This is to be the final newsletter for 2015 and what a fantastic year it has been! The year began with the best HSC results we had ever achieved and then both Year 7 and Year 9 went against the national downward trend of literacy and numeracy skills by achieving some of the best growth in the state with improvement and above estate results in all areas. A brilliant effort! Then, of course, we had all the other amazing achievements in the sporting and arts fields. 2015 saw an unprecedented focus on student leadership and career pathways with students involved in a variety of career opportunities which in turn developed their leadership skills.

We still have a number of important celebratory functions to take place: the Year 7, 2016, Orientation Day on Thursday 3rd December 2015; the Presentation Assembly on Tuesday 8th December, 2015 at 9.30 am; and the Year 12 ‘Back to School’ Morning Tea on Thursday 17th December, 2015 at 10.40 am.

**Community Mentoring Program Showcase**

Our annual community mentoring showcase was held on Thursday 26th November 2015. Both mentors and Year 11 mentees presented on their experiences throughout the year and acknowledged the enormous benefit the program brings to the students. Community mentoring goes from strength to strength each year and it is a joy to see so many members of the wider community prepared to give their valuable time to make a difference in the lives of our students. Without their passion, dedication and support the program could not be the success it has become. A special thank you to the program coordinators Ms Chelsea Votano and Ms Simone Fevre.

**Congratulations to our Sporting Stars**

On Friday 6th November 2015 the Sports Department held the annual Sports Presentation Assembly with special guest, Mr Robin Jeffery, Olympic canoeist who competed in the 2012 Olympic Games held in London. It was a wonderful morning of celebration recognising the outstanding sporting achievements of our students. Particular congratulations goes to, our Junior Sportspersons of the Year, Elijah James, Year 8 and Brooke Bonnell, Year 8, and our Senior Sportspersons of the Year, Haydon Illingworth, Year 10 and Renee Blakemore, Year 12. Premier Sporting Challenge Medal Winner - Jessica Bowden, Year 8 and the winning house “Coolabah”.

*There is more to life than increasing its speed.*

- Mahatma Gandhi
This year in particular the success of our young sporting stars is well known throughout Sydney West. Our young sports men and women are tenacious and focused both on and off the sporting field. No matter the outcome, they always perform to the best of their ability and we are all proud of their achievements. With the help and guidance of a dedicated Sports Department and PDHPE Faculty, Glenwood is a force with which to be reckoned on Wednesdays and at Zone, Regional and State competitions. Our fantastic sports organisers Mr Stefanic and Ms Bean, our Carnival Coordinator, Ms Southall and the rest of our wonderful PDHPE Faculty led by Mrs O’Connor with Mr Wood, Mrs Davies, Ms Jones, Mr Davis, Ms Koutsonikolis and Mr Borg along with the fabulous grade coaches ensure that sport is in great hands at Glenwood.

Reports

Yearly Reports for Years 7 – 10 will be distributed in the final week of the year. Please read the reports with your child and compare the results with those received at the end of Term 2 this year. Hopefully, you will notice an improvement in skills and understandings. Throughout the year students have been encouraged to perform at their personal best and the report is one of the most telling indicators of that improvement. If you are concerned about anything on the reports please don’t hesitate to contact the school and speak to the Year Adviser or Faculty Head Teacher for any subject results of concern.

School Development Day

As many of you are aware school concludes for all students on Wednesday 16th December, 2015. The last day of term (Thursday 17th December) is designated a School Development Day which will focus on professional learning and planning for all staff. There will be no facilities for student supervision on this day as we need all staff available and involved in the training workshops.

Farewell Ms Cambaz

It is with great sadness that Glenwood High School will be saying good-bye to Ms Tulay Cambaz who is leaving us to take up a position at Model Farms High School at the beginning of 2016. Ms Cambaz has been a dynamic member of the teaching staff for seven years and an invaluable member of the HSIE Faculty. She has had an enormous influence on student leadership as the coordinator of the Student Representative Council for a number of years. She has also coordinated Australian Business Week each year for Year 10 students. We will miss her very much. Ms Cambaz is wished all the very best in her new position. I am sure it will not take Model Farms very long to realise how lucky they are to have her on board.

Final 2015 Congratulations for the following outstanding achievements:

- Cherini Fernando (Year 11) and Rayne Fountain (Year 10) who were amongst 30 girls selected out of hundreds across the state to attend the Women’s Leadership Forum on the 20 November 2015 at the Shangri-La Hotel. The girls had the opportunity to meet Julie Gillard, attend the forum and participate in workshops.
- Year 10 students who participated in Australian Business Week last week. The products they created and marketed were innovative and exceptional.
- Year 12 who enthusiastically celebrated the end of their school days at the Year 12 Formal on Thursday 19th November 2015 at Curzon Hall.
- Raveesh Srivastava (Year ) and Varanjit Singh (Year ) who have been selected for the Sydney West Cricket team and will play at State early in 2016.
- Ashlee Lakeman (Year 11) who competed at the Pacific School Games representing NSW last week. Ashlee’s performance was outstanding with the achievement of a number of personal best results in backstroke and butterfly. An amazing effort!
- Sky Burnett and Brianna Keogh (Year 10) for their nomination to attend the All Stars Indigenous Youth Summit in February where only 64 students are selected from across the State.
Merry Christmas and Thank You

Once again, the students at Glenwood High School have shown themselves to be competitive, not only in the local arena, but nationally as well. They continue to place Glenwood on the map and their performance and commitment is recognised regionally. Glenwood is the school of choice for so many families living in the local area and it is because of the mature and responsible way in which so many of our students present themselves. Similarly, their caring and empathetic natures, along with their strong sense of social justice make me proud to be associated with Glenwood High School. In particular, their compassion for the staff after the loss of Mrs Atkinson shows maturity and caring beyond their years. They are a very special group of young men and women.

