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Principal's Report

Hallam Senior College is always a very busy place. Some highlights over the last few weeks are

- Diana Balint received a Premier's Award for VET Community Services. This means that Diana achieved a perfect score in that subject.
- We are finalists in the Victorian Training Awards for VET in Schools. We will know the outcome on the evening of 20th August
- David Sell was awarded a 2008 Australian Vocational Student prize for his work last year in undertaking VET Hospitality.
- Ripley McLaughlin has made the Under 16 National AFL for girls team
- Norman Rance, Rajeev Singh and Jan Riegel were all awarded Defence Forces scholarships.
- Ryan Bastinac represented Vic Country at the Under 18 AFL National Championships. Ryan is a very strong chance to be drafted because of his performance.
- Piva Wright represented Vic Country at the Under 16 Level. Piva will be playing in the Under 16 Grand Final at the MCG as a curtain raiser the AFL grand final.
- Nathan Paila has made the "Australia A" Rugby Union side.
- The College production of the WIZ was a fantastic event. Thanks and congratulations to Margaret Wieringa and all the students and staff who were involved.



Ripley McLaughlin with coach Brett Alexander



Norman Rance and Rajeev Singh of Yr 12 and Jan Riegel of Year 11 with Anne Martin



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Please take the time to read through the newsletter.

Anne Martin *Principal*

Term 3 is already disappearing quickly!

Exam results: All students who participated in a Unit 3 exam or SAT received their results at the beginning of the week. Congratulations to everyone and hopefully students were generally pleased with the results.

Each student had the opportunity to debrief with a member of the Principal class team or a Leading Teacher. Part of this conversation included how well the students managed the exam process and exam preparation, plus the opportunity to reflect and identify any areas for improvement.

Carnival Day: All Year 12 students have received information regarding the last day of school – our Carnival Day. Well done to those students who have already responded and paid for this event. Carnival Day is always a fantastic event and definitely a highlight of the year. Final payment is due by Monday, 14th September. The theme for the day is still to be announced. Spare copies of the documentation for this event are available at the office.

Valedictory Dinner: All Year 12 students have received information regarding the Valedictory Dinner on November 19th at Sandown Racecourse. This is a spectacular evening and is always a real family affair. Parents welcome the opportunity to celebrate the closing of this chapter of education and the beginnings of a whole new future.

Final date to submit expressions of interest to participate and deposit of \$40 per guest: Friday 28th August. Notification of availability of

additional tickets: Friday 4th September. Final date for payment of deposit for additional tickets: Tuesday 15th September. Final date for payment of all tickets: Friday 10th October. Spare copies of the documentation for this event are available at the office.

Elevate Education: All Year 12 students attended a seminar on “Acing the Exams”. This program was presented by a group of young university students who have provided some excellent advice on how to maximise exam results. Ask your son or daughter all about it, including the booklet they completed.

Year 11: This term is moving quickly. It is very important that all Year 11 students are doing 2-3 hours of Homework or Home Study four to five times per week. Establishing good study habits now will place students in an excellent position to really excel next year.

Course selection for 2010: We have really enjoyed meeting so many parents during the last week as part of the course counselling process. It is very encouraging to see how interested and motivated parents and students are – the future certainly is looking very promising at Hallam Senior College!

Uniform: Thank you to all those students who have really made a big effort to make sure they are in full uniform each day. Always wear your uniform with pride and make sure that you are a fine representative of Hallam Senior College.

Welcome Zara

On Thursday 25 June 2009 Hallam Senior College held an ESL lunch to celebrate end of semester 1 and to welcome Zara Bautista CMY Refugee/ESL youth mentor.

Fourteen students and four teachers took part, eating, talking and playing Jenga. We learned Jenga is Ki Swahili for the word build.

It was also a chance for Zara to hear issues of importance and hopes to implement activities identified by the ESL students.



University and TAFE Open Days

Attending university and TAFE Open Days is a great way to find out about courses, campuses and pathways. Go along with parents or friends.

It is free. You don't have to register. You can turn up at any time and stay as long as you like. All Year 11 & 12 students are strongly encouraged to go. Look up the websites of the Universities and TAFEs for more details or come to the Careers Office.

