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**Respect
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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

2009 Australian Vocational Student awards

Three students have recently been awarded 2009 Australian Vocational Student prizes. The prizes recognise the outstanding achievements of students who completed their secondary studies in 2009 while undertaking a vocational education and training subject whilst at school. Congratulations to Angeline Noronha, Marie Bertucci and Ryan Bastinac. Students receive a certificate and a cheque for \$2000.

Sports Academy

Both the girls and boys senior AFL sides reached the State grand finals this year. I was very fortunate in being able to attend both matches. The boys played off at the MCG as a curtain raiser to the main game. Whilst they lost to Essendon Keilor College they played very well and were outdone by a more mature side. The girls played at Victoria Park and soundly defeated Northcote High School to become State champions.

The Senior Rugby boys played in the quarter finals of the ARL Cup. Unfortunately, we had some drastic changes due to injury in the second half and ran out of steam to lose 50 -12.

Course Counselling and enrolments for 2011

Thank you to parents and students who have attended school to ensure that each student's pathway is well mapped out with the correct combinations of subjects for the next year. Any student who has not been through that process needs to do it as a matter of urgency.

Year 10 enrolments are coming along strongly with many students very excited about the opportunities that our school has to offer. The feedback in the community has been very positive.

VTAC Applications

Students who want to access university in 2011 are required to make an application to VTAC. There are also some TAFE courses that require an application. This can be a very complex process for some students. Jane Bloodworth in careers is encouraging students to do this process at school where she can assist students with making an application online. Students should be encouraged to take up this opportunity.

Student Focus Groups

I have mentioned in previous newsletters that the school is undergoing a review this year. The outcomes of the review will be explained at a staff meeting and at College Council on September 7th. Alongside the review process we have engaged Rex Valena and Justin Glenn to do some independent research for us through student focus groups. Rex and Justin are working with students to find out more about their attitudes and feelings about school to enable us to have a very clear picture of ways to improve. They will present their findings at a staff meeting early in term 4.

Anne Martin
Principal



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Hallam Girls Are State Champions

To reach the 2010 final we had to successfully advance through the seven knockout rounds that featured 350 schools. After an early stumble that nearly saw us knocked out to Mentone in the third round, the Hallam girls began to assert their dominance with a 57-0 win over last year's premiers that earned them a place in the final.

Southern Zone Grand Final.

On Wednesday 4th August the girls Australian Rules Football team played Frankston High School in the Sth Zone Grand Final at Hallam Reserve. The girls jumped out of the blocks and had all the play having 10 scoring shots in the first quarter but only kicking 4 goals. The second & third quarters saw the girls pour on the pressure both in general play & the scoreboard, holding a 70 point lead at ¾ time. The final score was 97-13. The way the team played was exceptional with all the girls having the opportunity to play in different positions.

State Semi Final

On Thursday 12th August the girls footy team won the state semi final. They were sensational, defeating Box Hill 46 to 14 & Wonthaggi 57 to 0. They have really developed as a team this term, putting all the training over the year into devastating effect on game day.

State Final

To cap off a remarkable run, on 17th August Hallam Senior College won the state title, defeating Northcote 86-30. The grand final was held at the Collingwood Magpies old hunting ground, Victoria Park.

We raced out to a six goal lead by half time and at the final siren we had rolled Northcote by 56 points to claim the championship. Mikaela Greer finished best on ground for her work in the ruck while the Blackburn sisters and on-ballers Madison and Ellie also finished in the best.

It has been an amazing journey with them this year and they clearly showed they are the best team in the state. The officials at the game said it was the most skilful game of girls football they have ever seen. We had great support from parents and thanks to the staff who attended. We also had ex students who have played girls footy here over the last 2 years there watching.

Thanks to all the staff that have allowed the girls to leave/miss classes over the year. I appreciate your support. It is great to get feedback from the girls saying that yesterday will be their favourite memory of school.

*Brett Alexander,
Girls Australian Rules Football Coach*

Facilities up-date

Hallam Senior College is committed to improving facilities for all staff and students. You may have noticed several additions to our resources and school environment. There are a lot of works and maintenance that may not be as visible to you.

The following list - which is far from complete, will give you an idea of some improvements and initiatives that have been made this year.

Tenders are out for the new Trade Training Centre, new front fence and brick work - including signage, up grade of external lighting, staff carpark at rear of school graded, new Science extractors, new storage facility for extensive archives, significant improvements in IT, new printers to all computer rooms and pods, pest control enacted, additional support for garden maintenance, internal speed signs, new roller door to gym storeroom, new gate at rear of property, new matting in some areas, investigating masterplan, investigating additional covered areas and discussions regarding a pavilion are continuing.

As you can see, Hallam Senior College has been very busy and we will continue to ensure that our teaching and learning environment is improving all the time.

*Mrs Bastin
Assistant Principal Operations*

New Text Book Purchase Scheme

The purchase of text books and equipment can be very costly for parents, especially coming right after Christmas.

In order to reduce the stress, Lamont Books has introduced an innovative, pay-ahead scheme. This allows parents to put aside regular amounts of money with Lamont so that when the time comes to purchase the books, there is not such a large lump sum to be found all at once.

It works a little like the well-known Christmas Hamper schemes, except that the items purchased are not locked in until the students actually lock in their subject choices and redeem their books against the money that has been put aside for them.

The College is most appreciative of Lamont's decision to make this service available to our parent community and hopes this will assist in making it easier for you to purchase the books and equipment needed by your children.

