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Uniform

Thanks to parents who have encouraged their children to wear the correct Hallam Senior College uniform. Over the past two weeks our young people have been reminded that the school community expects students to wear the full school uniform when at school. It is good to see that our students are responding well to this expectation.

A few reminders:

- Only black or blue uniform pants - never jeans
- Leggings - whether fashion or training types such as skins- are never acceptable unless worn underneath a skirt, dress or shorts
- If you are having difficulties obtaining a school uniform, contact the school for assistance
- Uniform requirements can be found on our website or in the student program guide
- Staff will continue to request that students who are inappropriately dressed for school change into school uniform

Our school uniform has been designed by the school community - students, parents and staff. Students wear the school uniform because this shows that they belong to the Hallam Senior College community of learners. When a student puts on their school uniform and walks into the school, they are showing that they are ready for the business of learning at Hallam Senior College.

Facebook

The link to our official Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/hallamsc/>

There are a number of other unofficial pages that exist, so please use the address above to ensure you 'like' the right page and stay up to date with everything that is happening at the College.

Multicultural Day

Multicultural Day celebrations took place on Wednesday 11th May. It was an absolutely fantastic day with staff, students and their family members jumping on board and helping out with food and even performances. Thank you to all of the College community members who assisted and supported us on the day. To see photos please go to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/hallamsc/>

Important Dates

Thursday 2nd June -

Senior VCAL portfolio presentations
GAT Revision Session Maths

Friday 3rd June -

Intermediate VCAL Portfolio
GAT Revision Session English
Structured Workplace Learning

Tuesday 7th June -

GAT

Wednesday 8th June -

VCE Year 12: All About Eve, Theatre

2nd June- 9th June

Mid Year Exams

3rd June - 9th June -

Senior VCAL Structured Workplace

Thursday 23rd June -

Year 12 Formal

Friday 10th June -

Report Writing Day (Student Free Day)



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Mid Year Exam Program

Mid-Year Examination Period runs from **Thursday 2nd June – Thursday 9th June**

- **There will be no timetabled classes** at this time
- **There will be Mid-Year Exams** for most Year 10 and Year 11 VCE Subjects and for some Year 12 subjects
- **There will be scheduled activities for all students** – These will be listed on individual timetables
- **Attendance at all timetabled activities is compulsory during the exam period**
- Students must attend all exams, folio presentations and other activities in **FULL school uniform**
- Students must arrive **20 - 30 minutes before the starting time of the exam or alternative activity**
- If a **student is unable to attend** a timetabled exam or other activity for a valid reason, e.g. illness, they must notify their Sub School Leader to discuss alternative arrangements
- Students are required at school for the duration of the exam or other activity only
- If a student has a gap between exams on the same day, they must **remain at school** and complete private study until their next exam
- **Students do not have permission to 'come and go' between exams**
- All students will receive individual time tables with times and locations noted

Course Counselling and Selections for 2017

Students will be guided through the course counselling selection portal during their Smart Class in Term 3. This is an important time for decision making and we invite all parents to accompany their child to a course confirmation interview. Appointments will be held towards the end of August – further details will be provided next term.

It is important to get selections right so that we ensure that students:

Are enrolled in the right program and subjects

Are eligible to receive a senior secondary certificate on completion of their studies

Are aware of the specific requirements of the subjects they choose

College Open Day, Subject Expo and Information Sessions

The College Open Day and Subject Expo will be held on **Monday the 20th of July**. The subject expo will provide information on the options available for students for their courses in 2017. Tours are operating at 9:30am, 2:30pm and 5:30pm.

Information Sessions will be held in The Great Space, at the following times:

6:30 pm – VCAL (compulsory for any student considering VCAL in 2017)

7:00 pm – VCE

VTAC and SEAS Applications Information Session will be held in the Hallam Theatre: This session is for current Year 12 students and families who want to apply for tertiary places at University or TAFE.

Get your information on timelines, options and eligibility for the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS).

This session is not to be missed!

2017 Sports Academy Applications

The Hallam Senior College Sports Academy is an exciting and unique program for students in years 10 - 12 that promotes school connectedness through sport in a student-athlete friendly environment. The College are now taking applications for 2017, which need to be submitted before Friday the 24th June. We are also holding an information session on Monday 23rd of May at 6pm, in 'The Great Space'. Please view the flyer [here](#) for details and further information.

Future Care Mobile Dental Services

Future Care Mobile Dental Services are coming to Hallam Senior College in term 3

Future Care Mobile Dental Services is a unique initiative that provides high quality, on-site, general dental care services to children aged 2 - 17. The service is at no cost to parents because it comes under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule funded by the Australian Federal Government. The service is provided to eligible students, however, the team will provide a free oral check-up and full treatment plan. Further information will be sent home with students soon along with a consent form.

From the Careers Hub

Year 12 students should be beginning to think about 2017. There are a number of things that students and parents can do at this time of year:

VTAC – students considering further study need to research on the VTAC website. University and TAFE courses are listed under key words. For example, 'Business' will bring up all the courses that have a study of Business in them for both university and TAFE. Go on to the VTAC website and find the 'Course archive' button and click. A search option will allow you to enter key words.

Tertiary Information Session (TIS) – Students interested in university for 2017 should attend this session. It is on Monday 31st July from 11.00 – 12.30. The cost is \$6 and places are strictly limited. See Ms Carlos to find out if there are any places left.

