



# Hallam Senior College

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## Dear Parents Guardians and Students

# Welcome To 2011

### Our College has experienced a very smooth start to the school year.

We begin the year with 150 students more than the same time last year. I welcome all new students and their families to our school. You have made a choice to come to our school based on a variety of important inputs, including choice of programs and subjects, the young adult environment and good things that you have heard about the school.

As a relatively new school we have made some significant changes to the ways we work that we believe will better support our young people.

At the conclusion of a young person's time at our school we aim to ensure that success for that student is tangible through gaining certificates that lead to the next positive step, or apprenticeships or work. We value all pathways options for our students that lead to positive outcomes.

Our programs are linked to the engagement and wellbeing of students through our Sub School system. The 4 Sub Schools are Arts & Humanities, Science, IT & Commerce, Sports & Health Sciences and Traditional Trades & Technology. 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.

### 2011 Student Leadership Group

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce our Student Leadership Group for 2011. Pictured above, the group recently met with Casey Young Citizen of the Year (2010) Beth Cooper, where they discussed what being a leader meant, the various forms that leadership can take, and the opportunities now open to them.

Sub School Captains and their Vice Captains are a vital link between students and staff, providing a representative voice for all students to assist College management with continual improvement of student well being, school processes and policies.

The Sub School Captains and their Vice Captains are:

Arts & Humanities - Captains: Jordan Balmes & Kate Jester

Science, IT & Commerce - Captains: Anthony Li & Esra Vlusan, Vice Captain: Zac Bashir

Sport & Health Sciences - Captains: Piva Wright & Riplee McLachlan

Traditional Trades & Technologies - Captain: Charlotte Capper

## Congratulations To 2010 Year 12 Students

Completion rates for all certificate areas improved significantly; this means that the vast majority of students achieved their preferred certificate and were able to make the next positive step. Our school celebrated their individual subjects successes at the end of year awards night.

## 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.

## 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 for us to know about issues as well as feedback about positive things that are happening in our school.

Anne Martin, Principal

## Community Spirit and Leadership Awards

41 young students from schools across the area were recognized at the 2010 Holt Community Spirit and Leadership Awards Ceremony held at the Casey Council Chamber on 8th of December.

The Awards ceremony, attended by over 250 people including parents teachers and supporters was conducted by Federal Member for Holt Anthony Byrne. The awards recognized the outstanding contribution made by the students and the difference that their contribution, hard work and dedication have made in their schools or local community.

The Community Spirit and Leadership Awards are held annually and celebrate local young people who dedicate their time to the local community. Award winners are nominated by their school and receive a framed certificate and gift voucher.



2010 Hallam Senior College student Oleg Glazunov with Federal Member for Holt Anthony Byrne

# CRAZY HAIR DAY

**It'll be a colourful Friday for a serious cause!**  
**You pay...We spray. When: 11 March 2011**

**Where:** Everyone can get their hair coloured in the courtyard out the front of the Student Advocacy Office

**What to bring:** A gold coin donation

If you would like to volunteer on the day, or help out, please enquire at the **Student Advocacy Office.**



# Free Dress 4 FLOOD RELIEF

**Thursday 3rd March 2011 Gold Coin Donation**

The 2011 Student Leadership Team encourage all students and staff to support this fundraising effort. All proceeds will go to both the Queensland and Victorian Flood Appeals. Donations will be collected by your Sub School Captains on the day.



## Receiving Your Newsletter By Email

With our ever increasing number of students, the task of sending out printed newsletters is becoming both costly and environmentally 'unfriendly'. We are currently investigating the requirements of circulating our newsletters electronically. Could you please let us know if it is more convenient for you to receive the newsletter or notification of a new newsletter by email?

You will be able to register more than one email address per family.

Please fill in the following details and return to the front office:

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like to receive the newsletter electronically  I/we prefer to continue receiving printed copies via mail



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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 **Wednesday 9 March 2011** 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 **Friday 11 March 2011**.

The ballot will close at 3.00 p.m. on **Friday 18 March 2011**.

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	No. Of Positions
Parent Member	From The Day After The Date Of The Declaration Of The Poll In 2011 And Inclusive Of The Date Of The Declaration Of The Poll In 2013.	4
DEECD Employee Member	From The Day After The Date Of The Declaration Of The Poll In 2011 And Inclusive Of The Date Of The Declaration Of The Poll In 2013.	1
Community Member	From The Day After The Date Of The Declaration Of The Poll In 2011 And Inclusive Of The Date Of The Declaration Of The Poll In 2012.	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 2011

## 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.

## Sports Academy Scholarships

Hallam Sports Academy recognises the importance of providing students with a fulfilling and challenging education that also allows them to further develop and enhance their opportunities' to pursue a career in the sport and recreation industry.

The Sports Academy offers 2 full sports scholarships (funded by School Council) each at years 10, 11 and 12 as well as 8 part scholarships across the four pillar sports. Full sports scholarships cover all associated costs with the Sports Academy for the current year of enrolment.

Any student wishing to apply for a full scholarship, must adhere to a set of strict criteria, as outlined by the College, to be considered.

Part scholarships are open to all current Sports Academy students and covers the cost of the Sports Academy uniform only.

