A message from the Principal

Year Twelve students await the 12th December with a mixture of eagerness and trepidation. Let us hope for a day of celebration and not too much disappointment. The reality of life is that there will be both. For those who have not reached the mark they have been hoping for, the College will continue to provide support and guidance. Multiple pathways lead to all sorts of possible futures and it is important that decisions are made carefully, sensibly and with a full understanding of the various possibilities that exist. My best suggestion is always – SEEK ADVICE.

Our year twelves may be rested but the rest of us remain hard at work. Head Start was extremely successful and I would like to commend next year’s VCE classes for the energy and enthusiasm they bought to the program.

I hope to see many of you at our Presentation Nights next Monday and Wednesday. Honoring student achievement is always a strong feature of what we do at the College and our Presentation Nights are the pinnacle of such celebration of not only academic performance, but citizenship, artistic achievement, sporting accomplishment and leadership.

The annual schools chess championship was conducted just over a week ago and I am very proud to announce that Glen Waverley Secondary College has been crowned Middle Years Girls National Championship winners for 2016. Members of the team are Shreeya Puvvada, Sulakshita Madnure, Kaye Ng, Senoli Sandanayake, Malavika Sajimon, Jenny Liu, Yenuli Atapattu, Gloria Yew. Congratulations girls. This is a stunning achievement.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season. I look forward to seeing all our returning students refreshed and ready for another huge year in 2017.

Gerry Schiller – Principal
SENIOR SCHOOL

The Senior School has been a hive of activity over the last month with examinations, course confirmation interviews and the Head Start program keeping both the students (and staff) very busy.

Year 12 and VCE results
Once the Valedictory Celebrations settled, it was time for the Class of 2016 to turn their attention to the final hurdle of the VCE - their exams!

Over 16 school days, GWSC hosted the VCAA Year 12 examinations for 36 subjects, totalling a whopping 2501 examination papers. The students should be proud of their mature, confident and enthusiastic approach to each examination.

We look forward to the publication of VCE results and we are sure that most of our students will be able to hold their heads up high knowing that they did the very best they could in 2016. We know that the College has prepared them to experience success in the 21st Century workforce and to leave their mark beyond our learning community.

Year 12 students, and those students who completed a Year 12 subject, will receive their results on Monday 12th December. More information on how to access student results is available from http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce_results.aspx. Ms Tsalikis and Ms Doufalidis from our Careers and Pathways team will be available to Year 12 students to answer any questions that have in relation to their ATAR and VTAC Course Preference process. More details will be provided via email and on Compass NewsFeed.

Year 10 and 11 Examinations
All Year 10 and 11 students recently completed their Semester 2 examinations. This important assessment provided an opportunity...
for students to practice their revision preparation and time management skills in readiness for future Year 12 examinations. Students should reflect on the feedback from these exams and their study approach to ensure they continue to develop these important skills.

Year 10 and Year 11 Semester 2 reports will be available online from 4:00pm on Friday 16th December.

**Course Approval Interviews:**
Following the exams, all Year 11 students met with a member of the Senior School Team for an interview, to reflect on their learning achievements throughout the year and to discuss the suitability of their VCE subject selections in light of their results. Follow up interviews with Year 10 students, who had received provisional course approval mid-year, were also conducted in the week following exams. It was very pleasing to see that many of these Year 10 students had taken on board the feedback from the earlier interview and implemented the strategies discussed, with positive results.

Course approval is an important step in the process leading to next year, and is based on students' final assessments and exam results. Many students are to be congratulated for their fine effort this year. Some Year 11 students, however, focused their time on their Unit 3/4 study which negatively impacted on their Unit 1/2 results. Year 11 students who were unable to demonstrate the prerequisite foundation skills to continue with a Unit 3/4 study, but who have decided to undertake the subject against recommendation, are encouraged to participate in a summer school program to develop their knowledge and skill in preparation for next year.

**Summer School Programs**
Many private educational institutions, such as NEAP, TSFX and Access Education, offer a summer school program for students, who wish to make a head start with their VCE subjects in order to optimise their results. Most lessons for a subject run in the second and third week of January for up to three mornings or afternoons. The lecturers who run these lessons are usually senior VCE teachers, writers and assessors of VCE exams and authors of current VCE textbooks. Some institutions also offer a valuable lecture that is designed to give students an insight into how to manage and cope through their VCE, by setting goals, maintaining focus, managing time, and preparing for SACs and exams. Students who want to participate in any such programs must enrol online or make use of the enrolment forms available from the Senior Centre.

**VCE Head Start Program and Holiday homework**
The VCE Head Start Program was held last week, from Monday 28th November to Friday 2nd December. In speaking with students at the interviews, they were eagerly waiting to begin their VCE studies prior to the summer holidays. We were pleased with the high level of participation from our students, including new students officially starting in January 2017.

