

GC Old Scholars Globe

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NEW GLEESON SENIOR LEARNING CENTRE SET TO OPEN IN 2020!



"Our Senior Learning Centre will provide a contemporary, 'tertiary-like' learning space that students at Gleeson College will aspire to utilise to complete their secondary school education."

- Andrew Baker, Gleeson College Principal

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A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL > 2019 Presentation Evening

It is incredible to think that we are at the conclusion of another school year!

On Wednesday 4 December we held our 2019 Presentation Evening in the Dame Roma Mitchell Centre. It was a stunning event! The highlight for me was the incredibly powerful liturgy that just captivated us. Again, our students simply shone. Following is an extract from my Principals address on the evening:

By now many of you would be aware that I will not be here at the College in 2020 as I am taking up a role as School Quality Performance Consultant at the Catholic Education Office. In this role, I will be responsible for the performance of 20 schools and school Principals. Whilst I am very much looking forward to this role and the challenge that it presents, my heart is already aching when I think about not being here at Gleeson College next year.

I then quickly comfort myself in the knowledge that the school is in the hands of the best leader I have had

the privilege to work with, Mr Joe Corbo. He is a much better Deputy Principal than I was, so it stands to reason he will be an even better Principal. A man of such integrity and loyalty I've not met. I make no demands as I leave apart from the fact that I would dearly love to be here when the Senior Learning Centre opens to witness the wonder and excitement on the faces of the students who will call it their home. I set myself the goal of ensuring that when I eventually left this school that it would be in a better place than when I arrived. I have my views on that, but ultimately it is each of you, the Gleeson College community that we serve, that has the right to make that judgement.

So I finish with the very special words of St Paul to the Philippians and it is my prayer to you as I say farewell for the next 12 months. "I thank my God each time I think of you, and when I pray for you I pray with joy."



I take this opportunity to thank a number of people. Thank you to all our parents and families for your support in 2019 and for your willingness to work in partnership 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 College great.

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 bid farewell to a number of staff at the end of this year, and we wish them every best wish and blessing for their journey ahead. Good luck to Mr Alex Daw, Mrs Lisa Cibich (Maternity Leave), Mr Gerald Carey (retiring), Mrs Jeanine Fielding (retiring), Mrs Vivian Cobb (retiring), Mr Jordan Glover, Ms Krystal West, Ms Laura Possingham, Ms Loredana Giangiuliani, Ms Rachael Cursaro, Ms Rebecca Wigg, Mr Steven Hicks and Mrs Peggy Busbridge (retiring). We sincerely thank you for your valuable contribution and commitment to Gleeson College!

I wish every member of this incredible Gleeson College community a most Blessed, safe and Holy Christmas.

Mr Andrew Baker,
Principal



BEN ALTIERI (CLASS OF 2015) SELECTED FOR PEACE SUMMIT!

Congratulations to Gleeson Old Scholar and College Vice President **Ben Altieri (Class of 2015)** who has been selected to represent the University of South Australia at the 2020 Humanitarian Affairs Asia 'Peace Summit for Emerging Leaders'.

Ben was just one of two candidates chosen to represent UniSA at the summit, which will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand from February 5-7 next year. They both will join 500 other young leaders from around the world, taking part in a number of workshops and activities to empower young leaders to be champions of peace. All delegates will then act as Humanitarian Affairs Peace Ambassadors for a one-year tenure upon their return.

Ben is currently studying a Bachelor of Design - Design Communication and is halfway through his Masters Degree.

He is also employed as a Master of Design Student Intern for Match Studio at UniSA, working on some very large projects including collaborating with

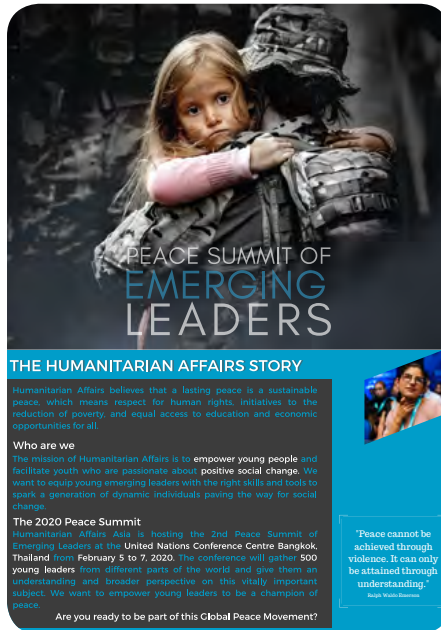


Photo: Ben & 2015 College President Gabby Centofanti

Maggie Beer and her foundation, addressing the needs of the elderly in aged care.

What an amazing achievement, and one we are so very proud of as a College Community! Well done Ben and all the best for a fantastic trip

early next year. Here is a true example of a thriving person, capable learner - a leader for the world God desires (Catholic Education SA Living Learning Leading Framework).

