Dear Parents Guardians and Students,

Our College values “relationships built on respect and responsibility” where the relationships between people, learning and the environment frame our actions. With this in mind, can I congratulate and thank our students, teachers and parents on a very successful and important year for our school. These values translate into a school community that focuses on achieving success for every student and understands that a student’s pathways are unique and very important to the individual. Please take the time to look over the student awards listed in this newsletter.

Our Sub Schools - Arts & Humanities, Science, IT & Commerce, Sport & Health Sciences and Traditional Trades & Technologies are developing as a real strength of the school. Our communication with families has improved and I hope that families feel better supported and connected to the school. In 2012 we will continue to improve these processes and build a stronger sense of community where students are at the centre of our actions.

We began 2011 with 860 students and an increasing number of year 10 students. In 2012 we will see this number grow to over 1000 students. Overwhelmingly parents and students are seeking a school that is welcoming, values all pathways and provides a breadth of curriculum. This is a constant message I hear when taking school tours.

As a school we have been very concerned about student attendance and the connection this has with achievement. This continues to be a focus for us.

Our guiding principles are:

✓ Every student can learn
✓ Every student can achieve
✓ Every student can succeed

To achieve this, we support and require all students to:

✓ Attend all classes
✓ Set goals
✓ Strive
✓ Imagine the possibilities
✓ Work hard
✓ Prepare for the future

Can I thank students, teachers and parents who have worked to this end.

There have been many student successes through the year across all dimensions of the College – student awards in many areas, sporting success at all levels, student leadership, arts and performing arts, camps and trips away, to name a few. I hope that we have made mention of them on our website and in newsletters.

The first stage of the Trade Training Centre development is now nearly complete. This will mean that students in 2012 will be able to fully access the new Automotive and Building and Construction facility. And, over the course of 2012, the second stage, which includes the refurbishment of the existing Technology building, will begin.

In conclusion, can I thank students, staff and parents for their support of the College and encourage everyone to continue to evolve this journey we are on, to continuously improve outcomes for all our students and make this environment a vital place for learning, where we really do enact our new College motto “Linking Learning and Life”

I wish everyone a safe and festive time over the holiday period.

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Piva Earns His Stripes

2011 Sport & Health Science Sub School Captain Piva Wright has been selected by the Richmond Tigers in this week's AFL Rookie Draft.

Piva joins a growing list of players drafted from the Hallam Senior College Australian Rules Football program, which draws on the expertise of the Dandenong Stingray’s Regional manager, Darren Flanigan and AFL director Ben McGee.

The program, which also produced draftees Arryn Siposs, Ryan Bastinac, Tom Gillies and Shane Savage, provides budding footballers with the opportunity to learn about their sporting trade without abandoning the regular curriculum.

Richmond Recruiting Manager Jackson says: “He’s a tall, strong negating defender who we looked at because of his size and strength. He’s a really strong spoiler and played some excellent games during the year. He often escaped notice because he was playing in defensive roles, but when we went back and looked at his tape we really recognised his defensive capabilities. He reads the game very well.”

We wish Piva all the best as he starts this next chapter in what will hopefully be a very successful career as an elite footballer.

Celebrating Our Young Community Leaders

Traditional Trades & Technologies Sub School Captain, Charlotte Capper, joined other students from schools across the area who were recognized at the 2011 Holt Community Spirit and Leadership Awards Ceremony held at the Casey Council Chamber recently.

The Awards ceremony, attended by over 250 people including parents, teachers and family members was conducted by Federal Member for Holt, Hon Anthony Byrne MP. The awards recognized the outstanding contribution made by the students and the difference that their contribution, hard work and dedication have made in their schools and to our local community.

“The testimonials from the schools nominating their students were outstanding and tell of the great work done by our kids and the strong sense of community spirit that they have. These Awards give me the chance to say thanks to these students on behalf of the community and to let them know how proud we are of them,” Mr Byrne said.

The Community Spirit and Leadership Awards are held annually and celebrate local young people who dedicate their time to the local community. Award winners are nominated by their school and receive a framed certificate and gift voucher.

Thinking Ahead

Tips for success in 2012 from the Sub School Leaders.

It has been a pleasure working with all our students this year and to help them towards achieving their goals. There are a number of very simple behaviours that will help all students reach their potential. Sometimes students might need parental support to achieve these. For example;

- Students should always come to class prepared for learning – bring equipment and textbooks, have the right amount of rest and breakfast etc. Parents please organize books and equipment before the beginning of the school year and have routines at home that encourage your students to go to bed at an appropriate time during week nights and eat properly. I am sure that you would agree that it is not appropriate for senior students to turn up to class without books, pens and paper or to fall asleep because they have no energy!

- Students should attend all timetabled classes. Parents please insist that your student attends all classes and contact your Sub School Engagement Officer if they are ill or you need any assistance in 2012.

- Students should be on time – lateness means that students miss out on instruction and lateness contributes to poor attendance. Parents please help your student with their early morning routines.

