Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: BACK TO SCHOOL IN 2014

To assist with your planning for next year, here is all the information you need to ensure a smooth beginning in 2014.

**Back to school dates and times**

- **Tuesday 28 January**: Prep, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 12
- **Wednesday 29 January**: Years 8, 9 and 10

**Primary hours**: 8.30am to 3.00pm (Prep finishes at 2.50pm)

**Secondary hours**: 8.30am to 2.50pm

- All 2014 Prep students go directly to their Prep classrooms
- All other students new to GCCC in 2014 go directly to the library
- Primary students go to their new classrooms

Students in Year 7 in 2014 meet in the Senior Undercover Area for Orientation (on Tuesday 28/1/13)

Students in Year 11 in 2014 meet in the church (on Tuesday 28/1/13)

Students in Year 12 in 2014 meet in F1 (on Tuesday 28/1/13)

Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 in 2014 meet in the Senior Undercover Area (on Wednesday 29/1/13)

**Uniform Shop**

It is important that all students begin the year with the correct uniform and shoes. All the details are in the Uniform Brochure on the GCCC website under College Life, Uniform Shop.

You will find comprehensive information on the GCCC website about Uniform Shop hours and online ordering through flexischools. Here are details specific to back to school fittings.

**Option 1**: Term 4 fittings available until Friday 29 November. Monday, Wednesday & Friday the uniform shop is open from 8am to 9.15am. They are open Friday afternoons from 2.00pm until 3.30pm. During Orientation Morning on 2 December – fittings are available from 10.30am to 3.00pm.

The Uniform Shop will be closed for stocktake from Tuesday 3 December until January sales.

**Option 2**: Fittings are available Monday 20 January to Thursday 23 January from 9.00am to 3.00pm. These days are very busy so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Second hand uniform fittings are also available on Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 January.

A ministry of Glasshouse Country Baptist Church
**Enhancement to Senior School uniform:** During 2014 students will be given the opportunity to purchase second hand blazers at a reduced rate from the Uniform Shop. During 2015 blazers will become compulsory for Years 10, 11 and 12. New blazers will be available for purchase but at the full rate. Blazers and all second hand uniforms in good condition can be sold back to the uniform shop when they are no longer needed.

**Enhancement to Sports' uniform:** During 2014 a new house shirt will be phased in. House shirts will be polo style (rather than t-shirts), still be in the house colours and incorporate a screen printed logo of each sporting house. These shirts will be available in the Uniform Shop in 2014 and be compulsory by 2015.

Athletes Foot at 44 Bulcock Street, Caloundra will donate $5 to the College for every shoe sold if you mention Glasshouse Country Christian College.

**Prep Screening**

You would have recently received an allocated time slot for your child’s Prep screening meeting which is taking place on Wednesday 4 December or Thursday 5 December. Please contact the office if you cannot make the allocated time and we will try and arrange another for you.

**Primary Orientation Morning is on Monday 2 December**

Orientation morning allows students to meet their teacher for 2014 and helps make a smooth transition. All current students will have at least one or two friends nominated and the annual changes in class lists help them make new friends.

Lists are carefully prepared to have a balance of academic, social/emotional, behavioural, learning support and pastoral care in each class. Teachers write Individual Education Plans and Educational Adjustment Plans for a number of students in their classes and the workload for these also needs to be taken into consideration when preparing class lists. For this reason, classes will not be changed as even one move will affect this balance and student friendships.

More details have gone out in a separate letter but here is a summary:

**All 2014 Prep students:** Parents can take their children directly to the Prep classrooms at 9am.

**Primary students who are new to GCCC in 2014:** Parents are to drop their children off at the College library at 9.00am and then pick them up from the library at 10.30am.

**Other Primary students:** Will go to their usual class at the normal time and their teachers will give further instructions.

**Stationery and book lists**

Information regarding stationery and book lists is on the GCCC website under Learning, Book Lists or click here to go directly to the page.

