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2009 Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Our College began the year as the newly separated senior school of the former Eumemmerring College. Hallam Senior College services the needs of years 10-12.

In the absence of a Principal I was invited by the Region to come over to Hallam and act as Principal for the first term. I was subsequently appointed to the role sometime in second term. In its first year Hallam Senior College has experienced many highs and some lows. As you will see in this report the College has made significant progress in shaping its new identity and forging our way forward to continuously improve outcomes for our students. At the same time as this, we experienced the deaths of three members of staff and the very serious illness of one of the Assistant Principals.

Hallam Senior College is a proud and diverse community. New staff to the College find a very friendly and multicultural environment where students are largely happy to be here. One of the highlights in my first year here, has been to interview students for the Student Leadership of the College. All of the students interviewed were quite exceptional in their ability to articulate a vision for their school. They were really quite inspiring.

Programs across the Alliance - The former schools of Eumemmerring College formed an Alliance for the delivery of later year's programs serving the needs of students from each of the schools. The programs are designed to provide significant breadth in subject selection where the subjects are grouped into programs. The continuing challenge for Hallam Senior College will be in how to maintain the breadth of subjects and balance the needs of academic and vocationally oriented students.

At Hallam Senior College we began the year with 803 students in programs.

The strength of the programs has been reinforced for 2010 by aligning our student management and wellbeing processes to the programs and consequently the curriculum. This new system will group programs together in Sub Schools. These are Arts/Humanities, Science/IT/Commerce, Sports Academy/Health/Community Services and Technology/Traditional Trades. Our aim is to ensure:

- That all students feel connected to the school and the teachers through the programs and subjects they have selected.
- That all parents have a direct link into the school
- That communication between the school, parents and students is improved

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There have been many student successes through the year across all dimensions of the College – student awards in many areas, sporting success at all levels, student leadership, arts and performing arts, camps and trips away, to name a few. Special events are also a highlight of the year. In particular I was very impressed with the Year 12 Carnival Day, a Hallam tradition, where organised slime time was a real treat to watch. The school production of the Wiz, Gallery Exhibitions, the sporting exchange to Wodonga Senior Secondary College, the AFL dinner, Multicultural Day, Market day and the final assembly for the year where student performances were outstanding.

Students at the College recognise that their teachers are passionate about their subject and really wish them to do well at their studies. They often remark to me that they appreciate the vast experience of many staff.

During the year a much admired and long standing member of the Eumemmerring College, Joan Finlay passed away after a short illness. Joan will always be remembered in the library and we thank her for her tireless work to improve every area of the College that she came in contact with. Early in term three, John Lyall one of our assistant principals became very ill and subsequently did not return for the remainder of the year. We were very grateful that Rex Valena was able to come and help us out. In term four, Ross Mothersdale, a long standing member of the Eumemmerring College passed away following a long battle with

illness. Ross was clearly a valued member of the College and will be greatly missed. Anne Collins came to Hallam Senior College during 2009 as an English teacher. Many staff were just coming to know Anne when she too became very ill and passed away. While we did not know Anne for long it is very evident that she was a devoted teacher at our school.

As the year comes to a close we recognise that this year has indeed been difficult for a number of families. Our thoughts and best wishes are with them.

The College would also like to recognise Pam Dyson for her passion and commitment to the development of Hallam Senior College. Pam was an Assistant Principal and Acting Campus Principal at Hallam for a number of years. Pam was appointed Principal of Noble Park Secondary College for the second semester of 2009.

In conclusion, can I thank students, staff and parents for their support of the College and encourage everyone to continue to devolve this journey we are on, to continuously improve outcomes for all our students and make this environment a vital place for learning, where we really do enact our new College motto “Linking learning and Life”

I wish everyone a safe and festive time over the holiday period.

Anne Martin *College Principal*

Student Management - Thank you

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is here! On behalf of the Student Management Team I would like to say thank you to all students and parents for their support throughout the year. The journey has been interesting, challenging and very rewarding for us all. Some very positive and sound foundations have been laid for future pathways and studies.

We hope you all have a restful holiday. Take every opportunity to share time with family and friends, replenish the bank account with some part time work, tackle any holiday homework and of course keep well and safe! Enjoy the festive season and we look forward to a busy 2010.

