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2012 EMA Applications

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) applications for 2012 are now available.

All current and new students must fill in 2012 forms.
The applications are available from the Bursar’s Office.
Semester 1 applications close 29th February 2012
Late applications cannot be entered.

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

Transition
It is very important for students to attend during transition as work contributing to assessment will be underway. It was great to see so many students excited and enthusiastic to be at school and thinking about what they need to do in preparation for next year.

During this time we all need to set the tone for a strong academic year where students are expected to attend all their classes and be ready and equipped to learn. All students will receive Transition Packs that contain important information about dates and times over the next few weeks, school uniform and policies for 2012, bell times for transition and the 2012 booklist.

2011 Results
In a few weeks VCE students will receive their results. This is an exciting time for our young people but it can also come with some surprises. We encourage students to come back to school and seek assistance with any changes to preferences or to seek advice. If parents are worried about their student then please do not hesitate to make contact with the school. Parents can make an appointment and attend with their student if they wish.

We are very pleased to announce that 25% of our Senior VCAL students will also have qualified for their VCE certificate. The Senior VCAL is a very powerful completion certificate for many students in that they may also qualify for their VCE in addition to gaining one or more VET Certificates.

Trade Training Centre
Parents will have seen that the first stage of the Trade Training Centre is almost complete. The large new building out the front will house Automotive and Building and Construction. There are also additional spaces for classrooms and recreation. We are currently preparing to move into the space in order that classes can begin smoothly at the beginning of next year.

The second stage of the TTC project involves gutting the existing technology block in two phases. We are working with the architects and builders to ensure minimal disruption to classes. In the end we will have an outstanding facility for our young people to do their training in. It’s very exciting for our school and the community.

Long Service Leave
I am taking some leave at the beginning of term one next year. John Lyall will be acting in my place.

Please visit our College website and provide any feedback to us that might be useful.

www.hallamssc.vic.edu.au

Anne Martin
Principal
VCAL - Room 26 Painting Project

A class of VCAL students recently completed a project where they painted 3 murals on a wall in room 26. Each mural had to send a message to their audience, be something that they believed in (valued) and be connected to school values (Harmony Day) and wider community (Be The Hero program – Violence Against Women)

There was a focus on Personal Development and ‘work ready’ skills. For example, organisation, communication, time management, leadership, working in teams, listening skills and resolving conflict.

Through problem solving activities and initiative type games students learnt/experienced the importance of team work, the different types of leadership and how to use these styles at appropriate times. They translated the knowledge into their ‘Painting Project teams’.

Throughout the project we witnessed group arguments over paint colours and important decisions. Students learnt to reason and resolve conflict. This made them a stronger team as they learnt to trust their team members more. Some students took on the role of ‘facilitator’ whereby they ensured each team member was doing equal amounts of painting.

Together, using different forms of communication to express themselves, each team made presentations about their project, and organised a ‘Celebration Day’ where they unveiled the wall to the principal class, peers and guests.

Congratulations to the students involved, from conception to completion the class achieved outstanding results.

Dual Certificates

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Congratulations to the following students:

Martina Ristevski
Lachlan Martin
Kiara Taylor
Luke Cody
Nicole McPherson
Jake Wilford

Christopher Anderson
George Pourgoutedizs
Brett Wood
Matthew Kaipuke
Andrew Ray

Nurhan Gungor
Luke Smith
Mathew Adair
Jessie Lamont
Rebekah Reynolds

Nemanja Ignjic
Alexander Stankovic
Emanuel Carlos
Joseph Levanic
Stewart Scanlon

The Life after School Guide

The Life after School Guide is packed full of information about local services you might need as you plan for your life after school.

The purpose of the guide is to provide secondary school leavers with relevant information about further education options, employment information and services, financial assistance, youth support services located in the area and other information that might be useful when leaving school.

If you plan to leave school before completing year 12, there is also a section that gives you information about alternative education options. School may not be for you, but that doesn’t mean you can’t continue learning.

Also included is information about support services for young people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds and for young people with a disability.

The Guide can be downloaded from our website or at: http://www.sellen.org.au/resource-vault/

Maramba Netball Club

Do you love to play netball? Need to be part of a team your own age? Don’t have to travel too far!

Maramba Netball Club is looking for players aged 13-15 years to join our 15 and Under Wednesday afternoon team! New and experienced players and coaches welcome!!

If you are interested, please come to our training sessions at 5.30pm Tuesday afternoons at Maramba Primary School Gymnasium. (Maramba Drive, Narre Warren)

For further information, please contact Jacqui Taylor (President) on 0419 848 210, or Jackie Butler on 0409 923 027.
Kitchen Garden news

We are coming to the close of another very busy year in the kitchen and garden. It's been a fantastic year for growing and you could have been mistaken for thinking it's a jungle.

The end result has been a kitchen overflowing with goodies from the garden and all sorts of exciting menu's being cooked and shared by Hallam Primary School students over the dinner table.

Our students have also been busy in the garden in the second half of this year. The Building and Construction students have almost completed an arbour which is not only a great looking entrance but will also provide more growing space for any fruit or vegetables that grow on vines. One of the VCAL classes has also put their stamp on the garden by building and decorating outdoor seating. They look fantastic and have provided inspiration for further projects in 2012. A big thank you to all the students and teachers from Hallam Senior College and Hallam Primary School who have contributed to another great year for the program.

Julie Buzasi

A Note From the Library

With the end of the year fast approaching many students have begun returning the books they have borrowed during the year.

Many others, however, have left without doing so. Some students were loaned books and equipment for the duration of the school year but, they now should also be returned. Some students have also borrowed calculators and have not yet returned them.

As you know, books and calculators are becoming increasingly expensive. The Library budget cannot sustain significant losses each year and still provide the range of resources needed if a large sum has to be spent replacing items which have not been returned.

Letters listing overdue items will be sent out once the Year 10’s have finished classes so, if you receive one at your place, please search high and low for any items still at your place and get it back to us before we break up (or down as the case may be!).

It will make our Christmas much, much happier not to have to waste money replacing loaned items which have not been returned.

With best wishes for a safe and happy summer for you and your families,

Maggie McCann - Head Librarian
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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](http://www.hallamssc.vic.edu.au) or call 9703 1266 for more information.

Second-hand Book Sale

Students are invited to sell their second-hand books to other students on Wednesday 14th December from 9:00 am to 1:00pm in the Gymnasium.

The College Administration does not manage this event. Please have appropriate money and check the current booklist carefully so that you don’t purchase books that are not needed.

Please note: Booklist deposits are due at Lamont Books.

Student Scholarships

Many organizations are offering student scholarships with applications closing on January 31 2012.

or see Ms Bowling, the Careers office or Student Advocacy office for more information.

2011 Awards Night

When: Tuesday 20th December at 7:00pm
Where: Hallam Senior College Theatre
A light supper will follow the awards ceremony
RSVP: Friday 16th December, Joy Wood in the General Office on 9703 1266