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We Are Winners!

Hallam Senior College wins at The 2009 Victorian Training Awards.

Now in its 55th year, The Victorian Training Awards are the state's pre-eminent awards recognising achievements in the training sector. The Awards are one of the ways the Victorian Government rewards outstanding achievements and innovations in vocational education and training.



They Awards recognise the valuable contribution of apprentices, trainees, students, teachers, employers, training providers and industry in building a world-class vocational education and training system in Victoria.

The school was one of three finalists in the McDonald's Victorian Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Schools Excellence Award. The Victorian VET in Schools Excellence Award recognises an outstanding training program which delivers vocational education and training to secondary school students. The program can be coordinated by secondary schools, industry groups, or by way of partnerships between schools, industry and Group Training Organisations, Local Community Partnerships or any other variation.

Principal Anne Martin said the school community was thrilled with the win after being a finalist for the second year running.

"It's a real accolade for the school and an indication we are doing the right thing for the young people in relation to their schooling choices," she said.

Hallam Senior College has 15 VET programs available for students including construction, hairdressing, hospitality, and dance.



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Where Has Term 3 Gone?

This term seems to have disappeared so quickly! It was great to see so many parents and students recently at our Course Selection evenings and the Parent Teacher evening. Please contact teachers by phone any time you have a question or issue of concern regarding your son or daughter.

Expectations of Year 12 students:

All Year 12 students should be highly focussed, completing final SACs and preparing for exams. There have been a number of revision lectures for many subjects already. Ms Chandra has been very busy organising these lectures so that our students have easy access to additional expert assistance and advice leading up to the exams. There are still a number of lectures scheduled and I strongly encourage all students to take advantage of these wonderful opportunities.

Acing Your Exams:

Year 12 students recently attended a presentation from 'Elevate Education' on 'Acing Your Exams'. The presenters were all young university students or recent graduates who had some excellent advice for our students – including practices at home and at school leading up to the exams. The messages they gave the students were very practical, useful, entertaining and encouraging. Each student has a booklet they took notes in to help remind them of some of the key points.



Just some of the university and recent graduate students talking with Students on preparing for exams

Exam timetables:

Students in Year 12 received a Navigator booklet earlier in the year which had all the exam dates in it. Distribution of the official VCAA exam timetable for each student for the end of the year will occur shortly.

SEAS applications:

Any students who wish to submit a SEAS application should see the Career team as soon as possible.

Valedictory Tickets:

The date for payment of deposits for tickets has passed. If you missed this opportunity and are disappointed, please contact Mrs Bastin as soon as possible to discuss options.

Carnival Day:

Well done to all those students who have paid for Carnival Day on Friday, October 23rd. Payment is due by September 14th but earlier payment of \$35 is welcome – one less thing to think about!!

Expectations for Year 11 students:

All Year 11 students should also be working hard, revising regularly and trying to consolidate course content. These are all desirable habits that all students should have developed by now in preparation for Year 12 studies. Uniform is still an issue of concern, particularly footwear and incorrect windcheaters/jumpers. We need everyone's support in making sure that our uniform is worn correctly and proudly. Punctuality to school and classes could also improve. Lateness contributes to absence data – this tends to always add up quickly and has resulted in some students being placed in a very precarious position regarding our attendance policy.

Any Year 11 student completing a Unit $\frac{3}{4}$ subject should make this their main focus and try to gain the best possible results for any remaining SACs and the exam .



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program update

Our Kitchen Specialist Kathy Van Eck began our first classes in the kitchen the second week of term three. Since then Year 3 and 4 students from Hallam Primary School have been cooking up a storm each Monday. Helping Kathy in the kitchen are our VET and VCAL students and some wonderful community volunteers. If any parents in our community see themselves as a Master Chef please take the opportunity to become involved in this exciting program. We are always looking for more hands in the kitchen and everyone involved has a great time.

