



Week 5, Term 3, 14th August, 2009

GREENSBOROUGH COLLEGE VISION
Greensborough College is an innovative school in which students are happy, confident, taking responsibility for their learning and moving onto further education or employment

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IMPORTANT DATES/COMING EVENTS

18 th Aug	❖ Presentation Ball Rehearsal ❖ Footy Day ❖ Lunchtime Writer's Club ❖ 3.30pm Maths Club ❖ 3.30pm Homework Club
19 th Aug	❖ Ski Camp 3 departs ❖ Yr8 Round Robin Sport
21 st Aug	❖ Presentation Ball ❖ Ski Camp 3 returns
22 nd Aug	❖ Saturday Detention
25 th Aug	❖ 3.30 Maths Club ❖ 3.30 Homework Club
26 th Aug	❖ 3.15 Model Aeroplane Club ❖ Finance Meeting 5.30pm ❖ College Council Meeting 7pm
28 th Aug	❖ Daffodil Day – out of uniform day gold coin donation
31 st Aug	❖ Yr 9 City Experience Program week
1 st Sept	❖ Lunchtime Writers Club ❖ 3.30 Maths Club ❖ 3.30 Homework Club ❖ 7.30pm PFA Meeting
2 nd Sept	❖ 3.15 Model Aeroplane Club
5 th Sept	❖ Saturday Detention
15 th Sept	❖ Parent Student Teacher Interviews – pupil free day
18 th Sept	❖ Last day of Term 3 2.20 pm dismissal
5 th Oct	❖ Term 4 commences

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

STUDENTS LATE TO SCHOOL

Any student who is not in class by the time the bell rings at 9.00am is considered to be late to school. Whilst we acknowledge that there are circumstances that lead to students arriving late we also have procedures in place that require students to report to the General Office/Assistant Principal's Office if a student is not in class by the required time.

If a student is late to school they should have a note to explain why they are late. I know a lot of parents get caught up in the traffic, but it is still necessary for the student to have a note. If you are driving students to school and you are running late, ask your son/daughter to get their planner out so that when you stop you can write a quick note into the planner. If a student is late on three occasions without a note they will receive a Principal's Detention.

If a student arrives late to school before 9.30am they must report to the Assistant Principal's office to 'sign in'. After 9.30am they are to report to Sally in the Silent Room for their attendance to be acknowledged. These steps are necessary to avoid a text message being sent home to notify parents that their son/daughter has not been recorded as being in attendance.

If a parent wishes to accompany their child into the school they need only go to the General Office and explain the reason to our office staff. The office staff will then direct the student to report to Sally. Under no circumstances are parents to go to Sally in the Silent Room as this would result in a breach of confidentiality for those students in the Silent Room. Therefore, we would appreciate it if parents go to the General Office only.

PARENTS DROPPING OFF EQUIPMENT / ITEMS / FOOD

We still have a number of parents dropping off food and other items over the fence to students. Students have been informed that they will face severe consequences if they are at the school boundary or speaking



STUDENT ABSENCES MAY BE REPORTED VIA SMS ON: 0429 662 367 or call 9433 2699 and leave a message.

STUDENT WELL BEING

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Resolving conflict peacefully is an important skill for young people and one that parents can play a key role in teaching them.

When conflicts arise, take the time to listen to each other. If a particular topic is sensitive, or if the discussion has become heated, you may want to take some time apart before continuing. Pay attention to your body language and let it express your care and concern and when they talk, really listen. Try to hear what they're saying without judgement and criticism. Simply acknowledging their position before you respond can go a long way toward creating greater trust and understanding. Giving them your full attention will also help keep discussions focussed.

