

GC Old Scholars Globe

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30 YEARS AMID THE HILLS AND VALLEYS...



On Saturday 20 October we warmly welcomed staff members, present and past, GC Old Scholars, local MP's, City of Tea Tree Gully Councillors, Past Board Chairs, Monsignor John Swann and friends of the College to celebrate the 30th Year of Gleeson College.

Over 200 guests were entertained by three of our amazing Old Scholar bands and Principal Andrew Baker commented on the night; *"We are a school that may be 30 years young, but we are one that has established remarkable traditions of care and welcome in that time."* Acknowledgement of the contribution of past Principals Dr Vin Thomas, Dr Tony Lowes and Mr Phil Lewis was made, along with our central purpose inspired by Archbishop James Gleeson to always be of 'One Heart'.

Amanda Price, Leader of Community Engagement and Innovation

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PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS > 2018 Presentation Evening

DAME ROMA MITCHELL CENTRE

> Wednesday 5 December 2018

Each morning when I walk into school, I go through the front office and the first thing I see is the portrait of Archbishop James Gleeson looking down at me. I find myself talking to it, which is slightly concerning, and I ask the same question each day - how do you think we are going? In this, our 30th year as a College, I wonder just what Archbishop Gleeson would say about our school.

It seems obvious, but one of the key differences of our College is that it is proudly a Catholic school. Our Catholic Identity provides an important theological lens by which we can deal with, and hopefully make sense, of some of the complexities of the world. Whilst many of our students are not baptised Catholic, one of their many fine attributes that they possess is that they engage and embrace in the Catholic nature of our school with deep respect and reverence.

In all of the many College liturgies, Masses, prayer opportunities, Retreats and opportunities to provide service to others - our students excel and demonstrate they have a deep sense of goodness, which is always remarkable to witness. We are always looking for ways to re-contextualise our faith tradition - that is to make it more accessible to our students. Tonight's liturgy was another example of this. I wish to thank Monsignor Swann in particular, as well as Fr Leo and Fr Manu, who have supported us incredibly well once again with their presence in the school.

The other key stewardship group that I would like to thank is the College Board, under the outstanding direction of Chair Mr Peter Stewart who is a great personal support to me. Thank you to our retiring members Michelle Sauerwald and Chris Hill for their wonderful contribution over the past few years. We are so fortunate to have such an engaged and supportive Board that provides that great balance of support and challenge.

We celebrated our 30th year with a wonderful event 'amid the hills and valleys' earlier this term, and this drew together many past and present families and staff and was a beautiful way to recognise this milestone. As our ever alert and astute Deputy Principal Mr Corbo has pointed out to us though, this was not in fact our 30th birthday as such - that will officially occur at the start of next year, but the 30th year was an excellent excuse to get together to recognise all that is great about the Gleeson community.

When prospective parents ask me about the differences of a Gleeson College education, after the most important - the Catholic nature of the school, I will often point to two things - the exceptional pastoral care and support of the staff, and the extra-curricular activities that are available to our students. We provide a myriad of opportunities for our young people, and it is often during these activities that school pride and identity are developed. Once again, our students have enjoyed and excelled in performing arts, intercultural activities, excursions and interstate trips, as well as sport. They are inevitably the finest of ambassadors for the College and always represent the school with great pride. They demonstrate to those that they meet that they value and are proud to be Gleeson College students.

Time and again I receive positive feedback from those outside of the school about our students and it is a source of great pride for me personally. So thank you to those people who have provided these opportunities, and to our students who have grasped them as a way of becoming better people.

Obviously this year was historic with the introduction of our Year 7 students.

