

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers
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Principal

Keeping Teenagers Safe

There has been a lot of media coverage recently about teenage abuse of alcohol and drugs and the impact that this has on individuals, family and friends. I don't believe that there is any one solution to this issue but there are a number of things worth considering as parents.

Firstly, you are the parents, the adults in the home and it is your role to take the lead and to lead responsibly. You set the rules and code of behaviour for your children and provided you are fair and reasonable, they should comply. It pays to work really hard to keep the communication channels open and honest. Try to give reasons for your decisions.

I don't think that young people should have access to alcohol unless they are old enough to buy it themselves (18 years old). Put simply, don't buy it for them! It's a luxury product, not a necessity. If an 18 or 19 year old child who earns an income and lives at home wants to drink at home with friends whenever he or she likes, my answer would be no! It's your house and your rules. If he or she is reasonable and asks to do this occasionally with friends, it may be a yes. Respect goes both ways. If they behave well, clean up and treat you with respect then this can be a positive. However, younger teenagers have no need to be involved with alcohol at all and certainly not to have it facilitated or purchased by parents.

As parents, you should know your teenagers' whereabouts at all times. You have every right to know where they are going and who will be there. If they are going to a friend's, know the friend and the parents. Call the parents to check that they will be at home while your child is there. Ensure that the transport arrangements are safe or better still, do the drop-off and pick up yourself. Your child may complain about a lack of freedom but at least they know you care.

As parents, you need to be good role models. It is very difficult to have any credibility with teenagers when they see you making the same mistakes that you are asking them to avoid. So all those things like consuming alcohol only in moderation, never taking drugs and being a responsible driver go without saying really. There is little chance for those teenagers who see this from the adults around them daily. While most of you do a great job as parents, we are too often surprised by the unbelievable freedoms, poor role modelling and lack of guidance afforded some students.

Remember that teenagers are children in adults' bodies. They are just pretending to be adults and need their training wheels, your common sense boundaries and support. It's where there are no boundaries or support that the trouble starts. It's great fun walking with teenagers through these formative years which is why we do this job.

Punctuality and Uniform

Thank you to all of you who have made a real effort to get your youngster into enough correct uniform to survive the winter. We will keep the vigilance up. Don't forget that all students taking PE must have a PE uniform and bring it to school for their PE class.

Punctuality is also on the radar at present as we chase any lateness. It is vital that our students learn to be punctual not only for their learning now but also in order to keep any future employment. It is a vital attribute to have in order to advance in the modern world. Students who are late to school must make up the time at interval on the day that they are late.

Both these things amount to pride in oneself and what you are doing.

Fees / Donation

I know that times are tough for many but I would urge you to keep nibbling away at school fees, even if it is only a small amount each week or fortnight. Rather than pay nothing, please contact our Accounts Department on 444 9066 ext 807 or 808 and set up an AP (automatic payment) or to let them know that you will pay regularly.

Subject fees, material fees, book fees as well as sports fees are expected to be paid. The only optional fee is the school donation which is a valued part of our revenue for running the school which we would love you to pay all or some of please.

NZQA Fees

Final payment for this year's NZQA entry fees is due by 8th July. Financial Assistance information and application forms are available from Mrs King in the Student Centre. Automatic payment can be arranged with Ms Kilroy at the Payment Centre. After this date, a late fee will apply.

Key Dates

4 th July	BOT Meeting
5 th July	Information Evening for 2012 Year 9 Enrolment All prospective parents and students are welcome to attend
7 th , 12 th July	Enrolment Evening Venue: School Office Time: 4:00-8:00pm
13 th , 14 th July	Year 12 Drama "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Venue: Kaipatiki Theatre Time: 7:30pm Entry: \$2
15 th July	Last Day of Term 2
1 st August	First Day of Term 3 BOT Meeting
2 nd , 4 th August	Enrolment Evening Venue: School Office Time: 4:00-8:00pm
6 th August	Open Afternoon - School Tour Time: 1:00-4:00pm
13 th August	School Ball

ABSENCES

Please contact the Student Centre on 444-9066 ext 813 or email the attendance administrator on absences@gc.ac.nz to report your child's absence.

What you need to know about the **Student Centre**?

- Entry through the left side of the Administration Block.
- Payment Centre is there.
- Services provided for parents and students:
 - Late sign-in to school
 - Early sign-out from school
 - Lost property
 - Information to reach your child

NOTICES

Electronic Newsletters: The school have started emailing newsletters to parents. If you have recently changed your email address, please inform the school by emailing to reply@gc.ac.nz stating your child's name. The newsletter will also be available on our webpage www.glenfieldcollege.school.nz.

Rotary Club of Northcote Annual Charity Book Fair: 21st-23rd July at Northcote College

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Rotary Club of Northcote

Annual Charity Book Fair

2011 Charity Book Fair

Thursday 21st - Saturday 23rd July

(School Holidays)

Venue: Northcote College, Kauri Glen Road,
off Onewa Road, Northcote

The Rotary Club of Northcote will hold its popular annual charity book fair again in July. There will be opportunity to find books covering most categories at bargain price.

During June and early July the Club will be collecting books. 100% of the proceeds from the book fair go to the community. If you have any books that you wish to donate - please call either of the following numbers for someone to pick them up; or deliver to collection bins in Northcote (Paper Power), Birkenhead (Life Pharmacy), or Glenfield (Hammer hardware):

- Tel – 480 8768; or
- Tel – 418 4288

This Club serves the Northcote and Glenfield communities. Mr Benton is a member.

We look forward to your support!