Dear Parents Guardians & Students

Thank you to those parents who came to school and participated in the Community evening this week. The purpose of the evening was to reinforce our new Sub School model and ensure parents understood how communications would work.

In addition we understand that the student work requirements for students in the later years of school are very difficult for parents to comprehend making it also difficult to support your students at home.

ASSESSMENT in the VCE

SACs is one of the acronyms frequently used at school. It is School Assessed Coursework and one of the most important modes of assessment for students undertaking any VCE subject. It is not the only mode of assessment.

In plain terms, it is assessment conducted at school, usually in class time and under specific conditions. The conditions vary from subject to subject. All classes do preparatory work leading up to a SAC. This preparatory work will often have homework attached to it and enough time for students to fully understand what it is they will have to do when a SAC commences.

Teachers also encourage students to meet with them outside of class time if they require further assistance or clarification. Many teachers have Wednesday afternoon available for this purpose. Students need to take advantage of the help that is offered.

Students may miss a SAC for a variety of reasons. They must still complete the SAC. In this newsletter the process for completing missed SACs is enclosed for you.

ATTENDANCE

Student attendance at school is one of the main contributing factors to successful completion in any subject. Obviously students should also come equipped and ready to do the work in each subject. Achievement is linked to attendance. Legitimate absences need to be accounted for. Notes and/or medical certificates are essential.

UNIFORM

Thank you to parents for supporting us with maintaining correct uniform. The uniform is improving but is not perfect yet. The uniform supplier should be contacting parents to let them know of new stock now available.

REMEMBER that shoes should be runners suitable for a physical education program or black leather shoes. Canvas shoes are NOT PERMITTED.

Anne Martin
Principal
VET Community Services & Road Safety

Over the last three weeks Year 12 VET Community Services students have participated in a joint program with Hallam Primary School Year 1 and 2 to teach them about road safety. Small groups worked in the individual primary school classrooms teaching all about safe pedestrian behaviour. First week it was through a specially developed Road Safety Booklet. The next week it was making box cars, road safety signs and traffic lights and in the final week with the help of Aggie, the friendly lollipop lady, they all put their new skills into practice with a fun morning crossing the “road” safely on the netball court.

Volleyball Tournament

The new Year 10s at Hallam Senior College have been running a Volleyball Tournament as part of their Term 1 Assessment. This tournament consists of seven weeks of intense volleyball action, and requires a high level of skill and organisation from all students. The first step in our volleyball program was picking the Sportsboard. The group consisted of Daniel, Matt, Jackson, Jordan, Ryan, Samara, Martin and Isabella. These eight people were voted in by their fellow students and took part in a draft to pick the teams for our tournament. Each person in their selected teams has a role to fulfill. These roles are Captain/Coach, Publicity Officer, Secretary, Equipment Officer, Umpire/Scorer, and the General Manager who is also known as the Sportsboard.

Over the first few weeks the skill level and intensity of each student has increased dramatically and the tournament has become well organised and well constructed. We have seen a few star players who have stood out above the rest with their level of skill and leadership. A few mentions go to Jackson M, Jackson A, Daniel, Matt, Chris, Brad, Brett, Bosco, Simon, and our star exchange student from China, Ethan!

So far there have been a couple of ups and downs in the tournament but everyone has participated in one way or another. We feel that by the end, the tournament will have been a great success for everyone.

Hallam Football Club

NEW PLAYERS FOR SEASON 2010

ALL AGES WELCOME - BOYS - GIRLS - MEN - WOMEN

This year we have registered for Under 9’s to 16s, Colts, Youth Girls (from 13), Women’s over 19, Super Rules over 35 and masters over 40. Fees vary depending on age group. We also offer Auskick.

New Registrations:
Hallam Hawks Club Rooms
Frawley Road, Hallam
19th March between 5-7pm
(Auskick Registration also on this day)
10th April between 10am-3pm
(Free sausage sizzle)
Contact Michelle Neve (Club Secretary)
on 0412 215 883 for more information

Attendance

Attendance is fundamental to a student’s success at School, Hallam Senior College expects that:

- All students attend classes every day that the school is open to students. If a student is unable to come to school then he/she must provide an explanation to the school. Students should be on time to class and come prepared to learn with the appropriate materials.
- Staff promote the importance of regular student attendance to all members of Hallam Senior College and implement the school’s attendance policy and procedures which are designed to monitor and follow up on absences.
- Parents ensure that their child attends school regularly, provide the school with an explanation of their child’s absence from school on every occasion and provide accurate contact details to the school.
- Ring the school if you know that the student will be away.
- Students who need to leave early for medical appointments must sign out at sub school office.
- Students should only be away or leave early due to an approved absence eg. Excursions, religious events, documented illness/legal issues.
- Absences due to illness will only be approved with a Medical Certificate.
- Students are asked not to plan holidays outside school holidays as these have negative impact on studies.
- Lateness contributes to absence record.
- If you are away on the day of an assessment task for an unapproved reason your work will not be scored.
- Students may fail a unit because of poor attendance eg more than 10 % unapproved absences even if they have completed set work.
- If a student misses too many classes due to illness they may not pass because they have not met VCAA guidelines.

VSL Victorian School of Languages

Victorian School of Languages are teaching the Arabic Language for all year levels at the Carwatha Centre, Noble Park. All courses are reviewed to ensure compatibility with the Victorian Essential Learning Standards and VCE.

Carwatha Secondary College, Browns Road, Noble Park North 3174
Phone: 9795-5848 Fax: 9790-1712 Time: Saturdays between 9:00-12:20
For more information contact: Ms. Connie Bramble, Area Manager on 9802-6122 (Tues, Thur, Fri 9-4:30)
Missed School Assessed Coursework (SAC) by student.
First Attempt

Classroom teacher alerts student of missed SAC and,
- Reminds student of possible consequences if SAC is not completed within a two week time of their return to school
- Makes phone contact with parent / guardian regarding missed SAC (as close as possible to the day of the missed SAC)
- Writes a note in their own diary as a record of the conversation with parent / guardian
- Advises student to collect missed SAC form from the relevant Sub School office
- The classroom teacher places a copy of the missed SAC complete with SAC cover sheet in the pigeon hole of the students home Sub School, or delivers it to the student's home Sub School office

Student collects SAC rescheduling form from their home Sub School office (at the earliest possible time) and completes the form including:
- Parent signature
- and copies of supporting evidence eg medical cert etc
- Consults with ES staff in their home Sub School regarding the earliest possible rescheduled date to complete the SAC

Student returns completed form and supporting evidence to their home Sub School office.

Student attends rescheduled SAC in their designated home Sub School area under appropriate and College consistent conditions.

Any of the above can collect a missed SAC and place it in the Sub School's missed SAC folder.

Place in Sub School SAC Folder
Sub School ES staff member will:
- Write in earliest possible date for the student to complete the SAC – within 2 weeks of the missed SAC
- Advise student to obtain evidence of reason for missed SAC
- Advise student to discuss with a parent and return the form to their home Sub School

Sub school ES staff passes form onto Program Leader. ES staff enter absence details onto First Class

Program Leader from the students home Sub School checks paper work has been completed accurately. In cases where paperwork is incomplete or the SAC is missing the PL will follow up with appropriate people.
Program Leader places Student form signed by parent in Student's folder.

Classroom teacher assesses student work - scored or un scored based on date and details regarding the student SAC absence entered into First Class.

Supervising staff member from the students home Sub School returns the completed or incomplete SAC to the relevant classroom teacher.
Teacher is notified via the return of missed SAC that the student has not completed the rescheduled SAC with two week time frame. The teacher then:

- Uses SIM system to log this as an ‘incident’
- Teacher discusses the issue with student and may negotiate a separate SAC task(s) –as per VCAA SAC and study design / Assessment handbook guidelines
- Makes phone contact with parent to explain consequences eg student will only be eligible for an S / N assessment and may fail the unit of work if they fail to attend their next (and final) attempt
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- Parent signature
- and copies of supporting evidence eg medical cert etc
- Consults with ES staff in their home Sub School regarding the earliest possible rescheduled date to complete the SAC

Student returns completed form and supporting evidence to their home Sub School office.

Student attends their final rescheduled SAC in their designated home Sub School area under appropriate and College consistent conditions.

Sub School Leader calls parent and:
- checks that the student has no approved reason for missing their final SAC attempt. (if student has approved reason the process repeats). If there is not an approved reason Sub School leader informs parent that the student has failed the unit.

Classroom teacher assesses student work as either Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (N) with a zero grade

Supervising staff member from the students home Sub School returns the completed SAC to the relevant teacher. Incomplete SAC’s are forwarded onto the Sub School Leader.
Mathletics

Could ALL Students pay the $10 fee to the Bursar A.S.A.P. This will allow Students at Hallam Senior College to have full access to the Mathletics Website in 2010.