The eyes of Catholic education were on us as the early adopters of the move of Year 7 to secondary school, and I am pleased to say that this has gone exceedingly well. Our Year 7s have added a positive vibrancy and energy to our school, and it was tremendous to witness them engaging and flourishing in a secondary school environment. In one sense, we have paved the way as this move is embraced across the Catholic education sector from next year, and a number of schools have asked us about our learnings and progress. I have loved teaching my class of Year 7 RE this year - they have learnt from me, and I have learnt much more from them. The success of our Year 7 transition is in no small way a significant contributing factor to our very strong enrolment numbers for next year and beyond. In 2019, we will have 130 Year 7s and 150 Year 8 students, which is a significant increase for us, and we have carefully planned for this growth with both staffing and capital development. We have appointed a number of new staff, some of whom are here with us this evening, and I am certain they will learn to embrace this wonderful school.

An exciting initiative for 2019 is the implementation of a new learning management system called SEQTA. We are certain that SEQTA will provide an enhanced level of information and learning engagement for both students and parents. In short, it will deliver all that our current system iScholaris provides as well as a whole lot more. The staff will be utilising the staff days at the end of this year and beginning of next year to ensure that the implementation of SEQTA is smooth in 2019. We will also be bringing students and families along this journey at the start of next year.

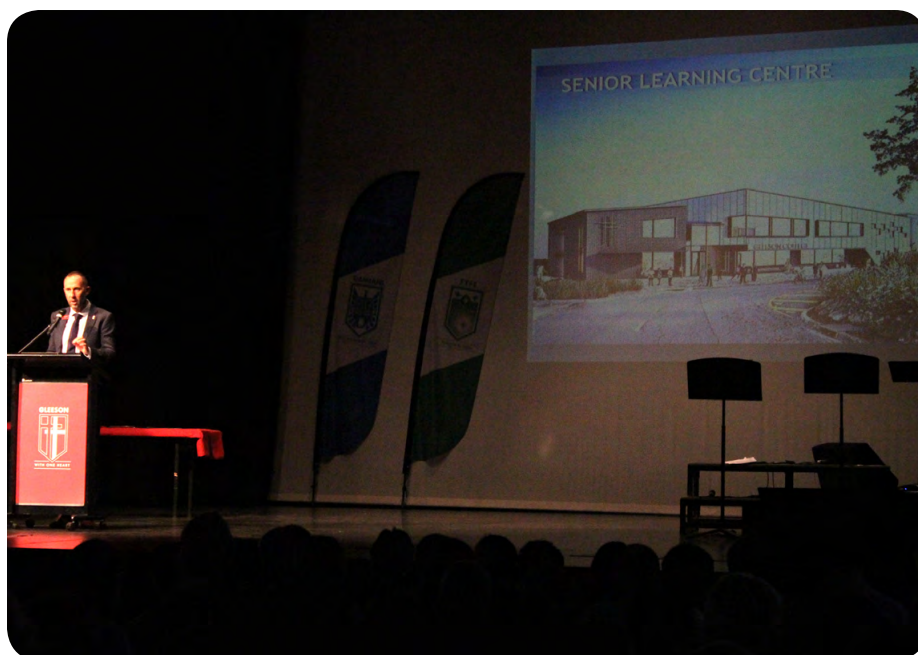
In what is perhaps the most significant and exciting capital development since the campus began 30 years ago, we are embarking on Stage 2 of our Master Plan with an ambitious project - the construction of our Senior Learning Centre. We have spent

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the majority of this year developing and planning this project and we have received all approvals through Catholic Education. Not only will this building accommodate our enrolment growth, it will provide an amazing learning space for our Senior School students to aspire to be in to complete their education at Gleeson. It is a double story building that includes eight classroom spaces, a number of meeting rooms and breakout areas, Student Services will be housed here, a new student carpark, a kitchen designed for the students to utilise, staff offices and the signature space being the student hub of 400 square metres on the second floor overlooking the hills and valleys! It will be a space where our Senior students can study before, during and after school, a space designed to ensure that our students are tertiary ready, and a space that will be the place I want all Gleeson students to enjoy as they aspire to be graduates of our school. We are currently working with our local council on development approval, and envisage going to tender early in the New Year with construction throughout next year ready for occupancy early in 2020. The location of the Senior Learning Centre will be where the current shade ports are, adjacent to the Oval, and construction should not disrupt the rest of the school at all next year. I cannot begin to tell you how excited I am about this project as our students absolutely deserve this magnificent space.