At this point the staff deserve a special mention as they put the finishing touches to the reports and programs they have slaved over for the past twelve months. You could not find a more dedicated or hard working group of professionals as those on the staff at Glenwood High School, from the Ancillary Staff through to the Deputy Principals, they continue to impress and outshine others in their field.

Finally, to the parents and carers, you deserve a huge thank you for your support and advice regarding the extremely important job of educating and nurturing your children. Along with your children, you are the reason we come to work every day and each day you make us feel welcome and valued as we take on our roles in your lives. You entrust us with your most prized possession/s and we thank you for giving us that privilege. Thank you and have a safe and very Merry Christmas indeed. And a fabulous holiday – we all intend to do the same!

Till 2016
Erla McMaster
Principal
It has been another very busy and productive term at Glenwood High School, from yearly exams to finalising assessment and reports.

**Farewell Year 12** With the HSC exams now over our Year 12 students have begun to celebrate their achievements. On Thursday 19th November they celebrated the culmination of thirteen years of schooling at the school Formal held at Curzon Hall. What a wonderful night it was! Our students not only looked amazing, but their behaviour was impeccable. Stay safe as you continue to enjoy yourselves. Now comes the long wait of HSC results, and we look forward to you returning to school when these come out. Good luck in all your future endeavours, Year 12!

**Year 11 move into Year 12** This term our Year 11 students began their Higher School Certificate studies. All classwork and assessments from the first day of Term 4 contribute to the successful award of the HSC. At the beginning of the term, Year 11 students and parents had the opportunity to attend an information presentation that outlined the requirements of the HSC and entry to University and TAFE. The expectation for Glenwood High students is that they have 12 units and this will continue until the HSC examination. Success will come to those senior students who stay on top of their work by completing all assigned tasks, are proactive in the classroom by positively involving themselves in class discussions and those who utilise the many supports available to them throughout the next two years.

**Year 10 Programs** Year 10 have had a very busy term and there is no slowing down. Just last week a number of students took part in ‘Australian Business Week’. This program involves students working together in teams to develop a mock company. Students gain experience in product development, marketing and finance. This is an extremely valuable program and we know the students have gained a wealth of knowledge and an insight into the business world from their involvement.

During Week 9, Year 10 will be involved in their second week of work experience. Work experience plays an extremely important role in career planning for students. The world of work is constantly – and rapidly changing. Work experience provides students with the opportunity to enhance their awareness and understanding, and to build their portfolio of skills.

And during Week 10 Year 10 students will be completing the “All My Own Work” program. This is a compulsory program for all students entering Preliminary courses in Year 11 and is designed to strengthen the capacity of students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship, including an understanding and valuing ethical procedures related to locating and using information as part of their HSC program.
Year 7-9 students  Stage 4 and 5 students have just completed their final assessments for the year. Yearly reports will be issued by the end of term, giving a final summation of the work completed by all students this year. It is important carers and students peruse these reports carefully to inform the work and effort required for next year. Please note that our reporting timeframe is very tight and reports are finalised just prior to issuing. As a result, we are unable to provide reports prior to the designated date. Students who are unable to attend at this time will need to collect their reports from their Year Adviser after this date.

This week Year 7 have been involved in Swim School. This is a valuable experience where they have been given the opportunity to improve their swimming and lifesaving skills. With the hotter weather we have been experiencing of late and in the months to come, it is comforting to know that our students have developed the skills to be safe when participating in water activities.

Also this week, Year 9 students have been participating in World of Work. The emphasis of this program is on project-based learning in career transitions and works through various modules exploring what it means to be successful in life. Each module focuses on different key areas to help students gain a better understanding of themselves and the skills required to help them achieve their current and future goals.

Recognising excellence  As the year draws to an end, it is rewarding to reflect on the events, successes and achievements of the school year just gone. Our school prides itself on aiming for excellence and recognising success, and the upcoming Presentation Day ceremony on Tuesday 8 December will certainly acknowledge the diligence and determination of our students to be successful across a range of academic, sporting and creative areas. Congratulations in advance to all our award recipients for your outstanding achievements and we hope you are inspired by your accomplishments to continue to excel in the year ahead.

Unfortunately, not all students can receive awards at the Presentation Day ceremony and we would like to take this opportunity to also recognise and congratulate the students who have reached new levels of personal best with their academic achievement. They have worked well in partnership with their teachers to learn new skills and knowledge. Consider the time devoted to your studies as an investment in yourself, for it to materialise into future success and cognitive development. Reflect on teacher comments made in your Yearly reports. Set yourself new personal goals for 2016 and work with the supports you have around you to realise them.

