



Issue 1

15th February, 2016

Attendance

Attendance is critically linked to student success. Sub School Leaders would like to remind parents and guardians that only 3 'parent approved' absences are considered permissible, after this stage, medical certification is required. Please also be aware, any families planning extended holidays during the school term need to inform the Sub School at least one week prior to leaving to allow teachers to work with students to agree upon a Student Absence Learning Plan. Please make direct contact with Sub Schools, on the numbers below, to ensure individual needs are met:

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| Arts/Humanities - | Amanda Muxworthy 8795 1017 Melinda Dalforno 8795 1019 Martina Drendel 8795 1021 |
| Science/IT/Commerce - | Lyndal Yargas 8795 1085 Karen Woodward 8795 1048 Mark Gelderbloem 8795 1085 |
| Sport & Health Science - | Jamie Fardell 8795 1092 Deb Crew 8795 1015 Michael Boyer 8795 1060 Damien Landini 8795 1041 |
| Traditional Trades - | Scott Kirkby 8795 1080 Lori Benis 8795 1079 Alan Torcello 8795 1081 Sue Lubbock 8795 1081 |

Year 12 Parent and Student Information Evening

Year 12 is an incredibly busy year, for students, parents and the College. In order to assist parents and students to make this a successful year for all, Hallam Senior College held a Parent and Student Information Evening. The evening begun with general information regarding Year 12 at Hallam. Students and parents then attended a session designed around the students' specific certificate (VCE or VCAL). Students who were unable to attend, will need to attend a session at **2.30pm on Friday 19th February** where they can obtain all of the same information and collect their Year 12 jumper.

Important Dates

Thursday 18th February -

Year 12 Chemistry Monash Excursion

Monday 22nd February -

Presentation Ball Information Session
Finance Office open until 6pm
Parent Forum

Tuesday 23rd February -

Year 12 Community Services Excursion

Monday 29th February -

CSEF Applications close

Wednesday 2nd March -

AVID Excursion to Monash University

Friday 4th March -

Australia Defence Force Expo

Monday 14th March -

Labour Day Public Holiday

2016 Pupil Free Days -

10th June, 2016

19th August, 2016

Friday 12th August -

Arts Academy Applications close



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Student Leaders

Congratulations to our new School Captains, Sub School Captains and Vice Captains.

There will be an official morning tea held for student leaders, their parents and Sub School Leading Teachers on **Monday 22nd February at 10:40am** in the dining room.

School captains for 2016 are Amira Elhassen and Timm Gavenlock!

Sub School Captains are as follows: **Arts and Humanities -**

Lavinia Beaton and Mikayla Wells

Vice Captains:

Danielle Macri and Karishma Chand

Sports and Health Science -

Tiffany Brodie and Nathan Malloy

Vice Captains:

Caitlin Bonney and Victoriah Seu

Traditional Trades -

Nakia Billington and Dolo Taylu

Vice Captains:

Still considering applications, please apply if interested.

Science, IT and Commerce -

Alli Duiker and Mele Lilo

Vice Captains:

Alia Ahmadi and Chloe Wood

Library News

We're excited about 2016, with new displays up in the Library and all kinds of exciting programs on the way. Students can contribute Valentines to our beautiful Valentine's Day wall, or set themselves goals for 2016 on the blackboard. There is also a Study Skills display to help students get their heads around different ways that they can make sure they actually recall the information they learn in class.

Study4Success

Study 4 Success has kicked off, with the Library open until 5:30 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Teachers are available for assistance in specific subjects and afternoon snacks are provided. In addition to this, there are a variety of additional activities that will be taking place including: School Magazine, Biology Master Class, Chemistry Master Class, Poetry Appreciation, Board Games Club, Maths Assistance, Debating and Pathway to University.

English Conversational Skills

Friends of Hallam Senior College are invited to join us in the library on Wednesday afternoons between 1:30 and 3:20 from the 2nd of March for an informal, social gathering to enhance conversational English skills. It doesn't matter how good your English is, we'd love to see you! Afternoon tea provided. Please sign in at the general office when you arrive.

دوستان از سبب دعوت به عمل میاید در روز سه
چهارشنبه بعد از ظهر از ساعت ۱:۳۰ تا ۳:۲۰
از تاریخ ۲ مارچ برای مهارت گفتگوی انگلیسی در کتابخانه
کتاب شروع می شود
از عزیزان خواهش می کنم که خود در دفتر عمومی کتاب سب
نام نمایند و همچنین از دوستان باحیای دیگره نیز خواهش می شود!

Pasifika Students and Community Liaison

Hallam Senior College wishes to introduce **Mr Star Ah Kuoi** as the Pasifika Student and Community Liaison. Mr Ah Kuoi will be working closely with all Pasifika students and their families as well as their teachers, to develop positive relationships, set achievable goals and to improve learning outcomes.

With these in mind, **Good Attendance** and **Positive Learning Behaviours** are good foundations to improve **Learning and Achievement**.

Mr Ah Kuoi will also be assisting Pasifika student on Pasifika Culture and Identity, Community Projects for students' personal development and student welfare.

Pasifika Parents can contact Mr Ah Kuoi at the **Sports Health Sciences Sub School Office** by phone or email below.

Phone: (03) 8795 1060

Email: ahkuoi.star.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

Compass School Manager

In the next week parents will be sent their Compass log in details. Compass is a system that Hallam Senior College uses to communicate with parents and students.