Mr Joe Corbo,
Deputy Principal

GABE AKON (CLASS OF 2011) EARNS GOVERNOR'S MULTICULTURAL YOUTH AWARD

Congratulations to GC Old Scholar **Gabriel Akon (Class of 2011)** who was presented the 2018 Governor's Multicultural Youth Award, honouring and recognising his outstanding contribution to multiculturalism in South Australia earlier this year.

The Governor's Multicultural Awards acknowledge Australians working towards cultural integration and are presented to South Australians who have demonstrated dedication and selflessness to further strengthen our communities, creating a more inclusive and cohesive South Australian society.

Gabe uses his own refugee journey to reach out and give hope to those who may be experiencing some of the same challenges he himself has been through.

What the judges said: *Gabriel Akon has applied his talent for music and poetry to inspire young people from refugee backgrounds to form positive social connections. Whether he's*



appearing at local schools, festivals or on national television, he uses his own refugee journey to send a message of hope to those who follow. Gabriel continues to support his homeland as an ambassador for Timpir, a South Sudanese NGO that has built two schools, and in fundraising to build

a recording studio in the Kakuma refugee camp.

We applaud Gabe on this exceptional achievement and wish him all the best as he continues his great work in our SA community.

**Gabe is pictured third from left above*

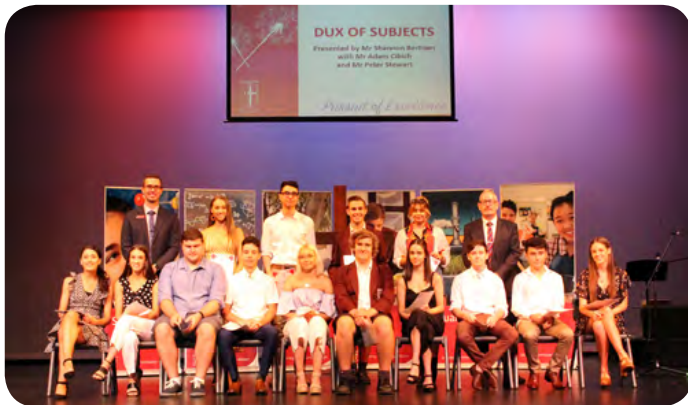
CLASS OF 2018 > Congratulations to our 2018 Stage 2 High Achievers!

2018 Dux of College Michael Daniele 99.70 ATAR



2018 Dux of Subject Medals

Jordan Altieri	Material Products II
Grace Anderson	English Literary Studies
Abby Byrnes	Nutrition
Nicholas Centofanti	Visual Arts - Design
Tahlia Curnow	Biology, English
Michael Daniele	Information Technology, Physics, Specialist Mathematics
Jayden Dawson *Yr 11	Music - Ensemble Performance
Amelia Delic	Psychology, Religion Studies, Research Project
Rachel Gill	General Mathematics
Cameron Harris	Chemistry, Mathematical Methods
Oscar Hume	Music - Performance Special Study
Rocco Ierace	Business and Enterprise, Legal Studies
Zachary Logan	Essential English
Lucy Loveday	Society and Culture
Deon Martino-Williams *Yr 10	Music - Solo Performance
Ambrielle Payne	Workplace Practices
Elise Romeo	Child Studies, Food and Hospitality
Trent Wallace	Creative Arts
Sequoyah Williams	Information Processing and Publishing
Sydney Wilson	Visual Arts - Art
Joyce Zhang (PCC)	Japanese



SACE Merit Award Winners

Nicholas Centofanti	Visual Arts - Design
Tahlia Curnow	English
Amelia Delic	Religion Studies, Research Project
Rocco Ierace	Business and Enterprise
Lucy Loveday	Society and Culture
Deon Martino-Williams *Yr 10	Music - Solo Performance
Elise Romeo	Child Studies
Sequoyah Williams	Information Processing and Publishing



90+ ATAR Achievers

Michael Daniele	99.70	Trent Wallace	94.45
Nicholas Centofanti	98.05	Joanne Pham	94.25
Elise Romeo	97.60	Tiarna Kelly	93.90
Amelia Delic	96.60	Abby Byrnes	91.80
Tahlia Curnow	96.55	Sequoyah Williams	91.50
Cameron Harris	96.35	Jessica Mills	91.30
Rocco Ierace	96.00	Rachel Gill	91.15
Grace Anderson	95.95	Zoe De Jonge	91.10
Ambrielle Payne	95.00	Abby McFadden	90.80
Rebecca Pratt	94.85	Sydney Wilson	90.80
Joshua Johnson	94.75	Lucy Loveday	90.60
Jayde Tyczenko	94.60	Shania Gamble	90.50

2019 HOUSE CUP > FOUR-IN-A-ROW FOR FYFE



The House Cup was again presented to Fyfe who collected a historical fourth consecutive victory. Fyfe Student Leaders Peter Librino, Jack Wachtel and Karlee Turner were very excited to accept the cup again in 2019 and we congratulate House Coordinator Alesia Sala and all Fyfe members.

