made a very good start to the term. By the time this article goes to print, Year 7 and 9 students will have completed NAPLAN testing. Results are usually available in late September and will be posted home.

Year 7-10 students have just finished on Demand reading tests and will complete numeracy tests over the next three weeks. Students will get direct feedback from these tests around the AusVELS level at which they are operating. As an indicator at this time of the year students in each year level should be working at or towards the following levels:

Year 7: AusVELS level 6-6.5

Year 8: AusVELS level 7-7.5

Year 9: AusVELS level 8-8.5

Year 10: AusVELS level 9-9.5

Years 8, 10, 11 and 12 are heading towards their mid -year exams. Exams, like NAPLAN and On Demand are a snapshot of how students are progressing with their learning. If students are taking responsibility for their learning – completing classwork and homework as well as submitting assessments and preparing for topic tests - then the three measures should be consistent.

HOMWORK

Every student at every level should be completing homework or home study every night. As a guide students should adhere to the following times as a MINIMUM:

Year 7: a minimum of 30 minutes every night

Year 8: a minimum of 60 minutes every night

Year 9: a minimum of 90 minutes every night

Year 10: a minimum of 120 minutes every night

Year 11: a minimum of 150 minutes every night

Year 12: a minimum of 180 minutes every night

Without this effort students fail to consolidate the work done during the day and extend their knowledge of the work they are doing. All students should now have a laptop that they can use as a powerful learning tool at school and at home.



We also run homework club on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in the library with teachers in attendance to provide assistance. Remember, students have homework every night. **Don't ask them 'if they have homework' ask them 'what homework they have'**

USE OF MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL

Some students are using their phones to contact parents during the day for a variety of reasons and parents are giving them instructions over the phone or coming up to the school to see staff. This is an inappropriate use of mobile phones. If your child contacts you then the reasonable response from you should be to advise them to follow directions at school and talk with you when they get home. Daily interactions at school are the responsibility of the school to deal with. If there is an emergency situation then the school will contact parents immediately. It is also inappropriate for parents to directly contact students on their phones. This action distracts them from their work and puts students in conflict with their teacher who requires their attention in class. If you need to speak with your child then you need to contact the General Office on 93040400, explain the situation and ask to speak with your child (if possible) or ask our staff to pass on a message. Your co-operation with this is greatly appreciated and contributes to the smooth running of the school and our core focus of students working in class.

Rod Ebbage
College Principal

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Breakfast Club and Reconnect

Every Tuesday and Thursday students can come along to breakfast club and enjoy a cheese toastie, a juice or a hot chocolate. We have been fortunate enough to obtain funding for the program and have also had support from Abbi and Aaron from Crossroads Reconnect. They will now be working with the welfare team to support students across various year levels. They offer a broad range of practical support to assist young people to work towards their individual goals which can include help with re-engagement in education or training, counselling or referral to other support services. If you believe that your child may benefit from their support please visit the following website:

<http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/en/Find-Us/Victoria/Crossroads>

Programs:

The welfare team works with a number of different organisations to deliver specific programs to each year level. In term 1, Victoria Police and Headspace delivered the safety, cyber safety and Think Twice programs to Year 7&8. This term the following programs are being delivered:

- **TRACKS** – Safety and Community Safety, Drugs and Alcohol delivered by Merri Community Health and Victoria Police for year 10 students.
- **Building Resilience**, delivered by Headspace for year 7 students.
- **Self-Esteem**, delivered by Headspace for year 8 girls.
- **Communication**, delivered by Headspace for year 8 boys.
- **Safety/Cyber safety**, delivered by Victoria Police for year 8 students.

Ms L. Tizian
Student Engagement and Well-Being
Leader

Live Below the Line

On May 26th – 29th the student leadership team are running an initiative called '**Live Below the Line**' an **OakTree campaign**. The campaign helps students understand in a simple way extreme poverty. Within this challenge students and teachers are asked to eat on just \$2 a day for five days, this is the equivalent of the people living on the extreme poverty line. Through this campaign students will seek out donations and support from family, friends and neighbours. The *funds* raised go towards providing education opportunities for young people in Cambodia, Timor Leste and Papua New Guinea through their partner organisations in those countries. There will be a competition between teachers and students to see who can raise the most money for this cause. There will also be a casual clothes day for a gold coin donation on Tuesday May 26th and all funds raised will go towards this cause. More information will be announced to students in level assemblies and whole school assembly.

Ms. Kara Scifo
Welfare/Student Leadership Coordinator

The Trip of a Lifetime - Glenroy College Indonesia Trip 2015

We spent the first week of the Glenroy College Indonesia Trip in Bali sight-seeing, shopping and relaxing. We played with monkeys in the Monkey Forest in Ubud, braved huge waterslides at the Waterbomb Park, and trekked through the tropical forest to see elephants. We didn't meet anyone in particular in Bali, but we did take turns talking and practicing our Indonesian with different taxi drivers and shopkeepers. Bali was beautiful and lots of fun, but the real test for us was Yogyakarta – this is where our sister school was and where we had to stay with host families and go to school.

The first person we met in Yogyakarta was Bu Ismi, a teacher at our sister school, who introduced us to our host brothers and sister.

My host sister was Puti. When we visited our host school we were able to meet many of the other students and teachers at the school. Puti introduced me to her classmates and best friends. We were like celebrities at school – everyone wanted to know about us and Australia. We went home and I finally got to meet my host sister, mother and father, who were all very nice.

