

Hallam Senior College - Newsletter

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Linking Learning and Life

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2010 Is Fast Approaching

Dear Parents Guardians and Students

Transition

It is very important for students to attend during transition as work contributing to assessment swill be underway.

Students are required to attend their classes and be ready and equipped to learn. All students will receive Transition Packs that contain important information about dates and times over the next few weeks, school uniform and policies for 2010, bell times for transition and the 2010 booklist.

The Sub School Model for 2010

For 2010 we are moving towards a student wellbeing and management system where students and teachers are linked through a common interest or passion in their program to ensure we are connected. This model will include Leading Teachers, Program Leaders, assistant to the LT, teachers and ES staff all developing a culture within their program to keep the students connected with school and all on a path to positive outcomes. Parents will have a clear line of contact with this model. It is an exciting development for the College as we build a culture that values all students achieving their potential.

All students will be connected to one of the program groups listed below. Parents will be able to make contact with teaching support staff around any issues with attendance or other assistance as required.

Leading Teacher - Arts and Humanities Programs - Deb Cox

Leading Teacher - Sports Academy and Health Programs - Travis McIntosh

Leading Teacher - Science Commerce and IT Programs - Ron Jooss

Leading Teacher - Traditional Trades and Technology Programs - Mark Gelderbloem

In addition to those listed above the following staff make up the College Leadership Team

Assistant Principal -Student Learning and Staff Development - John Lyall

Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing, Engagement and Management - Bernadette Bowling

Assistant Principal- School Operations - Mandy Bastin

Leading Teacher - VCE/VELs - David Caughey

Leading Teacher - VET/VCAL - Bronwyn Carlos

Valedictory Dinner

Last Thursday year 12 students and their families and teachers celebrated the conclusion of 13 years of formal education at a dinner held at Sandown Racecourse. Amongst speeches and awards everyone concerned had a lovely evening. Thank you to Mandy Bastin for her organisation of this event.

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Visit from Minister Pike

Our College was invited to host a visit from the Minister for Education, Ms Bronwyn Pike MP late in October.

The Minister watched the entire cycle of images of the Year 12 carnival day and was very impressed.



Minister Pike being greeted by Principal Anne Martin and students Piva Wright & Sharna Naidu

Some of the issues raised with her by Principals were –

- Extreme difficulty with the new SSSO system and access to professionals when it was necessary to support students in high risk situations.
- Recurrent funding for our TTC (this means that under the TTC program we have been funded for buildings and equipment but not for people to run it nor any ongoing funds to clean, maintain, heat, cool etc, or replacement of equipment when the use by date is up. She is aware of the issues.
- Senior Secondary funding of smaller classes in VET – she is also aware of this issue
- The number of DEECD initiatives flowing out of the Department to schools for implementation.

In all, the visit was very productive as the Minister heard about issues of concern directly from Principals.

The Sports Awards Night

Held on 16th November celebrated the success and achievement of many young people from the Sports Academy program.

Like the Valedictory dinner this evening was well attended and recognised the hard work of many students.

Congratulations to all who have participated and achieved at every level.

Anne Martin Principal

Congratulations Nathan Paila

Hallam Sports Academy student, Nathan Paila has been selected in the Australian Schools Team to tour England, Wales and Ireland during late November and December.

The twenty eight player squad was selected from the various fixtures during the year including Australian Schools Championships and the games played against the touring Tongan and New Zealand Schoolboys.

Players from all over Australia were considered for selection and they represent some 50,000 Schools Rugby players throughout Australia.

Carnival Day 2009

Carnival Day is no Muck-up

The Staff at Hallam Senior College are extremely proud of the way our Year 12 Students have celebrated the end of their secondary education.

Avoiding the problems associated with the traditional 'Muck-up' Days, students were treated to a Carnival Day with Amusement Rides, a Fancy Dress competition, pizza and BBQ lunch with the day's highlight being SLIME TIME.

SLIME TIME involved both teachers and students in slippery combat with shaving cream, water bombs and flour being the weapons of choice.





