Languages Studies

Any student who is studying a language outside school must bring notification to school showing the language they are enrolled in. This may be through the Victorian School of languages (VSL) or elsewhere. Give notice to Katrina Davidson in Traditional Trades Office.

Girls’ Australian Rules Football

On Monday 22nd March the Girls from Australian Rules Football program will be running their annual Pizza Day Fundraiser.

Pizza Day Fundraiser

See any of the girls to pre order your pizzas by Friday 19th March. No order will be taken on the day.

Girls’ Cricket

Friday 1st March: Playing McKinnon SC we lost the toss and were put into bat. Maddison Blackburn & Chloe McMillan got us off to a great start, putting on 85 for the first wicket. Maddi was dismissed for 38. From this position we continued to pile on the runs with several good partnerships and finished 5/257 off 34 overs. Chloe retired 67no, Ellie Blackburn retired 59no, Kiah Laughlin Glen 30, and Sharna Naidu 20no. With the ball we soon had the opposition in trouble and they never recovered to be all out for 44. There were no stand out bowling performances, with all girls who bowled doing a great job. Chloe McMillan & Lauren Chalkley were both on hat tricks but could not get them.

On Friday 5th March the senior girl’s cricket team played Dromana SC in the Sth Zone Metropolitan final. Winning the toss we elected to bat and got off to a great start again with our two reliable openers Madison Blackburn & Chloe McMillan putting on 109 runs for the first wicket. Maddi made a solid 29 runs in a very patient innings. We finished 7/176 with Chloe compiling a sensational 94 runs-going out in the last over trying to get her hundred. Dromana got off to a steady start in their run chase and it wasn’t until the 10th over we got our first wicket, thanks to a great catch by Kiah in short cover. After this the girls continued to put the pressure on, not allowing them to build any significant partnerships and kept them to 9/119 off their allotted over’s. Riplee bowled well to get the figures of 3/15 off 6 over’s and both Kiah & Sharna got 2 wickets a piece. A fantastic win by the girls to take out the Metro final, which know sees them play the Sth Zone Gippsland Champions to decide who will go to the State finals to represent the Sth Zone.

Thanks to Nathan George who continues to do a great job in assisting & scoring for the team.

Brett Alexander Hallam Sports Academy

Year 10 Touquay Fitness Camp

Early this term, the Year 10s were informed they were going on a fitness camp with Benny McGee and our fitness instructor Jack Carmody, (a.k.a Commando) from Xtreme Adventures.

We got to school bright and early at 5am on a Monday and arrived at the You Yangs National Park at 7am to begin our journey to the Torquay Fitness Camp.

The camp consisted of fitness, bonding and hard, but fun, work. The camp was run by Jack Carmody who was a very intimidating man. He put us through many hard activities such as a 300 stair climb while carrying a pipe over our head.

It was a great team exercise that we all got through with our quote of the camp, “All day boys". The camp wasn’t only about fitness. A lot of it was about bonding, our main bonding activity being the X-Factor Competition.

One of the stand outs was Ryan, Reagan, Jesse, Harry and Josh impersonating the famous Benny McGee, mimicking his saying, “ If you’re not up for it, you can sleep in the van " and Jack Carmody’s saying, “Hands off hips”. But we couldn’t leave out the infamous dancing skills of the great man they call Dominic, especially when McGee got the greatest lap dance of all.

All in all, the camp was a great success with everyone gaining fitness and friendships.

We would like to thank all the teachers: Gossy, Benny, Clarky, Deano, JD and Jack.

By Brett Denton and Ryan Mackie.
Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for the 17th March.

Parents should already have received Interim Reports in the mail. A booking sheet for students to use when booking appointments was also enclosed.

If parents did not receive the Interim Report please make contact with the College.

Personal Goods Brought to School at Owner’s Risk

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (therefore Hallam Senior College) does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Students should not bring valuable items to school but if they do so, it is at their own risk.

Items lost or stolen will be investigated but the school will not make good any loss.

Important Dates

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

UNIFORM

Please note that with Winter coming students are required to wear the correct uniform: hooded windcheater, raincoat or windcheater from their previous 7-10 school. The uniform suppliers have received one back order and another is due at the end of March. There are also many uncollected Tshirts available.

It is important that you order your uniform as soon as possible to avoid difficulty. Unfortunately, many students who refuse to follow the uniform process have been sent home.