



Issue 2

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## College Based Events

### Community Playgroup

Hallam Seniors Colourful Kids Community Playgroup started off with some old and new faces for 2016. Ms Brousse, Ms Tregidga and the Year 11 Community Services classes are having a great time engaging with the local community and making them all feel very welcome within our school. Community Playgroup runs Fridays during school terms from 9:30-11:30am. There is a \$5 cost per family, per term to cover material and food costs. Playgroup is held in The Great Space, no need to book so please feel free to come along with your child/ren.

### Group Exercise Class

The Hallam Seniors Community Exercise Class runs **Fridays between 2:30-3:30pm**. It is a great opportunity for members of the local community who are concerned about their overall fitness, strength and balance to partake in a free exercise class that is also sustainable at home.

### 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 on **Wednesday 16th March** from 7pm - 9pm. The cost is \$5.00 to cover ingredients.

Please RSVP to the general office by 9th March.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parents teacher interviews will be held on **Wednesday 23rd March** between 4 and 8pm. You will be able to book interviews with your students' teachers via Compass School Manager as of Tuesday 8th March. It is advised that when making bookings parents take note of the location of teachers to avoid missing a pre-booked interview, additionally please leave a single interview gap between bookings to allow adequate time to discuss your student and to avoid running late for subsequent interviews.

## Compass Information Sessions

The College is holding Compass Information Sessions to assist and guide parents and guardians in effectively using Compass. The sessions will run on Tuesday 8th March and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 5—6pm and on Wednesday 16th March from 2—3pm, in The Great Space.

## Important Dates

### Monday 7th March -

State School Spectacular Rehearsal

### Tuesday 8th March -

GTAC Excursion

Compass Information Session 5—6pm

### Monday 14th March -

Labour Day Public Holiday

### Tuesday 15th March -

Compass Information Session 5—6pm

### Wednesday 16th March -

Compass Information Session 2—3pm

### Thursday 17th March -

District Softball

### Tuesday 22nd March -

National Gallery of Victoria Excursion  
Senior VCAL Dandenong Market Excursion

### Wednesday 23rd March -

Parent Teacher Interviews 4—8pm

### Thursday 24th March -

End Term 2

Deb Ball Deposits Due

### 2016 Pupil Free Days -

10<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

19<sup>th</sup> August, 2016



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## Bursar News

### **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 [here](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef) (www.education.vic.gov.au/csef).

### **Payment Plans**

We offer payment plans to families who would prefer to pay off fees in instalments, please contact the finance office to discuss an arrangement. Once payment plans are implemented, it is important that they are kept up to date to ensure students don't miss out on extra curricular activities or class materials.

## Debutante Ball

Hallam Senior College offers students the chance to participate in the Debutante Ball. The ball will be held on **Friday August 12th**, at Merrimu Receptions, Murrumbena. Places are limited so please contact Ms Muxworthy or the office if you are interested in participating as deposits are due by the end of the term. For further information you may access Compass [here](#) to view the information pack.

## Library News

### **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.

## Student Leaders

Student leaders, their parents and Principals attended a morning tea on Monday 22nd February with great success. It was a privilege to acknowledge the following students as our 2016 student leaders.

<b>Arts and Humanities - Vice Captains:</b>	Lavinia Beaton and Mikayla Wells Danielle Macri and Karishma Chand
<b>Sports and Health Science - Vice Captains:</b>	Tiffany Brodie and Nathan Malloy Caitlin Bonney and Victoriah Seu
<b>Traditional Trades -</b>	Nakia Billington and Dolo Taylu
<b>Science, IT and Commerce - Vice Captains:</b>	Alli Duiker and Mele Lilo Alia Ahmadi and Chloe Wood

## Maths Theory Books

There are still some students who have not paid for their theory book for their Maths subject (Yr 10 Mainstream Maths, General Maths, Further Maths, Maths Methods). Could payments be made as soon as possible to the Bursar (Yr 12 theory books are \$20 all others are \$15).

