



# GILMORE COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

## NEWSLETTER

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### FUTURE COLLEGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
13 August 2019	Yr 8 Footscray City College visit
19 August 2019	School Council Meeting
19-23 August 2019	Book Week

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23 August 2019	Yr 8 Girls State School Conference
28 August 2019	Yr 9 & 10 Macbeth Excursion
20 September 2019	Last Day of Term 3

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On 21<sup>st</sup> July there were celebrations around the world in recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the moon landing. This anniversary called many to recollect the processes put in place to ensure we could all view the Apollo 11 moon landing. I was in primary school at the time and one family lent their television to the school so that all the students could watch this historic occasion.



Numerous people with various expertise collaborated to make it possible for the spacecraft to land on the moon which, in turn, allowed then for the astronauts to walk on the moon surface.

Similarly, it is often said it takes a village to raise a child and there are various individuals with talents and expertise within a school who collaborate to educate each student. Each student is encouraged to work hard to achieve their goals; and while not every student wants to be an astronaut they are encouraged to aim high and work with teachers, family and friends to discover their ideal pathway.

#### 2020 Footscray Learning Precinct School Information sessions

The year 8 and Year 9 students will attend information sessions at Footscray City College over the next two weeks so that they are aware of electives and can choose their subjects if this is the school they will attend in 2020.

#### Footscray Learning Precinct update

During this term we have commenced the STEAM Laboratories to assist with the development of STEAM curriculum and to allow student groups to trial the units. Students from Footscray Primary School, Footscray City Primary School, Gilmore College for Girls and Footscray College are working together with a range of teachers, local community organisation representatives and experts for this initiative.

Last week a combined Footscray City College and Gilmore College for Girls staff meeting was held in the DATS building. The leadership structure and the curriculum learning was presented. Work is progressing on the development of school values, motto and uniform.

#### International Baccalaureate Learner Profile:

The focus for this newsletter is: **Risk-takers**

*Students approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought, and have the independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas and strategies, they are brave and articulate in defending their beliefs. (IB Learner Profile)*

Students firstly gain an understanding of what it means to be a risk taker with their learning that might mean attempting to answer a question, volunteering for something they might not know about or offering to give the first presentation. They then reflect on how they felt and think about going outside their comfort zone more often and to challenge themselves with their learning, not to do the easy things.

#### Upcoming events

Again we will have a group of students ready to debate Sami Shah. That will be held on August 19, details on the next page.

The year 8 class are off to the All Girls Government School annual Year 8 Friendship Conference. The two Year 10 students are working with representatives from the other All Girls Government Schools to organize the Year 10 Conference which will be held later in the term.

**Bette Prange**

**Principal**

**EDUCATION QUOTE:** *"It took me quite a long time to develop a voice, and now that I have it, I am not going to be silent."* **Madeleine Albright**

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

With the mid-term break well behind us it is business as usual for students in the Junior School. The last three weeks have seen many positives both inside and outside the classroom.

The next few weeks are going to be very busy. On Tuesday the 6th the Year 9 students will be spending the morning at Footscray City College looking at the subject offerings for 2020. A parent information session will be held at Footscray City on the same day between 5.30 and 6.30 in the school library. Similarly, the Year 8 students will be spending the morning of the **13th of August** looking at subject selections for 2020. A parent meeting will be held at Footscray City on the same day between 5.30 and 6.30.

I wish to strongly stress to all parents and students the importance of ensuring that students have a spare key to their locker. Since the start of term I have cut a number of locks off student lockers. Spare keys can be left with me or the student's Circles teacher.

On a positive note I have been extremely pleased with the general appearance of the girls across the Junior School. Students are wearing their school uniform with a sense of pride and purpose.

**Mr Ian Reilly**

**Junior School Leader**

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## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

The weeks are flying by especially for our Year 12 cohort who only have 7 weeks to finish all classwork and assessment tasks for Unit 4. It is important that Year 12 students arrive on time every day and apply themselves in every class, as well during their study periods in the library. It is a busy time with Open Days on weekends and the VTAC process beginning this week. On **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019** there is a VTAC Information Session in the Library of the College commencing at 6.00p.m. sharp for both parents and Year 12 students. I will go over the VTAC process and the final key dates for Year 12 will be distributed at this presentation.

During MIPS classes we will also spend time with each student helping them with their VTAC applications which involves the lodgement of 8 course preferences, SEAS and Scholarship applications.

Year 10 students have chosen their subjects for VCE if they are going to Footscray City College next year, after attending the subject presentations at the college on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of July. They also had a long a tour of the school from former students who are completing their VCE/VCAL certificate at Footscray City College. Some subject counselling has occurred especially in relation to the maths choices. Parents and students are welcome to meet with Dr Prange or myself to discuss

any concerns they may have about the VCE or VCAL pathways for 2020-2021.

