



Hallam
Senior College

Linking Learning and Life

College Newsletter

Edition 9:

20th September 2011



Recent winners in the Make Bake & Decorate cup cake competition

In This Issue:

- 1 ▶ Principal's Message
- 2 ▶ VCAL Senior Numeracy
 - ▶ Girls' AFL Queensland Tour
 - ▶ Sports Academy Staff News
 - ▶ From the Library
- 3 ▶ What is Scabies?
 - ▶ Welfare News
- 4 ▶ Facilities Report
 - ▶ 2011 Sports Awards

School Shopping Vouchers

Don't forget that as well as the Safeways Earn and Learn promotion we are also collecting Coles Sports for Schools vouchers.

So it doesn't matter which supermarket you choose to shop at you can do your part and contribute to the school being able to gain lots of goodies!!

Both boxes can be found outside the main office.



Hallam Senior College

Frawley Road, Hallam, Victoria 3803

(PO Box 5031, Hallam, Victoria 3803)

P: 9703 1266 F: 9796 4727

E: hallam.senior.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au

www.hallamssc.vic.edu.au

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

Government withdrawal of VCAL Coordination funding.

For Hallam Senior College, one of the largest providers of VCAL in the State, this means a loss of \$126,000 out of our budget. This decision came "out of the blue"; without warning and has significantly impacted on the providers of VCAL. A copy of the letter that our College Council sent to a significant number of politicians is on the College website. We have been visited by interested politicians and the ABC interviewed me about the impact for our school. You may have seen some press about the program here and in many places across the state. Parents, students and School Councils all over the state are distressed and concerned about what may happen as a result of these cuts. For us, the likely impact will be spread across programs, meaning that I will have to be extremely careful about running smaller subjects that the school may not be able to afford now. As a Senior Secondary College provider our primary role is to be able to provide a breadth of subjects and programs to meet student needs. Wherever you can, please talk about this in the community, and keep the pressure on.

Final weeks for students doing year 12 VCE subjects.....

Students have worked hard to do their best and are now in the last few weeks prior to exams. The term break coming up is a very important time for these students to reflect on their year, do practice exam questions and attend some holiday classes here at school. Students should also ensure they have some rest in preparation for the revision and exam period ahead.

And final week for SOME year 12 Senior VCAL students...

...Senior VCAL students who have completed their work and have school approval may be finishing school to take up work. I wish these students all the best.

Planning for 2012

Over the last few weeks course counselling has been underway for year 10 and 11. The timetable for 2012 is now under construction. Our College timetable is driven by student choice. Sometimes this means that we have to make some difficult decisions when less than 15 students elect a subject. Where a decision is made to not run a class contact is made with students and families to ensure that we work together to make that change. During transition, later in the year, students receive their timetable for the following year. It is during this time that any further issues can be ironed out enabling the smoothest possible start to the school year in 2012.

VTAC Applications

Students who want to access university in 2012 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. Bronwyn Carlos and Rose Schiavello in Careers are encouraging students to do this process at school where they can assist students with making an application online. Students should be encouraged to take up this opportunity. Currently there are more than 100 students who have made these applications.

Continued

Trade Training Centre

Parents will have noticed that the building of the Trade Training Centre is well underway now.

The large building on the front block will house Building and Construction and Automotive. This building is due to be completed by the end of this year and enable classes to be conducted in it, from day one of next year. In the second stage of the Trade Training Centre the existing technology building we be gutted and fitted out with new Hospitality, Electro technology, Hairdressing and design spaces. We are all very excited about these new facilities and the opportunities that will be developed to improve outcomes for our students.

New in 2012

Students are at the centre of our thinking and planning. In 2012 we are putting in place some additional support structures. These programs will be coordinated by staff.

Supervised Homework and Study - The role of the coordinator of this program is to develop a program that supports young people with a supervised and quiet space to complete homework or study three afternoons a week.

Student Leadership, Student Voice & Activities - The role of the coordinator of this program is to develop and coordinate a comprehensive program around student leadership, student voice and activities across programs, Sub Schools and whole school.

High Achievers across Programs - The role of the coordinator of this program is to develop and coordinate an innovative and comprehensive program especially designed to identify, challenge and support very capable students in subjects, programs and sub-schools.

Students and parents will hear more about these programs later this year and into next year.

Come to school, attend all classes, set goals, work hard, do your best...Achieve.

Have a safe and restful break over the next two weeks.