**Students must submit their application to the Sports Academy before 18th March 2011. Application forms are available online or by calling the College.**

For more information about the Sports Academy please contact Karen Woodruff on 9703 1266 or visit: [www.hallamssc.vic.edu.au](http://www.hallamssc.vic.edu.au)

## Saver Plus Matched Savings Program

### Helping Victorians Save

Saver Plus is a nationally-recognised program that pays you \$1 for every \$1 you save (up to \$500) to help pay for education. The matched funding provided by ANZ can be used to purchase a wide range of educational items, including computers and computer equipment, text books, school uniforms and school camps. Matching can also be used for a wide range of extra curricular activities such as music lessons and sport.

The program is Australia's first matched savings program, designed to help families achieve a savings goal, establish a long-term saving habit and pay for education. It has been recognised by the government and received a Prime Minister's award.

Participants also find the education sessions to be extremely rewarding, and finish the program with improved money management skills and a long term savings habit. Most participants continue to save long after they complete the program.

To be eligible you must have:

- A child attending school in 2011-2012, or be intending to attend vocational training yourself in 2011-2012.
- A current health care card or pension card and
- Regular form of paid employment (yourself or partner).


Please contact Kelly Clem at Brotherhood of St Laurence on 8781 5937 or email [kclem@bsl.org.au](mailto:kclem@bsl.org.au)

## Women of Note Casey Mentor Breakfast

This breakfast is an opportunity for Year 11 female students who are contemplating their career options to ask questions and learn from the experiences of women who have been successful in a wide variety of fields. They will hear from inspiring guest speaker and fashion designer, Jenny Hoo.

**Please encourage your daughters to attend and see Ms Bowling for details.**

**Parents and carers contribute to traffic problems around our school. Please help by obeying the parking restriction signs, keeping clear of the children's crossing and never double-parking outside the school.**



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## Student Accident Insurance Cover

**If a student is injured at school, or during a school organised activity, the student's parent/guardian is responsible for the cost of medical treatment.**

**This includes the cost of transport to a medical facility or to their home.**

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will compensate them for their medical and other expenses if it is liable to do so.

Liability is not automatic and will usually depend upon whether the injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness or a breach of the 'duty of care') of a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development or school council employee or volunteer.

Parents may wish to obtain student accident insurance cover from a commercial insurer, depending on their health insurance arrangements and any other personal considerations.

## Complimentary Family Passes

**VCE Success Seminar For Yr 9/10/11 students.**

Get set for 2011 by attending an upcoming 90 minute VCE Success Seminar. Learn the secrets top performers used to excel in VCE.

Limited seats. [www.VCEsuccess.com.au/](http://www.VCEsuccess.com.au/) free Or call (03) 9531 0531



**HALLAM HAWKS SEASON 2011**

**AGES 5-50 WELCOME BOYS, GIRLS, MEN, WOMEN**

**The Hallam Football Club has proudly offered a family friendly multicultural environment for the community for over 40 years.**

This year we have registered for Under 9's to 16's, Colts, Youth Girls (from 13), Women's over 18, Super rules over 35 and Masters over 40. Fees vary depending on age group.

We also offer Auskick.

Hallam Hawks Club Rooms, Frawley Road, Hallam

If you have any questions, please contact our Secretary, Michelle Neve on 0401871558

# Harmony Day (Multicultural Day) 16th March 2011

Harmony Day gives people the opportunity to celebrate what makes each Australian unique and share what we have in common.

The continuing message for 2011 is that Everyone Belongs, which means all Australians are a welcome part of our country, regardless of their background. It's a time to reflect on where Australia has come from, recognising the traditional owners of this land. It's also about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live.

There are several activities for harmony day. In the week prior to Harmony Day there will be a photographic display and competition.

Using their mobile phones, students take photos of themselves and their friends in situations that reflect cultural harmony at Hallam Senior College.

These will be displayed on the big screens located around the school.

Please get your photos to Miss Cox in the Arts Sub School office.

Prizes will be awarded for the most outstanding photos that reflect cultural harmony at Hallam Senior College.

During Harmony Day the following activities will occur:

1. Welcome and Smoking Ceremony
2. Soccer game, National Dress Parade, Graffiti Artist, Cultural Display
3. Live Performances
4. Lunch

**We welcome and encourage the involvement of family and friends in all of the activities planned for the day.**

## Important Dates

4 Feb	Term 1 Begins	25 Apr	Easter Monday/ANZAC Day
3 Mar	Free Dress 4 Flood Relief	26 Apr	ANZAC Day Holiday
7-9 Mar	Yr 10 Camp	27 Apr	Term 2 Begins
11 Mar	Crazy Hair Day (Leukaemia Foundation)	30 Jun	Semester 1 Awards Presentation
14 Mar	Labour Day Holiday	1 Jul	Term 2 Ends
16 Mar	Multicultural Day	18 Jul	Term 3 Begins
28 Mar	Art/Humanities Camp	22 Jul	Presentation Ball 1
5 Apr	Careers Expo Day	29 Jul	Presentation Ball 2
8 Apr	Term 1 Ends		
22 Apr	Good Friday		

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

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Details for the 2011 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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