Self-Esteem

Young people who feel good about themselves are less likely to act out in destructive ways. **Actively seek out ways to affirm your child's self-worth.** Show interest in their activities, tell them specific qualities you appreciate in them, celebrate their unique gifts and their successes, and get to know their friends. Surprise them occasionally with a small gift for no reason. Or learn about something they're interested in, and share what you've discovered. Plan a "field trip" somewhere of interest to them. Participate in their school and other activities. And when they make mistakes, make a point of distinguishing between the behaviour and the child.

Christine De Prinse
Student Wellbeing Coordinator



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to anyone who is not a student or staff member. Parents must ensure that they report to the General Office if they require something to be passed on to their child. This is for the security and safety of all students and will be enforced.

FOOTY DAY

Footy Day is being held this Tuesday, 18th August. Students are invited to come to school in their 'footy colours' for the cost of a gold coin donation. Students are also reminded that there is a **dress code** that applies to activities on these special days and that that they should be in **team colours**, wearing items that ensure they will be able to participate in their regular timetabled class activities as well. This means that they must have closed shoes (no thongs) and no skimpy clothing such as "tiny tees, skimpy singlets and short skirts". Students who do not adhere to the student code of dress for out of uniform days will not be able to participate in the activities for the day. Whilst we don't want to put a 'damper' on the day's activities we still need to make sure that all students are dressed appropriately for their regular classes.

Have a great weekend.

Sharyn Campbell & Dimitra Matheou
Assistant Principals

Year 9 City Experience

Thank you to all the students and parents who have already completed the consent form and returned money for the City Experience in Week 8.



A reminder that consent forms and money is due at the General Office by **Monday 17th August.**

I will distribute a brief outline of the activities for the 5 days to all students in the week 7. This will hopefully make your planning for the City Experience week easier.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Help your kids to make smart choices about who and what they find online.

- **Spend time online with your kids.**
The internet can be a fun family activity - check out good sites with your kids!
- **Help your kids use the internet as an effective research tool.**
- **Teach children that information on the internet is not always reliable.**
- **Teach your children 'netiquette'**

Encourage them to treat others online in the same way they should in real life.

- **Chat safely! Be aware of online 'stranger danger'**

Chatting on the net is very popular among young people, particularly young teenagers. A lot of risks can exist online, especially in chat rooms. Most people online are friendly and polite, but some can be unfriendly and rude. A small number are exploitative and predatory.

- **Set rules**

Make sure your children know what information they can give out and where they can go on the net. Limit time in chat rooms, particularly for younger children. Encourage the use of chat rooms that are moderated (that is, where messages are screened by an adult before they are made public)

- **Be involved**

Put the internet computer in a public area of the home. Areas like the living room are ideal, rather than a child's bedroom.

- **Teach your kids ways of dealing with disturbing material**

Explain that they should not respond if someone says something inappropriate, and they should immediately leave any site if they feel uncomfortable. Encourage them to tell you if anyone says something that makes them feel uncomfortable or scared.

REMEMBER! The best protection is parental supervision and guidance.

8c's Acrostic Poem

Artist
Song
Hilarious
Loveable
Exciting
Young

Terrific
Incredibly annoying
Funny
Funky

Modest
Entertainment
Grumpy
Anti-clockwise
Natural

Magnificent
Smiley
Charming
Excellent
Radiant
Responsible
Amazing

Amazing
Nasty
Dangerous
Rebel
Exciting
Wise

Crazy
Raving
Adorable
Interesting
Great

Random
Original
Hot
And
Not

Massive
Apathetic
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Please invite family and friend to see this wonderful show that everyone has put their all into. This form is to help to coordinate tickets. There is allocated seating for the first 5 rows, so first in best dressed. All Enquires to the school. PH: 9433 2666 TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED FROM FRONT OFFICE.

Return to Office in envelope before 4th September

Show	Family name	No. Adults	No. Student	No. Child/Senior	No. Family	Total no. people	Total Cost
Friday 11th September 7.30 pm							
Wednesday 16th September 7.30 pm							
Thursday 17th September 7.30 pm							

7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start

20 min Interval - Canteen open

10 pm finish