Parents will be able to use Compass for the following purposes:

- Entering absences
- Booking parent teacher interviews
- Accessing student reports
- Email communication with staff
- Monitor student attendance rates
- Purchase school photos
- Staying up to date with school events

The College will be holding a series of Compass information sessions to assist parents, guardians and carers to make the most of Compass. These will be held in the Library. Dates and times for these sessions will be advertised shortly on the College website and communicated directly via email or SMS.

Community 'Come and Cook' Class

A fast, fresh, healthy BBQ dinner

Members of our school community are invited to join Chef, Wolfgang Kessler, in preparing and sharing a cost effective, fresh and healthy BBQ dinner.

Where: Hallam Senior College Kitchen

When: 16th March, 7pm - 9pm

Cost: \$5.00

Please RSVP to the general office by 9th March

Coming up later in the year.. Fast, fresh, healthy: Asian, Sweets and Mediterranean

Upcoming Assessment Tasks

Business Management Unit 1: Market research of new business opportunity, 17 February

Visual Communication Design Unit 3: Practical Task 1, Environmental Design, 19 February

Business Management Unit 1: Location of small business, 22 February

Business Management Unit 3: SAC 1, Large Scale Organizations, 24 and 25 February

Biology Unit 3: SAC 2, Enzyme Action, 29 February

Health and Human Development Unit 3: SAC 1, in the week beginning 7 March

English Unit 3: SAC 1, Text Response 'Medea', 8 March

Physics Unit 3: Test SAC, week of 14 - 18 March

College Information

Safe Driving

Staff, students and members of the public have expressed concerns about erratic and un-safe driving when students are being dropped off and picked up. Students are required to use the designated crossings whether they are manned or not. We are asking for your cooperation and patience especially at these peak times.

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund)

To be eligible for CSEF you will need to be in possession of a current Health Care/ Pension Card. CSEF assists eligible families to cover the costs of excursions, camps and sporting activities. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards these expenses. The annual amount per secondary school student is \$225.

Application forms are available from the office or online at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

Uniform Shop

Our uniform has been designed and selected to be comfortable and affordable. Students and families committed to wearing the uniform when they made the decision to come to our school. The uniform shop is open every Tuesday from 12.45 – 2.45pm and Thursday from 12.30 - 2.30pm for term one and four. Terms 2 and 3 the shop is open only on Thursdays.

Photography and Filming Policy

The revised photographing and filming policy is now available for parents to view on our website. Consent forms will be sent home to parents later in the term.

Student Drivers

Students are to use gate 3 to access parking and then abide by all laws. Parking in the school grounds is a privilege not a given. Students must register their car with us through their Sub Schools and provide proof of licence.

Student Accident Insurance

Parents and guardians are advised that the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance for students who are injured at school or when on College Council endorsed excursions and activities. Families are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.

Public Transport

It has been advised by Public Transport Australia that there will be increased vigilance around fare evasion especially on buses. Students are legally required to touch on with their Myki cards every time they travel, even if they have a valid student pass. Students who have a student pass, or who are over 16 years old, must also carry their concession card at all times when travelling. Without their concession card their student pass is not valid whether they have touched on or not.

Careers News

Study Session

There will be two 50 minute study sessions held on Friday 19th February. Sessions will be delivered by Deakin University in the Pathways Hub. Places are limited so please see Ms Carlos to book a place.

Australian Defence Force Expo

Students can explore career options in the ADF. The all day excursion on Friday 4th March, leaves from school at 8.45am and will return by 2.30pm. The cost is \$8 which is heavily subsidised. Please see Ms Carlos if you are interested, places are filling fast.

Term 2 Excursions

Careers based excursions for term 2 include Careers Expo, Deakin University, Swinburne University and Cerberus. Please see Ms Carlos if you are interested.

School Photos

School photos were taken on Monday 8th February. There will be another opportunity to have photos taken on Friday 19th February. Sibling and small group photos will also be available on the 19th of February. Photos can be viewed by logging into Compass. Parents will be able to view and purchase photos after Monday 20th February. Students that miss both opportunities for professional photographs will be photographed at school so that identifications cards can be issued.

Visitors to the College

A notice to the school community

Now that we are settling into Term 1, it is an opportune time for me to remind all members of the school community about our procedures for managing visitors on the school grounds. It is important to emphasize that Victorian Government Schools are not public places and that there is no general right of entry onto the school grounds, not even for parents, guardians and carers. Our procedures for managing visitors exist for the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff. Parents, guardians and carers should not be on the school grounds after the commencement of classes or before the conclusion of classes unless visiting the school's uniform shop. All visitors to the school during class time must be formally signed in at the front office. This includes people visiting for sporting events. With the exception of emergency situations parents, guardians and carers should only be on

school grounds during class time, for pre-arranged meetings with staff and pre-arranged volunteer duties. If parents, guardians or carers need to attend at the school due to an emergency, they should attempt to contact the school prior to attendance and advise that they are coming. Please be aware that visitors may be requested to demonstrate the purpose of their visit, show photo identification and/ or to provide evidence of their relationship to a student. Members of the school community are reminded that when collecting students from car parks that the roadways within the school are kept clear of traffic. This is necessary for the safety and wellbeing of staff and students.

Please feel free to contact the College if you have any questions.

School Council Elections 2016

Please consider nominating for school council. There are usually 8 meetings per year; two each term. Nominations will open on the 16th February and close on Tuesday 10th March. Below is the information schools are required to send out to families. Nomination forms can be collected from the general office or emailed to you. If you are interested and want to know more, please do not hesitate to phone the College.

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category** – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- **A mandated elected DET employee category** – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional Community member category** – members are co opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.