2015 Wrapped Up  The school year packs in so many activities, events and opportunities for learning and potential areas of growth for students that sometimes we forget all the things we have done and accomplished. Students have had the opportunity and experience to demonstrate their talents and abilities with participation in public speaking, debating, sporting teams, dance ensembles, the school band/choir, GR8T GATsby, the Youth Eco Summit, Future Directions and World of Work and Work Experience. The events of this year’s school musical, The Pirates of Penzance, HSC Music and Drama nights, Harmony Day and MADDNESS not only displayed the creative and artistic talents of our students, but also brought the community together, supporting student learning. It is fantastic to watch the way the school, staff and students interact at these events. The bond which exists between students as they support and encourage each other is obvious, as is the excitement generated from such significant events involving the P&C and community.
In addition, the school has also provided workshops and meetings for students aimed at providing skills for personal implementation. These workshops are aimed at promoting student well-being, self-esteem, self-worth, resilience, conflict resolution, strategies for personal organisation, time management and study skills. Leadership skills have flourished for many of our students – not only in our Prefect body, but also for our students on the SRC, House Captains, and the Duke of Edinburgh team. Students have been given opportunities to be involved in programs such as Community Mentoring, the NAB Work Inspiration, the Handyman Project, My School Matters and the Young Women’s Leadership Program. How fantastic it has been to witness these groups of sometimes reserved students flourish into responsible, confident and assertive young adolescents.

Our Indigenous students have also been involved in the AIME program throughout 2015. AIME is a dynamic educational program that is proven to support Indigenous students through high school and into university, employment or further education at the same rate as all Australian students. AIME has provided our Indigenous students the skills, opportunities, belief and confidence to grow and succeed.

Students have also demonstrated teamwork and compassion with their involvement in fundraising for World Vision initiatives such as the 40-Hour Famine and child sponsorship, Comedy for a Cause for Stewart House, the Movember Foundation and fundraising for their fellow students in need.

The close-knit partnership with our feeder primary schools continues to develop with fantastic programs such as WINGS, Taster Lessons, Buddies Day and orientation days. Future students of Glenwood are given a taste of what high school is like and we get to show off our fantastic facilities and wonderful programs that will be made available to them.

And, of course, while all this happening our students have continued to develop their knowledge and skills in the classroom and in various key learning areas, discovering the world around them and how to think critically under the guidance of passionate and committed teachers!

To our wonderful staff  It would be impossible to produce the calibre of students that we do without the care, support and knowledge of all our staff. Thank you to the dedicated staff of Glenwood High School. The Senior Executive very much appreciate the commitment and enthusiasm you bring to our school on a daily basis. It is through this that our students are able to not only strive for success in academic, sporting and creative pursuits, but also socially and emotionally as young adolescents. We have never met a more caring group of teachers and staff across the school that certainly put the student’s needs at the forefront of their daily duties.

And our supportive community  We also extend a personal thank you to parents and caregivers for the support they provide their children and the school to achieve sustained student learning outcomes. Thank you to all the families who continue to support the school uniform on a daily basis. It is very important for our school to be seen in a positive light when in the community, and generally our students do exactly that. With your help, we can continue to be a school that wears our uniform correctly and with great pride. A reminder that when purchasing new shoes over the summer holidays that they should be black, hard leather and fully enclosed shoes. Girl’s skirt should also be of an appropriate length, to the middle of the knee. Trousers for girls are only part of the uniform during Terms 2 and 3, and next year we look forward to seeing our girls dressed in our new tailored school pants.

Glenwood High’s P&C association provides parents with an important voice in providing input into school-based decision-making.
Thank you to all our members for giving up their time and effort to ensure that link between our school and the community is positive. We understand that everyone is time poor, however, we encourage parents to attend one or more of our P&C meetings next year, as this assists us in helping meet your needs as parents of high school students.

As you can see, it has been a very productive year at Glenwood, and it has been the students who have made the school such a vibrant and positive place to be each day. The senior executive have enjoyed working with our whole school community this year and extend to you and your families a very Merry Christmas. Have a safe and enjoyable summer holiday and see you back to do it all again in 2016.

Until next time,

Tina Hosen  Deputy Principal Acting – Year 7 & 10
Belinda Young  Deputy Principal – Year 8 & 11
Donna Healy  Deputy Principal – Year 9 & 12

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

LAST DAY OF TERM 4 FOR ALL STUDENTS - Wednesday 16 Dec 2015
FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 FOR YEARS 7, 11 & 12 – Thursday 28 January 2016
FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 FOR YEARS 8, 9 & 10 - Friday 29 January 2016

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

JANUARY 2016

MONDAY 18 to FRIDAY 22ND JANUARY 2016  10am-2pm
WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2016  10am -2pm
THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2016  1pm-4pm
FRIDAY 29 JANUARY 2016  1pm - 4pm

WEEK STARTING 1 FEBRUARY BACK TO NORMAL HOURS

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY  8am-11am
TUESDAY & FRIDAY  2.30pm-4pm
Career News

Women in Leadership Forum

On Friday, 20th November 2015 Year 11 student, Cherini Fernando and Year 10, student Rhayne Fountain were fortunate to be selected to participate in the Women in Leadership Forum held at the Shangri-La Hotel in Sydney.

On Friday, 20 November 2015, 36 talented female students across 23 high schools attended the Women in Leadership Forum at the Shangri-La Hotel in Sydney. The prestigious event involved a private talk and Q&A with Australia’s first female Prime Minister, Julia Gillard alongside four other female leaders in the business, science, entertainment and sporting industries. The successful students underwent a rigorous selection process which involved 200 applicants across 50 schools and was overseen by social enterprise, Make a Mark Project (MAMP), as well as extensive leadership and business etiquette workshops conducted by MAMP.

The forum was run by the Layne Beachley Foundation (LBF), with assistance from MAMP to partner with student delegates.

Launched in 2003, the LBF (“Aim for the Stars”) offers financial scholarships nationally to girls and women who aspire to excel in their chosen field of pursuit, while becoming beacons in their community for motivation and inspiration. The LBF has gifted over 400 grants to girls and women across the areas of Academia and Education, Business and Leadership, Science and Technology, Culture and Community Development, Environment and Sustainability, Arts and Entertainment and Sport. For more information on 2016’s grant applications, see: www.aimforthestars.com.au.

