

Congratulations to our 2010 Dux of College... Laura Shelley

2010 Stage 2 Academic Awards Celebration
Wednesday 16th February 2011
Dame Roma Mitchell Centre

2010 Dux of College Thomas Medal
Laura Shelley (99.45 ATAR)

2010 90+ ATAR Award Winners
(90+ Australian Tertiary Admission Rank)

Laura Shelley	99.45
Yanni Papadopoulos	96.40
Brittany Warren	96.20
Samuel Crisp	95.70
Daniel Caruana	95.00
Jayde Lysy	93.85
Amalia Subotkiewicz	93.85
Raffaele Caruso	93.60
Sean Leach	92.65
Bernadette Crook	91.80
Sarah Tindal	90.80
Nicholas Manser	90.15
Kieran Petrie	90.15

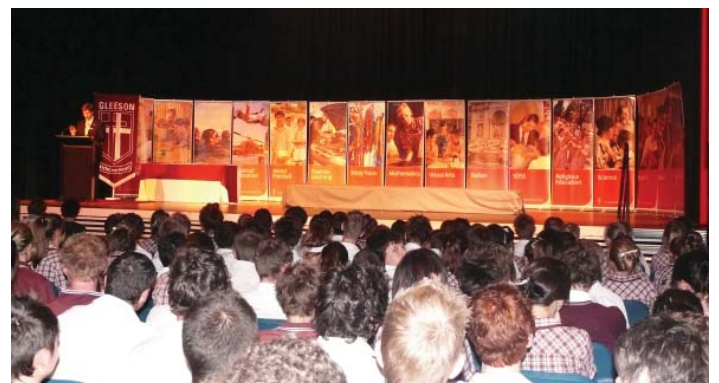


Above: 2010 Dux of College, Laura Shelley, is presented the 'Thomas Medal' by Dr. Vin Thomas, inaugural Principal of Gleeson College.

Right: Laura addresses the audience at the awards presentation.



2010 90+ ATAR Award Winners



All year levels attended the Assembly to recognise our 2010 Award Winners

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A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Happy New Year to all members of the Gleeson College community. On behalf of the staff, I hope that all families had a wonderful and Holy Christmas and we wish everyone much success and joy throughout 2011. I would like especially to welcome all the new students and their families to Gleeson College. We look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming years.

This year will be the twenty third year of Gleeson College and I am sure it will be another exciting and successful year for our community. The Science Building is now ready for use, the front car park and Art Room lawn has been replanted, the courtyard planter boxes have been repaired and the old Science rooms are being converted to the Flexible Learning Centre and a Middle School classroom. The migration of our Campus and College ICT Network to Microsoft has commenced and should be completed during Semester 1 this year. Our innovative Trade Training Centre is progressing well and should be ready by the end of April this year.

NEW DECADE / NEW SLOGAN:

LEARNING – COMMUNITY – MISSION

Last decade the slogan for Gleeson College was: *Educating Beyond Excellence*. At the start of the twenty first century the slogan was very relevant to the College's academic pursuits as it entered its second decade and the twenty first century. The slogan has served us well as the College has generated a culture of high expectations in all aspects of education as well as highly consistent and significant academic achievements for students. Now that we have entered the second decade of the twenty first century it is important that the College keeps relevant to a rapidly changing digital age in which we live. At

the same time though, it was important that our new slogan reflected our sense of community and our Catholic traditions.

LEARNING: In the digital age, technology and careers will change many times throughout people's lives. Therefore, it will not be enough to learn a narrow set of skills for a long career in one organisation. Learning will have to be life-long to thrive in the future and people will need to take the initiative to sometimes create their own job prospects. Hence, as a place of learning, Gleeson College will strive to equip students with the personalised learning, skills and resilience to be the creative and innovative citizens required in our future world.

COMMUNITY: Throughout its twenty three years, Gleeson College has built strong relationships and partnerships amongst staff, students, parents and families. In the next decade these partnerships will continue to be strengthened through improved intranet communications and personal communications between home and the College. The changing nature of our society makes it imperative that the two work together for the ultimate benefit of students and their success at school.