- Uniform is important. It is school policy that students be in the correct uniform. The school can decide to send a student home if they are not wearing correct uniform which means learning time will be lost. Parents please ensure that your student has obtained the correct uniform. Please communicate with the school if you require assistance with this matter.

- Holiday homework – if your student has been set holiday homework then this needs to be completed. The holiday homework will prepare them for class room tasks but most of all it will help students start school on 3/2/12 with a positive work ethic.

So if you are stuck for New Year’s resolutions you could try a few of the suggestions above! We thank all families for their support during the year and wish you a very happy holiday.

Bernadette Bowling, Mark Gelderbloem, Travis McIntosh, Deb Cox and Ron Jooss (Sub School Team)
Congratulations to the following students who have received awards for academic achievement in their chosen studies.

A special mention to Tegan Drury for obtaining the highest ATAR score amongst our Year 12 students.

To the students who worked hard and are happy with their score, you should be proud of your achievements. For those who may be disappointed, remember - the ATAR is the initial entry point for further education: nothing more and nothing less. It is not the sum of who you are and who you will become. Life provides many entry points into satisfying work, study and relationships. So be ready to recognise the next one and go forward into a bright future.

## College Awards

**College Dux (Highest ATAR):** Tegan Drury  
**Monash Prize (Yr 11):** Ainslee Jabbour  
**Foundation VCAL High Achiever:** Connor Davies  
**Intermediate VCAL High Achiever:** Shannon Ryan  
**Senior VCAL High Achiever:** Nemanja Ignjic

**Deakin Awards:**  
- **Y12 Transition Award:** Jal Malout  
- **Y12 Endeavour Grants:** Noeline Davies and Matthew Wadlow  
- **Y11 Deakin University Achievement Award:** Namat Safdari  
- **Y10 Aspiration Award:** Lani Tamana  
- **ADF Long Tan Awards:** Christina Rizkallah, Samara Griffiths and Chloe Dalforno  
- **Caltex AllRounder:** Michelle Pallot  
- **River gum Award:** Kobra Moradi  
- **Liam Bourke Memorial Award:** Kevin Keen  
- **Aim N high award:** Latisha Samupo  
- **Joan Finlay (Library Award):** Mariana Mika

## Sub School Awards

**Year 10 Visual Arts:** Jessica Fortham  
**Year 11 Visual Arts:** Jacob Sharples  
**Year 11 Visual Arts:** Tiffany Lanyon  
**Year 11 Performing Arts:** Kathleen Campone  
**Year 12 Performing Arts:** Jordan Balmes

**Humanities Program:** Nida Sakejha

**Sport & Health Sciences Sub School:**  
- Matthew Litten, Chloe Dalforno and Martin Zengbean

**Year 10 Science & Engineering:** Jonathan Love  
**Year 11 Science & Engineering:** David Mulhall  
**Year 12 Science & Engineering:** Sharri Powell  
**Year 10 Commerce & IT:** Shalini Rambukwella  
**Year 11 Commerce & IT:** Qasim Khan  
**Year 12 Commerce & IT:** Luke Sell

**Traditional Trades & Technologies Sub School:**  
- Abygail Duncan and Nick Mather

## Year 10

**English:** Michelle LeBon  
**Maths:** Ashleigh Tansey  
**Maths:** Tyler Sargent

**Consistent High Academic Achievement across Year 10 subjects:** Nick Mather & Zobair Yaqubi

## Year 11 VCE

**Accounting:** Joseph Aiezza  
**Art:** Ruby Jiao  
**Biology:** Ainslee Jabbour  
**Business Management:** Natalie Byrgiotis  
**Chemistry:** David Mulhall  
**Classical Societies & Cultures:** Natalie Byrgiotis

**Product Design & Technology - Textiles:**  
- Kathleen Campone  
**Product Design & Technology - Wood:**  
- Tiffany Lanyon  
**Product Design & Technology - Wood:**  
- Peter Vecakis  
**Drama:** Jasmin Haywood  
**English:** Holly Webber  
**English:** Ainslee Jabbour  
**English as a Second Language:** Mahgul Nourozi  
**Foundations Maths:** Casey Birmingham  
**Food Technology:** Taylah Mackie  
**Health & Human Development:** Holly Webber  
**History - Twentieth Century:** Ainslee Jabbour  
**Hospitality:** Jean Li  
**Information Technology:** Ian Ah-Po  
**Literature:** Sarah Stinson  
**Legal Studies:** Helen Yang  
**General Maths:** Tyler Sargent  
**Mathematical Methods:** Nick MacDonald  
**Media:** Kirsten Tulloch  
**Outdoor & Environmental Studies:** Cade Marshall  
**Performing Arts:** Kathleen Campone  
**Psychology:** Christina Rizkallah  
**Physical Education:** Casey Birmingham  
**Physics:** David Mulhall  
**Studio Arts - General:** Tiffany Lanyon  
**Systems Engineering:** Ivan Ristov  
**Visual Communication & Design:** Tiffany Lanyon  
**World Of Work:** Sarah Stinson