The full list of Open Days for all Universities, TAFEs and private Colleges is on the VTAC website. www.vtac.edu.au Here are some upcoming dates (most are from 10am-4pm):

Sat 15 Aug	Holmesglen TAFE
Sun 16 Aug	Aust Catholic Uni (Melbourne); Deakin Uni (Warrnambool); La Trobe Uni (Bendigo) Swinburne Uni/TAFE; Melbourne Uni, Sunraysia TAFE (Swan Hill)
Sun 23 Aug	Box Hill TAFE; Deakin Uni (Melb); La Trobe Uni (Albury/Wodonga)
Sun 30 Aug	Australian Catholic Uni (Ballarat); Ballarat Uni; La Trobe Uni (Bundoora)
August 17-22	Chisholm TAFE Info Week

APPLYING FOR COURSES FOR 2010 – VTAC Guide 2010, giving details of courses and how to apply, is now available. Applications opened on-line on Mon 3 August and close Wed 30 September. The processing fee is \$23 if you pay by credit card or \$31 if you have an invoice sent. You can apply after 30 Sept but it will cost \$82. You can apply for up to 12 courses, placed in order of most preferred to least preferred. Be sure to read the Selection Mode and Extra Requirements for any course for which you apply. You can change your preferences after you receive your results on 14 Dec (till 21 Dec).

SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME - Check out the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) administered by VTAC to see if any of the 10 categories apply to you (mature age, non-English speaking background, indigenous Australian, family circumstances, socio-economic background, rural/isolated, under-represented schools, women/men in under-represented disciplines, disability or medical condition, refugee). SCHOLARSHIPS – VTAC publishes A Guide to University Scholarships (copies in careers room). There are institutional Access and Equity Scholarships, Commonwealth Scholarships and Merit Scholarships. Applications close on 30 October 2009.

Accident Insurance Mathsonline

Information to parents/guardians about student accident insurance

(extract from the DEECD Schools Reference Guide, 4.4.2.4.1)

It is recommended, particularly where an adventure activity is planned, that parents/guardians should be reminded that:

- the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide student accident cover, and
- parents may wish to obtain student accident insurance cover from a commercial insurer, depending on their health insurance arrangements and any other personal considerations.

2009 Debutante Ball Tickets

Tickets are now available for this year's Debutante Ball which will take place on Friday 21st August and Friday 28th August 2009.

The tickets are priced at \$75 each for both adults and children. Please note that there is no concession available.

At this stage, a maximum of 12 tickets can be purchased at the one time. If you require further tickets please let the Debutante coordinators know. Payments can be made by cash or credit card. Also, please let us know if there are any special dietary requirements for any of your guests.

For more information and/or tickets, please do not hesitate to contact Voula Valiotis or Smita Ekbote the Debutante Ball coordinators on 9703 1266.

Completed order forms and payment is required to be returned to the School Bursar no later than the 13th August.

The staff of Hallam Senior College would like to announce a fabulous new initiative just introduced into our mathematics teaching programs. We have registered all of our students to use the fabulous teaching/learning resource at: www.mathsonline.com.au.

You may have seen the recent TV advertisements by their sponsors McDonalds Australia, and it is through this sponsorship that the program which previously cost its many thousands of satisfied clients \$40 per month for access, **is now FREE to our students.**

Some of the features that this program has are as follows;

- Full lessons for each concept with a voice over and numerous examples of varying difficulty. Every lesson has a pause and rewind facility to help students grasp concepts at their own pace.
- Every lesson has an accompanying printable summary and worksheet to consolidate the concept, with full worked solutions provided also.
- A student's ongoing use and progress in the program is stored for their and their teacher's perusal at any time.
- The program can be accessed from any internet ready site, not just at school.
- The entire Year 7 to 12 program is available to every student, not just their particular year group or course.
- Parents may register to get weekly updates on their child's program use and progress, by clicking on the 'Parents area' tab within their child's account.
- Many more features will also be made available on-line over coming months.

Given that the program covers most of the concepts that we teach, and as good as this resource is, the school wish to make it clear that it was never intended by its creators to replace the wonderful work that our mathematics teaching staff already do. This program is best used as a support/supplement to the classroom teaching/learning experience.

All students will be issued with their unique logins and passwords over the next few days by their maths teacher, and are encouraged to use this resource as directed by their own teacher.

Peter Matassa *Head Of Mathematics*

Engaging Adolescents

A 3 week course for parents of teens and pre-teens.

Course covers:

- Understanding adolescence – a time of reconstructions, redeveloping social landscapes, brain snaps and body make-overs
- Understanding your job as a parent of a teenager – observer, advisor, negotiator, director
- Asking the question – is it serious? What's worth reacting to and what's not...
- How to hold those difficult conversations more successfully!!