Open Days – These are held on Sundays in Term 3. A list will be provided to students early in Term 3. Open Days are a great way of deciding if a particular university is right for you.

Apprenticeships – We have a number of companies who are looking for apprentices. Interviews will be held in September by appointment only.

All students need to make sure they have their Career Action Plan (CAP) completed by the end of this term. CAPs are on a student's Compass under the tab Insights. Parents can assist with the discussion about future planning and ideas.

Schools Network Access Program (SNAP)

SNAP is RMIT's partnership with over 150 Victorian Secondary Schools. SNAP demonstrates RMIT's deep commitment to equity and access, and is one of the ways in which we ensure a diverse and inclusive student population.

SNAP are running information sessions for parents and carers of SNAP students during the June schools holidays. These sessions, held at RMIT's City and Bundoora campuses, will cover some of the key material in the guide. RMIT staff and students will share their knowledge and experiences about preparing for further study, making study and career decisions, transitioning to university or TAFE, and the kinds of changes that students and parents may experience. While the sessions will have an RMIT flavour, much of the information will be relevant to parents and students regardless of where they may choose to study in the future. Please [click here](#) for further information about these sessions, including how to register.

Study 4 Success

All students are encouraged to take advantage of the Study For Success program in the library. This program provides free tutoring and support from Monash University students every Tuesday. Hallam Senior College teachers also offer their services every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please see the information screens or Ms. Wieringa in the library for further details about special sessions.

Staff Recognition

Hallam Senior College staff wish to recognise the following Teachers and Education Support staff for their outstanding professionalism and commitment to the school community:

Rick Price
Rebecca Mc Mahon
Theo Kerstens
Sandra Goding
Kerrie Ann Marriott
Sue Lubbock
Damien Landini
David Wyatt
Emma Morgan
Joe Varga
Michael Boyer
Traci Holland

FReeZA Push Start Competition

The FReeZA Push Start Competition is back this year on Friday 1st of July at the Cranbourne Public Hall. The music competition is open to any band, soloist, duo or DJ, but places are limited so sign up now! Prizes include recording sessions, rehearsal space, prize packs from Remote Control Records, Pieater and Milk! Records and a chance to perform at the Push Start Regional Finals. Applications are available through the City of Casey Youth Services website and close **Friday 27 May**. Please [click here](#) for more information and application forms.

Vocational Educational and Training (VET) - Interesting Fact

Students receive one credit point towards their VCE or VCAL for every 90 Nominal Hours of VET training completed successfully.

Each Unit of Competency (UOC) in VET is allocated a set number of hours – these are called Nominal Hours. Nominal Hours is the amount of time it is considered reasonable to master the knowledge and skills for that UOC. When the teacher assesses the student as “Competent” in that UOC they are credited with the Nominal Hours. If a student is assessed as “Not Yet Competent” in a UOC they get no nominal hours of credit and may miss out on a unit needed for their VCE or VCAL.

Further information is available from Jason Tickner (VET Programs Manager) or John Lyall (Assistant Principal).

Keeping Contact Details Up-To-Date

Please ensure that your current contact details are accurate. Contact our office if you have changed any details since enrolment – or if you are not sure we have your latest details. We need accurate details for parents, primary carers and emergency contacts:

Mobile phone and landline or and work place numbers

Address

Email address

You may also access Compass to update your details.

Job Opportunities at Australia Bureau of Statistics

The Australian Bureau of Statistics is seeking the help of schools and community organisations to promote the nearly 7,000 local Census jobs now available across Victoria. The Census is a huge community-focused exercise, the results of which support planning, policy and funding decisions for a range of local services and infrastructure – from housing and transport to health and education. These jobs might appeal to parents, students and others in our school community please [click here](#) for more information, alternatively you may visit the Australia Bureau of Statistics website.

Breakfast Club

Thanks to the generous contribution from Doveton Salvation Army , the College are able to put on a weekly breakfast club beginning, Friday 27th of May, between 8.00-8.30am. This is an opportunity for students who get to school early and would like the chance to have breakfast. We ask college community members, if you have any unwanted crockery such as; plates, bowls, mugs or cutlery items lying around that you do not need, and are willing to donate them to a good cause, could you please drop them off to the College reception. Thank-you in advance for your generosity.

End of Semester 1 and Coursework Completion

Coursework completion is the key factor in passing and succeeding in all subjects. Please note that the ***last day of submission for coursework for Semester 1 is Friday 27 May***. Parents can support their students by asking them if they are up to date with their work. The exam period, VCAL folio presentations and block work placements all start on 2nd of June and finish on 9th of June. All students will receive an individual timetable for this period. Friday 10th of June is report writing day and students are not required at school.

The Escapees Theatre Company

The Escapees Theatre Company Presents: For The Love Of Disney

Once upon a time there was a young prince and princess who were destined to be wed, the day was fast approaching until... The Escapees Theatre Company take on Disney in a way both kids and adults will love. Come enjoy our versions of your favourite songs and characters in our mashed up musical show; new story, same magical feeling. Don't be late for our very important date. The Escapees; a youth, not-for-profit, community theatre company, have been meeting and rehearsing in the Hallam Community Theatre for over nine years. Their play will be performed at 7:30pm on the 23rd, 24th and 25th of June, with a special 1pm matinee on the 25th. For tickets visit www.escapeestc.com. Adults: \$15, children 12 and under: \$10, special discount for Hallam students: \$10 upon presentation of Hallam student card. Don't miss out!