



Friday, 19th August 2022

Tena katou kātōa

There have been a number of successful college events that have taken place over the past fortnight.

School Ball

This was a very enjoyable evening. Congratulations must go to all involved. Mrs Rothbart and the Ball committee did a wonderful job organising the evening and preparing the venue. All those who attended seemed determined to have a great time. Opportunities to have such events have not always been possible recently and the students seemed to want to make the most of this occasion. The venue, DJ and photographers were all very complimentary about our students.

Dramafest

For the first three weeks of this term, all the Year 10 to 13 Drama classes have been participating in Dramafest. As part of their course requirements, these classes must perform in front of a live audience. It also gives family and other students the chance to see the dramatic talent our students possess. Congratulations to all performers, they should be proud of their efforts.

KBB Festival and Music Showcase

These events provided our music students and groups with the opportunity to showcase their talents and there was a lot of talent on show. Both the Big Band and Concert Band performed at the KBB Festival this past week and received 'Highly Commended' awards. The performances were of a high calibre, and Mr Lile and the students were justifiably proud of the way they performed. Again, students made the most of being able to participate in an event that has not been possible recently.

Open Day

Last Saturday, 13 August, the school ran an Open Day for 2023 enrolments at the college. This would not have been possible without a significant number of students and staff being willing to give up their Saturday morning to highlight the school and its teaching and learning programmes. Students did an excellent job acting as tour guides and undertaking activities in subject areas. Their support was greatly appreciated. Having both the First XI Boys Football and 4th Grade Rugby playing and scoring convincing wins before crowds of supporters helped make it a very good day.

Community Consultation

A big thank you to those parents, students and staff who volunteered to participate in focus groups discussing priorities for the next three-year strategic plan for the college. There were valuable ideas shared which will be useful in determining the priorities for the college. A follow up survey will be sent to all parents, students, and staff later this year.



Upcoming Events:

Please note these events are subject to change based on the government's Covid status announcement

August

- 23 Rowing Season Introduction Evening
(7pm-8:30pm, Staffroom)
- 24 Sports Department Mental Skills Evening
(7pm-8pm, Hall)
- 25 Teacher Only Day (no students at school)
- 25 Dance Showcase
(7pm-9pm, Hall)
- 29-4Sept Winter Tournament
- 30 Patrick Sherratt Seminar – Passing Exams
(6:30pm-8pm, Hall)

September

- 1 Year 11-13 Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing
- 6 Year 11-13 Parent/Teacher/Student Conferencing
- 7 Senior Music Performance Evening
(7pm-9pm, Hall)
- 13-16 Senior Exams
- 17-18 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Journey 1 (All Day)
- 18-21 North Island Ski Championships (All Day)
- 19-21 Senior Exams

(For a full list of upcoming events, please visit the [calendar](#) on the college website.)



Mask Wearing

At the start of this term, the college re-introduced the wearing of masks indoors for students unless they had an exemption. This was to be reviewed at the end of Week 4. Looking at the college's attendance data and the reasons for absences plus the continued high rates of staff sickness, it has been decided to continue requiring students to wear masks. We will review this decision again in two weeks' time.

The theme for school assemblies this term is 'Characteristics of Effective Learners'. We are sharing how by having a growth mindset and applying that to aspects such as facing challenges, effort and receiving feedback, students can develop the skills and attitude to be more effective and successful in their learning. Senior students and parents will have the opportunity to attend an evening presentation on 30 August by experienced educator, Patrick Sherratt, on how to pass exams. I recommend taking advantage of this opportunity.

Ngā mihi nui

Gordon Robertson

Principal

Glendowie College Board Update

The Board met on 17 August 2022, which was the first meeting of the newly appointed Board. Nominations closed for Board positions in early August. As there were five nominations for the five parent representatives, all were duly appointed. Warwick Beadle, Belinda Sutherland and I remain on the Board, while we are very pleased to welcome two new members – Liz Studholme and Steve Sutherland. We are also fortunate that Bridget Rothbart stood and was reappointed for another term as the staff representative. Gordon Robertson (Principal) and student representative, Charlotte Smith, comprise the remainder of the Board. I would like to thank the departing members, Campbell Gough and Megan Hollister, for their really valued contributions during their time on the Board.

