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## Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Hallam Senior College has had two Parent Teacher evenings this year – on the 17th March and the 22nd July. We always look forward to meeting parents and discussing the progress of students, including identifying areas for improvement to try and maximise results.

There are some parents who did not attend either of these. Whether you attended or not, we would welcome any feedback that you would like to share with us. Perhaps you did not know about the evenings, the timing may not have suited, would linking a general information or question and answer session be appealing, does an electronic booking system appeal to you, were you aware that interpreters can be arranged, did you know that the careers team are available on these evenings?

These questions may trigger some ideas although we are certain you have some valuable feedback already. Please direct any feedback, whether in writing, by phone or personally to Mrs Mandy Bastin who is one of our Assistant Principals.

### Year 10 enrolments for 2011

Mrs Bastin has been extremely busy conducting enrolment interviews with families who have a Year 9 student interested in coming to Hallam Senior College in 2011. Students from an extensive range of schools are making enquiries.

The programs that we are offering, the interesting subject choices and the appeal of the large number of VET subjects help to explain the large number of enquiries. The web site and the Hallam Senior College newspaper have been very popular tools for families to access information and subject descriptions.

The Year 9 students who have been enrolled into a Year 10 program so far are all genuinely excited about coming to Hallam for their senior studies. There is already a clear indication that 2011 is going to be an exciting year for everyone.

### Main Entrance to the College:

Parents must park on Frawley Rd when collecting students from school. The main entrance to the school is becoming very congested as some parents are driving into the school to collect students.

This is a very busy entrance with buses, staff and student cars and a large number of pedestrians all using this gateway. If a bus is unable to turn into the driveway and access the bus loop then this interrupts the flow of traffic on Frawley Rd and this quickly becomes a massive issue. New signage has been erected in the carpark areas to clearly identify who is eligible to occupy car parking spaces. We appreciate everyone's support with this matter.

**Anne Martin**  
**Principal**

# Important Information:

**The student engagement team extend a warm welcome to 2011 prospective students and congratulations to our current students for their hard work during Term 3.**

The course counselling evenings provided a wonderful opportunity for Principals and Sub School staff to meet new families as well as discuss the pathways options for our existing students.

There are many things to look forward to in 2011 but also lots of hard work still to be done to achieve our goals for 2010. The school looks forward to our transition program which is held toward the end of Term 4, please find the exact dates in the important dates section of this newsletter.

## **Some important information for families to consider:**

### **Subject changes & student programs**

The school is currently working on the massive task of building the 2011 timetable. No individual student subject changes will be made over the next couple of months. Please note that the transition period provides some opportunity for students to change subjects but this is kept to a minimum and the school can't guarantee that the requested subject changes will happen.

Any questions about your program should be directed to Mrs Bowling.

### **Excursion to Geelong Water Park**

Current Year 10 & Year 11 students will be travelling to Geelong Water Park on Friday 19/11/10 for a day of fun, relaxation and friendship. The cost of the excursion is sixteen dollars per student and covers the bus trip to Geelong as well as unlimited access to twenty one rides etc.

Excursion forms will be distributed when we return from school holidays and must be returned to the Bursar's office by 22/10/10. Thanks to Miss Quinn for assisting with the preparation for this activity.

### **Attendance**

Term 4 is a very intense time of the year for all students as they prepare to move on to the next stage in their lives – whether the next year level, employment, training or further education. Sometimes students take a casual approach to attending school and are unpleasantly surprised when their attendance rates fall below the expected level. (Remember that students may fail a subject if their unapproved attendance rate exceeds 10%).

Please remember that students are expected to attend all classes, scheduled examinations and relevant transition program.

### **Year 12 students**

The last official day for Year 12 classes is Tuesday 19/10/10 and Carnival Day is on Wednesday 20/10/10. However, some Year 12 students will leave school at the end of this term to commence apprenticeships etc. This is only permitted when the appropriate form (Examination Leave Form) has been signed by all subject teachers, the sub school coordinator and most importantly parents!

If this has not been done absences will be counted and students may not achieve their certificates at the end of the year. If you have any questions about this please speak to Mrs Bowling, Ms Carlos or Mr Caughey.

### **Holiday classes**

There are several special Year 12 classes taking place during the school holidays. These include students who have the following teachers – Mr Youseff, Miss Quinn, Ms Hamilton, Mr Matassa, Ms Valiotis and Ms Clinnick. Details of arrangements will be given to students prior to the holidays.

### **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.

### **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 has also been completed.

### **Expectations for Year 10 & 11 students:**

All Year 10 & 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.

### **Valedictory Dinner**

Final payment for tickets was on Friday, September 17th. Thank you to all those students and families who have completed payment for tickets for the Valedictory Dinner at Sandown Racecourse on 22nd of October. This should be a wonderful evening. Ticket collection will take place from Thursday 14th October at the Business Managers Office.

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## Upcoming Seminars

These seminars are intelligent and entertaining, with a focus on self-esteem, behaviour and communication.