The Head Start program marks the commencement of the VCE classes for the following year. It is a valuable opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with the course content, expectations and assessments for the VCE subjects which they have chosen. During Head Start classes students were briefed on the VCAA Study Design and assessment format, developed skills required for their subject and made a start on the first topic in every
subject they are enrolled in for 2017, often as preparation for their first School Assessed Coursework (SAC) task. Electronic copies of this Head Start materials can be accessed via the College Library site on Compass.

All students have been set Head Start homework for each subject, which is due back at the start of school next year. Students are expected to complete this homework as part of their first assessment task in the subject. VCE teachers will assess Head Start homework (often in conjunction with an additional test or a task) within the first two weeks of 2017. This will provide students with valuable feedback and strategies for improving their work. Students who do not achieve a satisfactory grade for this Head Start homework will be referred to their House Leader to discuss their work practices and review the suitability of their overall course selection.

**Textbooks, BYOD and Uniform**

Senior School students are leaders of the college and are expected to ensure they are correctly equipped with resources and uniform to ensure success within our college learning culture.

- All students are required to have access to BYOD technology in line with the college’s 1:1 technology policy. Further details regarding the program, including tech specifications, is available at: [http://bit.ly/GWSCBYOD](http://bit.ly/GWSCBYOD)
- The college uniform policy clearly outlines the expectations for all students for all aspects of uniform. The full policy is available at: [http://bit.ly/GWUnif](http://bit.ly/GWUnif). A few reminders for families to highlight from the policy:
  - The School Jacket can only be worn with the college woollen jumper.
  - Socks must be above ankle and plain white with no logos
  - Shoes must be traditional polishable leather school shoes. Pictures of acceptable shoes are included in the policy.

**Year 10 and 11 Formals**

Students recently had the opportunity to relax, enjoy one another’s company and celebrate the achievements of 2016 at the Year 10 and Year 11 Formals held at Vogue Ballroom and Lincoln of Toorak respectively. Thank you to the House Leaders (Mr McGuire, Ms Milnes, Mr Mechelen and Ms Alway) and the Formal Committees for organising these great nights which were a huge success.

**Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program**

The Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program is an academic enrichment program designed to support high-achieving Year 11 and 12 students, and offers them numerous opportunities to engage with the University and each other through an extensive program of events. Participants are selected on the basis of their school’s endorsement and their own academic performance and leadership skills. The Senior School is proud to announce Rika An and Alex Li as our two Yr 10 students who have been accepted into this highly regarded program for 2017. We congratulate them and look forward to hearing of their experience during the course of next year.
Student Leadership 2016 - Senior School
We are pleased to announce our student leaders for 2017.


Senior School Council – Sanika Ajinkya, Yifan Guo, Fred Lung, Emily Luong, Katey Thomas, Kolya Vakhnin, Lahiru Wathukarage.

Senior School Advisory Group – Dipannita Dey, Nael Erwin, Mahi Joshi, Misha Kasinathan, Ethan Le, Alex Lim, Tanna Reynolds.

Visual Arts Captains – Vera Bakarevski, Jie Zhou.

Performing Arts Captains – Jaz Balmer, Vishaak Setunga

VicSRC Representatives – Anavi Chandhok, Rocky Liang, Mahek Shah, Prineeka Sharma, Rahul Sureshkumar, Alfred Tang, Jessica Trang.

Senior Music Captains – Bonita Gu-Yang, Jeremy Lin, Amber May, Sanjana Rupanagudi.

Bradman Sports Captains – Hannah Davis, Jenn Flores, Zoe Monkman, Michael Moore, Ria Nerlikar, Katrina Nguyen, Akshat Puri, Videsh Wagh.

Elliott Sports Captains – Bip Bijay, William Roshier, Liam Todd, Rachael Yong.

Fraser Sports Captain – Stephanie Chia.

Goolagong Sports Captains – Kristin Bowen, Lily Maggio De Leo, Amy Mickelson, Noee Raber, Astro Sakalis, Evangeline Stogiannou.

International Students Captains - Nora Lau, Mark Pan

Congratulations to all of the above students! We are confident that they will be excellent leaders and role models, and we applaud them for their willingness to serve Glen Waverley Secondary College. Thank you to all students who showed an interest in applying for a student leadership position..

The Student Leadership Team will participate in a leadership training session this week, on Thursday 8th December, facilitated by Stefan Bramble, a past-GWSC student, who trained overseas and has had many years of experience in working with young people. Stefan utilises his expertise in the area of drama and performance to inspire in an active and unique way. We look forward to Stefan’s work with our students to develop their leadership skills and capacity.