Despite ongoing disruption from Covid and other illnesses, the new term has again been extremely busy. One of the main highlights of the year is the School Ball. Though later than usual, we were fortunate to still be able to hold the Ball this year. We say a big thank you to the organising committee, especially Bridget Rothbart, for setting this up to be such a memorable evening for the senior students. We would also like to acknowledge how well the students attending behaved, concentrating on enjoying the evening.

Another annual event is the College Open Day, which was held last Saturday. This is the opportunity for us to showcase the College to prospective students and parents. This was another really successful community event, and we would like to thank all the staff and students who gave up their Saturday morning to enable it.

Finally, we would like to remind parents about the school donation. Donations are crucial to enabling us to provide opportunities for our children at a level above the basics funded by the government. We really do appreciate all those parents who have made their contribution. However, a sizeable majority have not done so – we ask you again to please make your donation if at all possible.

Mr Matthew Veal, Board Chairperson

Teacher Only Day - Thursday 25 August 2022

The Ministry of Education is in the process of refreshing the New Zealand Curriculum and strengthening NCEA. In consultation with NZEI and PPTA, they have allocated Accord Teacher Only Days to support the implementation of changes.

At Glendowie College, the focus for Thursday 25 August will include the development of local curriculum. You can read more about the NCEA Change Programme [here](#).

Other Teacher Only Days to implement curriculum changes will be on 24 November and 2 December 2022.



Years 11-13 Parent/Subject Teacher/Student Conferences

Thursday, 1 September 2022 2:00pm – 6:00pm

Tuesday, 6 September 2022 3:00pm – 7:00pm

Bookings will open on Thursday 25 August on [SchoolPoint](#). Booking instructions are available by pressing the 'Help & Information' button on that page.

These **online** conferences are with **Year 11-13 subject teachers only**. Discussions will focus on achievement progress and preparation for upcoming assessments and/or examinations. Before the conferences, please check your child's achievement progress on SchoolPoint. It is important that students also attend the conference, as it is about them and their learning. If you are unable to participate in these interviews but would like to speak to your child's subject teacher or Dean, please email them directly.

Please note - **for all students**:

- School will finish at 1:05pm on Thursday 1 September and 1:40pm on Tuesday 6 September. Auckland Transport no longer change times of school runs, students who normally catch a bus will either have to use public buses or wait for the school buses at the normal times.

Mr Andre Worsnop, Deputy Principal

Changes to NCEA and University Entrance for 2022

The Associate Minister of Education has announced changes to NCEA that recognise the impact student and teacher absences due to COVID-19 and other winter illnesses have had on teaching, learning and assessment this year.

In 2022, students will be entitled to one Learning Recognition Credit for every five credits earned through assessment up to a maximum of eight credits at Levels 2 and 3.

To receive a Certificate Endorsement, students will need 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level instead of the usual 50.

To be awarded University Entrance students will need 14 credits in each of two UE Approved Subjects and 12 credits in a third UE Approved Subject.

The submission dates for some externally assessed portfolios have also been moved back one week. Further information is available on the [NZQA website](#).

Mr Andre Worsnop, Deputy Principal

Dance Showcase

Dance Showcase will be back this year!

There will be performances from Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 Dance Classes and so much more!

Dance Showcase will be held on Thursday 25 August at 7:00pm in the school Hall – Free entry!

For more information, please contact Miss Elliott-Ata on ell@gdc.school.nz

We hope to see you all there to celebrate and support our talented Dance students at Glendowie College.





Position Available – Teacher Aide (Fixed Term, Part Time, Term Time Only)

A Teacher Aide position is now available at the College. This is a fixed term, part time position covering maternity leave. 18 hours per week, term time only. Starting as soon as possible and finishing on 1 September 2023.

Do you enjoy working with teenagers and seeing them thrive?

We are looking to employ a caring and enthusiastic Teacher Aide to join our Learning Support team at Glendowie College. Experience is not necessary, but the following attributes are appreciated:

- Positive and enthusiastic
- Enjoys working with teenagers
- A willingness to get involved
- Patience and empathy
- Reliable
- Flexible
- Good level of literacy

If you are interested in this position, please send your CV and a brief cover letter to Sarah Bassin bas@gdc.school.nz or Celia Finn fin@gdc.school.nz

Exam Assistant Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in helping students with Special Assessment Conditions? Are you available during **the last three weeks of Term 3 (13 – 30 September 2022) and the second half of November?**

We are looking for volunteers to help **during practice exams in Term 3** and the **NCEA exams at the end of the year.**

This position could include supervision of a group of students, reading exams out to students, writing / typing out students' answers, and both reading and writing for a student.