2019 House Cup Results >

Fyfe 1610 points, McDonald 1340 points, Hughes 1270 points, Damiani 1130 points

McDONALD HOUSE > 2019 Athletics Carnival Champions



McDONALD HOUSE > 2019 Middle School Swimming Carnival Champions



KIRSTEN PETT (CLASS OF 2018) RECRUITED TO LADY INDIANS IN THE US



Congratulations to talented footballer Kirsten Pett (Class of 2018) who was recruited by the University of South Carolina in their Salkehatchie Lady Indians Women's Soccer Program in 2019.

What an exciting move for Kirsten and we wish her all the best as she immerses herself in this incredible US collegiate experience!

ANTHONY TERRANOVA (CLASS OF 2018) EARNS FIRST DAN BLACK BELT



Congratulations to Anthony Terranova (Class of 2018) who earlier this year earned his First Dan Black Belt in Taekwondo! Anthony's Club, First Taekwondo, along with our Gleeson College Community, are very proud of this exceptional achievement!
Well done Anthony!



CALEB JENKINS (CLASS OF 2013) WINS FIRST PHOTOGRAPHY CONTRACT

Well done to Gleeson Old Scholar, and rail enthusiast, Caleb Jenkins (Class of 2013) who recently won his first major contract as a photographer, doing a promotional video for the Pichi Richi Railway!

Caleb also had a collection of his amazing photographs featured in the Port Lincoln Times newspaper recently!

Congratulations Caleb on this fantastic achievement and we wish you all the best as you continue your career.



GLEESON FC PRESENTATION NIGHT 2019

It was another fantastic evening for the annual Gleeson FC Presentation Night held at Orlando Catering on Saturday 18 October. Over 80 people attended to celebrate the club's achievements, including a B Grade Premiership, this season.

Congratulations to the following 2019 Award Winners:

A Grade:

Best & Fairest: Josh Monda
 Top Goalscorer: Lucas Fazzini
 Players Player: Cristian Ricciardi
 Coaches Award: Cristian Ricciardi

B Grade:

Best & Fairest: Adam Giancaspro
 Top Goalscorer: Adam Giancaspro
 Players Player: Adam Giancaspro
 Coaches Award: Mark Giancaspro

C Grade:

Best & Fairest: Julian Esposito
 Top Goalscorer: Julian Esposito
 Players Player: Julian Esposito
 Coaches Award: Mojtaba Rezaei

The coveted Matthew Crafter Clubman of the Year was won by Mohammad Saleem. Mo arrived in Australia in 2014 and has found his home in Pooraka. One of the most popular members of the club, Mo is always willing to assist in setting up and packing up at training sessions and on match-day and did the thankless task of running the line just about every week this season. Other outstanding achievements recognised on the night included Michael De Leo, David Altamura and John Mezzini receiving Long Service Awards for 10 years of service and Adam Giancaspro for recording the highest individual goal scoring tally in the clubs history with 29 goals for the season. We also officially bid farewell to Club Captain, Ashley Spartley, who retired at the end of the season.

Many thanks to all our generous sponsors in 2019, including long time sponsors Pat Marciano from Marciano Lawyers and Solicitors, Joe Mastrantuone from GM Tax & Accounting Services and GM Loan Services, Ang from Odyssey Graphics, Mike & Zylia from Defend Fire and James and his team from Orlando Catering who always do a fantastic job catering for our Presentation Night.



Finally, thank you to Dion Kirk, Peter Terminello and Laura Possingham from Gleeson College who attended our Presentation Night in 2019.

Now the planning begins for season 2020! If you are interested in coming out, head to our Gleeson FC Facebook page for pre-season training details!



WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING FOR GLEESON OLD SCHOLARS



Just married

Congratulations to GC Old Scholars Ricky Matias (Class of 2012) and his stunning bride Claudia Andreou (Class of 2013) who were married in a beautiful celebration earlier this month. We wish Mr and Mrs Matias all God's blessings for a wonderful life together!



Congratulations to GC Old Scholars Adam Biggs (Class of 2012) and Stephanie MacWilliams (Class of 2012) who were married at AL RU Farm in One Tree Hill earlier this year. Stephanie looked gorgeous in a sequined, strapless frilled gown, while Adam was most dapper also!

Congratulations Mr & Mrs Biggs!!



ENGAGEMENT NEWS...



Congratulations to GC Old Scholars Elliott Tingay (Class of 2011) and Tayla Romeo (Class of 2015) who celebrated their engagement at Chateau Apollo in October.

Congratulations Elliott & Tayla!



Congratulations to GC Old Scholar and Socceroo footballer Craig Goodwin (Class of 2009) who asked Katelyn Timmings to marry him... and she said YES!

Congratulations Craig & Katelyn!

RELAY FOR LIFE 2020

FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 1 2020

Next year Gleeson College will be taking part in the 20th anniversary of the annual **Adelaide Central Relay for Life**. If you would like to join a Gleeson Team and show your faith in action, email Mr Josh Boden at: joshua.boden@gleeson.catholic.edu.au

Cost to participate is \$25.00 and includes a Relay for Life T-Shirt!



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