



**Hallam**  
Senior College

*Linking Learning and Life*

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

**Our School**  
there are 950 students in our school this year across year 10-12

**Important Dates**

**Study4Success** – every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 5.30pm in the Library.

**Term 2 begins Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Student Parent Teacher Interviews – 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2014**

Thank you to all those parents who attended. We are now well into the next reporting cycle.

### **Student Leaders**

Students have been through a process of selection to become leaders in their sub schools or whole school leaders. All students are to be congratulated. We have met with students a number of times over term one. They are a very fine group of young people and represent the student body very well.

Congratulations to... **School Captains** - Jenna Edwards, Matthew Soroczynski

**Arts & Humanities Sub School Captains** - Jacinta Baker, Danyon Street, Max Chew, Rosalina Su'a;

**Sports & Health Sciences Sub School Captains** - Benedict Halfpenny, Stacey Woodfield, Ellie Travica,

Jennifer Ung; **Science, IT & Commerce Sub School Captains** - Zahra Batool, Holly Dawkins, Arishma

Devi, Nativity Maka; **Traditional Trades & Technologies Sub School Captains** - Taylah Budd, Shantelle Hogan, Briana Lacey, Jamie Morrison, Cassidy Mullett.

### **Attendance Payback**

We provide a number of support strategies to assist students and families with the basics of attending school.

Alongside these, Study4Success provides additional time for students to gain additional assistance with their home work. As of term 2, we will be implementing an Attendance Payback system, as an incentive to those students who think that taking time off with no reasonable excuse is okay. Sub School leaders will work with families to implement this strategy. Essentially, if a student skips a double period they will have to pay it back. Students will be supervised and will have to complete work when in attendance. This strategy will not work for every student but it may support some students.

### **Next Champions Launch**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March we held the launch of a new Strategic Plan for the future development of our Sports Academy. Approximately a hundred people came along to show their support. It was a very successful evening with both the Education Department's Regional Director, John Allman and the City of Casey Mayor, Geoff Ablett expressing strong support for the development of this proposal.

### **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**. Congratulations to those students whose attendance has been outstanding.

### **School Council Elections**

Can I sincerely thank those parents who have volunteered their time to become members of the new school council. Members are - Geoff Brown (President), Natalie Toolepai (Vice President), Melinda Nicholson (Parent rep), Jeanette Newman (Parent rep), Eamonn Wolfe (Parent rep), Andrea Blain (Community rep), Jayne Hatch (Community rep), Deb Cox (Staff rep) and Alan Torcello (Staff rep). There is still one parent representative vacancy. Any interested parent please make contact with me.

<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 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> Katrina Davidson 8795 1015 Vashon Weaver 8795 1041 Liana Hudson 8795 1041
<b>Traditional Trades &amp; Technology</b>	<b>Sue Lubbock 8795 1080</b> Karen Woodruff 8795 1081 Alan Torcello 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. Terms 2 and 3 the shop is open only on Thursdays from 12.30 – 2.30pm and term 4 is open on Tuesdays from 1.00pm – 2.30 and Thursdays from 12.30-2.30pm.

### **Study4Success**

Study4Success runs every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school until 5.30pm 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. Inese Wittich is looking after the program this year. Parents can find out more by making contact with Inese 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. I will be away for the first three weeks of term 2. John Lyall will be acting on my behalf during that time. I wish you all a happy and safe break over Easter.

Anne Martin  
College Principal