



# GILMORE COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

## NEWSLETTER

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### FUTURE COLLEGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
Friday 26 August	Book Week Performance Years 7 & 8
Tuesday 12 September	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday 22 September	End of Term 3

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Monday 9 October	Term 4 starts

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hopefully lots of senior students and families have attended the university Open Days throughout August. Please ask your daughter if they have an idea of the type of course or broad area they may like to study and work in after Year 12.



#### **Staffing**

Congratulations to Ms Tayla Graham who was the successful applicant for the Health and PE Graduate position. Ms Graham was a pre-service teacher with us last year and she has been here as a replacement teacher at various times throughout the year. We wish her well as she commences her career with the Department of Education.

#### **Footscray Learning Precinct**

The organisation and preparation for the Footscray Learning Precinct is progressing on a number of fronts. The Community Workshop was well attended and the findings will be collated into a report to inform all working groups.

#### **NAPLAN Reports**

Last week the NAPLAN reports were mailed home to Year 7 and Year 9 families. I am working through each report to see how your daughter performed. The Language and Mathematics teachers will work with each student to identify goals to work on for the remainder of the year.

#### **Parent Opinion Survey**

Thank you to the parents who completed the Parent Opinion Survey. This is valuable feedback for both the Department and our school in our journey of continuous improvement. We are curious as to how successful the online survey has been. Survey closes 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

#### **Book Week**

During this week, we have a range of activities planned to celebrate Book Week. Book Week was launched last Friday with a dress up activity – students came dressed

as their favourite character. In Circles students are encouraged to bring along their favourite book or a book that has made a significant impact on them to discuss.

#### **State Schools Spectacular**

The students are getting organised and practising in preparation for the State School Spectacular performances on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September**. This is a very exciting event for students to be involved in. Tickets are on sale through Ticketek.

#### **International Baccalaureate Learner Profile**

The focus for this newsletter is: **Principled**

*Students act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities. They take responsibility for their own actions and the consequences that accompany them. (IB Learner Profile).*

Students firstly gain an understanding of what it means to be principled and how they could demonstrate that in their day to day behaviors. They learn to recognise when members of the public demonstrate principled behavior and decision making. They then reflect that in their day to day learning and endeavour to act with integrity at all times. A big part of learning how to be principled involves taking responsibility for their individual decision making and actions.

#### **Vacancy on College Council**

Due to a family relocating there is now a Parent vacancy on College Council. Please contact me if you are interested in joining council.

**Bette Prange**

**Principal**

**EDUCATION QUOTE:** *"Don't worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try."*

**Jack Cranfield.**

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

With five weeks of Term 3 to go, it is a busy time for the senior school with formal assessment tasks, assignments and timelines to be met. Students need to be at school on time each day to be able to achieve their very best across all of their subjects whether in Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12.

The Year 12 students are in the process of submitting their VTAC applications and preparing for further study after Year 12. A VTAC Information Evening was held on Thursday 10th August and was very well attended by both parents/guardians and our Year 12 cohort. Every student is encouraged to lodge a VTAC form online and select their 8 University or TAFE preferences. Additional support is provided with SEAS and Scholarship Applications.

Year 11 students have made their preliminary subject selections for next year and some have been involved with the Focus in Women's Leadership Program which has its last session this week in partnership with ABCN and PwC. The confidence and positive communication skills these students have gained through the program is already noticeable. They have also been great ambassadors for the College.

Year 10 students have received individual subject counselling from Ms. Prange and they too have submitted their initial subject preferences for next year. The feedback from the ten students who attended the VAGGS Conference was very positive and we thank the two students who were involved in the organisation - Mariam Kassar and Dilara Erbas for their effort and hard work.

Last Wednesday 18th of August our senior girls had the opportunity to have their meningococcal vaccines offered through the Maribyrnong City Council Immunization Program. If your daughter missed out please see your local doctor to follow this up.

Staff will begin the process of writing Interim Reports shortly. Advance notice that Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 12th of September (second last week of term) and all parents/guardians are encouraged to make times with their daughter's teachers for a progress report for Semester 2.