## Year 11 VET

**Automotive Technology:** Corey Sirianni  
**Building & Construction:**  
- Josh Whittle, Peter Vecakis & Mohammad Modaser Omani  
**Business Administration:** Ainslee Jabbour  
**Dance:** Sarah Miilark  
**Community Services:** Shannon Ryan  
**Electrotechnology:** Nick Mather  
**Hairdressing:** Jessica Ryan  
**Information Technology:** Matt Cross  
**Interactive Digital Media:** Ian Ah-Po  
**Music Industry:** Craig Hopkins  
**Sport & Recreation (Community Recreation):** Hayden Dekker

## Year 12 VET

**Automotive Technology:** Matthew Litten  
**Business Administration:** Vanessa Junkovik  
**Community Services:** Chloe Dalforno  
**Dance:** Jessica Clipsham  
**Hairdressing:** Tayla Oliver-Rutherford  
**Interactive Digital Media:** Mark Surtees  
**Building & Construction:** Cameron Andrew  
**Sport & Recreation (Community Recreation):** Michelle Pallot

## Year 12 VCE

**Accounting:** Ashitosh Raman  
**Art:** Taylor Wright  
**Biology:** Sharni Powell  
**Business Management:** Luke Sell  
**Chemistry:** Ashitosh Raman  
**Dance:** Kathleen Campone  
**Product Design & Technology - Textiles:** Sarah Schofield  
**Product Design & Technology - Wood:** Matthew Wadlow  
**Drama:** Ashlee Cowled  
**English:** Melissa Kossatz  
**English Language:** Nida Sakejha  
**English as a Second Language:** Kamela Rezaie and Faiz Mohammad  
**Food Technology:** Tegan Drury  
**Further Maths:** Aimee Clydesdale  
**Health & Human Development:** Tegan Drury  
**History - Revolutions:** Nida Sakejha  
**Hospitality:** Chloie Dalforno  
**Humanities:** Nida Sakejha  
**IT Applications:** Jason Mercieca  
**Legal Studies:** Luke Sell  
**Literature:** Jordan Balmes  
**Mathematical Methods:** Jason Mercieca  
**Media:** Natasha Mirra  
**Outdoor & Environmental Studies:** Jack Peeters-Stephens  
**Physical Education:** Binasah Beslagic  
**Physics:** Jason Mercieca  
**Psychology:** Tegan Drury  
**Sociology:** Hiba Ali  
**Software Development:** Gabriel Sadaka  
**Studio Arts - General:** Lara Chamas  
**Studio Arts - Multi-Media:** Mark Surtees  
**Studio Arts - Photography:** Tegan Drury  
**Visual Communication & Design:**  
- Rahul Kumar  
**Library Award:** Mariana Mika

## Year 12 VCAL

**Senior Literacy:** Martina Risteveski  
**Senior Numeracy:** Christopher Anderson  
**Senior Personal Development:** Jake Wilford

## Year 12 VET

**Automotive Technology:** Matthew Litten  
**Business Administration:** Vanessa Junkovik  
**Community Services:** Chloe Dalforno  
**Dance:** Jessica Clipsham  
**Hairdressing:** Tayla Oliver-Rutherford  
**Interactive Digital Media:** Mark Surtees  
**Building & Construction:** Cameron Andrew  
**Sport & Recreation (Community Recreation):** Michelle Pallot
Important Dates

20 Dec 2011 Awards Night 7.00pm
21 Dec Report collection from the College Library 9.00am – 1.00pm
25 Jan College Finance Office re-opens for 2012 at 8.15am
30 Jan College Finance Office open until 7.00pm
1 Feb Uniform shop open 1.00pm – 4.00pm

3 Feb Student's First Day 2012
23 Feb College Finance Office open until 7.00pm
29 Feb EMA Applications Close

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.

Student Scholarships

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

Please go to: www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/ or see Ms Bowling, the Careers office or Student Advocacy office for more information.

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Victorian Sportsperson Of The Year Award

Hallam student Ellie Blackburn has taken out the top award at the Victorian Government's 2011 Community Sport and Recreation Awards.

Minister for Sport and Recreation Hugh Delahunty announced Ellie as the winner of the 2011 Minister’s Award for Sportsperson of the Year at an awards ceremony held at the MCG.

“This is yet another accomplishment for Ellie, who at such a young age, already has a long list of accolades under her belt,” Mr Delahunty said.

“She’s a talented athlete, a member of AFL Victoria’s Youth Girls Academy and also a budding cricketer. Ellie is a terrific role model for her peers and an inspiration for many young women seeking to get involved in traditionally male-oriented sports.

“That’s what these awards are about – celebrating the members of our community who break through barriers to participate, achieve and inspire.

The Minister’s Award for Sportsperson of the Year recognises an act(s) of sportsmanship by an individual, team or club, with consideration for fairness and respect for teammates, officials and / or competitors. Recognises a sportsperson who embodies the true spirit of sport – ‘It’s not if you win or lose, but how you play the game’. This behaviour may be a single act of sportsmanship or a longer term contribution.

Everyone at Hallam Senior College congratulates Ellie for receiving one of the state’s highest sporting awards.