Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

We continue to work very hard to ensure that our processes are in place to communicate at a high level with students and parents in order to achieve the best possible outcomes for our young people.

Learning and education are the keys to a brighter future for our young people. I am not just talking about an education that leads to university. At our school we value the widest possible range of outcomes for students. That means we want to ensure that all students achieve their best and make positive steps towards achieving what it is that they need to be ready for the work force, gain an apprenticeship, a place at TAFE or university.

The recipe is simple… Come to school…. Attend all classes… Set goals…. Work hard…. Do your best… Achieve… Be Happy!

Communication in Sub schools

Our Sub Schools are the first line of communication.

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Our Young People are amazing.

They come from many different locations and backgrounds to find themselves at our school. Of course sometimes we have hiccups, but mostly our young people are a credit to themselves, their families and the wider community.

Our current student profile looks like this…..

- over 1000 students
- 6 International students
- 90 students travelling for one subject (Alliance Schools: Gleneagles, Endeavour Hills and Fountain Gate Secondary Colleges)
- + 107 students who are travelling for access to a VET Certificate from 18 schools
- Year 10 students come from 41 different schools or starting points – (257 students)
- Year 11 students come from 56 different schools or starting points – (431 students)
- Year 12 students come from 58 different schools or starting points – (313 students)
- Students come from 45 Postcodes
- 54 different nationalities and language groups
- 250 VCAL (Foundation, Intermediate and Senior)
- 60% boys, 40% girls

Please make sure that you read through the rest of the newsletter to see some highlights of student activities and successes.

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At Risk Letters

As part of our Assessment and Reporting cycle teachers complete At Risk Letters. These follow on from Interim Reports and Parents Teacher interviews. The letters are designed to keep parents in the loop where concerns should have previously been communicated.

In cases where a student has been identified as being academically at risk it is expected the classroom teacher and / or sub school has taken actions to support the progress of the student. Such actions could include:

• Provided regular and detailed feedback on academic progress to the student
• Discussion with parents via phone, email or parent teacher interview
• Encouraged the student to attend Study for Success sessions
• Offered negotiated, alternative task(s) for the student to demonstrate and / or extend their learning
• Worked with the student to identify and address any specific difficulties the student has with their learning

If clarification is required around the work that needs to be completed or handed in students MUST talk with their teachers. If parents are unsure what the letters mean they are welcome to seek more information from class room teachers or Sub School Leaders.

Study for Success

Study for Success is taking off! We have now got a consistent group of students that regularly attend our after school program.

Study for Success not only provides students with a safe and supportive environment to complete their homework and get assistance in areas they wish to build competence in, but it also instils within students a responsibility for their own learning. It helps to develop positive relationships with students, teachers, tutors and other peers. Students have access to a wide range of resources including set texts and computers to enable them to maximize their achievements.

This initiative develops confidence within our students and encourages them to become self-directed, independent learners. With mid year exams fast approaching, students should make the most of this opportunity to further their knowledge and give them the best chance of success!

Study for Success runs every Tuesday and Thursday 3.30-6pm and Wednesdays 12.00-6pm with refreshments provided. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Curran.

“I come to Study for Success because there is nothing around to distract me and I am able to complete my work. It is a positive place to come to finish my homework and help is available from teachers, tutors and other students when I require it. “

Kobra (Year 11)

Girls’ Aussie Rules

The rewards for hard work and commitment keep coming for members of the Girls’ Aussie Rules team.

16 girls (out of a squad of 26) have been selected to represent the South Eastern Juniors in the Victorian Metropolitan Championships in a few weeks time.

The following girls were successful in making the state U16 team to play at the nationals in July: Karly Tapner, Cassandra Meads, Jenna Edwards. Rachel Hunt has been named as an emergency.

4 girls have been selected to play at the national U18 Championships for Victoria in Adelaide: Chloe McMillan, Ellie Blackburn and Karly Tapner in the main side and Cassandra Meads in the development team.

On ANZAC day, 8 girls umpired the AusKick grid games at the MCG in front of 87,000 people. They did a great job and represented the school extremely well considering how nervous some of them were.

Uniform and the cold weather.

Thank you to students who are in uniform and conducting themselves in a manner that reflects our College values – Relationships built on Respect and Responsibility. Mostly, students try to comply with the uniform regulations. Can I remind parents that our uniform shop is open on Thursdays at lunchtime.

Anne Martin

The girls are left to right, back row: Lauren Hojnacki, Jenna Edwards, Ebony Hobson, Karly Tapner. Front row: Rachel Hunt, Tomaleahia Price, Cassandra Meads and Madeleine Wells.
Parents Victoria Online Conference 2012

6am Sunday 20 May to midnight Saturday 26 May. This is a no-cost opportunity for discussion and debate, with prizes for participation.

PARENTS (and grandparents) of primary and secondary students, in all states, territories and countries, are warmly invited to take part in this year’s online conference, to be held later this month by Parents Victoria. The conference will be held non-stop on the internet from 6am Sunday 20 May to midnight Saturday 26 May.

No special software is needed, other than an internet-connected computer and a browser (speakers are an advantage but are optional). The online discussions will be very easy to join in, online resources will be provided, and guidelines about how to participate will be available.

*You don’t need to be a member of Parents Victoria to take part. Join in for all days, just some days, or even a few hours, depending on your lifestyle and other commitments.

Topics & program

The exact timings of the hosted sessions within the (non-stop) conference program will be emailed to registrants shortly before the conference begins. Details on the topics and days of the draft conference program can be found at the end of this email.