Finally a reminder that all students should be in the correct winter school uniform which includes proper leather school shoes and not the leather runners as these are not School Council Approved. If you have any queries or concerns please contact me via email [voidis.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:voidis.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au).

**Ms Helen Voidis**

**Senior School Leader**

## SRC HELPS LAUNCH BOOK WEEK AT GILMORE COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

Last Friday 18th August the whole school gathered in the gymnasium at lunchtime to see the Book Week Fashion Parade and hear the winners of the poster and reading competitions held in the library. The characters ranged from Ezio from Assassin's Creed to Tigger from Winnie the Pooh and the Think Police from 1984. The majority of the girls stayed in the gym dancing to the Top 40 tunes at our annual fundraising disco.

Some students opted for the comfort of the Reading Room in the Library to watch the movie 'Inside Out'. All money raised from both events will be distributed between new library books and our commitment to support the Cancer Council of Victoria. Well done to all the girls for their excellent behaviour and a special thank you to some of the SRC who helped set up, pack up and purchase the special treats for the day.

**Ms. Voidis on behalf of the SRC**

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### Gilmore Student Supports the MS Read-a-thon

Congratulations to Gilmore College student Ysabella Coscolluela for her participation in 2017 MS Read-a-thon. Not only is Ysabella challenging herself to read more books but she is also working to help people living with MS. To support Ysabella or to register to participate in this challenge, log on to the MS Read-a-thon website.

<https://www.msreadathon.org.au/>



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### Establishing good study habits

Over the past few weeks I have met with most of the Year 10 students to discuss their VCE selections and their future pathway. To achieve success at VCE all students must have a good study routine, students at this level should be completing two to three hours of home work each night. All students need to establish a good study routine to ensure success.

### PE Uniform

This semester we are concentrating on all students having a change of uniform for the PE classes. Students

must be in the school PE uniform and they are required to have navy track pants.

Students who consistently do not participate in the practical classes of PE and who do not bring the right uniform will lose the opportunity to participate in interschool sport.

Whilst PE uniform has always been a requirement students in the past seemed not wear it. Of late I have been quite embarrassed by the dress that students have chosen when representing the school on interschool completion.



Royal Australian Chemical Institute  
Australian National Titration Competition

Congratulations to Abbey Henstridge, Lien To and Shrnayaa Sharma all of Year 12 who have made it through to the National Finals of the Competition for the first time in Gilmore College history.

They improved their team ranking from 114<sup>th</sup> place in 2016 to 20<sup>th</sup> place this year from 350 teams. They now qualify for the National Finals to be held 'in house' in October and will compete against finalists from Victoria and other States. All national finalists receive a gold or silver badge and a team plaque is awarded to outstanding teams.



Congratulations also to Dhruvi Vipulkumar, Tsomo Ngawang, Dekyong Tenzin, Alice Nhan, and Drashti Patel who competed well in the competition and achieved in the top half of all school results.

In the competition, each team performs acid-base titration exercises. Judging was on the basis of the values each team reported for the titres and concentrations of the unknown NaOH and acetic acid solutions used. The teams were ranked on how close they were to the actual concentration. The Gilmore team had a sum of concentration errors of 0.0118 compared with the winning team, Gisborne Secondary College 0.0066, which represents a difference of only 0.5% – an outstanding, accurate analysis result to be proud of – well done!

The RACI titration competitions are designed to encourage those students who enjoy Chemistry, particularly its practical side, to develop their skills and to reward those who attain a high level of proficiency.

**Mr Walker** **Science & Maths teacher**

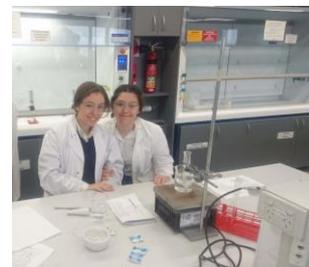
## Chemist for a Day

Year 10 classes enjoyed some exciting Chemistry in the laboratories of Victoria University, Ballarat Rd campus recently.

Thanks to all the students who took part in the eight activities and who worked so well and for Ms Hardi who accompanied the students.