MAMP is a not-for-profit provider of leadership solutions whose mandate is to solve challenges that exist for young female high school students. It has collaborated with some of Australia’s largest banks, universities and not for profits and paired them with hundreds of students across New South Wales. For more details on MAMP, see: http://mamp.com.au.

Both MAMP and LBF would like to thank all the teachers and principals who freely gave extensive time and support to give the students this rare opportunity, as well as the parents and family of the girls. In addition, deep gratitude goes to Open Learning Global (a leading social learning online platform) for providing its headquarters to MAMP and the students to run the training workshops.
GHS Mentoring

On Thursday 26th November, 2015 Glenwood High School held the final Mentoring session for 2015. This year’s program has expanded to 25 partnerships and included a lawyer, pilot, human resource manager, art curator, executives, doctors, dentists and a whole range of more amazing professionals. We wish to thank our Mentors for all the time they have given the Glenwood High School students and the wonderful support they have provided them throughout the year.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor and would like more information, please call 9629 9577 and ask to speak to Chelsea Votano or send an email to glenwood-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Glenwood High School Careers

Careers are now on Facebook. Like us today to stay up-to-date with the latest information on future pathways and what’s on in Careers @ Glenwood High School.
White Card Course

A White Card is required in order to work on a building site in NSW, QLD, SA, VIC and shows that you have received the necessary training in safe work place practice. Students may need this for year 10 work experience or may want it for future employment.

Congratulations to the 42 students who have successfully attained their White Card certificate this year.

Two White Card courses will be organised again next year, stay tuned for the dates.

The course will be run at school by a TAFE NSW Teacher from 8:30am to 4pm. Cost this year was $100 per student. The course needs a minimum of 10 students and maximum of 20 students to run. The student must be 14 years or older to attend the course.

JobJump Career website

Want to receive the latest Careers News on what interests your son or daughter? Want to quickly find the information to help them with their choices? Glenwood High School has access to a new website called JobJump. Go to www.jobjump.com.au and our school’s password is: impala, register to learn more on what information is available to you.

Elevate Study Program

Elevate Education assists students in the preparation and study skills required to help them achieve their goals. Glenwood High School have organised a variety of Elevate Training courses aimed at different years.

Students and teachers who attended the sessions have provided positive comments about their experiences. For instance: “The presenter was great in explaining and showing demonstrations”, “The program covered important elements which will be useful to me during my HSC”, “Helped break down the study process” and “it was inspirational”

- Year 11 19th February, 2015  Student Elevation  DONE - 250 students participated
- Year 11 20th February, 2015  Path of the Study Sensei Time Management Study Skills Kick Start Junior Time Management
- Year 9 27th March, 2015  Ace Your Exams  DONE - 119 students participated
- Year 12 18th June, 2015  Memory Mnemonics
- Year 11 15th October, 2015  Memory Mnemonics Ace Your Exams  DONE - 148 students participated  DONE - 22 students participated  DONE - 250 students participated
Tax File Number Applications

A tax file number is a unique nine-digit number issued to individuals and organisations to help administer tax and other Australian Government systems.

The Australian Tax Office has changed the process for students applying for a Tax File Number (TFN). Schools are no longer able to process TFN application forms.

The new process involves students completing an online application form and then visiting an Australia Post Office outlet to have their identity verified.

To apply for a TFN students need to visit: https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Ind/Apply-for-a-TFN-on-the-web/?fb_locale=es_LA

After they have completed this form students will need to print their application summary and take this together with proof of identity documents to an Australia Post outlet. This must be done within 30 days of completing the online form. Information on the type of Proof of Identity documents that can be used can be found at https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Ind/Apply-for-a-TFN-on-the-web/?anchor=Proof_of_identity#Proof_of_identity

From your Careers Team

Simone Fevre and Radhika Kumar
Year 7 Vaccinations

Free vaccines, for all Year 7 students

Dear Parent/Guardian

Teams of specially trained registered nurses will be visiting your child’s school during Year 7 to offer free vaccinations against serious vaccine preventable diseases.

Vaccines included:

1. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (3 doses)
2. Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa) vaccine (1 dose)
3. Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine (1 dose)

These vaccines are only provided free whilst your child is in Year 7.

What do you need to do?

✓ Read Year 7 Vaccination Information Kit which will be distributed by your school at the beginning of the school year
✓ Check your child’s vaccination records for varicella vaccine: all students should receive 1 dose unless the vaccine has been given before or your child has had the chickenpox disease
✓ Complete & sign the Consent Form (make sure you sign for each vaccine your child requires)
✓ Return the signed Consent Form to your child to return to school, as soon as possible
✓ Discuss the importance of vaccinations with your child
✓ Ensure your child has breakfast on the morning of vaccination
✓ If your child is absent from school on vaccination day catch-up vaccinations will be provided at school throughout the year

More questions?

Please contact Western Sydney Public Health Unit on 9840 3603 or visit

www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation for further information and translated copies of the Year 7 Vaccination Information Kit
28th November 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

NSW School Vaccination Program
for Year 7 students in 2016

Each year NSW Health offers the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school-based program.

In 2016, the following vaccines will be offered to all Year 7 students:

- **dTpa** vaccine (Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose.
- **Varicella** vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose
- **Human papillomavirus** (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule for all males and female students

Vaccination clinics will be conducted at Glenwood High School on the following dates for all students:

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Early 2016 ‘The Parent Information Kits’ contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised will be sent home to you.