MISSION: Arguably this aspect of our slogan is the most important for the coming decade. In our consumer focussed world it is vital that we are counter-cultural to some degree and promote the message that Jesus had for the world. Gleeson College aims to teach the social message of the Catholic Church. In teaching this message, the College will hope to promote a strong sense of caring for all of God's people on earth and caring for God's wonderful creation.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE MERIT AWARDS: THE GIFT OF EDUCATION

In February, I had the pleasure of attending the Merit Award Ceremony for the 2010 Stage 2 students at Government House (see photo on page 3). It was wonderful to celebrate the special occasion with our seven students and their extremely proud parents.

A wonderful tradition of the Ceremony is for one of the Merit students to respond to the Governor and Minister of Education.



I was very impressed by the student who delivered the address. He spoke about his grateful thanks to his family, teachers and society for the *Gift of Education*. He urged his peers to also be thankful for the opportunities given to them, as almost half of the world's children do not have access to such a high level of education.

I was struck by his sense of humility and his sense of gratitude. I hope that Gleeson College students will also be grateful for the opportunities given to them by parents and teachers. I also hope they will make the most of those opportunities and always empathise with those in the world who may not be as fortunate as they are.

"Don't simply strive to be the best in the world – Strive to be your best for the world"

2010 YEAR 12 RESULTS

Our 2010 Year 12 students should be very proud of their results. The overall 2010 Stage 2 pass rate was 91.6 %. For a school that offers wide curriculum options for students, the results indicate a very solid success rate and very effective teaching and learning. We also had 11 students achieving a TER of 90 or above and 10 Subject Merits. Laura Shelley was the Dux of the College with a TER of 99.45 (Five A's) followed by Yanni Papadopolous 96.4 (Five A's) and Brittany Warren 96.2 (Five A's).

The B and C results were well above the State average but the A level was again slightly below the State average, despite 59 students getting at least one "A".

Another impressive statistic from 2010 was the fact that 83% of our Year 12 students have received first round University and TAFE offers for 2011. This reflects a well structured course and career planning program for students at Gleeson College. In 2011, we will continue our high expectations of ourselves and our students in all year levels, so that they can achieve the best possible outcomes.

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2010 DUX OF SUBJECT AWARD WINNERS

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- Biology:** Laura Shelley
Business Studies: Brittany Warren
Chemistry: Yanni Papadopoulos
Child Studies: Leana Romeo
Desktop Publishing: Brittany Warren
Electronic Publishing:
 Michael Bird (Year 11), Brittany Blank,
 Meggan Boag, Scott Cutler (Year 11)
 & Brittany Warren
English Communications:
 Nicholas Manser
English Studies: Laura Shelley
Food & Hospitality Studies:
 Tayla Van Hees
Information Technology:
 Michael Bird (Year 11)
Legal Studies: Zane Dean (Pedare)
Mathematical Methods:
 Laura Shelley
Mathematical Studies:
 Raffaele Caruso
Outdoor Education: Sean Leach
Physics: Sean Leach
Psychology: Laura Shelley
Specialist Mathematics:
 Raffaele Caruso
Studies of Society
 Nicolette Roberts
Tourism: Brittany Warren
Vocational Studies A: Claire Carr

SACE BOARD OF SA MERIT AWARD WINNERS (20/20 in a Stage 2 subject)

- Michael Bird
Electronic Publishing
 Brittany Blank
Electronic Publishing
 Meggan Boag
Electronic Publishing
 Scott Cutler
Electronic Publishing
 Nicholas Manser
English Communications
 Laura Shelley
Psychology
 Brittany Warren
**Business Studies, Desktop Publishing,
 Electronic Publishing, & Tourism**



Congratulations to our 2010 Dux of Subject Medal Winners for your outstanding Academic achievements. We wish you all the best for your future endeavours in 2011 and beyond.



Photo (L-R): Nicholas Manser, Scott Cutler, Brittany Blank, Meggan Boag, Brittany Warren, Laura Shelley & Michael Bird received their Merit Awards at a Government House celebration earlier this year. Congratulations to all winners on this exceptional achievement.