### **Happy Children, healthy self esteem: How to make it happen.**

Ms Jeanette Harrison

Wednesday November 3rd 2010  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at City of Casey,  
Magid Drive, Narre Warren.  
Bookings: Phone 9705 5200  
[www.corporatefamilycare.com.au/jeannette.html](http://www.corporatefamilycare.com.au/jeannette.html)

### **Understanding Teens**

Michael Carr Gregg

Wednesday February 9th 2011  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at City of Casey  
Magid Drive, Narre Warren.  
Bookings: Phone 9705 5200  
[www.michaelcarr-gregg.com.au](http://www.michaelcarr-gregg.com.au)

### **Growing Gorgeous Boys Into Good Men**

Celia Lashlie

Wednesday 20 October 2010  
Hallam Community Theatre,  
Hallam Senior College,  
Frawley Rd, Hallam  
Time: 7:00pm sharp Cost: No charge

Places are limited! For bookings email:  
[fountain.gate.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:fountain.gate.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au)  
For further information contact 8762 6839

## Student News:

### Aimie is a Gem

After recently returning from France where she played for Australia in the inaugural FIBA U17 Women's World Championship, Hallam Senior College student Aimie Clydesdale has been selected in the Australian Gems Under 19s Women's team.

The team travel to New Zealand where they will compete in the qualifying Championships in North Palmerston, New Zealand between 17 – 19 September, for the right to represent Oceania in the U19 World championships to be held in Chile 21 – 31 July, 2011.

Congratulations Aimie and good luck.

### Ship shape

Maddison Blackburn has been accepted into the Defence Force Officer Training (Navy) program.

Once she completes her Year 12 studies, Maddison starts officer training at HMAS Creswell in Jervis Bay, on the NSW south coast Bay in 2012.

All training including an apprenticeship or degree will be undertaken as part of the enlistment.

Maddison plans to complete Year 12 and take up as many leadership opportunities as she can.

Congratulations Maddison and good luck.

## District Athletics

**District Athletics was held last Tuesday and we had many outstanding results on the day.**

**We continue to receive excellent comments on our students uniforms, behaviour and attitude.**

Ours were the only students not kicking soccer balls or footballs everywhere!

Hallam successfully defended the senior boys and senior girls titles for the third year in a row.

Overall we had 31 first place getters, 19 seconds and 10 thirds

Three athletes achieved 3 or more first places:

Steven O'Donnell year 10 – 4 firsts

Ellie Blackburn from year 10 – 3 firsts

Piva Wright from year 11 – 3 firsts

Piva, Steven and Jake Calvert also broke the records in their respective events

23 students have now qualified for the Southern Zone Athletics Championships on 7th October next term.

## Girls' AIS - Canberra Tour

**On the 1st September, as part of the Girls' Australian Rules Football Program, Hallam Senior College travelled to Canberra.**

They were a great bunch to take away and represented the school in a very positive way.

We did sessions at the AIS on strength & conditioning which included information on developing programs such as how often you should train, the types of training available and for how long you need to train for the different energy systems, nutrition pre & post game meals, food for energy & weekly diet tips.

We also did a recovery session after our game back at the AIS recovery area, using both the hot and cold plunge pools and current pool.

Two AFL skills sessions were held over the days there leading into the game. On Friday the girls helped to conduct AFL clinics to around 200 primary school students. The girls played the ACT/NSW State U18 team on Saturday and we defeated them 54 to 26 in terrible conditions (see the photo below) to complete an undefeated year of football.

A great effort by them all.

*Brett Alexander,*

*Girls Australian Rules Football Coach*



## Driving to School

**The student car park has recently had additional gravel spread to assist students to park safely.**

Term 4 is traditionally a busy time in this area as more students turn 18 and get their licence. If a student plans to drive to school, they must notify their sub school and ensure that their car is registered with the office.

## VTAC Applications

**First round applications close on 30/9/10 and SEAS applications close on the 8/10/10.**

Ms Carlos will be available on Wednesday 22/9/10 between 9:00 – 2:00 for those in need of last minute assistance during the holidays.

## Year 10 Camp Advanced Notice

**All Year 10 students will participate in a two day camp during March 2011 (Date to be confirmed).**

Approximate cost of the camp will be \$250 (The sport program camp may be more expensive). More information will be provided in Term 4.



**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

4 Oct	First day of Term 4	22 Nov	Transition Week 2 Unit 3 VCE & VCAL Year 10 Exam Week
18 Oct	Sports Awards Night	26 Nov	Year 10 Last day
21 Oct	Carnival Day	29 Nov	Transition Week 1 Unit 1 VCE & VCAL
22 Oct	Valedictory Dinner	6 Dec	Yr 9-10 Transition begins
28 Oct	Unit 3 & 4 Exams begin	8 Dec	Secondhand Book Sale
2 Nov	Melbourne Cup Holiday	13 Dec	VCAA results available
5 Nov	Last day regular classes Year 11 VCE & VCAL	15 Dec	Semester 2 Academic Awards Evening
8 Nov	Unit 2 Exams Begin	17 Dec	Last day of Term 4
15 Nov	Transition Week 1 Unit 3VCE & VCAL		

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

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