



Dear Parents Guardians and Students,

We are now two thirds of the way through first term. It has been a busy start for all students, and our new students are getting used to the ways of the senior environment.

We have had approximately 450 new students this year so there are lots of opportunities to make new friends and meet people with similar interests and aspirations. Our Sub Schools are designed to help assist this by bringing together students undertaking similar programs.

We recently ran a successful Sub School Information Night – if you were unable to attend, please introduce yourself to your Sub School team.

Attendance

Our focus on attendance and punctuality continues. Research tells us that time in class is a strong indicator of success at school – it makes sense doesn't it, that students learn more when they attend. Parents should emphasise with their children the importance of attending every possible class and also ensure they have all necessary materials and equipment. Please keep in close touch with your Sub School if there are any issues that may affect attendance.

School Council Elections

We pleased to announce that the School Council Election process for 2012 is now complete without the need for a ballot with the number of vacancies meeting the number of nominations

Our new school council configuration is:

Parent Members:

Jayne Hatch, Lisa Hunter, Stephen Kerdel, Maxine Parker and Tracey Ryan

DEECD employee members:

Safiya Alev, Mandy Bastin, Bernadette Bowling and Margaret Ostle

Congratulations to those parents and staff members elected and a special thanks to others who expressed some interest and discussed the elections with me. The first meeting will be on March 20 at 7pm in the college conference room.

Student Leadership

Interviews were recently conducted for our student leadership group. We had many nominations and were impressed with the quality of the applications and interviews.

I'm confident that these impressive young people will represent their school with pride throughout the year. Congratulations to the successful students.

Sports & Health Sciences:

Captains: Mariana Mika and Michael Hale

Co-captains: Eufemia Vong, Taylah Mackie and Martin Zengbean

Vice-captains: Jack Soroczynski and Theresa Manase

Traditional Trades & Technologies

Captains: Haylee Scarlett and Nicholas Mather

Co-captains: Amit Balak and Ridge Burnett

Arts & Humanities

Captains: Semi Nabalarua and Latisha Samupo

Co-captains: Anderson Rousseau, Sasha Yakimov, Kathleen Campone & Merhini Nesiah

Science, IT & Commerce:

Captains: Ivan Ristov and Mahgul Nourozi

Co-captains: Amuan Yawari, Zakaria Bashir, Baudena Kay

Vice-captains: Cynthia Daniel, Shae Peterson, Hina Akhtar & Farah Abdul Wahab

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Parent/Student and Teacher Interviews and Interim Report

Please make a note in your diary that parent/teacher interviews will be held on 28 March from 4 pm. Interim progress reports will be posted home in the week prior and will contain a booking sheet.

It is the student's responsibility to see their teachers and book an appointment for an interview to avoid disappointment.

Building Program

We urge patience while we are undertaking the building program. Our recreational space in the courtyards and other areas is severely limited at present but the inconvenience will be well worth it in the end.

The new construction and auto building is very impressive and we have already had visitors from other schools and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

The facilities it provides for the students are "state of the art".

Netbook program

Most of the netbooks have been distributed to students in years 10 and 11. We are waiting on a further shipment of 100 netbooks to arrive in the near future. We urge those parents who were unable to attend the information sessions to familiarize themselves with the user agreement and the responsibilities. I urge all parents to consider adding the netbook to home contents insurance policies as the school insurance will not cover their loss and you may be required to replace the netbook at your cost. If your netbook is damaged, lost or stolen please remember to report it to our IT Department immediately.

I have had a number of queries why the Year 12 students were not part of the initial program for receiving netbooks. We can understand their disappointment but a number of factors came under consideration when making the decision:

- The funding we have received has come from the Federal Government's Digital Education Revolution program. The first part of the funding was used to increase the number of computers in the school to a ratio of 1:2.
- We have used the funding to increase our desktop workstations, obtain class sets of laptops, and we have supplemented this now by providing the netbook program to bring access to all students (1:1 ratio).
- Year 12 is an extremely important year for students. The netbook program is new and will take both students and teachers a little time to work out the best way to utilise the devices for maximum benefit.
- We did not want to risk distracting students and teachers of Year 12 with a device at this time. The Year 12 students would only have had access for approximately 3 terms as the netbooks have to be returned to the school when a student completes year 12 or otherwise leaves.
- By providing the netbooks to years 10 and 11, students and teachers will have time to adjust to having them in the classroom.
- In recognising the needs of Year 12 students we have prioritised access to computer labs and the laptop class sets. In addition there are a number of workstations in the Study Centre and Library for students to access.
- The school is considering how it will distribute or use any remaining netbooks after the initial allocation to year 10 and 11, including possibly offering some netbooks to year 12 students or providing access to class sets. We will keep you informed once the initial distribution has been finalized.