Vaccines are free ONLY in the year they are offered under this program. If students do not commence their scheduled vaccine courses this year then they can only be obtained through private purchase on a prescription from the GP.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible. Students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8.

A record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that your child has been vaccinated if you do not receive this Record of Vaccination.


Should you have any further questions or comments regarding this program please call the Immunisation Team on 98403603 or call Mrs Achar in the Library at Glenwood High School on 9629 9577.

Kind regards,

Radha Achar
HT Welfare & Librarian
BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) at Glenwood High School

Dear Parent/Carer
As you are probably aware, the roll out of BYOD at Glenwood High School has already commenced, with the focus on Years 10 and 11 this term. I have included the Roll Out Timetable, which shows when students of a particular year can bring in their device for commissioning.

Students must wait till their allotted time frame to bring in their device for commissioning.

The Commissioning process must be followed before a student will be allowed to use a device at school. The Commissioning steps are as follows
- The student brings in their device and completed Student Agreement Form to school.
- The device is inspected by the TSO and ticked off that it meets all minimum specifications.
- The student’s name and year, as well as the device’s make, model and MAC address are recorded.
- The student is given a flyer with instructions on how to connect to the school’s wireless network.
- Technical assistance connecting their device is given, if needed.

Staff will receive a list each week of students who have completed the commissioning process. Any student found in class with a device who is not on the list will be asked to take their device home and follow the correct procedure.

Glenwood High School BYOD Purchase Portal
If you are not already aware, Glenwood High School has developed a BYOD purchase portal in collaboration with Core Technology Partners. The link is shown below.


You are not obligated to use this portal. However, it was designed to assist families with choosing a device, as all devices listed in the portal meet the minimum specifications set out in the school’s BYOD policy.

Families have the option of purchasing devices outright or using one of the other retailer options, such as paying off the device over time using Flexirent or Interest Free, at Harvey Norman for example.

In some cases, existing devices used at home may be suitable, with the purchase of a 5 GHz 802.11ac USB Wireless Modem for under $50. This will allow the older device to access the school’s wireless network.

If none of these options are suitable, you may qualify for a device on financial hardship grounds. The school will provide equity devices for all families who cannot afford to purchase or pay off a device.

To access this option you need to contact Mr Napoleon by email to obtain the BYOD Assistance Scheme application form, then make an appointment to see the Principal to have
your application assessed. If you meet the financial hardship requirements, your child will be provided with a device by the school.

The Glenwood High School BYOD policy is inclusive.
The school will ensure all students are able to participate in the enhanced learning environment that BYOD provides.

We look forward to working with you and your child whilst we implement this new initiative to enhance the student-learning environment at Glenwood High School.

Yours sincerely,
Steven Napoleoni
Head Teacher Computing Studies
Computer Coordinator
BYOD Coordinator
Glenwood High School

Phone: 9629 9577
Email: steven.napoleoni@det.nsw.edu.au

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Indonesian Students visit to Glenwood High School

On Thursday 5\textsuperscript{th} November the LOTE Faculty were very pleased to have hosted a visit by a group of 20 students from Indonesia. This was a fabulous opportunity for our students who are learning Indonesian, to have a real audience and to develop some more inter-cultural understandings.

Glenwood students studying Indonesian were paired with Indonesian students of similar age. After some warm-up bilingual Getting to Know Activities and a delicious Indonesian style lunch, small groups of the Indonesian and Australian students embarked on a mini tour of Glenwood High School. Our visitors were very keen to learn more about our education system and to see some lessons in progress. Thank you to the very welcoming GHS classes and their teachers for engaging so readily with our visitors.

Our final activity was an online trivia quiz with questions about both Indonesia and Australia. This was hotly contested and helped to forge the bonds of instant friendship. For Glenwood High School students it was very affirming to be practising their Indonesian language skills and further developing their intercultural knowledge.

The highlight of the visit was an impromptu performance by the Indonesian students of a Welcome dance involving body percussion which they had developed for us. Overall a fabulous mutually rewarding experience was had by all.
Glenwood High School Students wins AIA Combank Scholarship!

**Patrick Gleeson** one of our multi-talented Year 9 students is certainly a man on a mission to explore the world, develop his skills and make a difference in the world. Patrick is one of two recipients for the Australia –Indonesia Association ComBank Scholarship for 2016. For Patrick to have won this scholarship is particularly notable, as he is not only the first ever male recipient, but also the youngest.

This scholarship provides a fully funded two week language and cultural immersion course in Yogyakarta in Indonesia. Patrick will be hosted by an Indonesian family, will visit Indonesian schools and attend language workshops. This opportunity will provide him with a real world context for his Indonesian language studies and on his return, he will share his intercultural experiences and insights with his Glenwood peers.

The eligibility criteria for the scholarship included engagement with the wider school or community in a range of activities, maturity, determination and the potential to be a cultural ambassador. As usual, the standard of applicants was very high and the selection difficult because of the high quality of candidates.

The selection committee were impressed that Patrick has been tutoring students in Bahasa Indonesia and also the initiative he displayed with state athletics to establish and fundraise for the school’s first Athletes With Disabilities team. From an idea to having 8 AWD students reach state level illustrates the power of an excellent idea supported by all the right actions. Patrick was congratulated by Mr Geoff Coates, Chairman of the Commonwealth Bank in Indonesia, at a pre-departure briefing held on November 21.

