

GC JAPAN TRIP 2017 > A Life-Changing Cultural Experience!



Late in Term 3, 23 Year 10 and 11 students and three Gleeson staff, Mrs Price, Mr Boden and Mrs Jeffree, embarked on the trip of a lifetime to Japan. The trip was highly anticipated with some students waiting as long as four years to go. The trip was a huge success and students had an amazing, eye-opening, culturally rich experience, commenting it was the highlight of their lives so far.

We arrived in Tokyo and began exploring the popular Harajuku area and Meiji Shrine, where students shopped up a storm and experienced the latest Japanese fashion and pop culture. The teachers decided to head to 'Harry Cafe' where you can play with cute hedgehogs whilst sipping a coffee! At Meiji Shrine we were lucky enough to get a free guided tour and learn about Buddhist practices and temple etiquette. We were able to enjoy a peaceful stroll around the vast gardens and temples. Even in the middle of the biggest city in the world, you can still find some peace and tranquillity! After our crêpe lunch we headed out for a surprise trip to the Studio Ghibli Museum in Mitaka. We learnt all about how these popular films are made and met a giant 'Totoro' and 'Catbus'.



As the sun set, we headed to the ever-popular Akihabara district, also known as 'Electric City' famous for its neon lights, high-tech gadgets, video games, anime/manga and maid cafés. Some students spent the majority of their spending money here on vintage games and gaming paraphernalia! We walked around 25km that day, but just as well to burn off all the yummy Japanese treats!

After a big day in Tokyo, it was time to head to Gleeson's sister school, Kogakuin Junior/Senior High School. We were lucky enough to arrive on their Cultural Festival Day and experienced many performances, stalls, foods and exhibits. Students met their host family buddy and explored all of the four-

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"HOME IS NOT A PLACE, IT IS A FEELING"



Thank you so much for your generous and kind welcome back into this wonderful community. A certain television advert for the "flying kangaroo" keeps running through my mind – "it feels like home to me..."

As mentioned by our Principal Andrew Baker last week, I have been working at Thomas More College for the past year as Deputy Principal of Strategy and Innovation. This experience has been one of the most rewarding of my teaching career. Thomas More is a fabulous Catholic school doing amazing work in the Northern suburbs of Adelaide. It was a privilege for me to work with a great staff and beautiful students. I learned a lot from my time at the College and I hope this experience benefits Gleeson College as well. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Andrew Baker for giving me the

opportunity to take a year away from my work at Gleeson College. With the busyness of schools and the advent of Year 7, this was a difficult decision for Andrew to take. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Dr Sue Knight who did an amazing job as acting Deputy Principal in my absence.

As I wrote in my last Globe editorial in 2016, Gleeson College is an amazing school with so many wonderful people doing wonderful work. My time away has only reinforced this belief. It is great to be home!

Schools are dynamic places and a lot changes in a year. The first major change I noticed coming into the College is the exciting building project, which will house our new Year 7 and Year 8 students in 2018. Beautiful, innovative learning spaces with delightful outdoor learning areas and a breathtaking view over the oval to the hills. Of course, bringing in a new year level to a high school setting is not just about buildings. I have been amazed at the amount of work that has



been done in curriculum, pastoral care and community engagement to ensure that our newest students will thrive at Gleeson College. This is an exhilarating time for the College and it makes us proud that we are leading the transition of Year 7 to high school in Catholic Education South Australia.

This week sees our Year 12 students finish formal lessons and move into a period of SWOT Vac prior to examinations and the conclusion of final assessment pieces. I would like to remind our students that this is not the end but rather a very significant time in the Year 12 journey. Students should try to keep normal routines and organise the time available to them into chunks of study time and relaxing time. A good plan for the days remaining is crucial to success. Remember; if you fail to plan, you plan to fail! I look forward to celebrating with our students and their families at the Graduation Ball in November.

Blessings to you all,

Mr Joe Corbo,
Deputy Principal

2017 Gleeson Diary Dates



Term 4 2017

30 Oct	Principal's Information Session, 7-8pm
31	2017 Sports Presentation Night > DRMC, 6-8pm
3 Nov	Year 8 HPV Immunisation #3
6	Stage 2 Exams Commence
8	P&F Committee Meeting
13 - 17	PE Week
14	Year 7 Transition Day
16	Year 8 Transition Day
	2017 STEM Expo > DRMC
20	Family Induction Evening for 2018 Year 7 & Year 8s
	Year 11 SWOT Vac
21 - 24	Year 11 Exams
22	College Board Meeting
27 - 29	Year 11 > Year 12 Workshops
27 - 1 Dec	Year 10 Exams
28	Year 12 Graduation > Adel. Ent. Centre, 6.30pm for 7pm
6 Dec	2017 Presentation Evening > DRMC
7	FINAL DAY OF TERM 4

Year 8 HPV Immunisation #3 > Friday 3 November

Year 8 Immunisations
will be held next Friday 3
November in D1-5/6.

Year 8 students must wear
their Gleeson College PE
Uniform on this day.

Thank you.