The garden has come ahead in leaps and bounds in the last month and with spring in the air we are anticipating a large increase in the amount and variety of crops. This is wonderful news with over 100 mouths to feed each week in the kitchen. We are into Week Seven in the kitchen and the skills our mini-chefs are learning is extensive. Add this to their knowledge of growing food and you really can see a whole generation of food lovers coming out of the program.

A request: Small jars for jams and preserves. (Please leave at the front office – give us your name and we will make sure you get a sample of the goodies when made).

Everyone is invited to the next **working bee** to be held in the garden at Hallam Senior College. Come along and see what Hallam Senior College work placements students and Hallam Primary School students are doing. It really is worth a visit. The date: **Saturday 12th September from 9.00am – 1.00pm**. Bring along your gardens tools. The more the merrier.

Vet Dance Tour.

On Monday 31st August the year 12 VET Dance students completed a successful Dance Tour.

Travelling by minibus the students were warmly welcomed into Fountain Gate, Endeavour Hills and Cranbourne Secondary Schools. The students showed a number of dances they will be performing in the upcoming VET Dance performance and VET Dance External Exams. The audiences were engaged and entertained and showed their positive response with enthusiastic applause. Students from Cranbourne studying VCE Dance also shared a group dance they have been working on. The Hallam students returned exhausted but stimulated and excited from their performing and meeting other dance students in their community.



Vet Dance Performance.

The annual VET Dance Performance is coming soon on Monday 7th September at 6.30pm.

Tickets \$7 & \$5 conc. at the door.

As always highly entertaining with a variety of styles of dance including Hip Hop, Contemporary, Cook Island Dance, Lyrical and Ballroom flavour.

Staff, ex-students and guest Industry teachers have choreographed dances. Current students have also created a number of dances especially for this event.

ALL WELCOME.

Men's Mentor Breakfast

On Tuesday 1st September, 2009 the City of Casey held its seventh year of the "Men's Mentor Breakfast".

Four students from Hallam Senior College attended between 7:00am to 9:00am to listen to the guest speaker, Stan Alves. They were also given the opportunity to talk to professionals and business men within the local community to discuss career options; opportunities; and pathways. These boys were thrilled with this opportunity and spoke highly of the people they met and the contacts they made.



Photo: Left to right - Mohammed Saad; Jordan Griffiths; Arryn Siposs; and Hudson O'Connell.

Study Skills Workshops

For all students undertaking exams, please come along to learn about study techniques to **HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR BEST RESULTS.**

The workshops will take place in ROOM 21 during lunchtimes on:

Tuesday 8th September, 2009; and

Tuesday 15th September, 2009.

Please bring your lunch. Thanks, Laura and Julia (Welfare)

Youth Vibe Concert Review.

The following review is an example of a professional review for a music paper such as "Beat"

On August 26th 2009, Kate Miles and Hallam Senior College held the Youth Vibe Concert. The concert was held in a suitable venue with a raised stage and tiered seating. The auditorium seats 150 people and there was an impressive 80 people in the audience.

The first act was slow to start and delayed commencement. Auncherie Upu, Konnie Phang and Sennae Taman sang 5 songs as a trio with Auncherie providing the lead vocals for most of them. The genre was predominately soul. All songs were very well received by the appreciative audience. The trio's patter was very effective and amusing. Auncherie had warmth which went down well with the audience. The vocal work of Phang and Tamana was excellent; the only hiccup was forgetting lyrics mid verse.

There was no such forgetting for the next act. Leanne Rogers and Chris Kennedy performed under the name Focal Remedy. Rogers sang acoustically with some clever guitar work from Kennedy. The songs were largely original and Rogers interpreted the songs beautifully. Her demeanour was relaxed and the two performers worked well together.

A Sleepless Melody was the next act. They sang several songs and looked great. The two lads had great voices and harmonised well together.

Silver Reasons was an excellent fourth act. The band sang five songs and delivered their rock/pop songs to great effect. The lads wore skinny jeans and moved really well creating a great sense of energy on stage. The clever lighting created an exciting feel to their act.