It is important to the Australia Indonesia Association to build friendship and understanding between our countries – which is the reason for these scholarships, and it is intended that promising young people have a valuable in-depth experience with Indonesia. In addition it is hoped that the learning derived from the experience will accompany them throughout their life and possibly influence and widen their future career choice.

Congratulations Patrick! We cannot wait to hear your travel stories.
Voice of youth not overly impressed with idea of voting at 16

Jessica Oxford

FEDERAL Opposition Leader Bill Shorten’s proposal to lower the voting age to 16 proved controversial at Glenwood High School.

Your 11 students weighed in on the debate, with four of the six students strongly opposed to the idea.

Mr Shorten said sending his younger constituents to the polls would help engage them with politics.

“Consider this: 400,000 Australians turned 18 between 2010 and 2015, and did not enrol to vote,” he said in a speech to NSW Young Labor on October 31.

“More fines … won’t fix this and more speeches from politicians won’t change it.”

The 2013 Census revealed 8.8 per cent of the Blacktown area’s population were aged between 15 and 17, compared with 7.7 per cent across NSW. In Glenwood alone, 16-year-old girls made up 13.6 per cent of the suburb’s population, while 1.54 per cent of the community were 16-year-old boys.

“Glenwood is 16 years old, yet only one student could name Ms Rowland.”

MEDIA ARTICLES
ADDCITED TO TECHNOLOGY?
EVENING SEMINAR FOR PARENTS

Parents of adolescents (12-17yrs) are invited to attend an evening seminar that will examine:

- How to manage your teens obsession to social media
- Dealing with low self-esteem due to unrealistic social comparison
- Setting positive and healthy boundaries surrounding technology use

The seminar will be delivered by Garmin Bennett, a child and adolescent psychologist who has been working with families and daunting situations for over 20 years. Garmin is well known in the media for her TV and radio interviews on issues impacting families with children growing up in a technology saturated society.

ST BERNADETTE'S NETBALL CLUB INC
REGISTRATION 2016

Date: Saturday 6th February, 2016
Time: Between 12pm and 3pm
Where: St Bernadette's Hall, Wheeler St, Lakemba

REGISTRATION FEES 2016

Senior Players (18yrs): $310
Junior Players (11-17yrs): $300
Net Set Go (8-10yrs – Skills and Competition): $125
Net Set Go (5-7yrs – Skills Only): $60

Family: 3rd and consecutive junior players in a family are half price

Games are played on Saturdays at International Peace Park (behind Blacktown Aquatic Centre)
Training is on Tuesday nights: Juniors 5:30pm to 7pm, Seniors 7pm to 9pm.
Players of all abilities welcome!

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us

Phone: Kim Myers (Club President) 0408 025 532
Email: stbernadettesnsw@gmail.com
Website: http://www.stbernadettesnsw.netball.com.au/
Or like us on Facebook for more updates

PLAY FOOTBALL IN 2016

- Play in the New Sydney Hills Competition
- Play with a Local Community Club
- Play All Games in The Hills Area
- Play with the NORWEST COUGARS
- Home Ground - Francesco Reserve BELLA VISTA

All Ages Welcome:
U5 - U7 COUGAR CUBS Junior Program...all inclusive
U8 - U16 Mixed (Boys & Girls) Boys teams also welcome
Senior Men
Premier League

Register as an Individual or Register a Team
- Great Packages Available, including Jersey, Shorts & Socks
- Registration Open 1st December 2015 for Season 2016
- Like us on our Facebook Page for upcoming events and registration dates
- All Enquiries Contact: DARREN 0434 433407 -
TERM 4, 2015

30 November - 4 December
- Year 10 Work Experience
- Year 7 Swim School

3 December
- International day of People with Disabilities
- Orientation Day Year 7, 2016
- Year 8 Excursion Scenic World Katoomba
- Year 9 WOW Rouse Hill Town Centre

8 December
- Presentation Assembly 9.30am—Hall

16 December
- Sport Gala Day
- Last Day for Students

17 & 18 December
- School Development Day
- End of Term

TERM 1, 2016

27 January 2016
- School Development Day - Staff Return

28 January 2016
- Years 7, 11 & 12 Students Return

29 January 2016
- Years 8, 9 & 10 Students Return

4 February 2016
- Swimming Carnival

8 February 2016
- School Photos — Years 7, 8 & 12

11 February 2016
- Harmony Day

12 February 2016
- School Photos—Years 9, 10 & 11

15 February 2016
- School Photos—Absentees

Refer to either our website/facebook or school app for further information

Dates are correct at time of publishing
Download our GHS app!

Our school smartphone mobile app is now available on both the Apple and Android networks for you to download and start using. Download it to your smartphone by going to either the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Market and search for our school name.

The app is going to give parents the ability to instantly access newsletters without going to the website, send in a sick note, bell times, updated calendar and much more.

Keep updated with our FREE Glenwood High School App, daily reminders will be sent direct to your mobile phones. Our App is updated on a daily basis, it covers all information such as but not limited to: Exam Timetables, School Calendar, Excursions/Events, Ability to submit Sick Notes, Parental information, School Newsletter Student Information - Study Guides, School and venue maps and lots more!

Please take the time to download this quick and easy App to have information at your fingertips.