The course runs on Monday 17, 24 & 31 August between 7.00pm – 9.30pm at Windermere, 48 Webb Street, Narre Warren. Cost is Free! For bookings call Julie Speirs on 9705 3200 or email info@windermerecfs.com.au



Financial Health Expo

Hallam Senior College is holding a Financial Health Expo on Friday 11th September, 2009 for all students and their families.

Families are invited to join the festivities over the lunchbreak at 12.50pm for a Halal BBQ and to get financial information about Centrelink; mobile phone contracts; credit cards and renting.

If you have any questions please contact Julia, Student Welfare Coordinator on 9703 1266.

Bullying & Harassment

Bullying and harassment is when someone, or a group of people, who have more power at the time, deliberately upset or hurt another person on more than one occasion.

Bullying can take many forms, including:

- physical bullying such as hitting, pushing etc.
- verbal bullying such as name calling
- indirect bullying such as spreading rumours
- cyber-bullying which is carried out via computer-technology. This can be via email, chat room, face book, mobile phone SMS etc. Examples of cyber-bullying include spreading rumours online, sending unwanted messages and defamation.

If you or someone you know is being bullied, and the bully has not stopped despite attempts at letting them know that their behaviour is upsetting and unwelcome, then it may be helpful to tell someone else about what is happening.

If you would like to discuss this issue you can contact Student Welfare, on 9703 1266 or alternatively, if you prefer you can email the school on hallam.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au

Multicultural Day

Wednesday 26th August 2009. Activities between 10 am and 2pm.

We have had some very successful multicultural days in the past, especially the day last year. Many students proudly displayed their cultural dress, foods and performances. There were performances from many areas of the world and the traditional dress parade was fantastic.

The aim is to be bigger and better this year. Students are starting to plan for the day now and some of the groups are already practicing their performances. There will be prizes and giveaways throughout the day. Let's all start planning now, collect articles for the displays in the rooms and start practising for the performances.

Parents and friends are more than welcome to join in the activities and add to the spirit of the day. Questionnaires will be distributed, very soon, in home groups and volunteers will be sought to assist with the day.

GET INVOLVED AND HAVE A GREAT DAY. Any enquiries please contact the school and ask for Margaret May 9703 1266.



Youth Vibe

Youth Vibe is a live music event that aims to provide important performance opportunities for local musicians and emerging artists to showcase their talents.

The event will be drug, alcohol and smoke free in a supervised and safe environment.

The event is being organised by Year 12 Student Kate Miles with support from students and staff.

When: 26th August

Where: Hallam Senior College Theatre

Time: 4:30pm - 7pm

For more information please call 9703 1266



Helping to Fill the Gap

Hallam Senior College and the Beacon Foundation invite you to participate and celebrate with us as our Year 10 students pledge to continue their education in 2010 either at school or through their employment as an apprentice or trainee.

This is a major event for the school, one where we invite not only students but also invited guests, businesses and College staff to sign the pledge banner which will be displayed in our school. Representatives from a broad sector of the community have been invited, including politicians, business, community leaders and parents as well as key personnel from education and training.

You can help us with your presence.

This will be followed by an invitation for the Year 10 student ambassadors and guests to stay for light refreshments to celebrate their commitment to a real future.

Please attend, you can make a difference.

The Beacon Foundation underpinning philosophy is that "it takes a whole village to raise a child" Community and business must play a very important role in providing a bright future for the next generation of Australians by forming partnerships with schools. Further information on the Beacon Foundation may be found at: www.beaconfoundation.net

When: Monday 17th August, 2009 at 8.45 am

Where: Hallam Senior College - Hallam Theatre

Guest Speaker: Mark Dobson (Performance Consultant)

Annette Torok, Beacon Foundation - Victorian Coordinator

RSVP: Ph: 9703 1266



Dress Code Survey



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Dear member of the school community,

The Dress Code Review Committee of School Council is seeking advice from the school community about the dress code for students.

While the School Council has decided that students will wear a school uniform it has not decided what that uniform will be except that the colours 'navy' and 'red' will feature. (It is also important to note that many subjects at Hallam have dress requirements to suit OHS e.g. Hospitality no makeup/nail polish, Building and Construction – steel cap boots, Sport – no long nails. These requirements will be additional to the standard school uniform.)

The Dress Code Committee has discussed the options below. Please complete these survey questions so that we can take your opinions into consideration when deciding upon the uniform. Completed surveys can be returned to the General Office or to: PO Box 5031, Hallam BC, Victoria 3803

Are you a: student / teacher / parent or guardian ? (Please circle)

Which options do you agree with?