To be an Exam Assistant, patience, empathy, and a good grasp of the English language are needed. There will be a training session held at the college before the exams start.

If you think you could help or would like more information, please email Sarah Bassin bas@gdc.school.nz or Celia Finn fin@gdc.school.nz

Ms Celia Finn, Learning Support Director

SHORT and LONG TERM Homestays Families Wanted!

Kind and welcoming families are required to provide homestay accommodation for International Students. We are expecting a number of new International Students to arrive from a range of different countries in Term 4 and into 2023.

Inviting an overseas student into your home and family not only benefits the student, but the hosting families will also enjoy the cultural enrichment hosting brings into their home. There will be a mixture of short and long-term students arriving. The International Team at Glendowie College value the support and care that our homestay families provide, which enables our students to have a wonderful experience while studying at the college. The International team and our Homestay Company are available to assist homestay families throughout the student's stay.

For further information re payment, please contact Ms Lesley Walker (wlk@gdc.school.nz) or Mrs Rebecca Johnstone (joh@gdc.school.nz) or telephone 575 9128 Ext 135 or 125.

Ms Lesley Walker, Director of International Students



Uniform Requirements

At a recent assembly, I outlined my concern that the standard of uniform has slipped over time. Possibly by focusing on ensuring that student wellbeing needs are being addressed, we have not emphasised as clearly as we could the college's expectations around the correct uniform and how it should be worn.

Most of our students do wear the uniform well, but we would like all students to wear it with pride and as it should be worn. Below are a number of aspects that were highlighted to the students as needing improvement. Your support to ensure this happens would be greatly appreciated. Starting from the feet and moving upwards:

- Shoes: Should be black leather lace up school shoes. No sneakers such as Nike Air Force 1s, Doc Martin boots, suede or canvas shoes, Chuck Taylors, slip ons.
- Socks: Navy school socks not white (girls), not white or neon under long pants (boys). No school sports socks instead of uniform socks.
- Shorts: Dickies are not our school uniform pants, students must wear the uniform pants.
- Long skirts: Track pants or pyjamas are not to be worn under them. It is a terrible look.
- Nails: No coloured nail polish. The acrylic nails worn for the school ball should be removed.
- No rings or bracelets.
- Hoodies: These are to represent particular groups in the school and to be worn at relevant events e.g. sport or out of school time. They are not part of the uniform to be worn during the school day.
- Necklaces should not be worn. If one is worn for religious or cultural reasons, it must be on a chain long enough to have it hidden from view
- Makeup: Over the years, we have moved from a stance of no makeup to students being allowed to wear something discrete. Students will be asked to remove excessive makeup.
- Facial hair: Masks have been hiding a multitude of sins. The requirement is that students are to be clean shaven with some religious exceptions. For those exceptions, we need written confirmation from a religious leader.
- Nose piercing are not part of our uniform and are not permitted.
- Earrings: One earring per ear. If students have multiple piercings, they should choose which hole to put the earring in and change it each day.
- Earrings are to be gold or silver studs or sleepers. No big hoops, earrings that dangle down or any other variation.
- Hair colour is meant to be a natural hair colour.
- Hats: Hats should not be worn inside. Religious head coverings are fine. Caps or beanies must be the school regulation ones.

We are also looking at discontinuing the Sports jackets as part of the uniform by the start of 2024. These have not been sold at the Uniform Shop since the start of 2021 as they were not waterproof and have been replaced with a better quality jacket. The Sports jackets still being worn are looking tired and shabby, so we are phasing them out.

Mr Gordon Robertson, Principal



Student Board Representative Election



Do you want to make a difference in your school?

Then why not stand for election as the Student Representative on your School Board?

As a board member, you'll learn new skills, be able to have your say on important issues and make a positive contribution to your school and community.

For more information, go to www.trustee-election.co.nz.