On Apple
• On your iPhone open the app store
• Search for our school name
• Press Install
• Enter your iTunes password
• It will commence downloading immediately

Android/Google Play
• On your SmartPhone open the Android/Google Play market
• Search for our school name
• Press install
• Your app will start installing instantly

To Open Our School App
• Look for our schools app icon on your phone screen
• Press the icon once
• It will open automatically
• When prompted select yes to receive notifications and use your location (this will make sure the google maps and pop-up alerts work for you)

If you encounter troubles;
• Shut down the app and or your phone to refresh the phones memory
• Uninstall your app and reinstall it
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

TERM DATES 2016

TERM 1
Wednesday 27 January  School Development Day - Teachers and Staff Resume
Thursday 28 January  Students Resume — Years 7, 11 & 12
Friday 29 January  Students Resume — Years 8, 9 & 10
Friday 8 April  Last Day of Term 1

TERM 2
Tuesday 26 April  School Development Day — Teachers and Staff Resume
Wednesday 27 April  Students Resume
Friday 1 July  Last day of Term 2

TERM 3
Monday 18 July  School Development Day — Teachers and Staff Resume
Tuesday 19 July  Students Resume
Friday 23 September  Last Day of Term 3

TERM 4
Monday 10 October  Teachers, Staff & Students Resume
Friday 16 December  Last day of Term 4 for Students
Monday 19 December  School Development Day
Tuesday 20 December  School Development Day — Last Day of Term 4 for Teachers and Staff

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

MONDAY  8.00AM - 11.00AM
TUESDAY  2.30PM - 4.00PM
WEDNESDAY  8.00AM - 11.00AM
FRIDAY  2.30PM - 4.00PM

OFFICE HOURS

OFFICE HOURS  8.00AM - 3.15PM
OFFICE HOURS for payment of fees:  8.30AM - 2.30PM

Please note!!!

The school wishes to inform all parents/carers the exact cash is required when paying for excursions and accounts. In the past, the giving and collection of change for such payments has caused undue stress and confusion for both staff and students. The school is most happy to accept payment by cheque or credit card for all expenses.

Eftpos Facility Due to the financial cost of the use of the Eftpos facility the policy of a $10.00 minimum charge will remain.
LATE, ABSENT OR LEAVING EARLY NOTES

Notes are required from Parent / Guardian to explain reasons for lateness, absence or leaving early. Please ensure your child’s full name and year is clearly written on the note. If a student does not produce a note for lateness a detention will be issued for that day.

ALL notes are required to be handed in at Student Reception at the beginning of the day to enable a pass to be issued to the student and for the details to be noted in the system to avoid a truancy note being issued.

OUR P & C MEETING dates for 2016:

The P&C meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm (excluding school & public holidays) in the School Front Office

February 3
March 3
April 6
May 4
June 1
August 3
September 7
November 2
December 7(AGM)

NEWSLETTER is on our website just prior to the P & C Meeting.

FROM THE P & C PRESIDENT

The Parents and Citizen Association (P&C) has continued fostering positive relationships between the school community and the staff at Glenwood High School this year

This year we saw Glenwood High School turn 10 years old. What an awesome milestone for the school, staff and students. The P&C were honoured to be able to play a role in the festivities by donating the fantastic aerial photo and the construction of the marvellous garden and paver path. Congratulations Glenwood High School and here’s to another 10 fabulous years.

After the success of our Back to the 80’s Fun Night in 2014, we again held another thoroughly enjoyable fundraising event this year. This time around Saturday Night Fever met Footloose. The night was a huge success with some extremely awesome 70’s and 80’s costumes and of course, fabulous music by the White Bros and great prizes donated by our amazing sponsors. It was great to see our community come together to help raise some funds for the school and have some fun along the way.

Thank you for your financial support of the P&C through payment of the levy. This small amount allows the P&C to provide much needed support to the students and teachers.

The fundraising event and levy have enabled us to assist the school with over $10,000 additional funding during 2015.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and we look forward to your ongoing support in 2016.

Regards,

Martine Balcombe, Leanne Hazell, Pam Keirs, Karen Bonnell and Karen Usher
P&C Executive 2015
Dear Student/Parent/Guardian

Commencing Monday 2nd November 2015, many school bus numbers will be changing as shown below. It is important that you make yourself aware of the new bus number for the morning and afternoon trip, as both will be different.

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This change to 4 digit numbers is required to ensure Busways can meet guidelines set by Transport for NSW in terms of reporting and ticketing functionality.

Detailed school bus timetables (including all connecting services) are available on the Busways website at www.busways.com.au or for further information, please contact Busways Customer Service on 9487 1870 or 9487 1987.

Busways wishes to apologise for any confusion this critical information upgrade may cause.

Yours sincerely

BUSWAYS BLACKTOWN PTY LTD
(16) Glenwood High School (19/10/2015)
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL OPAL CARD 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

We have been advised by the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and the Minister for Education the launch of the new School Opal card on Thursday 29 October.

The School Opal card will officially launch its new online application for relevant parents and students travelling in the Opal public transport region on Monday 2 November.

The application can be found at transportnsw.info/school-students

Just like current paper travel passes, the School Opal card gives eligible students free travel to and from school on school days. However, the School Opal card makes travel simpler, because now students don't need multiple application forms and passes if they use different transport operators within the Opal network.

Students with school travel passes this year will not need to apply for a School Opal card unless they are changing schools, campus, their home address or moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7.

Those students who do not need to apply will have a School Opal card sent to school for the beginning of the first term in 2016.

All enquiries please contact Transport for NSW on 9891 8900 or transportnsw.info/school-students

Use public transport... plan your trip at transportnsw.info
Get on board with Opal at opal.com.au
Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who’s eligible?
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:
- Years K-2 (Infants) there’s no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.
Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?
Most students or parents won’t need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student’s school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.
However, a new application is required if:
- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address).
Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply
Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.
Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.
Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.
The application may take several weeks and the applicant’s email address is required.