Landcare Project

Many thanks to Alex Rakic, Claire Callinan, Emily Harris, Tara Skilbeck, Carly Grech, Marie Mashado, Ms Johannssen & Ms Bourke for their hard work in the indigenous garden and for their care in watering the new plants over the last couple of weeks.



The garden beside the Art Block is almost complete and features plants native to our local area. A great team effort that shows care for our environment.

Bernadette Bowling Assistant Principal

Sports Awards

Congratulations to the students who received the following accolades at our recent Sports Academy Awards Night.

The Hallam Sports Academy Sports Person of the Year Award:

Dean Scanlon & Allana Landolfo

Best & Fairest
Australian Rules Football:

Dean Scanlon & Danielle Lawrence

Basketball:

Aidan McMullan & Reannah Smith

Cricket: Arryn Siposs **Netball:** Lousie McGrath **Rugby League:** Nathan Paila

Soccer:

Daniel Grigoruta & Shaunna Murray

Intermediate Best & Fairest
Australian Rules Football: Anthony Nash

Basketball: Matt Walker **Rugby League:** Talalupelele Titi

Coaches Awards

Australian Rules Football: Jordan Griffiths

Basketball: Dylan Wayman

Cricket: Luke Hill Netball: Jane Presnell

Rugby League: Fenika Amataga

Soccer: Joanne Ruyter

Introduction of the Victorian Student Number (VSN)

Hallam Senior College is working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to allocate a Victorian Student Number (VSN) to each student at the school.

The VSN is a student identification number that is being assigned to all students in government and non-government schools. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student's school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned and tied to stable information about the student (name, gender, date of birth).

The introduction of the VSN will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movement through, and departure from, the Victorian education and training system. It will greatly improve the collection and analysis of timely and accurate data about education in Victoria. The Department collects information to track improvements made to the education system, identify areas that require further improvement, and to analyse trends and identify future needs. The VSN will improve the accuracy, reliability and completeness of this information, providing a better basis for assessing needs and developing policies to meet them.

The VSN will appear on student report cards, enrolment confirmations and exit confirmations. For additional information about the VSN please visit:

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/vsn/overview.htm

A Note From the Library

With the end of the year fast approaching many students have begun returning the books they have borrowed during the year. Many others, however, have left without doing so. Some students were loaned books and equipment for the duration of the school year but, they now should also be returned. Some students have borrowed calculators valued at \$90.00 and have not yet returned them.

As you can know, books and calculators are becoming increasingly expensive. The Library budget cannot sustain significant losses each year and still provide the range of resources needed if a large sum has to be spent replacing items which have not been returned.

Letters listing overdue items will be sent out once the Year 10's have finished classes so, if you receive one at your place, please search high and low for any items still at your place and get it back to us before we break up (or down as the case may be!). It will make our Christmas much, much happier not to have to waste money replacing loaned items which have not been returned (Invoices for non-returned items will be issued on the 7th December).

With best wishes for a safe and happy summer for you and your families,

Maggie McCann - Head Librarian

Second-hand Book Sale

Students are invited to sell their second-hand books to other students on Tuesday 8/12/09 from 9:00 am to 1:00pm in the Gymnasium.

The College Administration does not manage this event. Please have appropriate money and check the current booklist carefully so that you don't purchase books that are not needed.

Other important dates:

9th December - All booklists to Lamont Books

15th December - Distribution of new books in Room 30 from 10am - 3pm

Year 10 and 11 Arts Exhibition

1 Dec - 18 Dec

People's choice award. Come and post your vote for your favourite work. All Welcome.

Year 12 Awards

Congratulations to the students who received the following accolades at our Valedictory Dinner. Thank you to Mandy Bastin and her team for the outstanding organisation of the event. Everyone who attended had a good time.