Grade Winners GDC Sport



U17 Boys Basketball Central Eastern A Grade



Junior Girls Football Central B Grade



Open Girls Basketball Central Eastern B Grade



U17 Boys Basketball Central Eastern B Grade

Glendowie 1st XV Restricted Rugby Team

This week, medals were presented to our 1st XV restricted rugby team who have won their division in an undefeated season. The 1R team has beaten the Kings College, Auckland Grammar School, and Sacred Heart College teams to finish with 8 wins from 8 games. The final vs Auckland Grammar School was held here on Saturday during our Open Day with Glendowie winning 46-5.

Congratulations to these boys on their achievement. Along with our 6th-grade Rugby team, they are showing that Glendowie can compete as a top Rugby school.



1R Boys Rugby B Grade



2022 School Ball



The annual school ball took place on Saturday 6 August 2022. The Guineas Ballroom at the Ellerslie Convention Centre was transformed into the 'City of Stars'. The evening started with toe tapping jazz harmonies performed by The Madeleines. Ball Royalty for 2022: Joel Sheed (King), Hannah Barclay (Queen), Violet King (Royal), Luke Hulbert (Prince), Mary Ong (Princess) and Elle Escobar (Regent). The Best Dressed teacher was Ms Clare Thomson. The Year 13 Boys performed an energetic and passionate haka and the prefects showed their dance moves. Thank you to our providers White Door Photography, The Little Black Box, Glitzm and DJ4U. Special thanks goes to the Ball Committee and especially Danielle McComish (13DHY) and Mrs Bridget Rothbart.

"The ball was a special evening for the Year 12's and 13's; a great atmosphere and an unforgettable night!" **Luke Rous (13VIS) and Alexander Roberts (13THM)**





Year 12 Chinese Class



Last Tuesday, the Year 12 Chinese class students went to a Chinese hotpot restaurant and experienced Chinese food, so they could easily evaluate the restaurant, services, and food, and describe their experience for one of their Internal writing tasks.

Students used the language and words they have learnt to order food, read the menu, and ask for discounts at the end. The food was super yummy by the way!

Ms Tantan Xu, Languages Faculty

Cook Island Language Week

Epetoma o te reo Maori Kuki Airani was held from 31 July to 6 August 2022.

Cook Island language week introduced students and teachers at GDC to the island's identity, language, and traditions. Cook Island language week connects Pacific communities with their cultural heritage and influences individuals to gain strength in becoming proud of their culture, so we were happy to get involved this year. Informative posters were displayed throughout the school to educate students on Cook Island phrases, vowels, and we ran a language competition between the form classes.



Winners were awarded with Roses chocolates. Even our school cleaners played along! In addition, on Thursday 4 August 2022, Tatiyana Tangi (11SIM) and Sophia Ah-Him (11JAN) performed a beautiful ura (dance), and Leilani Pohutuhutu (10RGS) delivered a speech in assembly. The importance of celebrating Cook Island with others was emphasised in the speech. Thanks to Leilani Pohutuhutu for running our Cook Island Language Week this year.

Mrs Ruth Richardson, Kaiārahi

Engineering Science Competition



Two teams of Glendowie College students tried their hand at the University of Auckland Engineering Science Competition this month.

Keith Looi (11SWY), Abinayan Jeyaseelan (11SLD), Max Ly (11SOH), Samuel Crump (12CGN), Tomas Vazquez Toniollo (12CGN) and Benjamin Connolly (12KAR) all took part in the competition.

The contest was held in the Dykes building on a Saturday over 8 hours. The question they spent time answering was "What's the largest payload that could be launched into orbit by slingshot?". Mr Wallace provided the students with all the physics textbooks he could find, but no one textbook was enough to solve this problem. It took hours of heated debate, lots of whiteboard markers, pizza, and trips to the dairy. In the end, both teams completed a report and impressed Mr Wallace with their ingenuity and high-level thinking. Three of the boys were cutting it fine, leaving 15 minutes before the end of the competition, so they would have enough time to get ready for the ball which was that very night!

The competition was entered by over 200 teams across Aotearoa. It will take some time for the Engineering Science faculty at the University of Auckland to judge all the reports, and we can't wait to hear how our teams did.

Mr Aidan Wallace, Science Faculty



13BUS – Consultation at Fonterra



Glendowie College's Level 3 Business Studies programme have been fortunate to partner with Fonterra during the last few years. This partnership provides great opportunities for our 13BUS students to consult with business industry experts and gather evidence to apply to their learning and assessment.