If the student doesn’t qualify for free travel
They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.
Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more
For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.
# Glenwood High School Uniform Shop

**Operating Hours**
- School Term:
  - Monday 8.00am – 11.00am
  - Tuesday 2.30pm – 4.00pm
  - Wednesday 8.00am – 11.00am
  - Friday 2.30pm – 4.00pm

**NEW PRICE LIST**
**AS AT 1 AUGUST 2015**

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**Purchasing Options**
Shop Online at www.alintaapparel.com.au. Lay-by or shop in person during the school term.

**Please Note**
- Sizes not carried are available by order, however, production time (usually 90 days) must be allowed, and a $50 non-refundable deposit made upon order.
- For sizes J4, L3 and over, a $10 surcharge will apply.

Online orders are distributed from the Uniform Shop, therefore postage will occur on the next opening day of the Uniform Shop.

EFTPOS CARDS (CHQ or SAV Accounts) ARE NOT ACCEPTED
We apologise for any inconvenience.

29/07/2015 11:13 AM Prices subject to change without notice

Telephone: 9629 9577  Fax: 9629 2796  Website: www.glenwood-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET

Safe Supervision in School Zones

Many drivers are doing the right thing by supervising their children around schools.

As a result, our kids are safer when getting to and from school.

Drivers need to continue their good habits. This Fact Sheet provides a handy reminder about supervising children in school zones.

Kerb side is the safe side

Help your children cross the road

Not all drivers are aware of the dangers to children in school zones. Some drivers are just very busy and distracted. Help your children cross the road at the Pedestrian Crossing or Traffic Lights. Walk with them and lead by example.

Teach your children to

STOP at the kerb

LOOK for danger

LISTEN for danger

WAIT for the danger to pass

One day you may have to ask someone else to take your children to school or pick them up. Make sure your children know how to be safe when crossing the road.

Walk your children to the gate

It only takes a few minutes. In the morning, walk your children to the gate. In the afternoon, meet your children at the gate and walk with them back to the car.

Take the time to help your children get safely to and from the school gate. You can also meet some of the teachers or other parents and teach your children how to cross the road safely at the same time.

For more information contact the Blacktown City Council Road Safety Officer on 9839 6363 or email David.Tynn@blacktown.nsw.gov.au

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ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET

Speed Restrictions
In School Zones

Many drivers are doing the right thing and travelling at or below 40 kph in school zones.

As a result, our children are safer when getting to and from school.

Drivers need to continue their good driving habits. This Fact Sheet provides a handy reminder about driving in school zones.

It doesn’t matter how good your car is. These distances apply to all cars and motorbikes on normal roads. And if you skid or your tyres and brakes are worn it will take even longer to stop.

Remember, the slower you go the quicker you can stop.

And pay attention to what children are doing on the footpath. If you are distracted by something in the car you may not even see the child before you run over them.

You can stop in time only if:
- You can see the child.
- You are going slow.
- You remain calm and don’t skid.
- Your tyres and brakes are in good condition.

Stay alert. Look for dangers in school zones. Expect children to do the unexpected.

Drive slowly. In school zones keep your foot off the gas and over the brakes – this gives you more time to see what children are doing, and then slow down or stop without causing anyone an injury.

Why is 40 kph the speed limit? Why not 50 or 60 kph?

Tests by professional drivers and researchers are conclusive. The faster you go, the more damage you do in a crash.

When struck by a vehicle at 60 kph only 15% of children survive. If struck at 50 kph only 55% survive. If struck at 40kph, 75% survive.

So, the slower you go, the less likely you are to kill a child if they run, walk or stumble in front of your vehicle.

And speed also has a big effect on how long it takes to stop. If a child runs towards the road or steps from in front of a parked car, from the time you see them, it will take you a minimum of:
- 18 metres to stop from 40 kph
- 27 metres to stop from 50 kph
- 39 metres to stop from 60 kph.

For more information contact the Blacktown City Council Road Safety Officer on 9839 6363 or email David.Tyman@blacktown.nsw.gov.au  RSOSFS304.12
Compulsory School Attendance
Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:
- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absence may include:
- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.
If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they’ll have missed over a year of school.

My child won’t go to school.
What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school’s learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to be in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child’s attendance at school.

- Application to the Children’s Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child’s attendance at school remains unsatisfactory, the Department may apply to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children’s Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child’s full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

The school leaving age:

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team:

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 0244 5129
www.dec.nsw.gov.au
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NSW Department of Education and Communities
Benefits of Student Exchange

Student exchange offers broad based benefits and outcomes for students keen to embark on this international adventure.

Most of these are intertwined and come together to constitute the overarching exchange experience.

Educational

- International learning and knowledge propels students towards acceptance and understanding of an array of different cultural and community perspectives.
- Language acquisition is achieved through practical immersion.
- Awareness and adoption of alternative, multi-faceted approaches to learning.
- Analytical and problem solving skills.
- Enhanced interest in global issues as well as a broader general knowledge.

Personal

- Self-development and awareness leading to enhanced self-confidence and self-esteem. This is often the most noticeable change in returned exchange students.
- Maturity and social poise, fuelled by the necessity to confront challenges outside a familiar support network and comfort zone.
- Integration into another family as well as the development of life-long friendships, fostering an appreciation of home and family.

Long-Term
Dear Parent/Guardian

The need for our school to keep records up to date and accurate is extremely important, particularly in the case of emergencies. Please fill in the following change of record details and return to the school at your earliest convenience.

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