

Senior Site Bites



Term 1
Week 3
22 February 2019



Dates to remember:
[Calendar](#)

26 February

- Y Engage

27 February

- Breakfast Club 7:45 to 8:45am, Kitchen
- Y7-10 Girls Rugby League 7's
- Homework Centre, 3:15 to 4:30pm, Library
- **P&C Meeting 6-7:30pm Junior Site**

28 February

- Swimming Carnival

Check out the P&C website:
<http://goldcreekschoolpandc.org.au/>

Follow us on twitter:
@GoldCreekSchool



Dear Parents & Carers

Gold Creek School's senior site 2019 swimming carnival will be splashing off next Thursday, 28 February. The whole school will be relocating for lots of fun, encouragement, racing challenges and for the many opportunities to showcase supporting spirit. The 'relocation' means that we expect all students to attend the carnival.

School Photos

This year was the start of Gold Creek School working with a new photographic company. Senior Site student photos were taken on Thursday, 21 and Friday, 22 February. Families will be notified in a couple of weeks as to when they can log onto the photographer's website to view and order photo packages. Students will be provided with a personal code to access their photos through this site. Catch-up photos will be held on Monday, 4 March for students who missed this week's opportunities.

Another reminder that the Y7 Camp is quickly approaching. If you have any questions or concerns, please raise these with your child's Pastoral Care (PC) teacher. The sooner these questions are raised, the easier and gentler the preparation and experience can be.

Chrome books

With another new roll-out having just occurred, all students are now expected to have access to their own personal device for classroom and course work.

Phones are not an appropriate alternative and we ask for your support in managing, reminding and advising your child/children of this. Please also help your child set healthy work and play routines around using their devices. Already, a small number of our students are arriving late to school, tired and struggling to engage because they have been up late the night before, or over the weekend.

Appropriate management also includes having our chrome books charged and ready for their intended use - course work and learning, particularly at school - each day.

Students have joined Google classrooms for each of their subjects, and these should be accessible from both school and home. In these classrooms you will see your child's class work tasks and messages. Please familiarise yourselves with this format and contact your child's course teachers or PC teacher for more information.

Gold Creek School is keen to support, encourage and develop all aspects of your child's time at school, and skill them for their future. A major tool in this work is our School Points System.

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Students are encouraged, rewarded and celebrated for their approaches to learning, school culture, community spirit, sporting and academic abilities.

During each year a student's accrued points are added to both their own personal tally and also to their School House's total tally. This is a process that requires each student to claim their awarded points each month. Points are a serious matter for all years and in Y's 9 and 10, points contribute towards a student's graduation level.

A team of dedicated teachers is currently developing an explanatory document about the Points System for the school web page.

Stephen Crabb, Director of School Culture

YEAR 8

Year 8 students have settled in well to their classes for 2019. Students should all have their Google classroom codes and Education Perfect Login details.

In addition to our regular curriculum the Pastoral Care Groups have all been familiarising themselves with the four important areas of Gold Creek's Positive Behaviour for Learning framework:

1. Safety – we are safe
2. Respect – we are respectful
3. Responsibility – we are responsible
4. Learning – we are learners
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It has been pleasing to see the majority of students in school uniform and displaying the full array of IB learner attributes. The school swimming carnival next Thursday will be a great fun opportunity for students to continue in that vein and earn many house points.

Mr McDonald and the year 8 Pastoral Care team are looking forward to great things for year 8 in 2019. Should you have any issues or concerns you wish to discuss please don't hesitate to contact any of the year 8 team, Pastoral Care teachers, myself or Mr McDonald the year 8 executive teacher.

Mr Drury year 8 Coordinator

NEW SCIENCE TEACHER

Hi students and community of Gold Creek High School. I am excited to join the creative and dedicated team at Gold Creek this year. I am a new teacher in the Science and Maths faculty. My area of speciality is biology and ecology, although I love physics and Chemistry too. I have previously studied a Bachelor of Science and a Graduate Diploma at ANU and CSU, and I have recently completed my Master of Teaching at UC.

Prior to teaching, I worked as an educator at the National Zoo and Aquarium for three years, and then managed an animal shelter in regional New South Wales.

This year I am teaching Science to years 7, 8 and 9. This term the year 7s are learning about forces (Physics), the year 8s are learning about energy (also Physics) and the year 9s are building knowledge about atoms and molecules (Chemistry). I have enjoyed teaching so far, and I am looking forward to the 2019 school year at Gold Creek!

Emily Kreyborg, Science Teacher

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SCHOOL PHOTOS

The 'shoot key' will be handed to students on Monday, 4 March (catch up day) and orders can be placed online from Tuesday, 5 March until Tuesday, 19 March. **Any orders received after the 19 March will incur a \$12.95 late/postage fee.** Please read below for more information.