We visited [Fonterra's](#) International Head Office in Auckland's city centre on Monday, 8 August 2022. Our generous hosts provided amazing refreshments and snacks throughout today, but the highlights were still the information and insights shared with our students by various presenters. The focus was on Change and Quality Management which ties into our Level 3 Business Studies course, with eye opening information on Fonterra's ability to track, from farm to burger, a single slice of cheese provided to New Zealand's various McDonald's franchises!



Our students were also able to meet with Fonterra staff and discuss internship opportunities during their potential tertiary studies, and the career options at Fonterra.

We would like to thank Gillian Munnik and her team at Fonterra for their generosity and contribution towards our students' learning.



Mr Ruan van Aswegen, Business Studies Curriculum Specialist & Young Enterprise Scheme Liaison Teacher

Doing Business at the GDC Open Day



The Social Sciences presentation for Glendowie College's Open Day on Saturday, 13 August 2022 proved very popular with prospective parents and students for 2023.

Two Year 12 Business Studies groups grasped this opportunity to contribute to our faculty and grow their sales and businesses by setting up stalls at the Social

Sciences venue. 'Viridescent' and 'Taiao' made a great impression on those attending the Open Day with their wellbeing journals, and homemade shampoo and soap. They made their businesses even more successful than they already were with great explanations of what we do in Business Studies, pitches, and sales techniques.



Thank you to Olivia Wilson (12STC) and Amelia Males Bundock (12GRY) from 'Taiao', and Luna Fukuchi (12GRY), Georgia Mathewson (12CGN) and Zach O'Connor (12CNR) from 'Viridescent' for helping to make this day a resounding success.

Mr Ruan van Aswegen, Business Studies Curriculum Specialist & Young Enterprise Scheme Liaison Teacher



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11BUS Market Day during Week 5!

Our Year 11 Business Studies students have been working hard on planning their Market Day businesses and getting ready for the big day! We'll host our 11BUS Market Day on Friday 26 August in the GDC Hall.

Our students also had the opportunity to present their business plans to teachers and other students last week and received some valuable feedback. Remember to join us in the Hall next Friday and keep an eye out for these businesses' promotional material.



GDC YEAR 11 BUSINESS STUDIES MARKET DAY - FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST IN THE HALL!



Mr Ruan van Aswegen, Business Studies Curriculum Specialist & Young Enterprise Scheme Liaison Teacher



Hauora Conference

The 'Youth of Ōrākei' is a group of young leaders sponsored by the Ōrākei Local Board to deliver projects that engage and empower local youth in support of wellbeing. Our most recent project was a conference on Monday 27 June where 20 student leaders from Glendowie College and Selwyn College came together to learn about the Māori philosophy of 'Hauora'.



The conference ran as a series of rotations, each themed around a different element of hauora (taha hinengaro – mental and emotional wellbeing, taha wairua – spiritual wellbeing, taha tinana – physical wellbeing, and taha whānau social wellbeing). In the rotations, students participated in a range of activities and listened to guest speakers who shared their experience and advice with regards to an area of Hauora. Our amazing speakers included Green MP Chlöe Swarbrick, celebrity speaker Jake Bailey, and representatives from 'Te Rau Ora' and 'Make It 16'.



The purpose of the Hauora conference was to educate student leaders about wellbeing and community spirit and inspire them to share/implement their ideas within their schools and communities. A key focus was promoting diversity and intersectionality by hosting a range of students and speakers to ensure that a myriad of experiences and voices were represented.



We were absolutely thrilled by the calibre and engagement of the students who attended and loved hearing their ideas for future projects and actions. Some of the fantastic ideas that came out of the conference included forming a high school student union, establishing a 'restorative council' at Glendowie College, and creating safe, inclusive spaces at schools. The 'Youth of Ōrākei' is excited to support these students on their next steps and to continue working closely with Glendowie College and Selwyn College.



