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Welcome to 2010

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Our College has experienced a very smooth start to the school year. We have been taking many new enrolments on a daily basis. The good word is getting around about the number of quality programs we have to offer.

The strength of the programs on offer 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

When students come to our College they are agreeing to follow our policies and processes in order to achieve the best possible outcomes. Thank you to the parents and students who have managed to ensure that their student is in full uniform, has their books and arrives to school in time to be organised and off to class. We are aiming to promote a young adult environment based on the College values of Respect, Responsibility and Relationships.

Congratulations:



To Emily Girvan, the College Dux of 2009 with an ENTER Score of 97.75



To Anthony Nash who was awarded a City of Casey Australia Day Study Tour Award

2010 Sub School Captains

Congratulations to Nikolina Vrankovic, Jan Riegel, Dmitar Kantar & Arryn Siposs (pictured top of page) for their selection as the Sub School Captains for 2010. We thank them for taking on this role and trust that everyone in the College will offer them their full support.

Congratulations To 2009 Year 12 Students

13 students achieved ENTER scores over 90 and a further 19 students achieved ENTER scores over 80.

A perfect score was achieved in Further Mathematics. Of the students who wished to continue their studies more than 80% received offers into the courses of their choice. Many students moved on to apprenticeships and work.

Our College takes great pride in the achievements of all students.

College Council

Elections are now underway for the turn over of a number of positions on College Council. The parent positions are very important to our College as we value the input, opinion and expertise of members of our community. Please consider nominating for a position. There is further information enclosed with this newsletter.



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Sub School Information

At Hallam Senior College each student belongs to a sub school. The school no longer has form groups. Instead, students belong to one of the following sub schools depending on the subjects that they have chosen:

- Sport, Health & Community Service,
- Traditional Trades
- Arts & Humanities
- Science, IT & Commerce

If you are unsure which sub school the student belongs to it will be printed on the top of their time table or the general office will advise.

Sub school staff are committed to the educational welfare of each student with an emphasis on attendance monitoring and follow up. Sub school staff value communication with parents. Effective communication leads to positive outcomes for our students. Please contact the relevant sub school engagement officer or sub school leader / assistant whenever you have any concerns about your students' wellbeing, attendance or progress.

Sub School	Engagement Officer	SubSchool Leader	Sub School Assistants
Sport, Health & Community Services	Karen Woodruff	Travis McIntosh	Alan Torcello (Basketball & Comm Ser.), Jamie Fardell (Soccer & Rugby), Ben McGee (Boys AFL), Brett Alexander (Girls' AFL & Comm Ser.)
Arts & Humanities	Melinda Dalforno	Deb Cox	Ken Allen
Traditional Trades	Katrina Davidson	Mark Gelderbloem	Amanda Quinn (Surnames A-K) Sophie Sinadino (Surnames L-Z)
Science, IT & Commerce	Deb Crew	Ron Jooss	Dmitri Podsytnik

Bernadette Bowling, Assistant Principal, is also available to discuss any wellbeing, attendance and engagement issues as is Julia Nicholson, Student Welfare Coordinator.

Student absence

Please note that it is expected that parents will make contact with the sub school whenever the student is absent from school.

Immunisation Information For Parents

City of Casey's Environmental Health Team will be conducting immunisations at the school throughout 2010.

Students in Year 10 will be immunised against a range of preventable diseases including: Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough (BOOSTRIX)

Each student in Year 10 has/will be provided with consents that must be filled out by their parent or guardian and you are requested to:

- Read the information about the vaccinations being provided and the pre-immunisation check list on the back of the consent card.
- Complete and sign the consent card. If your child does not require the immunisation please complete the card and sign the 'NO' section and return it to the school.
- If your child has already received this vaccination please provide the immunisation dates on the consent card and return the consent card to school.

Please Note: Students will not be immunised without a fully completed and signed consent card. Once completed please return the consent card to school.

Should parents like more information they can obtain specific vaccine information and information in other languages from the Department of Health at:
<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/fact-sheets/factsheets>

Alternatively parents can contact City of Casey's Environmental Health team on 9705 5200.

Hallam Senior College has a tentative booking for Year 10 Booster Injections to take place on 24th May 2010. More information will be made available as the date approaches.

Welcome To 2010 Continued

Uniform

College Council has ratified a uniform policy that is very easy to follow. Whilst there has been a wonderful take up of polo shirts and the hoodie, a growing number of students seem to think that they can wear anything they like on their feet and bottom half.

It is very clear that students are able to wear anything **PLAIN NAVY** on their bottom half with the provision that the garment is modest.

Footwear is also very easy – **CLOSED IN BLACK LEATHER SHOES** or **RUNNERS** may be worn.

NO CANVAS SHOES WILL BE ALLOWED.

The policy was explained to students at transition last year, students have been reminded this year.