I take this opportunity to thank a number of people. Thank you to all our parents and families for your support again this year and for your willingness to work with us. Thank you to each and every student for what you bring to our community - each of your personalities and gifts combine to make our school great. Thank you for your extraordinary care you demonstrate for each other as well.

Thank you to the Leadership Team of Gleeson College, a more talented and committed team of leaders I have not worked with. Thank you to the staff, teaching and ESO staff,



who continually amaze me with their positivity and collegiality. We say farewell this year to a number of staff including Mr Richard Milne who has accepted an Assistant Principal position in Darwin, Mrs Emily Colville and Ms Janelle Ruthven who are moving to Nazareth Catholic College, Mr Nathan Ackan who is taking up a position at Thomas More College and to Mr Adam Biggs who will be working at St Michael's College in 2019. You all leave with our every best wish and blessing and we thank you for your contribution and commitment to Gleeson College. We pause also to remember our friend and colleague Mrs Vicki Weaver who tragically passed away this year, and once more we pray for her husband Lee and Vicki's family.

I have found this year to be possibly the most complex in my time at Gleeson for a number of reasons, and I think that possibly this is due to the fact that life in general is more complex for young people and families, and as a human institution we are directly impacted by this. Schools are called on more and more to respond to issues that young face people, and in particular the increased need to support their mental health and wellbeing, not to mention the complexity of social media interactions. It is not easy, but I am really proud of the way the staff at Gleeson College do support young

people and the extraordinary lengths that they go to in order to promote positive relationships.

Finally, at the centre, or if you like at the 'Heart', of our newly adopted Strategic Plan are the aspirations that we hold for all of the students in our care. We aspire for every Gleeson College graduate to be:

Thriving people, capable learners, leaders for the world God desires

If I go back to where I started, talking to Archbishop Gleeson's photo on the wall, this is exactly what I believe he would want us to strive toward. If he could respond to my question of how we are going, I think he would do so justifiably bursting with pride, and potentially he would be amazed at what this community has developed into.

Thank you all from the depth of my heart for all that you do. I wish you and your families every blessing and happiness this Christmas holiday time.

*"May the Blessings of Christmas
be with you,
May the Christ Child light your way,
May God's holy angels guide you.
And keep you safe each day"*

Mr Andrew Baker,
Principal

CLASS OF 2017 > Congratulations to our 2017 Stage 2 High Achievers!

2017 Dux of College

Lucy Keatch
99.75 ATAR



2017 Dux of Subject Medals

Lachlan Agius > Research Project
Aleisha Agostino > Workplace Practices
Despina Antonas > Nutrition
Nicholas Centofanti *Yr 11 > Info. Processing & Publishing
Costa Constantinou > Physics
Georgia Craggs > Psychology
Michael Daniele *Yr 11 > Mathematical Methods
Alyssa Deavin > English
James Eddleston > Creative Arts
Ethan Fisher *Yr 11 > Music - Musicianship
Natalie Griffiths > Essential English
Cameron James > Physical Education
Lucy Keatch > General Mathematics & Visual Art Studies - Art
Cameron McIver > Specialist Mathematics
Connor McLaughlin > Business and Enterprise
Amelia Pedley > Visual Arts Studies - Design
Brittany Powell > Essential Mathematics
Shenai Sanderson > Child Studies & Food and Hospitality
Kyle Sauerwald > English Literary Studies, Modern History & Religion Studies
Jessica Schrapel > Biology & Chemistry
Ambrielle Payne *Yr 11 > Dance (studied at GGHS)
Cherie Surman > Music - Ensemble Performance, Music - Performance Special Study & Music - Solo Performance
Spiros Vassiliadis > Design and Technology (Material Products)
Denali Wright *Pedare > Legal Studies



