

Determination & Focus Pay Off!

Stage 2 Results 2004

The SSABSA Stage 2 results for the 2004 cohort of Gleeson College students were, once again, very pleasing.

A total of 10% of our students achieved a Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER) in the top ten percentile of the State. **They are (pictured L-R, top-bottom): Alexander Jorkowski, Ann Chua, Jemma Tunn, Jenna Craggs, Kate Fryer, Natalia Jastrzebski, Olivia Caruso, Selwyn Saman and Tanya de Almeida.**

When analysing the results, it was evident that the commitment, dedication, focus and effort of the students was well rewarded. It was heartening to see so many of the Year 12 students working diligently and cooperatively with their teachers throughout the year to continually improve and develop their understanding in order to achieve their potential and ultimately the results they were looking for. A total of 86% of our 2004 cohort achieved a 'C' grade or better, compared with the State average of 81.9%.

The number of students offered placements at tertiary institutions has grown over the years, with 71% of the 2004 cohort receiving offers and over 50% of these being offered their first choice at either University or T.A.F.E.

Congratulations to all of the Year 2004 Stage 2 students on their achievements and we wish them well as they take the next step in their journey in life beyond school.

Mrs. J. Conole, Deputy Principal



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Welcome Back!

Welcome back for 2005 to all members of the Gleeson College Community! I hope all families had a wonderful Christmas and have had a fantastic start to the New Year. I trust that all of our students have rested well over the holidays and are ready for the challenges ahead this year. A particularly special welcome to our Year 8 students and all new students in other year levels. I am sure that you will find Gleeson College to be a welcoming and supportive community.

This term we have twelve new staff joining us and two staff returning to Gleeson College. It is my pleasure to welcome the following 2005 members of staff:

- Nathan Durant – Sport Administration & Development Officer (SADO)
- Danielle Fiedler – Science / Maths
- Tonia Griffiths – Science / Maths
- Tricia Holman-O'Boyle – English
- Stephanie Margitich – Home Economics
- Kathleen Meyers – Business Studies
- Renee Sharkey – Dance / Drama
- Emily Thorpe – P.E. / Science
- Inga Wishart – P.E. / SOSE (Term 1)
- Charles McPhee – Library / English
- David Roberts – Art / Special Education (Returning)
- Di Berry – Special Education
- Sue Campbell – Maths (Returning)
- Bianca Bucco – Italian (Term 1)



My congratulations to our Stage 2 students of 2004. Once again the results saw many Gleeson College students achieve their personal best and many students achieve at a level of excellence. Congratulations to Alex Jorkowski, our Dux for 2004. The well above State average results continues to ensure that students at Gleeson College are given every opportunity to achieve their very best scores. The students who had chosen a non-tertiary pathway also have been successful in TAFE and/or work placements.

This year will herald a number of new initiatives at Gleeson College.

- The SADO position has been designed to take sport at Gleeson College to a more systematic level. The ultimate aim is to develop this important aspect of our community to its fullest potential and for it to run along similar lines to a Sport Club. More details will be forthcoming throughout the year.
- Year 8 students from this year onwards will be taught by a core team of teachers. This initiative was developed to enable a smoother transition for students to secondary school and to enhance the students learning opportunities with the core teachers operating as a team. The smaller Year 8 classes I am sure will also enhance this new initiative.
- The reporting process and a number of policies will be under review this year. There will be a consultation process for the reports and I hope parents will take the opportunity to participate. Parent feedback will be important to inform us as to the types of information you would like to see in the reports.
- This year, teachers will be spending more time with their Homegroups in the morning. Hence, in 2005 there will be no afternoon Homegroup. To assist us in this change, I would ask that only urgent matters be phoned through to the College. Due to the large Campus, it can be very time consuming to track down classes to give non-urgent messages to students. Hence, I would ask parents and students to make clear arrangements in the morning and/or leave messages on their child's mobile phone if they have one.
- If your child is unable to attend school on a particular day, we are in the process of installing an Absentee Message Bank for parents to inform the College. Please bear with us as we develop this new system and we apologise for the inconvenience the trials may cause. As soon as the installation is finalised, a flyer will be sent home outlining ways in which parents can let us know if their child is going to be absent. Occasionally the Front Office staff may still ring you if a message needs to be confirmed. I hope parents will find this service convenient, as we are hoping the line can be accessed 24 hours.
- The Gleeson College Website will be upgraded this year. As part of the upgrade we will be developing a College Intranet that can be accessed only by families of the College. Through the intranet, it is our hope to have many online features available for students, including *The Globe*.