School Welfare Service

Hallam Senior College offers a student support/welfare service by way of a full-time Social Worker to help support students and their families who experience personal issues during the senior school years. This service is available daily between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm. This service is located at the school in the “Welfare Centre” which is located off the Upper Courtyard (between the Library and Kitchen). The welfare service can be contacted on 9703 1266 or by email on hallam.senior.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au.

School Holiday Break: Over the school holiday break if you are experiencing any difficulties and require support or assistance, please feel free to contact Julia, Student Welfare, on 0435 685 522. I will be contactable on this number between the hours of 9:00am and 4:30pm, Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays).

Pre-loved Uniforms As the end of the school year approaches many of you will have out grown or will no longer need your school uniform. If you have a school uniform that is in good condition that you would like to see go to a new home the Welfare Department at Hallam Senior College would appreciate donations to provide to students in need. We particularly require pants for boys.

Second Hand Books The school welfare department is seeking assistance from the local community to help support students in need. If you have any second hand books that are listed on the current school book list, donations will be gratefully accepted by the school welfare department with many thanks.

Thankyou, Julia, Student Welfare.

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Careers News

Change of Preference is until 12.00pm Monday 21 December. Log on to myinfo on the VTAC website. You can change your preferences as many times as you like up until 12.00pm Monday 21 December.

If you didn't get the ENTER score you expected there are still many options for you to consider. Read the letter you received from Ms Bloodworth for lots of information about change of preference and offers. The Age & Herald Sun have a Tertiary Entry Guide liftout on Monday 14 December. Use your VTAC Guide and the VTAC website. www.vtac.edu.au Check the VTAC site for new and cancelled courses.

All universities, TAFEs and private providers are keen to assist you. Ring their hotlines if you have any questions. See the list below. Go to their information sessions as they can be very helpful.

Remember ACCEPT YOUR FIRST OFFER. Accepting an offer means enrolling in the course. You will receive the necessary information. Follow the instructions. It is unlikely you will receive a second offer. If you do then you can accept it and withdraw from the course you have enrolled in.

Supplementary offers

This year for the first time, applicants who have not received an offer in any of the previous three tertiary offer rounds (Early, Main round and Round two); have not been granted an Irregular Offer AND have given VTAC permission to release their application to all courses with vacancies may be eligible to receive a supplementary offer.

To reject an offer do nothing. To accept an offer the applicant must follow the instructions outlined in the offer message.

How does the process work?

After course selection authorities have considered the eligible applications they will advise VTAC whether they wish to make any supplementary tertiary offers. Supplementary offers will be on Wednesday 17 and Wednesday 24 February 2010 and will not be based on the traditional preference system. This means you may be made an offer for more than one course in each of the offer rounds. VTAC will advise applicants of supplementary offers via MyInfo as well as sending an offer letter by mail.

Applicants can check their supplementary offer status and update it by going to MyInfo and following the links. www.vtac.edu.au/myinfo

If you are looking for employment, apprenticeship, traineeship you should have registered with Centrelink. Group Training Companies are a good place to look for apprenticeships & traineeships. Check out these sites.

<http://www.gtaltid.com.au/>
<http://www.agaustralia.com.au/>

VTAC change of preference hotlines

Australian Academy of Design
Hotline: (03) 9676 9000
E: info@designacademy.edu.au

Australian College of Sports Therapy
College Opening Hours: – 4.00pm
P: (03) 9670 3735 E: admin@sportstherapy.edu.au
www.sportstherapy.edu.au/cop.html

AGMed
P: 0412 327 665 E: faculty@guildmusic.edu.au

Australian Institute of Public Safety
P: (03) 8327 2600 or (03) 8327 2602
www.aips.edu.au

Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School
Toll Free: 1800 257 360
E: bernadette.schwennes@hotelschool.com.au

Box Hill Institute
P: 1300 BOX HILL (1300 269 445)
E: courseinfo@boxhill.edu.au

Carrick
Hotline: 1800 642 909
E: admissions@carrickeducation.edu.au
www.carrickeducation.edu.au

Charles Sturt University
Course Preference Information Session:
21 December between 12noon – 6.00pm

