27 January 2016

Dear Parent/Caregiver

**College Inter-house Swimming Carnival for Year 7 – Year 12**

The annual GCC Inter-house Swimming Carnival is here again! Participation in the carnival is compulsory for all students and we look forward to this being a competitive and fun day.

To keep all the class year groups together, students in Year 6 who were born in 2004 (turning 12 years in 2016) will compete in the Primary Carnival and 12-year-old students in Year 7 will compete in the Secondary Carnival. Place getters in each race will receive ribbons on the day but times will be compared with the 12 year old students in Year 6 to establish overall age champion placings, district team selections and sportsperson of the year points.

Students will be required to swim 25m for “B” division events and 50m for “A” division events. Freestyle is the only compulsory event although we would like students to participate in as many events as possible to gain valuable house points. 1st, 2nd and 3rd ribbons and house points will be awarded for each race.

The 100m freestyle races will begin at **8.00am**. Students will need to nominate individually for this event and for the 200m Individual medley through the PE Department and will need to be at the pool for an 8.00am commencement. A list of the events is displayed on the sports noticeboard (at the stairwell end of G Block).

**Date:** Wednesday 10 February 2016

**Venue:** Beerwah Swimming Pool

**Time:** 8.50am – 2.35pm

Students will be walked by GCC teachers to the Beerwah Swimming Pool at approximately 8.35am so that the carnival can start on time. Students will be walked back to school in time for dismissal, buses or parent/caregiver collection.

In line with the College Sunsmart Policy, students will need to wear their house shirt and hat and sit in their house area when not swimming. Please ensure students have applied sunscreen before school. The College will provide sunscreen throughout the day for reapplication but it is recommended that each student has his/her own sunscreen for convenience.
House shirts are now compulsory at sports carnivals so please ensure your child has one to wear. All sizes are now available in the Uniform Shop for purchase.

All family members and friends of your child are invited to be spectators at the carnival. However, the pool (Council) will charge a spectator’s entry fee of $2.00. A BBQ will be run at the event and the pool canteen may also be accessed for lunch, drinks and snacks.

We are also seeking parent/caregiver help to ensure that the carnival runs smoothly. If you are available to assist during the carnival, please contact wendy.stott@glasshouse.qld.edu.au or matthew.beattie@glasshouse.qld.edu.au at the College before the carnival. Assistance will be greatly appreciated.

The Swimming Carnival is to be treated as a normal school day, full participation is expected and encouraged to maximise house points.

Yours sincerely

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