



Issue 4

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Presentation Ball 2016

Due to lack of numbers, our 2016 Presentation Ball is unable to go ahead on its own, therefore Hallam Senior College students who wish to, are able to participate with Gleneagles Secondary College students. The combined Ball will be held at The Grand on Princes, 2251 Princes Highway, Mulgrave on **Saturday the 27th of August**. Rehearsals will be held at Gleneagles Secondary College, beginning Wednesday 22nd June at 3.15pm, after the school holidays rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays. For further information please contact the College on 9703 1266.

Uniform Update

New Spray Jacket

A new school jacket is set to be launched early in Term 2. The jacket has been designed to be warmer and more durable. The cost of the new jackets is \$75. The existing spray jackets will still be acceptable uniform until the end of 2018.

School pants, shorts and hoodies

With winter approaching students and parents are reminded that students must be in full school uniform while at school. Students not in uniform will be required to bring a note of explanation (or email the sub school) and obtain a uniform pass from their sub school. Students who are out of uniform and do not follow the process outlined above will face consequences including detention/redemption sessions and / or external suspension.

Multicultural Day

Multicultural Day celebrations will take place on Wednesday 11th May.

The day includes various cultural performances, food and is a great chance to celebrate the cultural diversity of our community. If you would like to be involved or think you can help in some way we would love to hear from you.

Please email the College on hallam.senior.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au, if you would like to be involved (ATT: Multicultural Day coordinator). There will be a community meeting early in Term 2 for interested parents and relatives.

Important Dates

Tuesday 10th May -
Year 12 Practice GAT

Wednesday 11th May -
Multicultural Day

Thursday 19th May -
Visual Communication Excursion

Thursday 2nd June -
Senior VCAL portfolio presentations

Friday 3rd June -
Intermediate VCAL portfolio presentations
Structured Workplace Learning

Tuesday 7th June -
GAT

2nd June- 9th June
Mid Year Exams

3rd June—9th June -
Senior VCAL Structured Workplace

Thursday 23rd June -
Year 12 Formal

Saturday 27th August -
Presentation Ball

2016 Pupil Free Days -
10th June, 2016 (Report Writing)
19th August, 2016



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From the Careers Hub

Year 12 Excursions

Year 12 students will be involved in a number of activities over the next 2 terms. We subscribe to a VCE Newsletter and this is always posted on www.hallamseniorecareers.com. The website also contains information on VTAC and career options for students. Please subscribe – it's free.

Career Expo: Friday 6th May - limited places left. Please see Ms Carlos in the Pathways Hub.

Year 12 VCE English students: Friday 13th May - National Gallery of Victoria – excursion on Conflict for the Context. Please see Ms Carlos in the Pathways Hub if you would like to go. This is an excellent excursion for those students who would like to expand their ideas on this topic.

Year 12 VCE English students: Friday 29th July - The 'Medea' tickets have been booked. Any Year 12 student who has put their name down to attend this excursion needs to pay asap. New copies of the permission form are available from the Pathways Hub.

Tertiary Information Session: Monday 30th May – a must for all Year 12 students thinking about going to University. Please see Ms Carlos in the Pathways Hub.

Places for these excursions are VERY limited. Please see Ms Carlos asap for a permission form.

Year 10 WOW Students

Students in WOW in Semester 1 are required to attend a **Mock Interview** on Wednesday 27th April at the Hallam Sports Centre Hall on Frawley Rd. Although students currently in WOW do not attend classes on this day, all other Year 10 classes will run as normal. Students are required to wear neat casual clothing to the interview which is being conducted by a number of external providers. Please note the time you have been given and arrive at least 5 minutes early for your interview.

Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience is from Monday 10th October to Friday 21st October. Students in WOW need their forms in by the end of May. Any student in Semester 2 WOW can start organising Work Experience by collecting a form from the Pathways Hub. Permission forms have been handed out for **Deakin University, Swinburne University (19th May) and Cerberus (26th May)**. Please check Compass to see if a student has selected a place on any of these excursions. Permission forms need to be returned asap. We are looking for parents who may be able to assist with Work Experience or Structured Workplace Learning, please email carlos.bronwyn.a@edmail.vic.gov.au

The Pathways Team

Safe Schools Group

Mr Reed and the Safe Schools Group have continued to meet this year. Our aim is to ensure that all students at Hallam Senior College are feeling safe here at the College regardless of age, race religion and gender. We have had student-teacher Simone Hall attend one of our lunchtime meetings and we have many interesting plans for Term 2.