Staying with host families was challenging at times because of the language barrier. Sometimes we would forget Indonesian words or not understand what the person was saying. If we didn't understand each other, we would end up just laughing about it. Most of the time; however, we could communicate as we knew most of the basic words and many of the people knew a good amount of English. All in all the whole experience was amazing: meeting different people, eating the spicy food, admiring the different landscapes, the smells, the music, the sounds, the crisp early mornings, the balmy evenings, the motorbike rides. Just experiencing the atmosphere of somewhere different was incredible.

By Mihrimah Oztas 10B



ARTS NIGHT!

Glenroy College will be presenting an exciting "ARTS NIGHT" on Thursday 28th May at 6.30pm in the Performing Arts Centre. There will be student performances of Music and Drama, as well as displays of student artworks. Parents are invited to attend and experience the work of our students in the Arts area.

Jeff Sakker
Arts Leader

RMIT Experience Days

RMIT offers a number of events designed to give students in Years 10 to 12 an insight into life on campus. During the school holidays, students engage in hands on workshops and explore different aspects of art, design, science, community studies and engineering. Registrations are now open.

Below is a list of all Experience Days:

Monday 29 June:

- Business
- Engineering (City)

Tuesday 30 June:

- Health and Medical Sciences (Bundoora)

Wednesday 1 July:

- Justice and Legal
- Music, Sound and Live Production
- Science

Thursday 2 July:

- Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations
- Engineering (Bundoora)
- Sustainability

Friday 3 July:

- Art and Design
- Project Management

Further information and to register please visit
www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

A Day at Melbourne

This special event is designed for Year 10 to 12 students and their families. You are invited to come and explore our vibrant Parkville campus and find out more about the range of study options available at Australia's number one university*.

Hear from current students about what it's like to study at Melbourne, and attend tailored sessions to learn more about entry requirements, course structures and other opportunities available to

Melbourne students.

A tour of our Southbank campus will also be included in the program for those who wish to visit the Victorian College of the Arts. This event is ideal for international or domestic students, whether you're studying locally and interstate or in regional Victoria. It's a great opportunity to gather information and talk to University staff about all aspects of studying and life at Melbourne.

EVENT INFORMATION

A Day at Melbourne

University of Melbourne

Parkville campus

Friday 10 July 2015

For further information please call: 13 MELB (13 6352)

REGISTER NOW

futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/a-day-at-melbourne

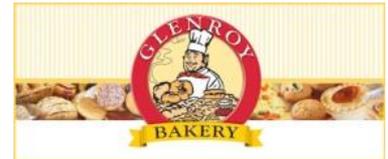
VISIT FROM AFL PLAYERS

On Thursday the 30th of April, our Year 7 students were visited by five Essendon AFL players. The players spoke to the students about being a hard worker, having self-confidence, listening and taking on feedback. They also spoke about the pressure they experience everyday whilst being an AFL player. The players then took our students onto the college oval to go through a quick AFL skills session. Lots of fun and laughs were had by all. Thanks to Mr. Bretag and all of the other staff who came and helped out.



OUR SPONSORS

Thank you to our sponsors Woolworths Hadfield and Glenroy Bakery for their weekly donations of food and drink to our Homework Club.



FREE BICYCLE MARKING!



The Lions Club of Glenroy together with Broadmeadows Police will be holding a free bike marking exercise and anti-theft motor vehicle number plate fitting exercise at Bunnings Broadmeadows on the following Saturdays: May 3rd, June 6th, July 4th and August 1st. It will run between the hours of 8:30am – 2pm on each occasion.

Bring your bike, tools, equipment and dads car and have them recorded with the police so if in the event that any bikes, tools or equipment are stolen, these items once reported to the police, can be traced with less difficulties.

After having your bikes, tools, equipment and car recorded, come and support the Lions Club of Glenroy by having a free sausage and soft drink at the BBQ at Bunnings Broadmeadows, courtesy of the Lions Club of Glenroy.

Facebook Page for Young People with Asthma

A new Facebook page has recently been established for 13-25 year olds with asthma. The page is titled **Young People With Asthma – Australia**. Secondary aged students (must be 13yo & over) and other young people can share their experiences, hear about latest developments and get tips on asthma management. Regular sessions will be held for young people to have their asthma questions answered by an asthma expert.

BECOME A FOSTER CARER!

All sorts of people make great Foster Carers: tradesmen, nurses, sales reps, shop assistants, teachers and more!

They are couples, singles, from different cultural backgrounds, with or without their own children. They are people who have the desire to give a child a safe and welcoming place to stay.

Our next information session is on Monday 29th June 2015, 7pm – 8:45pm in the Glenroy area.

Come along to find out more & have your questions answered.

To book or to receive an information package please contact Kay Gyngell on **9301 5200** or kay.gyngell@anglicarevic.org.au

KEEPER/VET FOR A DAY

This program is running in the June/July holidays. **Are you an aspiring zoo keeper?** Find out what it takes to care for an array of animals at Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo.

Who: Years 7-12; **When:**

Healesville – 30 June, 1, 7 and 8 July; Werribee – 30 June, 2, 6 and 8 July. **Do you want to be a vet?**

Meet veterinary staff at Healesville – 1, 2, 8 & 9 July; Info:

www.zoo.org.au/education/careers-programs;

Bookings: 1300 966 784

Parents Victoria Online Conference

Parents are encouraged to participate in the online conference being held during Education Week on **18-21 May**.

The conference will cover social media, online reporting, career advice and pathways, access to education, parent clubs and funding. There will also be an opportunity for participants to raise other issues important to them.

The online conference will feature live online discussions, hosted by a member of Parents Victoria. Each day a special guest from a relevant organisation will be available to comment on one of the topics. You don't need to be a member of Parents Victoria to take part and no special software is required. The online discussions will be easy to join in.

To register visit:

<http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/register>