**Back to school Primary details**

**Prep welcome barbeque.**

A welcome to Prep barbeque will be held for Prep students and their parents on Tuesday 21 January. A letter with more details will go out closer to the event. This is a fun occasion which gives students and their families an opportunity to meet each other.

**Changes to classrooms**

Year 3 and 4 classes will be in the new E block.

Year 5 and 6 classes will be in K block.

Other year levels will stay in the same blocks as 2013
Class Teachers
Prep  Tanya Lindsay/Heather Dodwell, Lin Smith and Lauren Kuhn.
Year 1 Wendy Hay, Rachel West, and Kate Pollard.
Year 2 Lesley-ann Rosenberg/Sarah Leary (2 days), Kimberly McLaren and Leetice Evans.
Year 3 Jane Beaden (Year 3 and Primary Ed Tech), Wendy O'Donnell and Kate Noke (Year 3 and Art Specialist 1 day a week).
Year 4 Bronwyn Wynn and Daniel Rizeman.
Year 5 Renee Newman and Lynette Putzier
Year 6 Nicole Jen and Rick Rogers
Ainslee Robinson will be working with Year 2, 3 and 5 classes.

Specialist Teachers
Art:  Kate Noke
Music: Rochelle Thomas (Music/ Drama/ Dance)
French: Nadine Hammill will be working with Primary classes next year.
HPE:  Wendy Stott

Back to school Secondary details

Year Level Coordinators
Year 7  Matthew Ware
Year 8  Kerrie-Ann Draper
Year 9  Russell Modlin
Year 10 Chris Warren
Year 11 Annaliese Bullock
Year 12 Rob Maguire

Lockers and books

Lockers will be assigned and locks handed out during the first session on the first day of school. This means first thing Tuesday morning on 28 January for Years 7, 11 and 12 and first thing Wednesday morning on 29 January for Years 8, 9 and 10.

All students will be issued with any necessary textbooks via the library during the first two weeks of school.

Year 7
- iPad rollout Information Night is Thursday 23 January at 6.30pm in theatre. No student will be issued with an iPad without a parent or guardian attending this meeting. If you cannot attend this session, please contact the office so they can advise you of an alternative option.
- All students to assemble in Senior Undercover Area, when the bell rings, students will be directed to the Theatre and from there will be going to their Pastoral Care class with their PC teachers.
- Students will need to purchase one large zipped folder (on book list) that will hold several notebooks and their iPad to protect it in transit around the school and to and from home.
- The iPad will be the main diary tool. However, students may purchase a paper diary listed on the book list. This is optional and must be used in a manner in keeping with our school values.
- Exercise books are still used in some classes and need to be provided as per the booklist.

*NOTE - the iTunes card of $50.00. This item is listed on the book list and is used to purchase various applications required during the year. These apps will be loaded on the iPads at school.

Years 8 and 9
- All students to assemble in Senior Undercover Area on Wednesday 29 January, when the bell rings, students will be directed to the Church and from there will be going to their Pastoral Care class with their PC teachers.
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### After Hours School/Vacation Care

Glasshouse Country Christian College provides an Outside School Hours program through Helping Hands. This service operates in the library and theatre and includes use of the school grounds and facilities. For further information call 0499 043 107, email glasshousecountry@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au or click [here](http://gccc.qld.edu.au/) for the form.

### Other information

There is much more information on the GCCC website and we encourage you to visit it often.

http://gccc.qld.edu.au/

### Summary of date claimers

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

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Monday 20 January to Thursday 23 January

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Tuesday 21 January

Welcome to Prep barbeque

Wednesday 4 December

Prep screening meetings

Thursday 5 December

Prep screening meetings

Thursday 23 January

6.30pm iPad Information Night in theatre

Tuesday 28 January

First day back for Prep, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 12

Wednesday 28 January

First day back for Years 8, 9 and 10

I hope this information helps with your planning and I look forward to a fruitful educational journey with you in 2014.

Yours faithfully

MIKE CURTIS
PRINCIPAL