Albury Wodonga
Nowik Theatre, CSU City Campus
Cnr Guinea and Olive Sts, Albury
Hotline: 1300 135 435 E: info.csu@csu.edu.au
www.csu.edu.au/study/change-preference.htm

Chisholm Institute
Hotline: 1300 CHISHOLM or 1300 2447 4656
E: enquiries@chisholm.edu.au www.chisholm.edu.au

Deakin University
Hotline: 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733)
Hotline: 19-20 December between 9.00am-5.00pm
21 December between 8.30am – 12noon
www.deakin.edu.au

East Gippsland TAFE
Phone: (03) 5142 2418 E: email@egtafe.vic.edu.au

ELTHAM College Training Services
P: (03) 9433 9859 E: ects@elthamcollege.vic.edu.au

Footscray City Films Footscray City College
E: constantinou.cleopatra.c@edumail.vic.gov.au
P: (03) 8387 1511

GippsTAFE
P: (03) 5127 0102 www.gippstafe.vic.edu.au

Gordon Institute
P: (03) 5225 0500 E: courinfo@gordontafe.edu.au
www.gordontafe.edu.au

Grenadi School of Design
P: (03) 9663 0001 www.graphicschool.com.au

Holmesglen
P: (03) 9564 1555 E: info@holmesglen.edu.au

Institute for Design Entertainment and the Arts
Phone: (03) 9600 2832 www.idea.edu.au

JMC Academy
Hotline: (03) 9696 4117 www.jmccademy.edu.au

Kangan Batman TAFE
Hotline: (03) 9279 2534 www.kangan.edu.au

La Trobe University
Hotline: 1300 135 045 Email: study@latrobe.edu.au
www.latrobe.edu.au/cop

For details on information sessions refer to website
Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology
P: (03) 9244 5205

E: Rebecca.rosenberg@deakin.edu.au
www.mibt.vic.edu.au/australian-students/change-of-preference.html

Melbourne Institute of Technology
P: 8600 6700 E: enquiries@mit.edu.au
www.mit.edu.au/change-of-preference

Monash University
P: 1800 MONASH or (03) 9903 4785
E: future@monash.edu.au
www.monash.edu.au/monash2010/

NMIT
Hotline: (03) 9269 1251
14 – 20 December between 9.00am – 12noon and 1.00pm – 5.00pm
21 December between 9.00am – 12noon
www.nmit.vic.edu.au

Photography Studies College
Hotline: (03) 9682 3191

Qantm College Melbourne
Hotline: (03) 9329 5790 www.qantm.com.au

RMIT
COP University and TAFE Helpline: 1800 117 648
(free call including mobiles) E: study@rmit.edu.au

South West Institute of TAFE
P: (03) 5564 8911 E: info@swtafe.vic.edu.au
www.swtafe.vic.edu.au

Southern School of Natural Therapies
Phone: (03) 9415 3333
www.southernschool.com

Swinburne University of Technology
Hotline: 1300 275 794 or 1300 Ask Swin
For details on information sessions refer to website
www.swinburne.edu.au/expo

University of Ballarat
COP Info Line: 1300 BALLARAT or 1800 811 711
E: info@ballarat.edu.au www.ballarat.edu.au

University of Melbourne
Hotline: 1800 801 662 (toll free)
www.cop.unimelb.edu.au

Victoria University
Course Hotline: (03) 9919 6100
Email: student.recruitment@vu.edu.au
Hotline: 21 December between 9.00am – 12noon

For details on information sessions: www.vu.edu.au
Victorian College of Healthcare Education
Phone: 9553 5959 Email: secretary@vche.com.au
www.vche.com.au

William Angliss Institute
Phone: (03) 9606 2111 Email: info@angliss.edu.au
www.angliss.edu.au/interviews.html

Wodonga Institute of TAFE
Phone: (02) 6055 6606
Email: courseinfo@wodongatafe.edu.au

Jane Bloodworth *Careers Coordinator*



Ryan (second player on the right) has already begun his new life as a Kangaroo under the instruction of new club coach Brad Scott. Picture. www.kangaroos.com.au

Congratulations Ryan

Hallam Senior College Student, Ryan Bastinac has been selected at pick 21 in the recent ALF draft. He joins the North Melbourne Kangaroos and he is ready to play a big part in the Roo revival.