Sukran and Dilara are pictured making an ester called 'oil of wintergreen'.

**Mr Walker**  
**Science & Maths Teacher**



## Health Chat **WINTER BUGS**

Winter is here! It's time to rug up and stay warm. Winter also means flu season. Making sure we all have good hand hygiene will help keep those bugs at bay!

Hand hygiene is the number one way to prevent the spread of infections. Hand hygiene starts in the home. We need to wash our hands with soap and water for 20 seconds – which is as long as it takes to sing 'Happy Birthday'. So remember to wash your hands and cover your cough!

Wash your hands...

- before and after eating
- after coughing and sneezing
- after blowing your nose
- after using the bathroom
- if they are visibly dirty
- after touching animals or pets

Look out for posters around the school reminding us to keep those germs away. The better our hand hygiene is, the healthier our school will be!

For greater success, students need to be healthy, get sufficient sleep and eat well.

Students should ensure they are eating properly and start the day off with a good breakfast (don't forget breakfast club on Tuesdays!)

If you are worried about how your daughter is coping then please don't hesitate to contact a member of staff. There is also a range of resources available online.

## Acer Netbooks for Sale.

These netbooks are perfect for browsing the web and light word processing etc. They can be purchased for **\$30**. Please pay at office and pick up from IT.

Acer aspire One 753, Intel Celeron 1.2 Ghz, 4 GB Ram, 300 gb HDD.

## Homework Club

Homework Club is conducted in the college Library on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** each week. On Tuesday and Thursday it is from 3.20-6.00 and on Wednesday 3.20 – 5.00.



## Second Hand Uniform

Ms De Barros has a number of uniform pieces if anyone is interested please see her. The following list gives you an idea of the items for sale.

Product	Size	Cost
Jumper x 1	Size 14	\$15.00
Shirt x 1	Size 20	\$5.00
Short x 1	Size 12	10.00
Sports short x 1	Size 16	10.00
Pants x 1	Size 10	10.00
Sport shirt x 1	Size 12	10.00
Sport shirt x 1	Size 10	10.00
Sports pants x 1	Size 14	???
Sport shirt x 1	Size 14	???
Pants x 1	Size 10	\$10.00
Skirt x 1	Size 8	30.00
Sport pants x 1	Size 12	10.00
Sport shirt x 1	Size 12	10.00
Pants x 1	Size 8	10.00
Dress x 1	Size 8	15.00
Shorts x 1	Size 12	15.00
Shirt x 1	Size 12	20.00
Shorts x 1	Size 14	10.00
Dress x 1	size 10	10.00
Dress x 1	Size 12	????
Pants x 1	Size 8	10.00
Shorts x 1	Size 8	10.00
Skirt x 1	Size 10	20.00
Skirt x 1	Size 6	??? TBA
Skirt x 1	Size 10	??? TBA

## Film Competition

The hugely successful, **SBS National Languages Competition** is back and it's going to be bigger and better this year, running **24 July – 1 September 2017**.

We're calling out to all students **aged 4 to 18 years** across Australia who are learning a language other than English.

To enter, students will need to upload a video (maximum 30 seconds long) describing **'What learning a language means to you?'** Remember, the video is to be in any language other than English and the more creative, the better!

With the competition opening early in term 3, why not get your students to start preparing their videos during the school holidays?

There will be four grand prize winners who will each receive:

- **iPad Pro 12.9 inch 256GB** for the winner and one for his/her school
- Trip to Sydney to attend the awards ceremony in SBS Headquarters (travel and accommodation included)
- Full days pass to **Luna Park** in Sydney for two!

So what are you waiting for? Encourage your students to start working on their videos now by visiting [www.sbs.com.au/nlc17](http://www.sbs.com.au/nlc17) for all the latest information and resources.

## Homestay for International Students



Do you want to share your home with a student from overseas? Do you know someone with a spare room?

Gilmore College needs families and friends in the community willing to look after International Students. The family provides a room, furniture, home-life and meals and is paid to cover the expenses.

International Student make a valuable contribution to the college in working hard and families enjoy making a new friend from overseas. For information, please contact the college.