SACE Merit Award Winners

Lachlan Agius	Religion Studies
Aleisha Agostino	Workplace Practices
Nicholas Centofanti *Yr 11	Information Processing & Publishing
Natalie Griffiths	Essential English
Lucy Keatch	General Mathematics & Visual Art Studies - Art
Amelia Pedley	Visual Art Studies - Design
Kyle Sauerwald	Information Processing & Publishing & Religion Studies



90+ ATAR Achievers

Lucy Keatch	99.75	Georgia Craggs	95.65
Kyle Sauerwald	98.95	Thomas Lamb	94.50
Amelia Pedley	98.10	Brittany Powell	92.85
Jessica Schrapel	97.30	Costa Constantinou	92.50
Shenai Sanderson	96.90	Lachlan Agius	91.50
Aleisha Agostino	96.65	Cameron McIver	91.50
Cameron James	96.65	Alyssa Deavin	90.65
Despina Antonas	95.95	Stella Donato	90.05
Bethany Almond	95.85		

2018 HOUSE CUP > FYFE TAKE THREE-PEAT!



Fyfe House triumphed with a three-peat of House Cup wins in 2018!

The coveted Cup was presented on stage to Fyfe Middle and Senior School Student Leaders by Mr Shannon Bertram, Assistant Principal - Student Development, at a College Assembly late this year.

Fyfe House Coordinator Ms Alesia Sala, along with all the staff and students on the green team, should be very proud of their amazing efforts dominating the Cup for the past three years!

Photo (L-R): Liam Garvey, Michigan San Juan, Blake Thompson, Jessica Mills and Charlotte Nenke.



McDONALD HOUSE > 2018 Athletics Carnival Champions



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> 2018 Middle School Swimming Carnival Champions



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DECLAN ON FRONT LINE IN SYRIAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE



DECLAN OVERTON, SPECIALIST LOGISTICIAN



> A CREATIVE APPROACH TO HELPING THOSE IN NEED

The title 'Logistician' on its own gives little clue to the critical importance and everyday realities of Gleeson College Old Scholar Declan Overton's role for Médecins Sans Frontières in its current Syrian emergency response.

The work of a logistician in the humanitarian sector is complex. It goes beyond supply chain management encompassing resource management, quality assurance, applied security, technical communications, energy availability and stability, sanitation and water supply, transport, and biomedical procurement. International humanitarian logistics management is more akin to senior operations management in an Australian context. All of Declan's skills in agile thinking, flexibility and innovation are essential in managing risk for the organisation, bringing order, reliable and ethical resourcing and support ensuring that the life-saving medical aid of Médecins Sans Frontières can continue to be delivered to those with the greatest need, in some of the world's most dangerous locations.

"A typical day for me might involve the provision of technical support to field staff to overcome the daily obstacles we come across, such as the sudden eruption of armed conflict in our operation area, or making difficult choices to balance multiple equally important priorities in our health facilities."

"I regularly collaborate with other members of the country management team to develop mission strategy and project objectives, and I spend a lot of time developing creative approaches to enable us to implement that vision."

The adaptability Declan displays in his current role was there too in the flexible study offered by Flinders that allowed Declan to study online while on assignments all over the world. The ability to include International Relations modules in his Government and Public Management enabled an understanding of the intricate relationships between NGOs, State, and Non-state actors that define global society in the 21st century. Now undertaking a Graduate Certificate in Public Health at Flinders online and continuing to work with Médecins Sans Frontières, Declan's path is one where a spirit of dynamic diversity and social justice can save lives. **Well done Declan and keep up the great work!**

Source: <https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/brave-thinking-declan-overton.html>

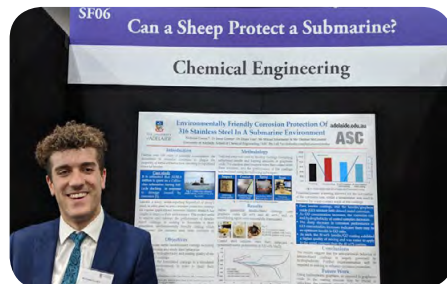
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING RESEARCHER NICHOLAS @ INGENUITY 2018

> CAN A SHEEP PROTECT A SUBMARINE?