The final two bands, So Last Summer and Picture Perfect Skies, also did a very good job entertaining the crowd who by this stage were up and dancing at the front of the stage. Beach balls were thrown around and this created a sense of fun.

Hallam Senior College would love the chance to host this event again, but only time will tell. We thank all those involved, particularly Kate Miles – a graduate of Mr Reed's Music Industry Cert II Course.

By Mr M. Reed, Emjay Roney and Shaqiya Iese.

Breaking News: Hallam are VSSSA State Champions

On Wednesday 2nd September the boys AFL team played in the VSSSA Grand Final at Victoria Park.

Hallam Senior College were eventual winners defeating Sunbury 99 - 55.

Congratulations to everyone involved.



Girls' AFL State Semi Finals

On Thursday 13th August the girls AFL team played at the State Semi Finals in a round robin format against 3 other schools (Box Hill, Wangaratta, & Wonthaggi).

The girls were very competitive in all 3 games, losing to Box Hill by 4 goals, Wonthaggi 5 goals & Wangaratta 5 points (we had a shot at goal after the siren to win). Winners of the best on ground medals for each of our games were Sefora, Danielle, & Riplee. Well done to these girls & to all the girls who played on the day. You were a pleasure to coach and the improvement you showed over the 2 terms has been great.

Thank you to all the parents & families who came along to support the team, the boys who assisted with jobs on the day & to Sean Goss & Chris Piastrino for their support. I look forward to continuing our success next year. *Brett Alexander*



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John Holland Aviation

A group of Year 11 Physics students enrolled in the Science and Engineering program at Hallam Senior College have had a huge day out recently at John Holland Aviation Services at Melbourne Airport.

Part of our program is for students to undertake 'job shadowing' where they can experience a day in the life of an engineer or scientist. Hallam Senior College is very excited to have John Holland Aviation Services involved in the training of our students and we are very grateful to them for allowing our students to spend some time observing the daily operations taking place in such an exciting and fascinating workplace.

Apart from a variety of exciting projects students undertake as part of the Science and Engineering program, the College is strongly encouraging students to explore the links between their studies and various industries. The job shadowing is just one of many types of experiences students can use to make more informed career choices.



Careers News

VTAC APPLICATIONS

All Year 12 students intending to make an application for university or TAFE (Certificate 4, Diploma) should do so before the end of this term. Timely applications close on 30th September which is during the holidays. You may need assistance so you are strongly advised to do your application before the end of term. For assistance make an appointment at the Careers Centre in the Study Hall.

SEAS – SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEMES

There are several categories under which applications for special consideration can be made. Year 12 students making VTAC applications should also make a SEAS application in one or more categories for which they are eligible. Relevant categories may include: Non-English Speaking Background, Difficult Family Circumstances, Disadvantaged socio-economic background, Personal disability or medical condition, Refugee status. Students should seek help at the Careers Centre immediately as often supporting evidence must be supplied. **SCHOLARSHIPS CAN ALSO BE APPLIED FOR UNDER THESE CATEGORIES.** All students should apply.

NEW AND CANCELLED COURSES THROUGH VTAC

New courses can be accredited after the VTAC Guide is printed. Also, others are cancelled. To check see: www.vtac.edu.au, go to Courses (left of screen), to new and cancelled courses. Eg Monash is now offering B. Arts (Global)/Science (code 28181) and Victorian Uni is offering B. Sport (Coaching), code 80121. You can add these to your VTAC application if you wish.

DEFERRING AT MELBOURNE AND ACU

Melbourne and Australian Catholic Universities are now allowing deferral for up to two years, as is Deakin University. Check out deferral policy for each university by reading their section in the VTAC Guide. It is not usually possible to defer a TAFE course – apply again later as a NONY12.

RMIT FOLIO COURSES IN HOLIDAYS

Intensive courses allowing you to expand skills and knowledge to apply to your folio and gain insights into future study options (fashion, 3D product design, visual/fine art, photography, multimedia). Enquiries: 9925 8111, enquiries@rmit.edu.au; www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au.