OLD SCHOLAR NEWS

DANIEL MAWSON (Class of 2006)

After Gleeson College, Daniel studied at TAFE for 6 months, until he secured a full time position at an Information Technology company in Kent Town.

His role became very 'hands-on' within the workshop area, which greatly assisted him to further his skills in all areas of his chosen industry. He was fixing computers of all kinds, upgrading software and point of sale equipment, as well as data cabling and getting a taste for consultancy. Throughout this time he continued his Computer System Engineering studies at TAFE part time, before later moving to IT.

In February last year, Daniel won a position at Adelaide based internet service provider, Internode, and is really enjoying his new IT role and the opportunities that are now available to him after completing the majority of his TAFE study.

"It is one of the best jobs I've had. It is great socially, and as a company, they are great to work for and take care of their own," said Daniel.

We congratulate Daniel on his efforts and wish him the best of luck in the future.

DANIELLE ROWE (Class of 1996)

Former Australian Ballet principal dancer Danielle Rowe and her partner, soloist Luke Ingham, have joined the Houston Ballet in Texas.

Houston Ballet artistic director Stanton Welch, a former Australian Ballet soloist and choreographer, offered both Danielle and Luke the US positions without even auditioning. Being highly aware of their work, it was deemed unnecessary!

Congratulations and the best of luck to Danielle and Luke.

NICHOLAS PROKOPEC (Class of 2001)

Congratulations to Nicholas Prokopec and Alexia Cafcakis who were married at Sevenhill last year.

After the ceremony, Nick and Alexia, who are both teachers, celebrated with family and friends at a beautiful reception held at Artisan's Table. Nick's best man was Kurtis Shepherdson, with Thomas Prokopec and Brad Beythien as groomsmen.

We wish Nick and Alexia all the best for the future.

PAUL GERACITANO (Class of 2006)

Congratulations to Paul Geracitano upon completion of his Bachelor of Architectural Studies at the University of South Australia in March 2010.

Paul decided to continue on with further study in his chosen field, and is now part way through his Master of Architecture course.

Well done Paul! We wish you all the best in your continuing studies and exciting future career.

MARIE FIORITA (2005) & ROCHELLE KEMP (2004) *Gleeson Old Scholar Visit*



Hair & Beauty therapists' Marie Fiorita (2005) and Rochelle Kemp (2004) visited Gleeson College to share their work experiences with our 2010 Stage 2 Vocational Studies Class. *We thank them kindly for their valuable contribution to our College Community.*

CRAIG EGAN (Class of 1993)

Talented comedian Craig Egan has enjoyed yet another successful Fringe event.

After performing regularly around Adelaide for a number of years, he took over the reins of comedy institution - Adelaide Comedy - in 2002, organising various acts to entertain local crowds.

Craig now organises the Fringe acts which perform at the Rhino Room - a venue where performers from all over the world vie to take the stage.

The 34-year-old remembers his first performance or gig - a Gleeson College school assembly!

*"I hosted them like David Letterman...And now here's my first guest Mrs Ost to talk about discipline! Yeah!' - I sounded like a mixture of Letterman and Kermit the Frog. I had a dental plate, so talking over the microphone made that horrible sucking sound. A group of kids paid me out by making the Skippy noises. So, the next week, I hosted assembly in a kangaroo outfit! I got a huge laugh and thought: I might do this for a while!"**

What an uplifting story...it is a true blessing to be able to build a career around something you truly love.



Well done Craig! We wish you all the best for the future and heartily congratulate you on your outstanding achievements to date!!

**Quote courtesy of the Adelaide Magazine: Issue 36 (Dec 2009)*

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EXCITING ADDITIONS FOR OUR GRADUATING CLASS OF 1994!



Photo above (L-R): Gorgeous bubs' Asha Olivia, Amoree Rose & Isabel Athalie Helene were all born within two weeks of each other to proud Class of 1994 parents!