Noella and Sarrah of Year 10 are busy helping to organise the annual all Sate School Girl's Conference which will be held on Monday September 16<sup>th</sup>. Year 10 students who have expressed an interest to attend need to pay the \$20 fee at the front office, which covers the cost of running this very important day in relation to leadership, teamwork and communication skills.

Detentions continue on Thursday afternoons in G3, for those senior students who are late on three or more mornings and the correct full winter school uniform should still be worn which includes navy blue tights with the skirt or the navy blue pants option.

If parents/guardians have any concerns or would like to meet with me as a follow up, please email [voidis.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:voidis.helen.h@edumail.vic.gov.au) to organise an appointment.

**Ms Voidis**

**Senior School Leader**

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## SRC Report

The SRC is meeting on a weekly basis to discuss a variety of school issues. They are also organising the launch party for Book Week with the annual disco to be held in the Art Centre on Friday 16th August during period 5. Students are encouraged to dress up in the favourite book character for a prize and this year's theme is 'Reading is my Secret Power. The SRC will also be helping Hung with the lunchtime activities that will be held between Monday 19th of August through to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August.

**Ms Voidis & Mr Reilly  
on behalf of the SRC**

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## Terracotta Warriors Gallery visit.

On the 24th of July, all the year 10's went to the art gallery to view an exhibition of the terracotta warriors and Cai Guo Qiang. The terracotta warriors are statues of warriors that are made of terracotta clay. They were intended to be the protection of Emperor Qin Shi Huang in the afterlife. Overall there are approximately 8000 warriors and 800 other artifacts, but there were only 8 in the exhibition. The terracotta warriors were then destroyed by the Han dynasty, and were put together by many archaeologists, which is why they are admired and valued.

Cai Guo Qiang is a Chinese complementary artist who makes artworks using gunpowder. The reason Cai uses gunpowder is because it links back to ancient China, as gunpowder was made in China for the first time and so

the idea of his artworks is to connect ancient and modern China together.

Our day started off with an introductory talk on the terracotta warriors, where we got to ask questions and learn about them. Then we moved on to the exhibition, where we got to see the terracotta warriors, artifacts, and soldiers. We also got to see some clay warriors of the Han dynasty. Then we moved on to see some of Cai's artwork. The favorite among all year 10 was the murmuration, which was 10,000 clay birds coloured by gunpowder and were suspended from the ceiling throughout the entire exhibition. After that we got to have lunch and view other small exhibitions.



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### Sami Shah Gets Schooled, Again!

After defeat in 2018, Sami Shah is returning to take back his title of top debater from local secondary school students.

Bordering on being a comedic set, six students from Footscray City College and Gilmore College for Girls argue against Sami in a series of short 8 minutes debates. Tackling a range of topics brainstormed by the schools, who will come out on top?

Featuring our very own Maddi Conti, Sude Ozer and Farah Quamareen

Footscray Community Arts Centre - 45 Moreland St  
Footscray

**Monday 19th of August 5.30pm-7.30pm**

Prior to the debate there will be a 'meet and greet' with FLP Executive Principal, Frank Vetere



## Gilmore College for Girls rain jackets

The Uniform supplier has informed us that the rain jacket has been discounted to **\$10.00**. If students would like to purchase the jacket please visit uniform shop on a Wednesday lunchtime. As this winter is particularly wet students may wear them to school.



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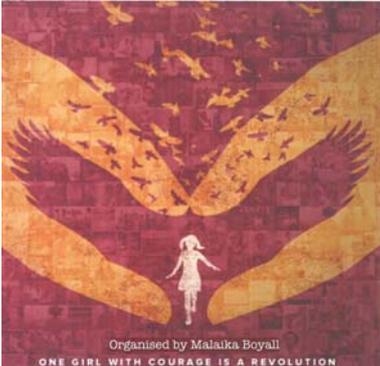
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You Are Invited  
To a screening of  
**GIRL RISING**  
The innovative documentary at the heart of the campaign to change the way the world values girls.

Sunday 15th September 2019  
Sun Theatre, Yarraville  
4:30pm

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**COMMIT TO BE FIT**

**WEST PCYC**  
HOBSONS BAY

**TRAINING DETAILS**  
All Youth & Families are encouraged to attend & participate in these community night activities!

**SCHEDULE** Every Monday & Wednesday - 4:30pm - 5:30pm  
**GYM ADDRESS** West Gate Sports Centre - 57 Doherty's Road, Altona North  
**SESSION COST** \$3 Per Youth Participant (16 - 18 years old)  
**MORE DETAILS** 03 9369 6822 - Martin / 0404 120 549 - Shona

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