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storey school had to offer, making many new friends along the way. The next week was spent attending school and learning about school life and study in Japan. Students visited lessons, participated in cooking, sport, quizzes, club activities, Kendo and Japanese lessons. We received such a warm welcome and were truly spoiled during this visit, having many unique experiences and opportunities such as climbing a famous mountain (a real challenge!) and learning all about the Edo period in Japanese history. We also presented a dance on stage and sang the College song 'With One Heart'. Saying goodbye to host families was the hardest part of the trip and there were many tears as we said our goodbyes. It is truly amazing how you can build such close relationships in such a brief time, and how these friendships can change your life. When Mrs Jeffree was 16 years old she went on an exchange trip to Japan and still visits her host family regularly even to this day. The trip and homestay also influenced her decision to study Japanese and become a teacher!

We celebrated a successful school visit and homestay by visiting the happiest place in Japan, Tokyo Disneyland, for a day of fun and all things Disney. Students had the time of their lives on rides such as Splash Mountain, Star Wars and Space Mountain. We also headed to Tokyo Pokémon Centre so students could stock up on plushies and character goods.

Kyoto is a magical city filled with hundreds of temples, shrines and gardens with some more than 1000 years old. We spent three days exploring famous temples and shrines such as the Golden Pavilion, Silver Pavilion, Kiyomizu temple, Fushimi-Inari Taisha, Nanzen-ji temple and Yasuka shrine to name a few. This year we had the opportunity to visit Japan's most famous castle, Himeji Castle, which has been under restoration for over six years. The pure white castle with its breathtaking views made a lasting impression and made us feel surrounded by Japanese history. The castle was covered up in the war to avoid being bombed and has been immaculately preserved. In the evenings, we headed to nearby shopping malls and arcades for more Japanese cuisine. After spending some time in Kyoto it was back on the bullet train to visit Hiroshima. Students had the opportunity to visit Peace Park, the Atomic Bomb Dome and the Atomic Bomb Museum, witnessing the impact of this tragic



event in history. This was an emotional and eye-opening day, seeing the devastation and impact the bomb is still having to this day. However, Hiroshima is now known as a symbol of peace and aims to spread the word that all atomic weapons should be destroyed. During the evening we headed out for an Okonomiyaki dinner (the local specialty) and karaoke and fancy dress. This was definitely the highlight of the trip with some students discovering a new talent for singing! The following day was spent exploring the small island of Miyajima with the striking red Toori gate rising up from the sea. The island is home to many wild deer that were not shy, posing for many selfies with us!

Our last day and night was spent in the bustling city of Osaka where students did last minute shopping and eating as much Japanese food as they could before their return to Australia. We also had another surprise trip to the biggest aquarium in the world, Kaiyukan, where they have two whale sharks in a 10m deep aquarium!

It was very sad saying goodbye to Japan and many agreed they wanted to stay. It really is a magical place like nowhere else on earth. Going to Japan definitely consolidated student's knowledge and skills, giving them renewed motivation and purpose for continuing their language learning. It also taught them vital travel skills such as organisation, responsibility, teamwork and appreciation for other cultures and practices. It is hard to outline the highlight of the trip as every day brought a new adventure and learning experience. Life-long friendships



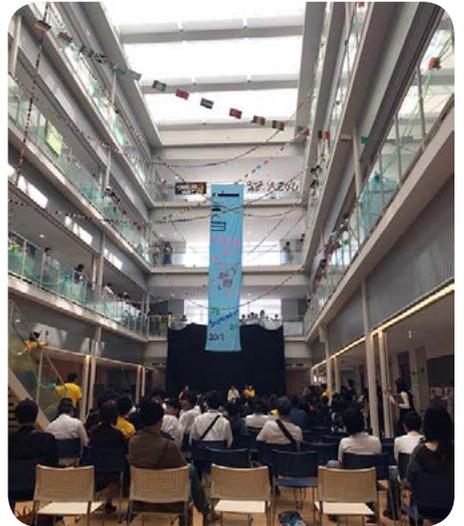
were forged and many students are already planning their next trip back.

Students especially enjoyed seeing things in real life that they would only previously have seen in photos and eating food that they had been patiently waiting to taste since Year 8! We look forward to many more Japan trips and sharing this amazing country with more Gleeson students. I strongly encourage all students to continue to learn Japanese and experience the GC Japan Trip; it will be the best experience of your life and you will be itching to go back! Thank you to the 23 students and staff members for being such great ambassadors for Gleeson College and for making the trip such a success. Thanks also to the parents who not only entrusted us with the care of their children, but also for their fundraising efforts and support.

Mrs Kirsty Jeffree, Mr Boden & Mrs Price,
2017 GC Japan Tour Staff

****MORE STORIES + PHOTOS FROM STUDENTS IN FUTURE GLOBE ISSUES!**

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Flame of peace



Hiroshima peace dome



Smashing the 🍣 sushi 🙌



Whaleshark alert!