Award	Name
Robin Hallet Award – Excellence In Science	Joshua Haisili
Chris Joseph Memorial Award- Performing A	arts Sharnika Takacs
Jim Bartlett Award-English Literature	Olivia Banas
John Packer Award - Commerce	Brent Vrdoljak
Brian Burgess Award – Excellence In VET	Jaimee Warren
Hazel Massala Award-English Language	Karanvir Aujla
Phil Pallot Award-Excellence In VCAL	Sara Clark
Joan Finlay Library Award	Nyabouk Tel
Hallam Senior College Art Aquisition	Rayan Saylir
River Gum Award Casey Council	Zadrack Adadikam
Caltex Allrounder	Allana Fletcher
Adf Longtan Leadership Award	Kate Miles
VCE Coordinators Award	Olivia Hogan
VCAL Coordinators Award	Linda Ding
School Captains Award	Allana Landolfo
School Captains Award	Mohammed Berjaoui
School Captains Award	Olivia Hogan
School Captains Award	Kate Miles

Year 12 VCE Subject Awards

Accounting	Charlene Yum
Art	Brooke McGowan-Grills
Biology	Joshua Haisili
Business Management	Olivia Hogan
Chemistry	Joshua Haisili
Classics	Yagana Naseer
Design & Technology Textiles	Rebecca Tognazzini
Design & Technology Wood	Melvyn Tchung
Drama	Tanya Mandic
English	Alicia Thomas
English As A Second Language	Sinke Wesho
English Language	Damian Van Den Hoff
English Literature	Tiffany O'Keefe
Food Technology	Jarrod Bryans
Health & Human Development	Jacinta Drury
It: Applications	Calvin Burge

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Award	Name
It: Software Development	Daniel Thurley
Lote - German	Alicia Thomas
History Revolutions	Deniz Yildrim
International Studies	Casey Ward
Legal Studies	Casey Ward
Further Maths	Alex Khoshaba
Maths - Methods	Jaswini Lal
Maths - Specialist	Damian Van Den hoff
Media	Amber Hunter
Outdoor Education	Allana Landolfo
Philosophy	Casey Francis
Physical Education	Ashleigh Gorsuch
Physics	Vamsi Manikyanivas
Psychology	Rowan Dunn
Sociology	Natalie Heynsbergh
Studio Arts – General	Vanessa Hogg
Studio Arts - Multimedia	Alanna Fletcher
Systems Engineering	Jalul Mohammad
Theatre Studies	Leanne Rodgers
Visual Communication And Design	Olivia Banas

VET Award Winners

VET – Automotive	Aaron Rode
VET – Building And Construction	Glenn Morrison
VET – Business Services	Angeline Noronha
VET - Community Services	Melissa Willemsen
VET - Dance	Natalie Stallbaum
VET – Electro Technology	Denis Yildrim
VET – Hairdressing	Angeline Paganella
VET – Hospitality	Kristina Maricic

VCAL Subject Awards

James Dally VCAL Literacy (Senior) VCAL Numeracy (Senior) Daniel Tiley Zadrack Adadikam VCAL Personal Development (Senior) VCAL Structured Work Placement Jeff Aquino



Careers News Year 12 Information

SCHOOL LEAVER'S GUIDE

All Year 12 students should have a copy of the 2009/10 School Leaver's Guide. Pick one up from the Study Hall if you haven't received your copy yet.

COURSE PATHWAY OPTIONS

It is wise when applying for courses through VTAC to put down both University and TAFE options. Remember that if you hope to study at University but miss out on a place, it is often possible to gain credits for Yniversity from a relevant TAFE course. Two years at TAFE often gives one year of credit (sometimes more) at university in a related course. Several institutions are both a University and a TAFE (eg Swinburne, RMIT, VU), while others have links with a TAFE (eg Deakin with Box Hill) making it easier to move. Many students who complete a University Degree complete a TAFE course later on as well.

Also consider applying for regional campuses of Universities. For example, Deakin at Warrnambool or Monash at Gippsland (which is not far). The ENTER scores are usually lower but the courses are the same.

REMINDERS

VTAC APPLICATIONS

You must pay the application fee or you won't be able to change your preferences. You can change your preferences from 30 Nov to 21 December. VCE results are available on 14 December. The Careers Office at school will be open until December 18.

NEW COURSES NOT IN THE VTAC GUIDE

Check these on the VTAC website. ENTER's for these courses are often lower than may usually be expected because some applicants will not be aware of them.

TO ENROL at University you will need a Tax File Number; apply now if you don't have one.