Anne Martin, Principal

VCAL Senior Numeracy



The VCAL Senior Numeracy Students continue working on a project of creating a garden near the flagpoles in front of the school as part of one of their outcomes.

Girls' AFL Queensland Tour

As part of the Girls' Australian Rules Football Program, Hallam Senior College travelled to the Gold Coast in early September.



While there we conducted a clinic for a local primary school and played Mountain Creek State School in a game (They were Queensland's State Champions last year & runners up this year).

It was a very hard & physical game on a large oval. We jumped them early and managed to defend our lead for the entire game, running out winners by 3 goals.

Danielle Hardiman received the medal for Best on Ground.

A dinner with both the teams was held that night. On the Saturday they enjoyed the entire day at Dreamworld.

Thankyou to the following sponsors for supporting this trip.



Sports Academy Staff News

Congratulations to Brett Alexander who was named Youth Girls/ Womens Coach of the Year for the Southern Region and will now go into the running to be named Victorian Coach of the Year at a function in term 4.

Well done Brett

From the Library

Return of Library Books.

Many students have overdue Library Books for which Overdue notices have been issued. All books, except for those from Student Support, must be returned to the Library by Thursday 22nd August.

If you have lost the item you borrowed, it must be paid for. The amount will be on the Overdue Notice. Until the item is returned or the payment is made, no further loan items will be available, including Laptops.

Dictionaries for Exams.

Due to the failure of many students to return dictionaries, the number of dictionaries available is considerably reduced. Students are advised that for their own certainty, they should purchase a dictionary. Many second-hand bookshops, including Savers, have them for under \$5.00.

What is Scabies?

Scabies is an infestation caused by the microscopic mite *Sarcoptes scabiei*. It is found worldwide and affects people of all races and social classes.

Scabies spreads rapidly in conditions where there is frequent skin-to-skin contact between people, such as aged care facilities, childcare centres and residential facilities.

How do you get scabies?

By direct, prolonged, skin-to-skin contact with a person already infested with scabies. Contact must be prolonged (a quick handshake or hug will usually not spread infestation). Infestation is easily spread to sexual partners and household members. Infestation may also occur by sharing clothing, towels, and bedding. Anyone can get scabies regardless of age, sex, race or standards of personal hygiene.

What are the symptoms of scabies?

The main symptoms are:

- pimple-like irritations, burrows or rash of the skin, especially the webbing between the fingers; the skin folds on the wrist, elbow, or knee; the penis, the breast, or shoulder blades.
- intense itching, especially at night and over most of the body.
- sores on the body caused by scratching. These sores can sometimes become infected by bacteria.

Can scabies be treated?

Yes. A number of effective anti-scabies lotions or creams are available from your local pharmacist. A prescription from your doctor is not required.

The lotions or creams are applied to the whole body from the neck to the toes. The treatment may also need to be applied to the face and scalp if these areas are clearly involved. Avoid contact with the eyes, nose and mouth.

People will no longer be infectious within 24 hours of treatment, but it can take up to two months until the skin lesions and itch to disappear completely.

A repeat treatment may be advised 14 days after the first treatment, particularly for moderate to severe infestations.

Antihistamines, calamine lotion and Eurax are sometimes useful to counteract itchiness. Antibiotics may be needed if there is secondary bacterial infection from scratching.

Further information

- Your local doctor
- Better Health Channel <http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au>
- Victorian Department of Health, <http://www.health.vic.gov.au>
Telephone 1300 651 160

Welfare News

Julia and Tahlia, Student Wellbeing, Hallam Senior College will be available by phone on 0435 685 522 during the school holiday period. If you have any worries or concerns during the school holiday period you are able to contact the above number between 9:00am and 4:30pm each weekday.

At anytime, twenty-four seven, during the school holiday break you are also able to contact the Kids Help Line on 1800 55 1800 for any issues or concerns.

If you are concerned about your child's mental health and you suspect they are thinking about suicide:

- Tell them what you have noticed – share your concern
- Ask them directly if they are thinking about suicide
- Listen to their pain – what's on their mind and why it matters so much to them
- Provide personal support that helps keep them safe
- Seek further help – from family and friends, from people who care, from a local GP, a counsellor, psychologist, or the Emergency Department of your local hospital
- Kids Help Line 1800 51 1800
- Beyond Blue – www.beyondblue.org.au

Centre for Multicultural Youth

Amara, from the Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) is based at Hallam Senior College two days per week. Amara is able to assist students and families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The program is a voluntary service, and can assist with:

- Centrelink
- School related matters
- Family conflict, mediation and support
- Counselling
- Information and referral

Amara's contact details are 0409 547 721 or asajkowsky@cmy.net.au and she will be available over the school holidays.