MONASH ENGINEERING INFO EVENING

An evening for prospective students/parents with academic, student and graduate speakers. An opportunity to follow up on Open Day or if you couldn't attend. When: 7-9.30pm, Thur 10 Sept; Where: Lecture Theatre C1, Building 63, Clayton; Register: www.eng.monash.edu.au/prospective or ph 9905 3404.

MONASH PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Parents of Year 11 & 12 students are invited to find out how they can support their child as they consider future options. Find out about courses, applications, equity and access, student support services, scholarships, accommodation and fees. When: 7-8pm, Tues 8 Sept; Where: Caulfield campus. Info/book: www.monash.edu.au/study/events/parents.

WANT TO CHECK OUT PHARMACY

The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Monash is holding an information evening and tour. Find out about courses, entry requirements, curriculum, teaching facilities and uni life. When: 6-7.30pm, Tues 8 Sept; Where: Parkville campus, 381 Royal Parade; Info/registration: www.pharm.monash.edu.au/futurestudents/undergraduate-seminar.html.

BE PAID WHILE STUDYING TRANSPORT/LOGISTICS

The transport industry in Victoria employs 238,000 people and is looking for young people who want a long term career, including in management and operations roles. TDT Victoria offers 20 Year 12 students the Transport and Logistics Cadetship Program for positions in Melbourne/Shepparton/Geelong/regional Victoria. Be employed fulltime by companies in the areas of transport, logistics, manufacturing and food processing and complete the Diploma of Logistics. Applicants: Send letter of application and resume with education results, work experience, other relevant info. and at least two verbal referees (one your career counsellor or Year 12 teacher) to Mrs Kerri Langes, TDT Victoria, 173 Roden St, West Melbourne 3003 or kerri@tdtvictoria.org.au. www.tdtvictoria.org.au.

LOOK AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

Check out Creative Industries (graphic design, multimedia & games, music, professional writing, visual arts, theatre arts) at an Expo, 10am-3pm, Sun 13 Sept, City Flinders Street campus. Also animal studies, vet nursing, children's and community Services, tourism and events, 10am-3pm, Sun 13 Sept, Werribee campus. Other Expos to follow (see next newsletter). Info www.vu.edu.au/visitvu.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE HOLIDAYS

A number of Universities are conducting information sessions and activities during the term break. Please come and see the staff in the Careers Centre for more information.

Cyber Bullying: Laugh at it, and you're part of it!

Multimedia technologies have created new domains in which young people learn and interact. Technology such as mobile phones, SMS, in-phone cameras, emails and chat rooms can be an effective way to learn and a great way to communicate.

Unfortunately some people use this technology to bully others by sending threatening or unwanted messages or spreading nasty rumours.

Netalert (<http://www.netalert.gov.au>) defines cyber bullying as:

“Bullying that is carried out through an internet service, such as email, chat room, discussion group or instant messaging. It can also include bullying through mobile phone technologies such as short messaging service (SMS). Examples of cyber bullying include teasing, spreading rumours online, sending unwanted messages, or defamation.”

All forms of bullying, whether it be physical, verbal or cyber are not tolerated at Hallam Senior College.

A recent survey conducted by Netalert revealed that:

- 16% of children said they had been bullied online, while 14% were bullied through their mobile phone, with boys and girls experiencing similar levels
- younger children were more likely to be bullied online, with older children more likely through their mobile phone
- 56% thought it was easy to get bullied online, especially among girls and younger children.

Students should be aware that if they use technology in an inappropriate fashion then they could be committing a crime. Messages, phone calls, and chat rooms can be traced, even if a false name is used. The sending of images is also covered by various State and Commonwealth laws that prevent the publication of material that is objectionable, unclassified or unsuitable for minors.

For more information please visit the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's website at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/healthwellbeing/safety/default.htm> and click on the cyber bullying link.

Important Dates & Upcoming Events

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

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