## College Sick Bay

It is Department of Education and Training policy that schools are not permitted to administer any sort of medication, including aspirin or paracetamol, to students unless a Medication Authority Form has been completed and the medication to be administered provided to the College. The form should be completed by the student's medical/health practitioner ensuring that the medication is warranted. You can download a Medication Authority Form [here](#).

**Note:** Medication to treat asthma or anaphylaxis does not need to be accompanied by the Medication Authority as it is covered in the student's health plan.

## Drivers Education

Mr Torcello's Driver's Ed program has accessed the mechanics workshop and students have been taught how to change a tyre by mechanic's teacher, Mr Varga. This hands on application allows students a change of environment and teaches them life skills relevant to their curriculum. It also shows the tremendous opportunity the students have to access knowledge from various areas due to our facilities.

## VCE Critical Dates

**Tuesday May 10:** Practice GAT - All students enrolled in a VCE Unit 3/4 or a VCE/VET Unit 3/4 study

**Tuesday June 7:** GAT - All students enrolled in a VCE Unit 3/4 or a VCE/VET Unit 3/4 study

### **SAC/Assessment Task Dates:**

#### **Week of 7 March**

Business Management Unit 3

Structures, Corporate Culture and Policy Development

Health and Human Development Unit 3

SAC 1

#### **7 March**

Biology Unit 3

SAC 3

#### **8 March**

English Unit 3

SAC1: Text Response, 'Medea' (TGS)

Biology Unit 3

Cellular Respiration or Photosynthesis **at GTAC**

#### **14 - 18 March**

Physics Unit 3

Test SAC

#### **21 - 24 March**

Physics Unit 3

Data SAC

#### **22 March**

Business Management Unit 1

Establishing a small business due date

## Traditional Trades Sub School

Students have been briefed on the Hallam Senior Rights and Responsibilities policy. This includes knowing that everyone has the right to feel safe, be treated equally and access education whilst at Hallam Senior College. It is an expectation that all students comply with this to create a positive and productive environment.

The first three weeks of the **Compass merit system** are helping the Sub School identify students who are achieving excellence in the school community. The criteria for a merit on compass is as follow;

- Excellent academia
- Excellent attitude
- Excellent behaviour
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Supporting other learning
- Consistent approach to work
- Doing your best

The notes are given by teachers and placed on Compass. Parents, students and other teachers are able to see the notes and acknowledge that the student is achieving.

As a reward for their excellence, students are given a treat from the Sub School office and a ticket into the raffle which is draw at Sub School assemblies. The winners that are drawn (dependent on the amount of students nominated during the time) will receive a lucky dip prize. Those who miss out will have their ticket in the raffle all semester. The more merits through the semester, the more raffle tickets.

After three notes of merit, the Sub School will send a certificate home to parents/guardians to notify them of the excellence their student has achieved.

*Trades and Technology Sub School is currently leading the way in the school community with the most merits. In the first three weeks we had 53 notes of merit. A fantastic effort. Please encourage your student to become involved and aim to gain notes of merit. It is an excellent way for students and parents to receive positive feedback from their teachers.*

## Cyber Safety

Covering cyber safety, cyberbullying and bullying, advice sheets are a valuable resource for students, parents, teachers and the wider school community. These practical advice sheets aim to help the school community deal with bullying online and offline. The sheets feature information from experts in the field, including internet safety consultant, Robyn Treyvaud, clinical psychologist, Andrew Fuller and cyber safety expert Susan McLean. Many of the advice sheets are written specifically for secondary aged students. For more information about Cyber Safety and advice for parents, please visit <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/advice.aspx> or [click here](#)

The image displays three overlapping advice sheets from the 'Bully Stoppers' program, which is a partnership between the Victorian Government and the Australian Government. The sheets are designed for secondary-aged students and cover topics like netiquette, bullying, and cyber safety. Each sheet features a cartoon illustration of a person and a small portrait of the author. The 'Netiquette' sheet by Andrew Fuller discusses the importance of online interactions. The 'Bully' sheet by Robyn Treyvaud features a cartoon girl and discusses the challenges of bullying. The 'Advice' sheet by Susan McLean, titled 'Think before you text', provides practical tips for managing emotions and avoiding cyberbullying.