Presentation Night
This year, the Senior School Presentation Night will be held on Wednesday 14th December in Treseder Hall commencing at 7:00p.m. This is a unique opportunity for the school community to come together to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of all our young people, as well as farewell the Class of 2016. We look forward to having all of our senior students and their families present on this special evening.
We wish all senior school students and their families a safe and restful holiday.

All Senior School students resume school on Wednesday 1st February 2017.
- Year 11/12 students – 7:50am
- Year 10 students – 10:15am

Year 11 Formal

MIDDLE SCHOOL

What a rewarding year this has been and as always, student achievement has been remarkable in a wide range of areas. The Middle School Team would like to thank students and parents for their wonderful support this year and we know that we can look back with pride on a very successful year.

The Year 9 End of Year Program will run from Monday 5th December until Thursday 16th December. Year 9 students will be issued with a detailed program of scheduled activities which focus on Year 9 into 10 transition and work education.

We want to thank all the Year 8 students who applied to be Peer Support Leaders and congratulate the students who were chosen. We had an unprecedented number of applications and it is terrific to see the willingness of students to take on this role. The successful students undertook a day of training on Thursday November 24th and the focus of their work is to develop relationships with their group of Year 7 students on Orientation Day and these relationships will be further developed in the program next year. The enthusiasm shown by the students to be Peer Support Leaders is an indication of how important they viewed this program when they were in Year 7.

Geoffrey O’Neill – Director of Students
Fiona Bui – Director of Learning
Presentation Night is on Monday 12th December, commencing at 7.00pm in Treseder Hall. Presentation Night is an important event for the college when our students are recognised for a wide range of achievements. It is a time for celebrating the success of our college and the breadth and quality of the educational program we offer. Detailed arrangements for rehearsals will be distributed to students soon.

Booklists are now available online and instructions on how to order books have been distributed. Orders must be in by Friday December 9th.  www.campion.com.au/2DTH

Year 7 – 9 reports will be available online from 4pm on Friday December 16th. Congratulations to all students who have applied themselves and achieved their personal best.

We are sad to inform you that our Director of Middle School Students, Mrs Jackie Knight will no longer be a part of our team in 2017. Jackie has been a great leader in the Middle School, as the Director of Students and her guidance and support have been invaluable to students, staff and parents. Her focus has always been on the best outcome for students and she has been tireless in her efforts to achieve this. We wish her every success as she embarks on her new challenge as Acting Assistant Principal in 2017.

We would like to thank the wonderful team in the Middle School Office whose support, hard work and dedication is much appreciated. Our House Leaders are: Bradman – Julia Cafiso, Elliott – Athena Romanas, Fraser – Alice Rowse, Goolagong – Adriana Lancuba and our secretaries are Catherine Harrison and Jo Ballantyne.

Next year we welcome Ms Melissa Perera as the new Director of Students. Melissa has been Head of English at the college and she has a lot of experience in student management. We are sure that she will be a great asset to our team and she will join Ms Amanda Provis, the Director of Learning and Ms Julia Cafiso the new Director of Programs in 2017. We congratulate Julia Cafiso on her appointment to this position. She brings a wealth of knowledge that will be invaluable to the team due to her many years as a house leader. We are confident that we will be a highly functioning team in 2017 where we shall continue to foster strong, positive relationships with students.

We would also like to acknowledge the work of Alice Rowse (Fraser House Leader) who will be taking maternity leave in 2017. Alice has been an exceptional house leader who has been a great asset to the team and has shown immense care and support for all students she has worked with over the last two years. We wish her all the best in her new role as mum.

Finally we welcome two new House Leaders in 2017. Congratulations to Daniel Pitts on his appointment to the position of Fraser House Leader and Kate Watkins to the position of Bradman House Leader. They will both be a great addition to the
fantastic Middle School Team.

We wish all our students and their families a peaceful and happy holiday period and the Middle School Team looks forward to working with you in 2016.

Jackie Knight – Director of Students
Mandy Provis – Director of Learning

Zijin Xu of Year 8 awarded a prestigious AMC Medal!

An AMC Medal has been awarded to Zijin Xu, one of our year 8 students, in the Junior Division of the Australian Mathematics Competition.

Each year the Australian Mathematics Trust awards a limited number of Medals in each division of the AMC for performances which are outstanding both within a state or region and overall in the Competition. To put this in context, approximately 300,000 students from more than 30 countries across the world, including Australia, participate in this competition. Fewer than 100 medals are awarded across all the different divisions. Xijin was one of those medalists.

Students recognised with this elite international award were flown by the Mathematics Trust to Canberra and received their medals from the Governor-General, Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) on Monday 7 November.

Zijin, we are so proud of you!

Ms Maxwell
Young Life volunteers have been supporting students at the College for over 20 years. Through its volunteers in schools program, Young Life connects with students in their world, assisting with the educational and social program at school and offering opportunities for young people and their families to get involved in the broader community.

