Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

Exiting Year 12 Students

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The Staff at Hallam Senior College are extremely proud of the way our Year 12 Students have celebrated the end of their secondary education.

Year 12 students are to be congratulated on completing their year. They are a very fine group of young people. I wish them all the best for their exams, their further study or transition into work. Students are encouraged to come to school and catch up with their teachers prior to exams and then, once the results come out.

Any student who continues to require assistance with the transition to further study or work can also access the Careers staff at school.

Withdrawal of VCAL Coordination Funding

Our College has been particularly vocal about this issue as we are one of the largest providers in the state. We have had a number of calls from parents outside of the school wanting to know if we are running VCAL and if we have spaces for their students; and our own parents wanting information about how they can take part in petitions etc.

The AEU website www.aeuvic.asn.au/ has a campaign “Hands off our Hands on Learning” where teachers and parents can take an active role in sending a message to the government that this decision will seriously affect many young people.

SAVE VCAL Facebook page at www.facebook.com/saveVCAL
You can support action by downloading and signing the SAVE VCAL petition.
We have 270 young people enrolled in VCAL for 2012!

Course Confirmation

Course Confirmation for year 11 students going into year 12 is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks. Parents should expect to receive a letter outlining dates and times.

End of year dates

Could parents please note the dates for years 10 and 11 exams and end of year activities including Transition. It is very important that students are aware of these dates.
Transition Program
All students enrolled for 2012 are expected to attend the Transition Program for their 2012 year level. This is a two week program and begins on 28th November.

Students who do not attend Transition without advising the school of very special circumstances that may prevent them from attending will have their names removed from classes for 2012.

A transition information pack is included with this newsletter for students enrolled for 2012.

Anne Martin, Principal

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Frequently asked questions:

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What if I am running late? Call the school as soon as possible. Arrangements can be made to make sure you arrive for the exam. You may be eligible to be given an extension of time if the exam supervisors and school principal agree that your reasons for being late are serious and unavoidable. Sleeping in or forgetting the date and time are not valid excuses! Call the school as soon as you realise you will be late.

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What can I take into the exam? See below

YES ✓ Basic stationary – pens, pencils, eraser, sharpeners, ruler ✓ Clear water bottle – water only ✓ Clear Plastic pocket for stationary storage

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Other

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After losing a couple of early wickets cheaply against a very good bowling attack the girls steadied and passed the score in the 12th over for the loss of only 3 wickets. Kiah Laughlin Glen lead the way with a very attacking 51no.

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Brett Alexander,
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Hallam Senior College Sports Academy

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Aviation & Aerospace

One of the programs offered to students at Hallam Senior College is ‘Aviation and Aerospace’. Its aim is to give our students an opportunity to take the first steps in their education and training towards a career within the aviation and aerospace industries.

As part of that program, Year 11 Physics students spend a fair amount of time studying the principles of flight.

Following visits to John Holland Aviation Services and LTQ Engineering at Melbourne airport, the Navy landed one of their helicopters on our oval on Monday 24th October to show our Physics students how helicopters are able to lift gracefully into the air and how pilots can control their flight.

CPO Phil Crick, Leut Trine Themsen and S Leut James Williams of the Australian Navy did an outstanding job explaining various technical aspect and scientific principles, bringing real meaning into the theory that students have covered in class.

Visit the College’s website to see more photos.

We feel very fortunate to have had the Navy join our industry friends such as the Australian National Aviation Museum, Tristar Aviation, John Holland Aviation Services and LTQ Engineering in making learning very exciting at Hallam.

Rob Zreczycki
Program leader – Science and Engineering
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Congratulations to the students who received the following sporting accolades for 2011.

The Hallam Sports Academy Sportsperson of the Year Award
(For Commitment & Performance):
Declan Soukup & Chloe McMillan

Best & Fairest Awards

Australian Rules Football
The ‘Darren Flanigan’ Cup - Male: Luke Bull
The ‘Tom Gillies Award’ - Intermediate Male: Nicholas Battle
Best and Fairest - Female: Ellie Blackburn
Coaches Award - Senior Boys: Daniel Johnson
Coaches Award - Intermediate Boys: Zane Hunter
Coaches Award - Senior Girls: Casey Birmingham

Basketball
Dandenong Rangers Trophy - Male: Declan Soukup
Dandenong Rangers Trophy - Female: Samara Griffiths
Hallam Senior College Development Cup - Joel Binzer
Coaches Award - Senior: Mitchell Woolgar
Coaches Award - Intermediate: Ashley Tansey

Cricket
Cricketer of the Year - Male: Luke Cody
Cricketer of the Year - Female: Chloe McMillan

Rugby League
The ‘Melbourne Storm Development’ Cup: Talalupele Titi
The ‘Victorian Rugby League Cup’ - Brandon Manase
Coaches Award - Senior: Kora Mea
Coaches Award - Intermediate: Alan Savic

Soccer
Male Footballer of the Year: - Senior: Bujar Thaqi
Female Footballer of the Year: Cindy Lopez
Male Footballer of the Year: - Intermediate: Setmir Zijai
Coaches Award - Senior Boys: Martin Zengbean
Coaches Award - Senior Girls: Vanessa Tordecilla
Coaches Award - Intermediate Boys: Talib Amini

Touch Football
Touch Football Perpetual Plate - Male: Emmanuel Carlos
The ‘Ali Tuai Perpetual Plate’ - Female: Ashley Marsters

City of Casey Youth Services recently ran a writing competition for students living, working or studying in the City of Casey.

Four students from our Year 11 English as a Second Language class entered the competition and all four were awarded prizes, an outstanding result for the students and Hallam Senior College.

Mohammad Hazi Hadara, Ben Truong, Freshta Qasimi and Mahgul Nourozi all received prize money, a book of the winning stories and a framed certificate to commemorate the event. Their family, friends and ESL teachers, Ms Thomas and Ms Maher were there on the night of October 19 to see the students accept their awards from the mayor.

Tim Peglar, an author of young-adult novels was guest speaker at the event and his inspiring story about seeking success as a writer was well received. The students had all written about the individual circumstances which brought them to Australia seeking a better future. The stories were initially written for an assessment task in Unit 1 ESL and made ideal entries for the competition. Needless to say, they were the kind of stories that bring a lump to your throat and at the same time make you marvel at the resilience today’s youth.
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Further images from of the Year 12s end of year activities can be found on the College’s website.  www.hallamssc.vic.edu.au
Important Dates

1 Nov  Melb. Cup Holiday
3 Nov  Unit 3/4 Exams Begin
7 Nov  Deakin Experience Day (Yr10)
17 Nov  Yr 10 & 11 Exams Begin
23 Nov  Unit 3/4 Exams Begin
25 Nov  Yr 10 & 11 Exams Finish
28 Nov  Transition for Units 1 & 3 begins
28 Nov  Folio Development Course Information Night
2 Dec  End of Year Sub School Excursion
9 Dec  Last Day Yr 10 students
12 Dec  Yr 9 to 10 Transition Begins
20 Dec  2011 Awards Night

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.

HELP GET MORE RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL
Take action on November 15

The biggest review of school funding in over 30 years finishes in December. On November 15 join parents, teachers and principals across Australia in sending a final message to the review about the importance of investing more in our public schools.

Send your message at www.forourfuture.org.au
Your support will make a difference.

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