The Gronski Report

This report received less attention than it deserved when it was released due to other factors occurring at the same time. However, it is the most important report on the future of school education for

approximately 40 years and if implemented in its entirety, should be of great benefit for state education. The main thrust of the report is to stress that "Every child should have access to the best possible education, regardless of where they live, the income of their family or the school they attend. Further, no student in Australia should leave school without the basic skills and competencies needed to participate in the workforce and lead successful and productive lives...The key to achieving this vision is...through funding reform."

It is important that this message is not lost in politics and that we remind decision makers of its importance. I will put a link to the report on the school web page for those interested to read more of the report.

John Lyall
Acting Principal

*Mrs Anne Martin is on long service leave for most of term 1.
Mr John Lyall is Acting Principal in her absence.*

Hallam Football Club "Positions Vacant"

Attention all students: As part of the ongoing Hallam Football Club & Hallam Senior College "Working Together in the Community initiative" we are proud to have this opportunity to request your assistance in helping each other grow through 2012.

These positions are available for all boys and girls who are interested and some are paid positions. This could assist you in completing "placement" or "clinic" hours as part of your schooling requirement.

Below is a list of positions the football club needs to fill in its various portfolios that make up the Hallam Football Club - Auskick, Juniors (boys & girls), Senior (Mens & Women) & Super Rules & Masters (Mens)

1. Assistance with Auskick Coaching or group helpers on Friday nights between 05:00pm and 06:00pm
There are 18 clinics in total - starting Friday April 20th through to Friday August 17th. This is a huge focus for the football club and so much fun.
2. Assistance with Junior / Senior teams (male / female) on weekends or weekdays:
 - Coaching
 - Medical Trainers / Physiotherapy
 - Match Day helpers e.g.: Time Keepers, Goal / Boundary umpires, water carriers
 - Canteen help
 - Administration assistance on various committees
 - Fundraising assistance for various events / functions
 - Hospitality for club functions
 - Media requirements such as videotaping training during week nights & games on weekends.
3. Level 1 sports trainer to join our medical team
This will be a paid position per game and expectation will be for Reserves and Seniors (home & away)

The football pre-season is underway with practice games already organised. The start of the season proper is Saturday April 21st Teams will play Friday nights, Saturday and Sundays depending on the team & league they play in.

If you are interested in helping us help you please don't hesitate to call or email.

Regards,
Grant Rutley (Vice Chairman) Hallam Football Club
Phone: 0418 152 487 Email: grant.rutley@team.telstra.com

Bryan Miller Farewelled

It is with great sadness that the school community farewelled Bryan Miller last week, after a short and challenging struggle with illness. His funeral was held in Berwick, where a large crowd gathered to pay tribute to this wonderful man.

Bryan assisted in the grounds and was the person who did 'everything and anything' to ensure that staff were happy and that the school grounds and facilities were always looking the best they could.

He took particular pride in the Japanese Garden outside the Library and he genuinely loved the gardens all around the school. He was an amazing man and a true gentleman.

He really was one in a million and he will be very sadly missed by all at Hallam Senior College.

Yr 10 & 11 Tasmania Camp Book Your Seat Now

We require a \$150 non-refundable deposit to be paid to the School Bursar by Wed 28th March 2012, so that we can secure travel arrangements and accommodation.

For any further information you may require please see Miss Quinn or Mr Jooss.

Special Examination Arrangements

Students with Anxiety disorders, Attention deficit and disruptive behaviour disorders, Autism Spectrum disorder, Back injury/ chronic pain, Crohn's disease, Chronic Fatigue syndrome, Diabetes, Epilepsy, Hand, wrist, arm, shoulder injury, Head injuries, Obsessive compulsive disorder, depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorders; or significant physical disabilities have an opportunity to apply for Special Examination Arrangements.

For more information please contact:
Sue Lubbock or David Caughey at the College.

Salvation Army Easter Collection

Continuing Hallam Senior College's tradition of helping those less fortunate, the Year 12 Boys' Personal Development class has joined forces with The Salvation Army to organise a food collection drive in time for Easter.