1. Full school uniform:

Students wear a full school uniform. This means all items including jackets, socks and shoes will be uniform. Y / N

2. Half uniform:

a) Students wear half uniform. This means that jackets, shirts and jumpers would be uniform but pants, shorts and skirts would be neat, practical and of the student's choice. Y / N

or

b) Students wear half uniform. This means that jackets, shirts and jumpers would be uniform but pants, shorts and skirts could be any design as long as they were navy blue. Y / N

3. Track suit style uniform: All students wear a tracksuit style uniform like the Sports Academy uniform. This would include shorts & skirt for summer wear. Y / N

4. Combination Tracksuit style uniform & regular uniform: All students wear the same jackets, shirts and jumpers (similar to the Sports Academy style) and navy pants, navy shorts and navy skirts can be either sports style (track pants) or regular style providing they are neat and practical. Y / N

Ideas about individual items of uniform clothing (can say Yes to more than one option)

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| 5. Students wear a uniform hooded windcheater. Y / N | 15. Students wear any neat, safe, casual shoe with their uniform. Y / N |
| 6. Year 12 students have a special, commemoration windcheater each year. Y / N | 16. Students can wear multiple piercings . Y / N |
| 7. Students wear a navy blue polo shirt with a logo. Y / N | 17. Visible multiple piercings can be worn providing they are covered by bandaid. Y / N |
| 8. Students wear a red polo shirt with a logo. Y / N | 18. Students wear make-up according to individual taste. Y / N |
| 9. Students wear a white polo shirt with a logo. Y / N | 19. Students can wear a reasonable amount of make-up. Y / N |
| 10. Students wear a windbreaker jacket in school colours and with school logo. Y / N | 20. Students wear cap / hat in uniform colours Y / N |
| 11. Students wear a school dress / school skirt Y / N | 21. Students wear uniform cap / hat. Y / N |
| 12. Students wear any neat jacket in school colours. Y / N | 22. Students wear cap / hat of individual choice. Y / N |
| 13. Jackets should be any neat jacket. Y / N | 23. Students wear scarf in uniform colours Y / N |
| 14. Students wear black school shoes. Y / N | 24. Students wear scarf of individual choice. Y / N |

Other Comments:

Thank you for completing this survey

Olivia Hogan, Anne-Marie Tulloch, Jess Williams, Paula Carr, Jeanette Williams, Trudy Day, Mandy Bastin, Bernadette Bowling & Margaret May.

Hallam Senior College's First Premier's VCE award.



Diana Balint was recently awarded a Premier's VCE Awards for achieving outstanding results in VET Community Services in 2008.

VCE Premier Awards are given to the top 5 performing students in individual subject areas each year. The presentation was held at The Melbourne Convention Centre on Tuesday July 21.

The 19-year-old from Endeavour Hills, who studied her VCE at the school last year, is hoping to pursue a career working with children after starting her Diploma of Children's Services at Chisholm TAFE in Berwick this year.

Ms Balint was ranked in the top five in the state for community services and received a medallion and certificate last Tuesday from Premier John Brumby at a special event at the Melbourne Convention Centre.

During her community services studies, Ms Balint said she had the opportunity to do work placement at Doveton Uniting Child Care and the Endeavour Hills Child Care Centre.

Important Dates & Upcoming Events

21-Aug	Presentation Ball 1 - Contessa Receptions	5-Oct	First Day Term 4	16-Nov	Transition program begins Yr 11-12; 10-11 TBC
26-Aug	Multicultural Day	13-Oct	School Council 7:00pm	18-Nov	Yr 12 Valedictory Dinner
26-Aug	Youth Vibe Concert	19-Oct	Media Screening & Yr 12 Exhibition	19-Nov	VCAA Exams End
28-Aug	Presentation Ball 2 - Contessa Receptions	22-Oct	Last Class Yr12	27-Nov	Transition program ends Yr 11-12; 10-11 TBC
2-Sep	Parent Teacher Interviews	23-Oct	Yr 12 Carnival Day	30-Nov	9-10 Orientation (TBC)
7-Sep	Dance Performance 7pm	27-Oct	Theatre St. & Drama Performance	4-Dec	Last Day Year 10
8-Sep	School Council 7PM	30-Oct	VCAA Exams begin	15-Dec	School Council 7:00pm
14-Sep	Drama Solos 7pm	5-Nov	Yr 10/11 Exams begin	16-Dec	Reports / VET Certs to students
15-Sep	Theatre Monologues 7pm	10-Nov	School Council 7:00pm		
18-Sep	Last day of term 3	13-Nov	Yr 10/11 Exams end		

Please see www.hallamssc.vic.edu.au or call 9703 1266 for more information



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