Creativeschoolportraits.com.au.

Gold Creek School

This code will activate Tue 5th March

Go to: www.creativeschoolportraits.com.au

Click on "Online Ordering" and enter code to view child's image, pick background and package.

To see all packs available select "View All" button

To add another child's order, click top left "change shoot".

Payment can be made with PayPal or Credit Card only.

All orders will be returned to school after Tue 19th March unless postage option is selected

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If you have any questions, please contact CSP office

Thank you - Cliff & Kay Dykes

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SCHOOL PORTRAITS
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Nolan Ahsan

Class: 1A



EDUCATION PERFECT – SUPPORT NEEDED

Education Perfect is a powerful online learning platform that Gold Creek Senior Site has been using and enjoying within their curriculum for some time now. Education Perfect has been shown to magnify the value of a teacher in the classroom, improve learning outcomes and increase student engagement across multiple curriculum areas.

Key features:

- Access anywhere, anytime on PC/Laptop/Tablet devices
- Single Sign-On available
- Full examination and assessment features available to school
- Parent reporting
- Live Monitoring - tells you if students go off task onto other sites/programs
- Spaced Repetition
- Content fully customisable – differentiate for individual student needs
- Full entry to all Education Perfect World Series Events.

The cost of the program is \$100. This has replaced the text books that have been on the book lists in the past, which actually means a saving to parents. Many parents have already paid this cost by purchasing the book packs through Office Max, however, this option is now unavailable. To ensure we can continue to use the program **we need parents to pay the \$100 by Friday 15 March.** This should now be paid through the school.

Payment Options

School bank details are:

Gold Creek School Management Account
BSB: 032-777 Acc Number: 001340

or

via our website using your credit card through [QuickWeb](#)

Gold Creek School

Phone: 6142 1300

Absences: 6142 1323

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REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES – SENIOR SITE

**Our 24 hour dedicated absences phone number is
6142 1323**



To report your child's absence, please leave a short message stating their name, year, pastoral care class and reason for absence – Late/Sick or Leave by 9:30am. You can also report absences via our school App (download from Apple store or Google Play) or by email to info@goldcreek.act.edu.au

SCHOOL APP



Did you know that you can report student absences, check the school calendar, read newsletters and receive important information via sms on your mobile phones (provided you allow push notifications) all through our school App!

iPhone – Go to the app store, enter - Gold Creek School, press install, enter your iTunes password.

Android – Go to Google Play, enter – Gold Creek School, press install.

Download the school App NOW, to help us keep in touch!

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

If your child suffers from a known medical condition for example - anaphylaxis, diabetes, epilepsy, asthma or other allergies, the school requires a 'known medical condition response plan'.



Please note that in the absence of this plan only standard first aid would be administered. The forms can be found on our [website](#). Once completed please return to the school as soon as possible.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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IN THE BUILDING



IN THE BAG

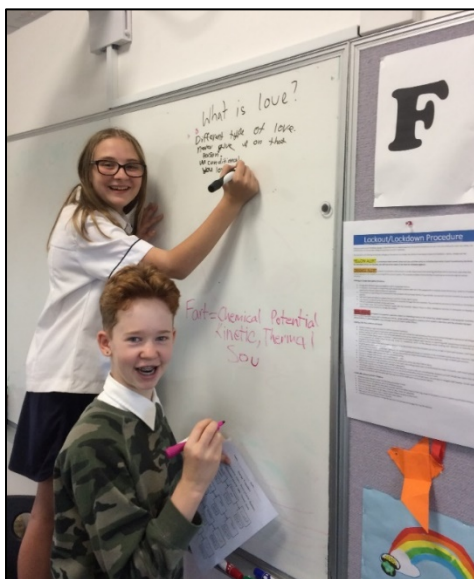
REMINDER - MOBILE PHONE RULES

Don't forget our rules for mobile phones; when students are in the buildings their phones must be off and in their bags.

If you need to contact your child in an emergency please call the school direct on 6142 1300 and we will get the message to them.

For non-urgent messages you can send an SMS and students can check their phones during breaks.

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Two of our year 8 students are snapped here happily engaging in their work in the GCS FLEX learning space.

SPORT HOUSE NAMES & COLOURS

House Name	Colour	Surname beginning with
Eucalyptus	Green	A - E
Blue Gum	Blue	F - Le
Waratah	Red	Lf - Ri
Wattle	Yellow	Rj - Z

Did you know you can place an online lunch order via flexischools?



Online ordering is a convenient way to place orders, providing 24/7 payment and ordering system that can be accessed from home, work or a mobile device.

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[Canteen menu](#)