SENIOR PHASE OF LEARNING: STUDENTS

While this school provides an extensive range of subjects from which you may choose your course of study and establishes access to school/community initiatives and projects, it is your attitude and application to your studies and whether you take advantage of these opportunities that will have the biggest influence on your achievements and your future.

In order to achieve success:

I expect that you will become an active and positive member of our school community and that you will take full advantage of all the opportunities on offer at this school. I want each one of you to be part of our team and I would expect that you would make your special contribution and grow as an individual and valued member of our school.

Remain positive, take responsibility for your own learning and always choose behaviours which will help you learn and grow.

What does Gladstone State High School offer you? Others will provide you with more detail, but I offer you my commitment, as leader of this organisation that this school will offer each one of you:

- Academic rigour
- Multiple pathways to your chosen future
- A safe, supportive and positive learning environment
- Teachers that care, about you and your learning
- Extensive curriculum offerings
- Exposure to the world of work
- A futures oriented curriculum which is up-to-date, relevant and appropriate
- A challenging and productive learning environment
- A friendly, open school responsive to your needs
- Quality teaching and
- Access to and use of the latest technology.

There is something very special and long lasting about the partnerships which are formed when you are a senior student at school.

People start to see you as a young adult capable of:

- Making the right decisions
- Accepting the consequences for these decisions; and
- Capable of responsible independent thought demonstrating a sense of adventure and creativity.

Capable of also being able to:

- Set a goal
- Plan for success and achievement
- Manage time
- Demonstrate enthusiasm and commitment, and
- Make an extra effort when needed.
People will start to give you more:

- FREEDOM
- RESPECT
- TRUST and
- RESPONSIBILITY

But these are all associated with high expectations of you, to make the most of your life and the opportunities offered to you by the school, at home and/or in the wider community.

My message is to take advantage of these opportunities, don’t be left wondering where your opportunity has gone, or in the worst case scenario by asking for another chance. It is the partnership, with your study routine, desk, computer or books which you may find the most challenging. They too will expect you to be independent learners, to construct knowledge, to have the ability to plan your own learning by using them only as a resource, to seek value beyond school for your learning and to develop a disciplined inquiry approach to this information age.

You have the RIGHT to learn and to be happy and excited about what you are learning, and as such you have the RESPONSIBILITY to make a genuine effort in all that you do and at all times DEMONSTRATE LEARNING BEHAVIOURS.

- Come to class well prepared
- Complete all homework
- Seek extra clarification from teachers when needed
- Prepare a study plan and stick to it
- Take advantage of submitting drafts
- Access technology where possible
- Hand in assignments on time
- Be well prepared for tests
- Show commitment
- Listen attentively
- Actively engage in the planned lesson
- Have a good study environment at home
- Talk to your parents and involve them in what you are learning
- Take responsibility and be accountable for your own learning and achievement
- Be successful and have fun.

As a senior at Gladstone State High, we have particular expectations of you and these are:

- A high standard of conduct, dress, grooming and speech
- Compliance with school rules and regulations
- A commitment to applying yourself to your studies and an attitude conducive to achieving your best
- Consideration for others at all times, particularly towards fellow students, teachers, visitors to the school, while travelling to and from school, and
- Respect for the reputation of oneself, one’s family and one’s school should always determine behaviour.

Because of the quality communication you will have and the productive partnerships you will develop with the staff of this school, you will achieve quality learning outcomes. When you
graduate from Gladstone State High you will be able to, and will want to, lead responsible and productive lives in both the local and global community.

You will be enterprising and have the skills that will allow you maximum flexibility and adaptability for the future. You will be a critical thinker, able to work in a team. You will have the skills to solve problems and manage new technologies.

And, you will have a positive attitude towards further training and continuous learning.

At Gladstone State High, all these opportunities are available to you:

As long as you get on the bus and choose your ticket wisely.

A coach is a way of taking people from where they are to where they want to be.

They still have to….
  • Buy their ticket and
  • Choose the destination

Yours in learning,
Reach for the Stars
“Together Everyone Achieves More”

Sally Thompson
Principal