For further information, contact Lamont Books at 17 Star Crescent, Hallam.

Rugby League ARL Cup Update

On the 13th August we flew to Sydney and played at Campbelltown in Western Sydney against Eaglevale High School.

At one stage we were 18 – 0 down but came back late in the first half to be one converted try away from them at 18 – 12.

Unfortunately, we had some drastic changes due to injury in the second half and ran out of steam to lose 50 -12.

All boys should be congratulated on making the quarter finals of the ARL Cup. Our campaign was hindered by a number of injuries to players throughout their weekend Rugby League and this hit deep into the squad.

We make no excuses though and look forward to future challenges in this national competition which Rugby League delivers to the community.

There is no other sport that has such a great widespread schoolboy competition.

Jamie Fardell
Rugby League Coach

2010 Valedictory Dinner

Valedictory Dinner is at Sandown Racecourse on Friday 22nd October.

Thank you to all families who have paid deposits for tickets. If you missed out you could still speak to the Business Manager. However, full payment of tickets would need to be made rather than a deposit at this stage. Tickets are \$80 per head.

Final payment for those who have previously paid a deposit is on Tuesday 14th September.

Car Boot Sale

The College will be holding a Car Boot Sale on Saturday 16th October, so start going through your cupboards and sheds now

Car spaces are limited and entry will be by donation to support student welfare.

More details to follow or please contact Maggie McCann on 8975 1018

Driving to school

In recent weeks there have been several occasions when some students have driven in an irresponsible manner whilst exiting the school.

When the roads are wet and slippery, these types of conditions present challenges for all drivers and more so with inexperienced drivers. I urge all parents to have a conversation with their students who drive to school and remind them they should be driving responsibly and with caution at all times. This is critical to ensure the safety of all road users and pedestrians.

Mandy Bastin
Assistant Principal

Student Driver Policy

Rationale:

The College is aware that a number of senior students intend to drive to school either occasionally or on a regular basis. Young drivers are one of the most vulnerable road user groups because of their inexperience, their on-going development of driving skills and because of patterns of risk-taking behaviour related to their youth. Further research shows that travelling with young teenage passengers constitutes an increased risk for young drivers.

It is important, therefore, that all members of the College community are aware of the College policy relating to students driving to school so that it can exercise its duty of care and enhance student safety.

Guidelines:

1. It is expected that students will drive to and from school in a safe and responsible manner and adhere to all the road rules.
2. Students who are licensed to drive may drive themselves to College, however, they must submit the *Students Driving Cars to School, Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form*. This form must be completed, signed and returned to their Sub School Leader.
3. Students who wish to travel to and from College in cars driven by other students must submit the *Students Driving Cars to School, Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form*. This form must be completed, signed and returned to their Sub School Leader.
4. Students who wish to carry student passengers in their vehicle must ensure that each passenger has submitted the *Students Driving Cars to School, Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form*. The driver of the vehicle must also obey the law regarding how many passengers they may carry.

Peer Passenger Restrictions:

You *can't* drive with more than *one* "peer passenger" (someone between 16 and 21 years of age) if you are on your Red P's.

BUT you *can* drive with *more than one* person aged 16-21 if:

- The peer passengers are members of your immediate family (eg. your siblings, step-siblings, a spouse or domestic partner)

5. Students are not permitted under any circumstances to transport other students in private vehicles in connection with any school program or function, whether held during normal school hours or at other times. In exceptional circumstances, a student may drive to a College function or program with parental and College permission. In this case written approval must be provided by the parent.
6. A laminated pass supplied to approved students, must be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle whilst parking in the school grounds. Students must park in the Student Car Park only.
7. Students are not permitted to be out of the College grounds during the normal course of the day and, therefore, must not be travelling in cars at lunchtimes, recess or during spare periods.
8. If these requirements are disregarded, parents will be notified and appropriate consequences in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct will apply.
9. **If the College becomes aware that a student has broken road rules or has driven in an unsafe or irresponsible manner, police and parents will be notified.**

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.



Hallam Senior College
Sports Academy

2010 SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT
MON 18th OCTOBER



We invite you to come and celebrate and acknowledge with us the sporting achievements of our students in what has been a very successful year for Hallam Senior College.

Our annual Sports Academy Awards Night will be held on Monday 18th October from 6:30pm at the Chifley Doveton Hotel (Cnr Doveton Avenue & Princes Hwy, Dandenong).

Tickets are \$10 per person (finger food provided) and go on sale from Wednesday 1st September to Wednesday 6th October. Tickets can be purchased from the Bursar's office.

This is an alcohol free event and each student must be accompanied by a parent or adult.

For more information please contact the Sports Academy on 9703 1266

Important Dates

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| 27 Aug Debutante Ball 1 | |
| 3 Sep Debutante Ball 2
Interim Reports posted | 2 Nov Melbourne Cup Holiday |
| 8 Sep Unit 4 Practice English Exam | 5 Nov Last day regular classes
Year 11 VCE & VCAL |
| 17 Sep Last day of Term 3 | 8 Nov Unit 2 Exams Begin |
| 4 Oct First day of Term 4 | 8 Dec Secondhand Book Sale |
| 18 Oct Sports Awards Night | 15 Dec Semester 2 Academic
Awards Evening |
| 21 Oct Carnival Day | |
| 22 Oct Valedictory Dinner | 17 Dec Last day of Term 4 |
| 28 Oct Unit 3 & 4 Exams begin | |

Dates correct at time of printing and are subject to change without notice

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