**5 question pop quiz… for Young Life’s new-comer, Anthony Wheaton**

Q1. After 10 weeks at the school, what have been your highlights?

During my 2 day-a-week visits I’ve been playing soccer in middle school lunchtime, chatting with Fraser 2020 groups, judging the Glenny cook-off, and chaotically organizing badminton for 80 students. There’s so much on offer at GWSC, and I love how everyone gives it a go.

Q2. What’s your background & interests?

Growing up I had a clear cut path in mind, but after working as an Electrical Engineer for 12 years, I see more value in connecting with young people, having honest and motivating discussions, and being a positive role model. I see that Young Life have been doing this at GWSC for 20 years, and I hope to contribute over the next few years. In my spare time I like singing/playing guitar, gym work-outs, cooking, and making my 3yr old daughter laugh.

Q3. Why youth? They are a scary bunch, aren’t they?

Yeah, I don’t really see that. I just try to win the right to be heard by them. From my senior school years I know the value of maintaining balance, to get the best from myself. This led me to participate in so many varied things, that I now find common ground with most people. After years of leading on camps and organizing youth events I’ve appreciated how student community spirit can flourish with the right guidance.

Q4. What do you hope to see happen through GWSC in 2017?

Along with Chris’s mentoring groups continuing strongly, I hope to start a regular middle school age event, centered around sports, music & drama, as an after-hours opportunity to do something positive and energetic together.

Q5. Summer holiday break is on its way – up to much?

Yeah, definitely volunteering at the Young Life crew at the national camp. It’s the sort of reward that every student should enjoy after a year of diligent study. As a parent, it’s fun worth investing in to prep your child for the year to come. Further information is available from the Young Life Australia website http://younglife.org.au/summercamp/
Want to know more about Summer Camp?

For seven days, we have the absolute time of our lives!

We spend time waterskiing, tubing, hiking, canoeing, rock climbing and abseiling - every year we see young people try things they’ve never done before, overcome fears and push themselves to another level!

Every night of Camp we have Club, with games, music, and a talk that challenges us to take a deeper look at what life is all about.

By the end we’re exhausted… but we never want to leave!

When: Sunday 15-21 January, 2017. Where: The Station, Jindabyne NSW (Snowy Mountains), winter ski resort that becomes our summer playground!

See Chris Douglas (GWSC Chaplain) or email cdo@gwsc.vic.edu.au. Alternatively, ask Anthony (Field Staff Worker) for how to secure a spot or to pick up a flyer. Email: anthonywheaton@younglife.org.au

YEAR 11 FORMAL
Athletics:
Regional Athletics was held on the 7th October at Knox Athletics Track. We had 30 students compete. There were some impressive team spirit displayed with all the Glenny students cheering on each other. The day was tough but we had two students progress to the next round.

State Athletics was held on the 17th October. GWSC was represented by Lakdinu De Silva and Rowan Lipenski. These two outstanding athletics competed at the Lakeside Stadium in Albert Park. Lakdinu ran an impressive 3rd in the 800 metre race and Rowan came a hard earned 10th in the 1500 metre run. These athletes have done the school proud and we thank you all for participating in athletics this year.

Sports Presentation Night:
The annual sports presentation night was on the 20th October. This is the night where we look back on the years events and acknowledge outstanding students. We were also lucky to have Morgan Mitchell as our guest speaker who ran at the Rio Olympics. Thank you to all the 2016 house captains for organising the night and for supporting the sports program throughout the year.

Round Robin:
Well done to the following teams for reaching state level and reaching an impressive result.
Year 8 Badminton—State Champions
Intermediate Boys Badminton - State Runners Up
Intermediate Girls Table Tennis - State Finalists
Intermediate Boys Table Tennis - State Finalists

Important:
The year 8 & 9 House Swimming Carnival on the 25th November was unfortunately cancelled due to the inclement weather. It will be postponed to a further date early next year. The 2017 year 7 & 8 House Swimming Carnival will be on Friday 9th February 2017. This is the 2nd week back of term 1 so the current year 7’s need to consent and pay online by Friday 9th December.

State Golf:
On the 28th October, two students competed in the School Sport Victoria Secondary School Golf State Final. It was held at Gardiners Run Golf Course in Lilydale. The two students were Aaron Tran from 7G2 and Rachael Yong from 9E2. They both played an amazing game and we are proud to have them represent our school.

GWSC Sport Program Mission Statement:
“To promote and develop personal growth and enjoyment through the provision of the best opportunities for involvement and high quality active programs that cater for the needs of the College Community.”
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*Extended lay-by for ‘Back to School 2017’
Available Mon 7 Nov to Sat 17 Dec 2016

20% Deposit

Pick up Lay-by before
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