

SCHOOL DETAILS

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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

2016 TERM DATES

TERM 1

28th January – 24th March

TERM 2

11th April – 24th June

TERM 3

11th July – 16th September

TERM 4

3rd October – 20th December



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The final newsletter for the year. Congratulations to all those students that successfully completed the year, including their exams. Friday December 11th saw year 7, 8 and 9 students celebrate their year with a variety of excursions and activities. This term we have celebrated our Year 12 Graduation for students in their final year of VCAL or VCE. We have completed our second ever public speaking competition for students in years 7 to 9. Congratulations go to Josh Petrelli for winning the competition. All the speakers presented very well and will hopefully go onto more public speaking and debating. We have also celebrated academic achievement at the year 7 to 11 Awards Evening. On this Awards Evening the School Dux from 2015 was announced. Lara Porczak gained this award with an ATAR score of 97.5. Congratulations and thanks to all the staff who have worked tirelessly at improving student outcomes across the College. We have created whole school development rubrics for Writing, Presenting and Research and made them more precise. Domains have developed Common Assessment Tasks (CATS) and rubrics to assess them against.

At the end of the year the following staff will be leaving us: Mrs Versace, Ms Neenan, Mr Bolton, Mr Greer and Ms McNab. We wish them well for the future.



New staff joining us will be Ms Rippon and Ms Threlfall. We look forward to their contribution to our work with students. Thanks to the College Council for their support and inspiration throughout the year. The Council provides direction for our work. Alex Porczak has been the President for the last 3 years and has steered us on a steady course. All parents should consider participating in the Council while they have a child at school. The Council meets once a month on the last Tuesday (except in holidays). Meetings are held in the staff room, they start at 7pm and are usually finished by 8.30pm. Information about the School Council will come out in the first few weeks of next year. Parents should consider nominating for a position.

That's all from me for 2015. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas holiday and look forward to students returning on January 28th, 2016.

Regards,
Paul Dingle

MUSIC CONCERTS AT LOCAL NURSING HOME!

Our music students presented two lovely concerts recently at Plumpton Villa Nursing Home.

Thursday 5th November - Year 7C Band &

Thursday 12th November - College Choir & Classical Pianist.

It was great to see the residents clapping and singing along with our performances and there was thunderous applause for Chris Tucker (Year 11) after his delightful performance on the piano.

Students announced their items in a professional manner and enjoyed chatting with the residents following our concerts. Isabella Baldacchino (Year 7) was told that she is "a beautiful singer" by one resident. There were smiles all around at the end of our visit, making the event a most valuable experience for all involved.

Lynda Watkins
Chris Gretton
(Music Teachers)



SCHOOL CAPTAINS

At Glenroy College all students are encouraged to develop their leadership skills in order to support fellow students and to benefit the wider community. Opportunities to develop these qualities are provided through a range of learning experiences, both in their every day school life and in targeted leadership workshops. Every student is encouraged to build their own sense of themselves as leaders. School Captains and Vice-Captains are the most significant student leaders in the school. Captains are expected to take an active role in all aspects of the school community and work with others to achieve the best possible outcomes. They must be approachable, reliable and trustworthy, and their duties involve communication with staff and students, public speaking at whole school assemblies and school events, writing for the school newsletter. School captains must be involved in a range of co-curricular activities such as sport, music and debating, and be positive role models for all students with regards to behaviour and presentation.

Each year, the School is privileged with quality student leaders. With this legacy of quality student leaders we are delighted to announce the election of the following School Captains for 2016:

Captains

Mr Thomas Clark & Miss Sophie Dabdoub

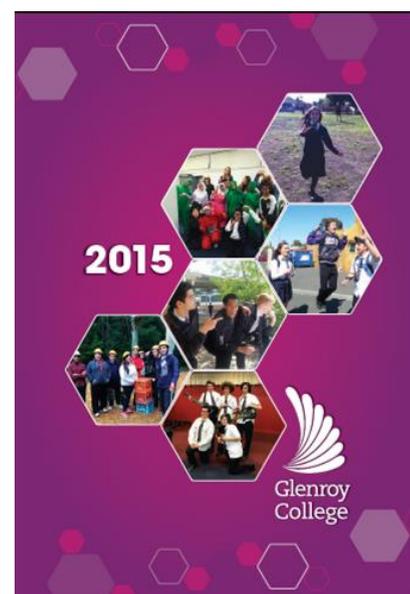
Vice-Captains

Mr Christian Cachia & Miss Janine Saraya

Congratulations once again to our 2016 Leaders. We know you will continue to raise the bar set so high by the current 2015 Captains and Vice Captains of Glenroy College.