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YEAR 9 RETREAT > Year 11 Youth Ministry Student Reflections

"Running the Year 9 Retreat, was a great experience for me once again to connect with younger students and get to know the Year 9s better. Before the Retreat, a lot of planning had to be done to make the day enjoyable and successful for all involved. Our group consisted of eight students and our focus theme was 'Learning to Love Yourself'. All groups had three weeks to plan, organise materials and polish presentations before Year 9 Retreat day. Planning was successful as everyone contributed and built on each other's ideas. Our plan for the day started with a brief introduction about the session, followed by a prayer that set the mood for the session and allowed the students to centre themselves. An icebreaker game was next. We played 'Sit Down If' and it was surprising to hear that a lot of students hadn't heard of it before, which worked in our favour, as we were able to introduce the students to something new. The game involved reading a series of questions that started with 'Sit down if you...' to the students, and if it applied to them then they would sit. The last person standing won. For our main activity, we asked students to finish an illustration of a blank face, designing and adding features that made it unique to them. Next to the face, they had to write six characteristics or qualities that they associated with themselves. This allowed the Year 9s to think deeper about who they really are, and be able to write each word with confidence. The students had to choose one of their six words and write it again on a supplied sticky note. This word was the one that they thought stood out from the rest. As well as writing something good about themselves on the sticky note, the students were asked to write something they wanted to improve in their lives. Along with writing something associated with loving yourself on the white board, these sticky notes grew into a colourful word map as they day went on." - Nicholas Centofanti (11 HSPLL)

"Both Retreats (Year 8 and Year 9) gave me a genuine insight of leading members of our College, and the strength and enthusiasm it takes to complete it. I highly enjoyed both and it was a wonderful opportunity to take part in. I was nervous at the start of each Retreat but gained my confidence by reassuring myself of the enjoyment I get out of them, and the impact we hopefully sustain in them. I truly hope our activities made a significant impact on their journey here at Gleeson, and the way they see themselves as individuals, and the way they see learning." - Tahlia Schrapel (11 MSFAL)



YEAR 9 RETREAT > 'Learn to Love Yourself' + 'Relationships'



CAREERS CORNER > Future Pathways to Explore

Careers Awareness Day + JOBEX

Adelaide Zoo Career Awareness Day > Year 9 - 12 students

If you're passionate about wildlife and interested in a career with animals and conservation, be sure why not consider the Adelaide Zoo Career Awareness Day? This special day gives you a chance to learn all about how you might become part of the zoo team one day. It's a great chance to meet staff from a range of careers at the zoo – from animal and plant care to administration and management. Hear about how the staff became part of the zoo team and learn how you can get that competitive edge to land your dream job!

Date: Friday 28th November / Cost: \$38.00 per student (includes lunch)

Places fill quickly, so don't delay to secure your place.

Book online at: <https://tickets.zoossa.com.au/WebStore/shop/ViewItems.aspx?CG=ZSA&C=ZLCAD>



JOBEX

This event will be held over two days on 10 and 11 November at the Adelaide Convention Centre. It will feature over 120 of the state's leading businesses spanning the five growing sectors of Defence and Shipbuilding, Health and Research, Energy and Mining, IT and Hi-tech and Tourism, Food and Wine.

Meet representatives from tertiary institutions at the Education Hub. They will be available to guide you through how you can prepare for a job in one of these growth sectors. Visit the Recruitment Zone at

JOBEX and attend practical sessions to learn tips on customising your CV and performing well at your next job interview. There is also a choice of over 20 seminars and workshops led by industry thought leaders.

JOBEX is a free event but you will need to register to receive an e-ticket.

Register your attendance at: <https://jobex.sa.gov.au/adelaide/>

Employment Opportunities



AFL Sports Ready Traineeships for School Leavers

Did you know? AFL SportsReady is an independent, not-for-profit company dedicated to helping young Australians develop careers through traineeships and educational opportunities. They offer entry-level job and training opportunities, so bookmark their website if you are seeking employment.

Three positions are currently advertised on their South Australian job board at: <https://www.aflsportsready.com.au/jobs-board/sa>

Apprenticeship Opportunities

Did you know? The welding pathway is an area of employment growth in South Australia (think about the government's shipbuilding contracts, submarines, etc.) with high earning potential. If you are thinking of 'sparking' a career in welding, consider the apprenticeship opportunity below.

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2017 Sports Presentation Night

Tuesday 31 October, 6-8pm > Dame Roma Mitchell Centre

Special Guest Speakers | Saturday Morning Sport Awards | SUBWAY Supper

RSVP BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: Please RSVP, including the total number of family members attending, by phoning the College on 8282 6600 or via the online booking link:
<https://goo.gl/7wkAae>





Invitation

Stage 2 Visual Arts Exhibition

Join us for an
afternoon to explore
the talents of our
Stage Two Visual Art
Students.

**Friday 3
November 2017
4 - 6pm
Art Room (MT 1-1)**



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2017 Tour Dates

- **Friday, 10th November**
9.30am – 10.30am

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Thursday August 31st 9:30 - 10:30am
Wednesday Nov 8th 9:30 - 10:30am

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