Shine Assist Program:

Hallam Senior College has now established a partnership with Oz Child to offer the Shine Assist Program. This program is designed to address the psychological and emotional needs of young people through psychological support.

The Shine Assist program is accessed by a referral from a General Practitioner through a Mental Health Care Plan or by referral from a Paediatrician or Psychiatrist. Individuals may be eligible for up to twelve individual sessions per calendar year (up to eighteen in exceptional circumstances) and twelve group sessions per calendar year. This service will be bulk billed by Oz Child psychologists so there will be no cost to young people, their families or the school.

A young person may be eligible for support from the Shine Assist program psychologist if they have problems which significantly impact on their emotions, thoughts, social skills and decision making. This includes students who may be experiencing difficulties because:

- They have trouble making and keeping friends
- They are being bullied
- They are depressed or excessively anxious
- They have unresolved issues with grief or loss
- They have behaviour problems such as difficulty managing their anger
- They have been identified with Attention Deficit Disorder

If you have any questions in relation to the above program please do not hesitate to contact Julia, Tahlia or Amara on 9703 1266 (option 2) for a confidential discussion.

International Students at Hallam

Tahlia Pastor, Student Wellbeing is the contact at Hallam Senior College relating to the International Students. She will be available to speak to if necessary during the school holiday break between the hours of 9:00am and 4:30pm (weekdays) on 0431 658 661.

Facilities Report

Massive progress has been made with the Trade Training Centre in the last few weeks. We are almost at the stage for internal works to begin in earnest. Staff and students are getting quite excited about the whole development. This facility will really be a fabulous addition to our school and the surrounding community.

Student Parking must be off site at the moment until our new car park at the rear of the Trade Training Centre is finished. Gunns Rd, opposite the school, is a wide street and has excellent parking options. Frawley Rd closest to the Primary school is also an ideal and convenient place to park. We strongly encourage students to use these two areas as a preference.

Our gardens and grounds are looking particularly nice and ready for all the spring growth thanks to Craig Quinn, Bryan Miller and Jim Moutsakis – our team of maintenance and groundsmen.

Our gymnasium is about to undergo a lighting refurbishment to greener lighting options. This is an initiative from the government and welcomed by the college. Our ICT is also in the process of a massive upgrade to better manage demand.



The Theatre now has a fully functioning ticket box and kitchenette to further enhance options for school users and hirers. It has already been put to good use with our recent Dance Performance evening. This project has been developed with the support of the City of Casey. Any hiring enquiries can be directed to Sandra Goding.



Hallam Senior College
Sports Academy

2011 Sports Awards



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 24th October** from 6:00pm at the Chifley Doveton Hotel (Cnr Doveton Ave & Princes Hwy, Dandenong).

Guest Speaker: Roy Masters - Legendary NRL coach and sports journalist.

Tickets are \$10 per person (finger food provided) and go on sale from Wednesday 14th September to Wednesday 19th October (Numbers Limited). 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

23 Sept	Term 3 Ends Year 12 Dinner Dance	3 Nov	Unit 3/4 Exams Begin
30 Sept	VTAC Applications Close	7 Nov	Deakin Experience Day (Yr10)
10 Oct	Term 4 Begins	17 Nov	Yr 10 & 11 Exams Begin
11 Oct	Daffodil day & footy colours day & bbq	23 Nov	Unit 3/4 Exams Begin
26 Oct	Final Yr 12 Assembly	25 Nov	Yr 10 & 11 Exams Finish
27 Oct	Yr 12 Carnival Day	28 Nov	Transition for Units 1 & 3 begins
28 Oct	End of Unit 4	9 Dec	Last Day Yr 10 students
1 Nov	Melb. Cup Holiday	12 Dec	Yr 9 to 10 Transition Begins

Dates correct at time of printing and are subject to change without notice More information is made available on the College's website as dates are confirmed

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

School Shopping Vouchers

Don't forget that as well as the Safeways Earn and Learn promotion we are also collecting Coles Sports for Schools vouchers.

So it doesn't matter which supermarket you choose to shop at you can do your part and contribute to the school being able to gain lots of goodies!!

Both boxes can be found outside the main office.