Student Quotes

- **Cameron De La Haye-Stokes:** *I found the experience really enjoyable and informative; it was really great to meet students from other schools and learn about how they work to make their school and community better.*
- **Madeleine Vivienne Peters:** *The conference really blew me away. Every guest speaker was amazing and experiencing this with people from Selwyn, to learn about what they do at their school, was really inspiring. I felt very motivated to bring new ideas back to my school/community.*
- **Sofia Roberts:** *The conference opened my eyes into how to simultaneously benefit my personal wellbeing alongside the wellbeing of my community. Interacting with students from Selwyn allowed us to collaborate in an inclusive environment where ideas were easily bounced off each other. It taught me how much more I could do in my school to help those around me.*
- **Otis McKenzie:** *It was so awesome to see the student leaders of Tāmaki Makaurau brought together to learn about the four pillars of hauora and apply this knowledge to their schools! It gave our students a chance to enhance school communities through celebrating and acknowledging diversity while maintaining the wellbeing of ourselves and others. The conference has brought a plethora of ideas and new conventions that our future leaders are excited to bring to our schools and the wider community.*





Library Week 2022



After a two-year hiatus Library Week, with this year's theme of 'Book to the Future', came roaring back to Glendowie College coinciding with the first Aotearoa wide school library week celebration. There were lots of fun activities from a 'Harry Potter Kahoot', to a giant 'Word Search', 'Murdered Books', 'Blackout Poetry' and a life-sized 'Marty McFly' cut, but the highlight for students and staff alike was the 'Live Action Character Hunt' which saw intrepid staff dressed up as book characters being hunted down by students.

Thanks to those on the student librarian team who helped organise the activities, including 'Library Wordle', which was a hit with staff, and to all the students who were involved with the activities on offer.

Ms Jody Gayton, Library Manager



The EPro8 Challenge



The EPro8 Challenge is a competition, an engineering and problem-solving race. Every year over 9000 students from 800 schools throughout New Zealand take part in this competition. Each team of four is based at a workstation containing an impressive assortment of easy-to-use parts and equipment. The 3-hour event begins with a tutorial on the equipment teams will be using.

Teams compete in a variety of tasks such as building large sized structures, engineering using pulleys, motors, gears, wheels and axles, constructing electronic circuits and

inventing machines that can complete simple tasks.

The first round for 2022 was held last week in Auckland. Five of our teams from the heat made it through to the EPro8 semi-finals, three from the Junior level and two from the Senior level.

Semi-finalists are:

- Justin Chen, Max Davies, Kieran Joe, Lewis Azzopardi (Senior)
- Frank Ison, Jack Sutherland, Max Ly, Keith Looi (Senior)
- Rebecca Bowler, Maddi Elliott, Rhianna Brewer, Isobel Mitchell (Junior)
- Ben McNally, Lilly Chapman, Will Dickson, Alexander Heaton (Junior)
- Oliver Foley, Sebastian Tobin, Jamie Cartwright, Alexander Scrymgeour (Junior)

Ms Jeelie Christopher, Technology Faculty





Passing Exams Seminar – Year 12 & 13 Students and Parents

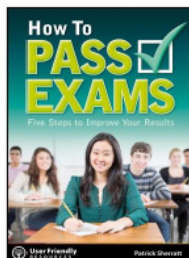
Booking information and details were emailed to Year 12 and Year 13 parents earlier this week.

Passing Exams seminar



Patrick Sherratt
(MEd Hons, BA Psych)

Author of *How to Pass Exams*
Public Speaker and Trainer
www.passingexams.co.nz



Break Through to Better Exam Results

GLENDOWIE COLLEGE, HALL

TUESDAY 30TH AUGUST: 6.30 – 8.00PM

The 'Passing Exams' seminar presents a five-step **exam-preparation strategy** and provides **practical solutions** to many common challenges students face.

Do you:

- ✓ Have trouble concentrating and get easily distracted?
- ✓ Find memorising information slow and difficult?
- ✓ Get a little nervous around exams?

THIS SEMINAR WILL HELP

Based on the latest research into how to learn, study and prepare for exams, this interactive and entertaining seminar will show you how to:

- Switch on your brain to learn, study and prepare in ways that improve results
- Use relaxation techniques to enhance attention, concentration and reduce stress
- Quickly review and reduce folders of class-notes into new condensed study-notes
- Dramatically enhance your memory retention
- Build confidence by rehearsing your ability to understand and recall information

COST: \$5.00 (per person) – Bookings essential
Open to all Year 12 and 13 students AND parents!