



# Hallam Senior College

*Linking Learning and Life*

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## Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

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***The current AEU Bans (Australian Education Union)*** are affecting all schools in a variety of ways. The majority of the community know well that teachers work much longer hours than they are paid for with conditions that have eroded over the years. At Hallam Senior College we are fortunate to have a hard working staff who really care for their students. Whilst we will be working within the current Bans in order to provide for ***Parent Teacher interviews*** they will be structured a bit differently on this occasion. Included in this letter is a booking sheet for parents to use to make appointments.

### ***PANDA Awards - Know Our Students well***

At the end of each term we celebrate student success. A part of this celebration is acknowledging those students who have achieved perfect attendance. PANDA stands for Perfect Attendance No Days Absent. Around 200 students will have achieved this award to date this year. Congratulations to them all.

### ***I Give a Gonski - What is Gonski?***

The Gonski Review was the most comprehensive investigation of the way schools are funded in Australia in almost 40 years. It was commissioned by the Federal Government and conducted by an expert panel headed by senior businessman David Gonski.

Gonski found Australia is investing far too little in education and, in particular, in public schools. As a consequence, too many students are missing out on the resources they need and there are growing gaps in the achievements of students from different backgrounds.

Gonski recommended a \$5 billion a year injection of funding into public and private schools (75 per cent to public schools) and an overhaul of the way the money is distributed to ensure it is going where it is most needed. Please go online and register your support.

***[igiveagonski.com.au](http://igiveagonski.com.au)***

### **School Council Elections**

Can I sincerely thank those parents who have volunteered their time to become members of the new school council. At our first meeting, office bearers will be elected. In my next letter I will introduce the group to the school community.

### **Major works around the school**

Over the course of this very hot term we have had the majority of our school's roof replaced. This comes as part of the DEECD Assisted Maintenance Program at a cost of around a million dollars. This is a great relief as buckets had become a familiar sight in more recent years.

<b>Communicating with your Sub School.</b>	
<b>Arts/Humanities</b>	<b>Deb Cox 8795 1017</b> Melinda Dalforno 8795 1019    Michele Theron 8795 1021 Alan Torcello 8795 1021        Damien Landini 8795 1017
<b>Science/IT/Commerce</b>	<b>Ron Jooss 8795 1027</b> Deb Crew 8795 1048                Rob Zreczycki 8795 1036 David Wyatt 8795 1036
<b>Sport &amp; Health Sciences</b>	<b>Jamie Fardell 8795 1041</b> Karen Woodruff/Aymee Fallon 8795 1015 Vashon Weaver 8795 1041    Liana Hudson 8795 1041 Julie Buzasi 8795 1041
<b>Traditional Trades &amp; Technology</b>	<b>Sue Lubbock 8795 1080</b> Katrina Davidson 8795 1081    Rodney Triegaardt 8795 1067 Amanda Quinn 8795 1080

### **Uniform and 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 and Thursday 12.30-2.30 for term one. Terms 2, 3 and 4 the shop is open only on Thursdays.*

### **Study4Success**

*Study4Success runs every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school until 6.00pm in the library. This program was very successful last year and provided support for students in comfortable surrounds to do their homework, attend a tutorial and obtain assistance from staff, guest university students or other guests especially invited to provide help. Maggie McCann is looking after the program this year. Parents can find out more by making contact with Maggie or their student's sub school office*

### **Student Accident Insurance**

Parents and guardians are advised that DEECD 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.

Anne Martin  
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