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE (COP) ASSISTANCE

Universities & TAFEs offer assistance during the Change of Preference (COP) period (14 - 21 December) by phone, information sessions and internet websites. Please contact the Universities or TAFEs for further information.

Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS) Information Sessions

Join the DoTS to success: Your pathway to a Monash degree at Berwick and Peninsula campuses.

With an ENTER of 50 or above your pathway to a Monash degree could be the Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS).

DoTS is a one-year pathway program leading to a degree offered at the Berwick and Peninsula campuses. Students receive extra study support and take first year subjects from the degree programs offered by the Faculties of Arts, Business and Economics, Education, Information Technology and Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences.

Information sessions will be held at the Berwick and Peninsula campuses on Thursday 17 December. Opportunities available at both campuses will be discussed in the sessions to help you explore your pathway options further.

For further information see Ms Bloodworth.

- Thursday 17 December, 10am 12pm, Berwick campus, Building 901/G43, 100 Clyde Road, Berwick
- Thursday 17 December, 2pm 4pm, Peninsula campus, F1.01, McMahons Road, Frankston

Jane Bloodworth Careers Coordinator

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ENDEAVOUR UNITED OPEN AGE WOMENS SOCCER TEAM



Endeavour United Soccer Club are seeking girls to help strengthen their women's teams for season 2010.

Girls aged 16 and over are invited to contact them if interested in playing in season 2010. Any junior girls wishing to play soccer please also contact us for more details.

Endeavour United currently have a **State 3 Women's** Team who finished 3rd this year and are planning to enter a squad in the Metropolitan league in season 2010.

Training will be held two nights per week with experienced coaches. Highly subsidised fees are available. Endeavour United is situated in the Endeavour Hills (South East) area and is a multicultural club with a family friendly atmosphere.

For more information contact: Kathy on 0438952941 or Annick on 0411598843.



Uniforms in 2010

Families should note that current students who will be in Year 11 & 12 in 2010 are permitted to wear the existing Eumemmerring uniform until the end of 2011. All new students are to wear the new Hallam Senior College uniform.

The College School Council requires students enrolled at Hallam Senior College to follow a dress code. All students are required to wear the correct College uniform to and from the College, at the College and for all College activities unless advised by the Principal.

All students are required to dress neatly, modestly and safely whilst undertaking any College based activity.

Students should note that failure to comply with the Dress Code is considered to be a breach of their responsibilities as a student of Hallam Senior College.

Please refer to the Dress Code Policy and Uniform Requirements that form part of the student's Transitions Packs.

Year 10 & 11 Awards Presentation Night

Wednesday 2/12/09

The Year 10 & 11 Awards presentation is scheduled for Wednesday 2/12/09 beginning at 7:00 pm in the Hallam Senior College Theatre.

First day of school 2010

The first day of school for all students enrolled for 2010 is Monday 1st February 2010. Sub-school assemblies will be held at the beginning of the day.

Valedictory Photos

Students who ordered photos at the Valedictory Dinner can now collect them from the College.

Important Dates & Upcoming Events

Year 10)	Year 1	2	Addition	onal Dates
27 Nov 30 Nov 2 Dec 4 Dec	Year 10 Activities Unit 1 Transition Week Year 10 & 11 Awards Presentation Night Last Day Year 10	30 Nov 14 Dec 15 Dec	Change of preferences now available VCE & ENTER results available VCE, VCAL & ENTER results	10 Nov 27 Nov 8 Dec 8 Bec	School Council 7:00pm Transition program ends Yr 11-12 Yr 9-10 Orientation Secondhand Book Sale
4 Dec	Reports Distributed	16 Dec	sent by mail Results, References, VCE, VCAL & VET Certificates available for collection	15 Dec 15 Dec 16 Dec	School Council 7:00pm Book Distribution Results, References, VCE,
30 Nov 2 Dec	Transition Year 10 & 11 Awards Presentation Night	17 Dec 18 Dec	DoTS Information Session (Monash Berwick Campus) Careers Office Closes	2010	& VET Certificates available for collection
4 Dec	Reports Distributed	12 200		1 Feb	First day of classes for all students

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