In conclusion, I would like to warmly welcome and encourage all parents to attend our Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 15th February. I look forward to meeting you on that occasion and it will be a chance for you to meet with your child's Homegroup teacher.

I am excited about Gleeson College's directions in 2005. Our work together as educators and parents is a vital partnership for the development of our youth. I pray that God will bless all of our Gleeson College community and our work in 2005.

Phil Lewis, Principal



2004 DUX OF COLLEGE

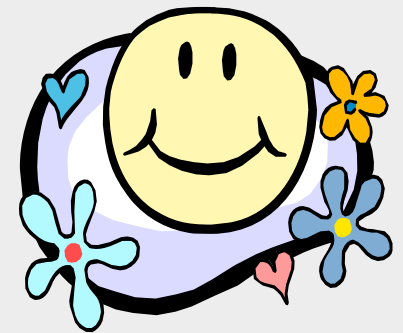
Alexander Jorkowski

It is with much pleasure and a great deal of pride that we announce Alexander Jorkowski as the Dux of Gleeson College for 2004.

Alex achieved a Tertiary Entrance Rank of 97.2 and is to be congratulated on such an outstanding result. Alex now plans to undertake a Bachelor of Science - High Performance Computational Physics (Honours) degree at the University of Adelaide.

During his time at Gleeson, Alex showed himself to be totally dedicated and committed to achieving success and his results clearly reflect this. We wish him continued success in all his future endeavours.

Alex will be presented with the Thomas Medal in recognition of his achievement at the Award Ceremony to be held on Wednesday 16th February 2005.



Hutt Street Meal & Day Centre Ltd

Dear Students

Thank you all for the large quantity of toiletries you generously donated to the Hutt Street Centre in December which were included in the Christmas parcels given out on Christmas Day.

This past year was our busiest year ever - we provided over 60,000 meals and over 200 homeless and the most vulnerable people of the inner city community presented for our services every day.

Gleeson College's ongoing interest in and support of the Hutt Street Centre is greatly appreciated and valued, and again thank you all for your generosity in donating such a large number of toiletries.

Ian Cox
Administrator

MODERATION

Students work that had been sent to SSABSA for moderation at the end of 2004 has been returned to the school.

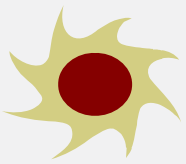
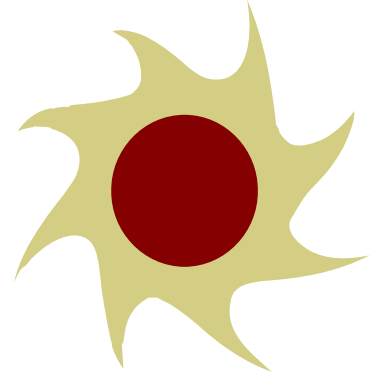
Students can collect their work from the Bookroom (Open 8.25-9.00am daily) from Monday 14th February.

ALL materials left here by the end of Term 1, 2005 will be disposed of.

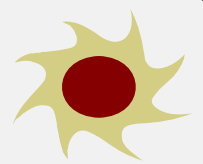
OLD SCHOLARS

We would love to hear from you throughout the coming years, to know what you are doing with your study and work. Please let us know if you change your address, so any Old Scholars information can be passed on to you. As a way of assisting the College in adding you to the Old Scholars Database, could you please complete the form below and return in the enclosed stamped envelope. We thank you and wish you the best of luck in the future.

Mrs Jill Conole



OLD SCHOLARS INFO FORM



Name: _____

Address: _____

Hm Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate your interest by ticking the box:

Are you interested in receiving an annual/bi-annual Old Scholars Newsletter?

Are you interested in any Old Scholars sporting teams? (Soccer/Netball/Basketball/Football/Cricket) If so, which ones: _____

Are you interested in organising and coaching such a team?

Are you interested in an Old Scholars website within the Gleeson Home Page?

Comments: _____