Thanks,
Kara Scifo
Welfare/Student Leadership
Coordinator

2015 YEARBOOK



The Yearbook is a publication that celebrates what we do here at Glenroy College - we hope you enjoy reading it. Thank you to all of those that contributed their work, their words and their beautiful faces. A special mention must go to the 2015 Yearbook Team – Isabella Baldacchino 7C, Sena Ozdemir 7C, Moamen Osman 7B, Mohammad Amin Daghagheleh 7B, Bashayer Al-Sayednour 10C, Daaniyah Eid 10C & Sabrina Filonis 11V.

Families who have paid their Education Resource Charge will receive a Yearbook with their

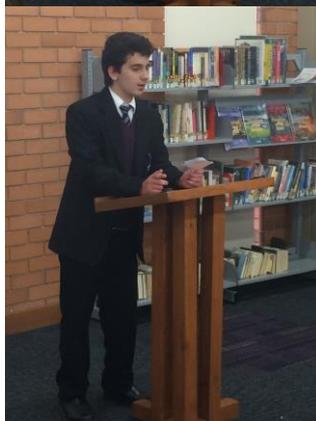
eldest student's end of year report. If you would like to purchase a Yearbook they will be available to buy at the General Office for \$10.

Ms. Jacinta Tse,
Yearbook Coordinator

JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

On Monday 23rd November, eight students competed in the final of the Glenroy College Junior Public Speaking Competition. Selected from 20 entrants from Years 7, 8 and 9, the finalists spoke on topics as diverse as why music is the finest art form, whether 13 year olds should be allowed to vote and why smoking should be banned. The competitors are to be congratulated for their efforts both before the final, in drafting and rehearsing their speeches, as well as at the final itself, having the confidence and skill to speak for five minutes to an audience of 50 family, friends and staff.

Congratulations to Josh Petrelli of Year 9 for taking out the title with a very engaging speech about why money can't buy happiness. Congratulations also to Fethawit Abreha (Year 7) and Sylvia Dess (Year 8) for taking out second and third place respectively. A special mention should also be made to the many EAL students who competed, presenting speeches in their second, or even third, language. The efforts and talents of all students ensured the event was a great example of what students at Glenroy College can achieve.

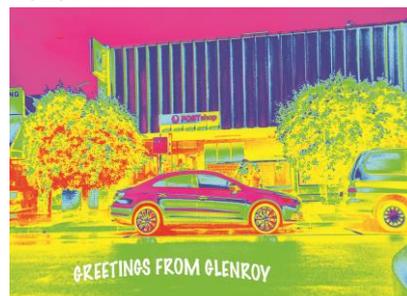


GLENROY PROJECT

In 2015 a number of Arts students from Glenroy College were involved in the project "Greetings from Glenroy" which explored the local neighbourhood of Glenroy. Students initially used disposable cameras to take photos on this theme. These photos were then developed and adapted or changed in various ways by artists Dr. Phil Edwards and Sofi

Beseghi from RMIT University School of Art.

The activity contributed towards the overall *Artists Incubator: Glenroy* project and resulted in a body of twenty-one framed images. The images also became the basis for a postcard series, which were displayed and share with the Glenroy Community at the *Gathering Glenroy* art event, held on Saturday 14th November, 2015.



Mr. Saker
Art Domain Leader

NATIONAL AUSTRALIAN INDONESIAN LANGUAGE AWARDS

Last week year 9 students Zahra Daghaheleh and Bora Evidiren competed in the National Australian Indonesian Language Awards. Zahra chose the topic 'My Australian/Indonesia hero' and wrote and performed a speech in Indonesian about her father who encourages her to learn languages. Bora chose the topic 'How is Indonesian important to my future' and wrote about the economic, cultural and social benefits of learning Indonesian.

Both students participated in the award ceremony where they met other students, diplomats, business people, and politicians including the Shadow Treasurer Chris Bowen. Zahra came sixth in

Australia and Bora was recognised for his excellent speech.



ED CONNECT

Did you know that this year Glenroy College has had 3 volunteers from EdConnect helping our students? We have had an EdConnect (formerly Timehelp) volunteer at our school since 2010.

Peter and **Yong** have been helping in many Maths classes and **Wayne** has assisted in Electronics, Textiles and other classes.

For more information about EdConnect, visit www.edconnectaustralia.org.au



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND - CSEF

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camp**s provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors; **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

How to apply:

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from

www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

TRIO TO CARRY ON WITH GREAT WORK

Three of our year 12 students have been rewarded for their community work with guaranteed places in La Trobe University courses. Wassif Hajje, Yasmina Elmerkaoui and Anthony Trajkoski have been placed in the Aspire program, which rewards students who positively contribute to their communities. Wassif has been accepted into Bachelor of Law and Criminology, Anthony into Bachelor of Law and Commerce and Yasmina into Bachelor of Early Childhood Development. Great work!

OUR SPONSORS

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