Belated congratulations to Belinda (Nee Harder) & Mike Ciotti on the birth of Asha, Lisa (Nee Wigley) & Sam Crompton on the birth of Amoree and Christy (Nee Powell) & Anthony Schaeffer on the birth of Isabel.



It is wonderful to see Gleeson friendship groups staying in touch and enjoying life's journey together after finishing school!

The above group of girls, from the graduating Class of 1994, are still the best of friends and get together regularly to share news and generally 'catch up'. The above photo is from a get together in April 2010 and shows all the mum's with their growing families. The children's ages all range from 5 months to 5 years old.

Photo Above Right, Front Row (L-R): Rebecca (Nee Glaetzer) Wilson with Daisy, Lisa (Nee Wigley) Crompton with Amoree, Belinda (Nee Harder) Ciotti with Asha, Christy (Nee Powell) Schaeffer with Isabel, Jemma (Nee Goldner) with Riley.
Photo Above Right, Back Row (L-R): Ava Leverington, Elliott Leverington, Jake Ciotti, Georgina (Nee Mulqueen) Leverington

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STAFF CHANGES IN 2011

This year we welcome five new staff members to our Gleeson College community: Ms Gemma Roberts (Music), Ms Sarah Mahony (Home Ec / Drama), Ms Satoko Tomimori (Japanese / ESL), Mr Nathan Ackan (Maths & Science) and Mr Steven Hicks (Technology Studies).

We also welcome back: Ms Evelina Condo, Ms Dianne Deptula and Ms Emma Tunbridge who return from Maternity and Parenting Leave, Mr Shannon Bertram and Ms Maria Gagliardi, who return from a year's leave, and Mr Kevin Francis, who returns from Long Service Leave.

I trust all our new and returning staff will enjoy being a part of our vibrant, nurturing and learning community. This year the following appointments have been made at Gleeson College in

order to fill the roles of Mr Richard Sellers, who has taken an Assistant Principal position at Kildare College and Mrs Jill Conole, who is on secondment at Catholic Education S.A.

- Mr Joe Corbo (Acting Deputy Principal for Terms 1 & 2 and Assistant Principal - Administration)
- Mr Jeff Sochacki (Assistant Principal - Student Development & SACE Coordinator)
- Ms Susan Campbell (Acting Assistant Principal - Curriculum)
- Mrs Nancy Mastrogiacomio (Acting Mathematics Coordinator)

In addition to these appointments Ms Julie Gontar has been appointed as Coordinator of Student Programs and Ms Kate Fryer as Science Coordinator. I hope you will join me in wishing all staff a happy and successful year.

GLEESON COLLEGE 2011

This year is also an important time for Gleeson College, as the College implements exciting educational innovations:

- Implementing Stage 2 SACE

- Implementing the new senior school timetable structure
- Implementing new Pastoral Care time and program
- Developing Performance Standards for Years 8 - 10
- Implementing new Professional Learning Team structures
- Introducing our new slogan to the College Community
- Preparing for the National Curriculum
- Opening the Science Building and naming all of our buildings
- Implementing the Strategic Plan for 2011-14
- Consolidating our Vertical House Structure

I pray that God will bless all members of our College, bring peace in our lives and guide us as a Catholic Community in our important work throughout 2011.

Phil Lewis, Principal

INTRODUCING OUR NEW SCIENCE BUILDING



Students are now enjoying the state-of-the-art laboratories and excellent learning technologies available to them in the newly completed Science building.

The 'old' Science rooms in G7 & G8 have been upgraded and now serve students as the Flexible Learning Centre, which incorporates Careers & VET studies and Adaptive Education.



REBECCA BAYLIS (2003) & DAVID HIRST (2003, GGHS) 2010 Ex-L Program Visit

Gleeson College Old Scholar, Rebecca Baylis, and Golden Grove High School Old Scholar, David Hirst, visited students involved in the Ex-L Program in June last year.

Rebecca spoke about her personal learning experiences and career as an aeronautical engineer, while David spoke about his career as an actor and how he has developed by taking every opportunity offered to him.

We thank both Rebecca and David for sharing their wealth of knowledge with our young Ex-L students.



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