Hallam Senior Debate team

The Hallam Senior College Debating Team equipped itself very well in the last weeks of Term 1. We debated the topic "Should the Australian Media be made to report on major criminal cases only after the verdict has been decided"? We performed very well; in fact it was our best debate since we began competing last year with other schools in the outer-South Eastern suburbs and the Gippsland area. This time, we had a "near triumphant" win against our opposition. Once again, Margaret Wieringa and Mr Reed helped the debate team with their preparation. We look forward to the next debate.

EVERY DAY COUNTS AT HALLAM SENIOR COLLEGE

Secondary School Attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day, missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Students develop good habits by going to school every day – habits that are necessary to succeed after school, whether in the workplace or in further study.

Missing school can have a big impact on students academically and socially. It can affect their achievement, in VCE and VCAL, and, just as importantly, it can affect their relationships with other students, and lead to social isolation. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with falling behind in subject topics and assessment tasks, and leads to fewer subject choices and may impact on achievement in years 11 and 12.

Getting in early Year 10

It's never too late to improve attendance – going to school more often can lead to better outcomes. Even at Year 10, going to school more often can make a big difference. Every day counts.

The school is here to help – if you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to the school about ways to address those issues.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy; the best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

While all absences are bad for academic performance, unexcused absences are a much stronger indicator of lower reading and maths achievement.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with the school to ensure they don't fall behind.

At Hallam Senior College:

Speak with your Engagement Officer or Sub School Leader and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

Develop an absence learning plan with teacher/s and ensure your child completes the plan. Your Sub school leader will help with this plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your Engagement Officer, sub school leader or Assistant Principal as early as possible.

Openly communicating with the school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your Engagement Officer, Sub school leader or Assistant Principal know so you can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues at Hallam Senior College, please contact the College on the numbers below.

For other information provided by the Department of Education see

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

Sub School	Contact	Phone
Technology and Trades	Mr Scott Kirby or Ms Lori Benis	8795 1079
Arts and Humanities	Ms Amanda Muxworthy or Ms Melinda Dalforno	8795 1017
Sports and Health Science	Mr Jamie Fardell or Ms Deb Crew	8795 1015
Science, IT and Commerce	Ms Lyndal Yardas or Ms Karen Woodward	8795 1048

Public Transport Victoria Officers

How to recognise an Authorised Officer

Authorised Officers may be working in uniform or plain clothes. Either way they can be clearly identified because they will carry:

- A State of Victoria Authorised Officer Badge
- Photo Identification
- A Portable Myki ticket reader

Authorised Officers must produce their metal badge and photo identification on request.

Power of Authorised Officer

Authorised Officers have the authority to see your ticket and concession entitlement where appropriate, even when you have left the vehicle or the paid area of a station.

If an Authorised Officer believes an offence has occurred, they can:

- Report you to the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources who may issue you with an infringement notice (fine). To do this the Authorised Officer can ask for your name and address and evidence which confirms your identity.
- Arrest you until the police arrive if you refuse to comply
- Seek surrender of tickets for use as evidence if necessary.

Professional Recognition Awards

Our teachers are all very committed to their profession and the school community. As a staff we look for ways of recognising this dedication. The teaching staff wish to acknowledge the following teachers at the school for their professional excellence during Term 1.

Congratulations to:

- ◆ Lizl Tregidga
- ◆ Stephanie Morra
- ◆ Travis McIntosh
- ◆ Lori Benis
- ◆ Karen Woodward
- ◆ Maria Pradolin
- ◆ Wolfgang Kessler
- ◆ Anne Hamilton
- ◆ Mandy Moyle

Girls Softball Team

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Softball team, winning the Southern Zone level convincingly. They now progress to the State Finals on May 17 with an excellent chance of even greater success. Players on the day were;

Caitlyn BONNEY
Teegan DALE
Courtney DE KROON
Jade FORSYTH
Montanna MITCHELL
Teagan SHELDON
Mitzy TUIALII
Maddie WARDLE
Ellie WERRY
Camryn WHITLOCK-SHOPPEE

Mid Year Structured Work Placement (SWL)

Students enrolled in the Senior VCAL Certificate are required to participate in a structured work placement (SWL) starting week 9 of Term 2 (3rd-9th June).

Students enrolled in the Intermediate VCAL Certificate need to see Mr McIntosh or Kerrie-Ann Marriott if they would like to participate in a placement during this time.

English SAC Achievement

English Faculty would like to congratulate the following Year 12 VCE students for their outstanding achievement on their first SAC for Outcome 1 on the Text 'Medea'.

Ashlee Thorne

Todd Hobson

Timm Gavenlock

These students will be given a certificate of achievement.

Sophie Sinadino

English LEL