Ryan recently graduated from the Hallam Senior College AFL program, which draws on the expertise of the Dandenong Stingray's Regional manager, Darren Flanigan and AFL director Ben McGee.

The program, which also produced 2008 draftees Tom Gillies and Shane Savage, provides budding footballers with the opportunity to learn about their sporting trade without abandoning the regular curriculum.

This caps off a memorable 2009 for Ryan. Other highlights include selection in the Vic Country U18 team, a third place finish in the Dandenong Stingrays Best & Fairest and winning the Hallam Senior College Sportsperson of the Year award.

We wish Ryan all the best as he starts this next chapter in what will hopefully be a very successful career as an elite footballer.

Important Dates & Upcoming Events

2009

- 16 Dec Finance Office closes
- 18 Dec Careers Office Closes

2010

- 22 Jan Finance Office re-opens
- 1 Feb First day of classes for all students
- 10 Feb Late Payments evening
Finance Office open until 7.00 p.m.
- 26 Feb Last day for Commemorative Hooded windcheater orders

2010 Term Dates

- 1 Feb First day of Term 1
- 26 Mar Last day of Term 1
- 12 Apr First day of Term 2
- 25 June Last day of Term 2
- 12 Jul First day of Term 3
- 17 Sep Last day of Term 3
- 4 Oct First day of Term 4
- 17 Dec Last day of Term 4

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



Frequently Asked Questions for 2010



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Here are answers to some frequently asked questions regarding the beginning of the school year.

Which uniform do we wear?

Please read the uniform requirements provided in your transition packs very carefully. Note:

Leggings are not uniform.

Canvas shoes are not uniform.

Short shorts or skirts are not uniform. Mid thigh is acceptable.

Uniform is compulsory and students are expected to be in uniform on day one of term one. Year 11 students who currently have the Eumemmerring uniform do not have to purchase the new Hallam Senior uniform, however, if they wish to do so it is important to complete an order form and drop it into the school (See your transition pack). The new uniform will be available from KEA from 25/1/10.

When do we order the Year 12 Commemorative Hooded windcheaters?

Order forms for these will be available in week one of Term 1, 2010 and the cost will be approximately \$60. Orders must be paid for by the 26th February 2010.

When does school start for 2010?

School commences on 1/2/10 at 8:30 in the morning

Where do we meet on the first day of Term One?

Please go to your sub school meeting place – Sports Academy – Gym, Science, IT & Commerce – Drama Rm, Arts / Humanities – Theatre, Traditional Trades – Rm 30

When will I receive a locker?

Make sure you have a combination lock – lockers will be allocated by the Sub school attendance officers in the first few days of Term 1.

Do we travel to other campuses for subjects on the first day?

- Travelling to Fountain Gate begins from recess on Monday 1/2/10
- Year 11s travelling to Gleneagles commence on Thursday 4/2/10
- Year 12s travelling to Gleneagles commence on 1/2/10 after recess but there are no classes on 3/2 – 5/2 as Gleneagles Year 12s are on camp.
- Remember that if your class at another school commences at the beginning of the day that you need to organize your transport there. If your class at another school finishes at the end of the day then you need to make your own way home. Taxis are not provided for these purposes.

Have I returned my library books or borrowed equipment from the library?

You need to do this to avoid being charged for these items. Resources are valuable and there are many students who require access to them.

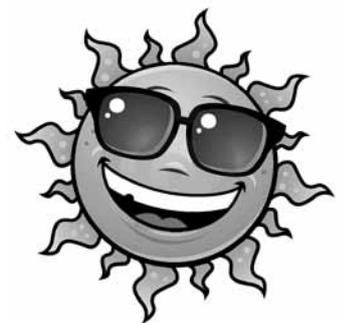
When do I need to pay my subject fees?

In order to participate in many subjects with material charges it is necessary to have paid fees or organized a payment plan. The office is open for fee payment until 3:30 on 16/12/09 and from Thursday 21/1/10.

What are three things I can do to ensure that I do well in 2010?

- ATTEND ALL CLASSES
- ARRIVE TO CLASS ON TIME
- BRING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TO YOUR LEARNING

Have a safe and restful holiday



**All the staff
hope you
enjoy a happy,
healthy and
safe holiday.**

**See you
in 2010!**