For most of us, Easter is a time to celebrate and spend time with loved ones but many in our community are unable to meet the costs of even sitting down to dinner with their families.

You can help bring a smile to the faces of these families this Easter by simply donating canned or non-perishable goods of any kind.

These goods will be collected at Hallam Senior College and then donated to the Salvation Army in Doveton for distribution to needy families in time for the Easter holidays.

Donations can be made at any time until the end of term and should be left at students' sub-school offices.

Every donation is sincerely appreciated.

Girls Cricket

The girls defeated Mac.Robertson Girls' High School earlier this week.



Batting first we got off to a great start with Chloe McMillan and Kiah Laughlin-Glen putting on 84 for the first wicket. Kiah was dismissed for 32. This saw Rachel Hunt come to the crease and her and Chloe put on a further 57 runs for the next wicket with Rachel out for 15. After this we lost a few more wickets to finish 6/170 off 30 overs. Chloe top scored with a very good 80.

Defending our total we got off to a flyer with Rachel getting 3 quick wickets to have the opposition at 3/8. The girls shared the bowling around (every girl had an over) and we dismissed our opposition for 43 off 21 overs. Rachel had the figures of 3/1 off 3 overs and Kiah 4/0 off 3 overs, being on a hat trick.

We now progress to the Southern Metro final which will be played on Friday 16th March.

Study 4 Success

A new initiative in 2012, Study 4 Success aims to assist student learning, build upon achievements and increase academic successes.

It involves teachers and community connections dedicating their time to assist students with any difficulties they may be having when completing their homework or studies.

Study 4 Success is a supervised program that supports young people with a quiet space to complete homework or study three afternoons a week. It involves teachers and community connections dedicating their time to assist students with any difficulties they may be having when completing their homework or studies.

Study 4 Success enables students to work in a safe and productive environment for as little or as long as they need with the opportunity to seek assistance when required.

When: Tuesday 3-6pm Wednesday 12-6pm* Thursday 3-6pm

*Each Wednesday from 12-4pm, we have the Wednesday Project who specialise in providing assistance specifically to ESL students.

Where: The Library

What: The opportunity to study individually or seek assistance when required.

Or

Keep your eyes open for special guest presentations or subject specific nights.

Study 4 Success allows students to take responsibility for their own learning needs and also encourages routines that are replicated in everyday life.

If you have any questions about Study 4 Success, please contact Ms Katie Curran.

Sports Academy Scholarships

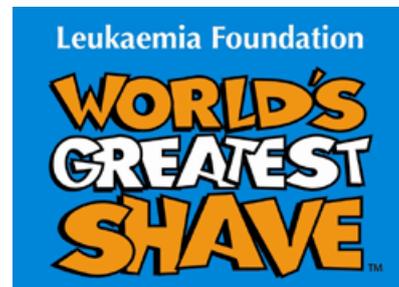
Hallam Sports Academy recognises the importance of providing students with a fulfilling and challenging education that also allows them to further develop and enhance their opportunities' to pursue a career in elite sport.

The Sports Academy offers 2 sporting scholarships (funded by school council) each at years 10, 11 and 12 across the four pillar sports. The sports scholarships will cover all associated costs with the Sports Academy for the year of enrolment.

All scholarships are for one year only. Any student wishing to apply for a scholarship in the following year must address the criteria as outlined by the college. As a scholarship holder both the sports fees and curriculum levy will be waived by the College for the year. As well as your fees being waived all scholarship recipients are entitled to the full sports academy uniform at no cost. 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 23rd March. 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



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FRI 16TH MARCH**

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Goal: To raise a minimum of \$1000

Support the brave who are going to shave / colour their hair for a good cause...

Important Dates

12	Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday	7-10	May	Year 10 Camp
16	Mar	Free Dress Day Worlds Greatest Shave Fundraiser	9	May	Practice GAT
23	Mar	Sports Academy Scholarships Close	22	May	Information Night
28	Mar	Parent Teacher Night Tassie Camp Deposits Due			
30	Mar	Term 1 Ends			
16	Apr	Term 2 Starts			
23	Apr	Presentation Ball Practice Sessions Start			
25	Apr	ANZAC Day Holiday			

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

Injections For All Year 10 Students.

Year 10 Boostrix injections will take place on **Monday, June 25th**.

The City of Casey require all associated paperwork to be completed really early to assist in their processes.

Consent cards will be sent home in the next week to **all Year 10 students**.

They need to be completed and returned to the sub school offices by **Friday 23rd of March**.



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