Register online at no cost

The Parents Victoria Online Conference 2012 website will open at exactly 6am on Sunday 20 May at: http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv/

*Please note: The ‘placeholder page’ that is currently visible at this website address will automatically redirect to the live conference homepage, at precisely 6am on Sunday 20 May. Please register yourself online, at the above website address, before you participate in the online conference.

The conference will feature six ‘live’ daily online discussions, each of them hosted, for several hours each day, by a member of Parents Victoria or expert commentators from a number of different associations. Each 24-hour period will focus on a different topic that is currently of concern to parents.

The seventh day will provide an extra opportunity to have your say on all of the topics discussed earlier in the week. There will also be one continuous online discussion that will last all week.

Sports Academy Scholarships

Congratulations to the students who were recently awarded 2012 Scholarships for the Sports Academy.

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 cover all associated costs with the Sports Academy for the year of enrolment.

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Applications close Friday 15th June

Parent/student to complete application form and submit to the school by the 15th June.

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Hallam Senior College Sports Academy
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Friday 27th July
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Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate Course

There is a Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate course being run on Wednesday 27th June.

Where Food Technology Room
When Wednesday 27th June at 12.30 – 4.30pm
Cost $50 to be paid by Friday 22nd June
Open to anyone 17 and over
Payment to be made at the General Office and then students need to bring their receipt to Mrs Park in the Trades Office and fill in the sign in sheet.

Pam Park
VET Hospitality Teacher

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Go Girls

On Tuesday 8th May the GO GIRLS incursion was held at school. A selection of girls from Mr Weaver’s Basketball Team, Ms Buzazi’s VET Community Services class and Mrs Tregidga’s VCAL Personal Development class, ranging from years 10-12, were invited to partake in three sessions run on the day.

The first session, The Amazing Race, was run by Fitnessworx and girls enjoyed a variety of challenging events that tested fitness, flexibility, enthusiasm, determination, memory and cognition skills. Some events included STEPPING STONES, where groups of 4 or 5 had to cross a ‘river’ using only 2 foam mats; the OBSTACLE COURSE, where girls were put through their paces from jumping over mini hurdles to stepping through elevated hoops without touching the edges and everything in-between!

STACK ATTACK was another challenging event where the girls had to stack plastic cups into ten freestanding rows...a very tricky task indeed by the time they drew closer to the top. In the end there could only be one winner though, or in this case, one winning group, with each girl receiving a prized movie ticket.

From left to right: Eufemia Vong, Aisyah Noor, Ariana Green and Mariana Mika

The second session was presented by The Melbourne Playback Theatre Company. It focussed a lot on encouraging the girls to build their confidence by gaining and holding an audience and just feeling comfortable being themselves.

The final session of the day reinforced this, as The Casey Council’s Youth Liaison Officer presented a powerful message on body image and feeling comfortable in your own skin. The girls listened attentively and it was obvious that they were hanging on every word and really enjoyed becoming empowered.

This was another fantastic day at Hallam Senior College thanks to the wonderful support offered by senior staff members and the Principal Class.

Deborah Batt Careers Office
Congratulations Janahlia
Earlier this month Janahlia Fullard won the School Sport Victoria State Final of the Women’s 15-16 1 mtr Diving Competition. Congratulations Janahlia on a wonderful achievement from everyone at the College.

Year 11 NGV Excursion

On Wednesday last week the Year 11 Literature students spent the day in the City exploring the works of art in the National Gallery of Victoria and the State Library of Victoria.

We were able to view a selection of Persian manuscripts on tour from the Oxford University Library in England. All students enjoyed themselves and their detailed and thoughtful observations on particular paintings were very well received by the NGV staff who led the tour.

In the State Library students were free to wander from the top of the domed reading room to ground floor with some finding their way to rooms of chess sets and other games.

By the end of the day the students had proved to themselves that Art is not just for ‘Old People’, and are keen to return to the Gallery!

Woolworths Earn & Learn

This year we will again be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

The program is designed to assist schools in obtaining valuable teaching resources – simply by doing your grocery shop at a Woolworths supermarket.

From Wednesday 9th May, you can collect Earn & Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the stickers onto a sticker card and when the card is full it can be dropped into the sticker collection box here at the school or at your local supermarket.

If you don’t have a sticker card, you can get one from the front office, or simply bring the stickers to the front office and we will take care of the rest.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to select from over 7,000 valuable school resources including maths & science equipment, arts and crafts material, sports gear and lots more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at School or visit the Woolworths website: www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

Outdoor Education: Mt Baw Baw Camp

On the 29th of March, students studying Outdoor Education took off on an overnight hiking camp to Mt Baw Baw.

This camp focused on providing students with an insight into the motivations of why people seek outdoor experiences. All students were challenged in various ways and every one of them rose to the occasion. During the camp, students had the opportunity to develop their skills in camp stove cooking, setting up tents and practicing minimal impact codes.

“Mt Baw Baw was a really enjoyable experience for me and our whole class. Although we were only there for a couple of days, we had the opportunity to bond and become closer as a group. On the first day, we hiked through beautiful scenery- it was like being in a rainforest. We had a few hiccups along the way, but all in all it was a great trip.”

James Harmes

SOUTH EAST TRY A TRADE & CAREERS EXPO

Date: Tuesday 22nd May
Venue: Cranbourne Racecourse
Grant Street, Cranbourne
Time: 3.00pm – 6.00pm

- Meet local employers
- Explore new career options
- Talk to local training providers
- Interactive displays

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