STUDENTS WILL NOW BE SENT HOME IF THEY DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE POLICY.

If there is a significant reason why uniform is difficult then parents should make contact with the relevant Sub School leaders.

Communication And Feedback

Can I invite parents to openly communicate with the College through me or the Assistant Principals if there are any concerns that you would like to discuss.

It is important to us to know about issues as well as feedback about positive things that are happening in our school.

Anne Martin
Principal

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School Council Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Hallam Senior Secondary College.

Nomination forms must be lodged by **4.00 p.m. on Friday 5 March 2010** and are available from the College's General Office.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If a ballot is required for any of the categories, ballot papers will be available from the College's General Office from **12 noon on Tuesday 9 March 2010**. The ballot will close at **4.00 p.m. on Monday 15 March 2010**.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2010 and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2012 .	2
DEECD employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2010 and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2012 .	1
Community member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2010 and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2011 .	3

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

If the number of nominations is equal to the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect will be posted in a prominent position at the school and no elections will take place.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely

ANNE MARTIN
Principal

School Council Elections 2010

Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category – more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DEECD employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is about two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future. 26

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice of election and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do

Consider standing for election to council this year

Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact Anne Martin at the College for further information.

Cinemateque

Cinemateque runs weekly on Wednesday afternoons at 1pm in the Theatre. All students and staff are welcome to attend. To make film suggestions, see Ms Cox in the Arts Office.

Girls' Cricket

On Thursday 11th Feb the senior girls cricket team played Cranbourne S.C. in the Casey District Final.

Losing the toss the girls bowled first and quickly went about taking wickets. After 12 over's Cranbourne were dismissed for 17. Chloe McMillan took 2 for 7 off 5 overs, including 2 great caught & bowled dismissals. Kiah Laughlin-Glen had the impressive figures of 4 for 4 off 5 over's.

Chasing the small total we got off to a shaky start losing quick wickets, but Maddison Blackburn steadied things and got the team's confidence up. We declared at 7/91 with Ellie Blackburn top scoring with 25no and Kiah 17no.

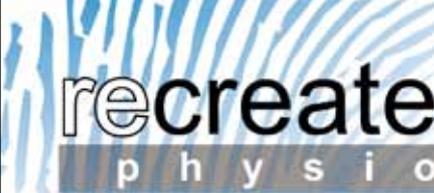
After a lunch break Cranbourne went back in for a second innings and were dismissed for 57. There was a very even team performance with the ball, with the pick of the bowlers being Ellie with the figures of 3 for 1 off 2 overs.

Other highlights were Chloe McMillan's 3 catches and a great 1 handed catch running backwards by Tara Bagby. Overall the girls put in a great performance and now progress to the qualifying rounds of the Southern Zone.

Thanks to Nathan George for helping out with the scoring and umpiring.

Brett Alexander Hallam Sports Academy





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Careers Information

Now that Year 12 students have settled in they should start thinking about what they will do next year.

Applications for universities, TAFEs and many private colleges are done through VTAC. Applications open early August and close in September. So it is important to start considering options. Work hard this year, achieve your goals and keep informed. Visit the Careers Office, read the brochures, talk to Miss Bloodworth or make an appointment. Students who attend career events, read, talk with family and friends about careers, collect information and visit the careers room, generally find the career selection process easier than those who do not.

A good website to begin your search for careers and courses is OZJAC. The web address is: www.ozjac.com.au/ozjacweb/ The login is g44 and the password is hallam. Checkout the VTAC site as well. www.vtac.edu.au

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Sub School Information Evening

Hallam Senior College invites families and friends to our Sub School Information Evening

Tuesday 9th March From 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

- Join us for a BBQ tea
- Meet your student's sub school leader and staff & other families
- Find out about key VCE / VCAL school based policies

Please RSVP to your student's sub school office by 2/3/10 for catering purposes

We look forward to meeting you !!

Bernadette Bowling

Assistant Principal for the sub school teams



Sub School Information Evening RSVP Form

Please return this to your Student's Sub School Leader

Name: _____

Number of people: _____

will be attending the Sub School Information Evening.

Please list below if you have any special dietary requirements (Vegetarian, Allergies etc).

Important Dates

26 Feb	EMA Applications Close Travel Conveyance Applications Close (Year 12 Students Only)	12 Apr	First day of Term 2
5 Mar	Nominations for School Council close Interim Reports posted	11 June	Report writing day (Pupil free day)
8 Mar	Labour Day Holiday	14 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
9 Mar	Sub School Information Evening	25 June	Last day of Term 2 Reports Posted
17 Mar	Parent Teacher Interview Evening 4:00pm-8:00pm	12 Jul	First day of Term 3
26 Mar	Last day of Term 1	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

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Details for the 2010 School Council Election are enclosed in this newsletter.

School Councils are able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides its students.

Please take the time to read the enclosed information.



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