This is a question posed by Gleeson College Old Scholar Nicholas Caruso (Class of 2013) as he showcased his chemical engineering research at The University of Adelaide's Ingenuity 2018 event on Environmentally Friendly Corrosion Protection of 316 Stainless Steel in a Submarine Environment.

Ingenuity is an interactive showcase of university student projects exploring real-life applications of engineering, computer and mathematical sciences. Well done Nicholas and all the best in your budding career creating our technology future!

Photo: James Dunlop from Naval Shipbuilding College and Nicholas Caruso, Chemical Engineer Researcher



Source: <https://www.facebook.com/NavalShipbuildingCollege/posts/295620597716581>

GLEESON FC PRESENTATION NIGHT 2018

It was another fantastic evening for the annual Gleeson FC Presentation Night held on Saturday 20 October.

Congratulations to the following 2018 Award Winners >

A Grade:

Best & Fairest: Cristian Ricciardi
Top Goalscorer: Lucas Fazzini
Players Player: Josh Andijanto
Coaches Award: Marc Capaldi

B Grade:

Best & Fairest: Josh Kijanka & Terry Kyriacou
Top Goalscorer: David Allocca
Players Player: Josh Kijanka & John Mezzini
Coaches Award: Deney Reyes

C Grade:

Best & Fairest: Daniel Perotti
Top Goalscorer: Sean McDonnell
Players Player: Anan Selvaraj
Coaches Award: Peter Borrillo

The coveted Matthew Crafter Clubman of the Year was won by Josh Kijanka.

Josh has been a fantastic addition in season 2018 on and off the pitch. On the pitch, Josh played in all three grades during the season with his versatility and workrate making him crucial member of the matchday squad. The trophy was presented by John and Marzie Crafter and as always we thank them for their attendance.

Other outstanding achievements recognised on the night included:

- Daniel Marcuccio receiving life membership for his outstanding service to the club
- Cristian and Stefan Ricciardi receiving long service awards for 10 years service
- Luke Williams passing 50 seniors goals for the club
- Cristian Ricciardi recording his 4th
- A Grade Best & Fairest, a new club record
- Ashley Spartley recording 3 consecutive top 6 finishes in the SAASL Player of the Year

Now the planning begins for season 2019! ****All new, existing and former players are most welcome! Head to our Gleeson FC Facebook page for more information!!**



Click here to visit Gleeson FC Facebook Page

Gleeson College

Gleeson College is a Catholic Secondary Co-Educational College (Years 7-12) serving students and families in the North-Eastern suburbs of Adelaide.

Set within the beautiful surroundings of Golden Grove and offering outstanding facilities and specialist programs, Gleeson College has a focus on providing personal development, pastoral care, multiple learning pathways and quality academic outcomes for all students.



VISION STATEMENT

Gleeson College is a faith-filled community which provides its members with the opportunity to discover, develop and use their God-given talents and abilities in the service of others.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to fulfil our vision by ensuring that at Gleeson College:

- the promotion of faith, the love of God, the person of Jesus and service to others are central to the education of the whole person;
- we provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment;
- the children, parents and staff work together, listen to and care for one another with confidence and trust;
- we cater for individual differences in the pursuit of excellence so that personal success can be achieved by all.

2019 PRINCIPAL'S TOURS > TERM 1

Friday 15 February

9.15 - 10.15am

Monday 18 March

9.15 - 10.15am

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