Dear Parents Guardians and Students

Course counselling for our current year 10 is now underway. We held an Information Night on 19/06/2012 for interested outside students and our current students.

Parents and students were provided with the first stages of information about the vast array of subjects offered through programs. Students and families will also have received letters in the mail detailing the process and dates for subject selection here at school.

Students make their selections on line and then have them confirmed on one of the following evenings: 14/08 or 15/08. Year 11 students will have their courses confirmed later in the year.

Parents can access the latest edition of the curriculum newspaper – 2013 Programs and Pathways Guide through our website. Students have also been provided with a copy. There are many important elements to the newspaper that will assist parents when having conversations with their young people about the next step in their learning.

Parents are encouraged to phone the school if they seek any clarification about these processes.

State Government Funding changes to TAFE

Many parents will be aware that the government has made some significant changes to a variety of funding models that impact on schools. At Hallam Senior College the greatest impact at this stage is the loss of the VCAL funding to the value of $126,000. This does not mean that we won’t run VCAL.

VCAL is a highly valued program at our school. But it does mean that our whole school budget is significantly affected. More recently parents will be concerned about the funding changes at TAFE, particularly when that is one of the main destinations that our students select after school. The TAFEs are all working very hard to establish what they will be offering for the next year and what the future looks like. Our school is part of a wide network of secondary schools that have met with members of school councils to begin to understand what this will mean for our young people. There are some very significant concerns about courses at TAFE for 2013 and into the future, the cost of those courses, and any potential flow onto to VET in Schools both in access and funding levels.

Our school council will be sending messages to ministers and local members expressing our deep concern. There is a public meeting planned for August 23rd 2012 at River Gum Performing Arts Centre at Hampton Park Secondary College at 7.00pm. I strongly encourage parents to attend. This is not just a school problem, it is a community issue, that has significant ramifications for our young people now and into the future.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on the 22/08/2012.

Parents should take the opportunity to follow up with subject teachers and discuss any issues with teachers in preparation for the second semester and following year.

Booking sheets will be posted home with Interim Reports during the week commencing August 6th.

Trade Training Centre

Many parents have noted how amazing the first stage of the Trade Training Centre is with many of our young people able to experience first class training in the new Building and Construction area as well as Automotive.

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In the second stage of the Trade Training Centre there are new facilities in Hospitality, Electro technology and Hairdressing. We expect that the hand over into these new facilities will be in the next few weeks. We are all very excited about these new facilities and the opportunities that will be developed to improve outcomes for our students.

Study for Success
This is a program we introduced this year where we keep the library open until 6.00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Many students are taking advantage of this great opportunity to complete homework, study in groups or seek additional help in particular subject areas. Along with a number of tutors and outside helpers there are also a number of staff who give generously of their time in supporting the program. Students are supplied with afternoon tea (they make toasted sandwiches) and are warm and comfortable as they do their work.

Anne Martin, Principal

What is Scabies?
Scabies is an infestation caused by the microscopic mite Sarcoptes Scabei. It is found worldwide and affects people of all races and social classes.

Scabies spreads rapidly in conditions where there is frequent skin-to-skin contact between people, such as aged care facilities, childcare centres and residential facilities.

How do you get scabies?
By direct, prolonged, skin-to-skin contact with a person already infested with scabies. Contact must be prolonged (a quick handshake or hug will usually not spread infestation). Infestation is easily spread to sexual partners and household members. Infestation may also occur by sharing clothing, towels, and bedding. Anyone can get scabies regardless of age, sex, race or standards of personal hygiene.

What are the symptoms of scabies?
The main symptoms are:
- pimple-like irritations, burrows or rash of the skin, especially the webbing between the fingers; the skin folds on the wrist, elbow, or knee; the penis, the breast, or shoulder blades.
- intense itching, especially at night and over most of the body.
- sores on the body caused by scratching. These sores can sometimes become infected by bacteria.

Can scabies be treated?
Yes. A number of effective anti-scabies lotions or creams are available from your local pharmacist. A prescription from your doctor is not required.

The lotions or creams are applied to the whole body from the neck to the toes. The treatment may also need to be applied to the face and scalp if these areas are clearly involved. Avoid contact with the eyes, nose and mouth.

People will no longer be infectious within 24 hours of treatment, but it can take up to two months until the skin lesions and itch to disappear completely.

A repeat treatment may be advised 14 days after the first treatment, particularly for moderate to severe infestations.

Antihistamines, calamine lotion and Eurax are sometimes useful to counteract itchiness. Antibiotics may be needed if there is secondary bacterial infection from scratching.

Further information
- Your local doctor

Telephone 1300 651 160

Hallam Senior College Sport Report August 2012
After such a huge year last year expectations were high that Hallam teams and students would again figure prominently as State Champions.

One unexpected result was from Janahlia Fullard who came first in the State Final of the U/16 girls diving. Congratulations Janahlia for such an outstanding effort.

Nick MacDonald, Michael Hale and Jayden Imrei represented the school at Southern Zone Cross Country after success at the local division.

Athletics will commence in September with the district carnival.

The big news is in Boys Soccer. For the first time, possibly ever, the team has made it to the State Final in early September. The girls team lost – just, in the State Semi final.

We hope that this will be the start of continued success for the soccer teams after some years of hard work by the teachers, coaches and students.

Basketball had mixed results this year. The senior girls finally won our Casey District tournament after many lean years. Both girls and boys teams finished their campaigns at Zone level.

The intermediate boys basketball won; and for the first time, we entered an intermediate girls team and they also won. Their finals campaigns start next month.

The Girls Touch Rugby team competed over six weeks in term one at Ringwood and finished fifth out of 14 teams. The Boys Touch Rugby team won the State title for the third year in row.

Rugby League again won the State final and moved to the next round of the ARL Cup against NSW school teams. For the first time in three years we were eliminated in this round. The boys are currently competing in the Melbourne Storm Cup

The Girls AFL recently won the Premier league final against the Private school girls AFL champions and are into the State semi finals of the SSV AFL competition for the fourth year in a row.

The Year 10 Boys AFL are also into the State semi finals of the SSV AFL competition for the fourth year in a row. The Senior Boys AFL made it to the MCG for the third year in a row for the state /Premier League final. We played Essendon Keilor again, but unfortunately came up short after last year’s success.

Congratulations Aimie Clydesdale
A big congratulations to Aimie Clydesdale a former student of Hallam Senior College who has been presented with a 2012 Premiers VCE Award for outstanding achievement in the subject area of VET Community Services.

Aimie was presented with the award at a ceremony held on Wednesday 27 June, 2012 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Ms Clydesdale is continuing down the community service path, studying a double degree in nursing and emergency health.

Aimie says she doesn’t want a boring career - and it’s unlikely she’ll have one if she follows her ambition to be an emergency nurse.

Ms Clydesdale said she would like to work as an emergency room nurse. “With emergency nursing and paramedics you are doing something different every day.”

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The Great Wall Cup of Beijing is an international youth football tournament organized by Beijing Football Association in association with China Sports Tour.

The Great Wall Cup gives young teams from around the world an unique opportunity to experience China with much more than the game itself. Teams play against opponents from around the world; attend culture events to learn basic Chinese, Kung Fu; and visiting historical sights such as The Great Wall, Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City.

From the Hallam Senior College Soccer Academy, coach Ian Williamson and students Setmir Zijai, Sajad Mohammadi, Nathan Mackie, Kenan Akalan and Adam Italia formed part of the successful Footskills Dragons in the under 18 category.

The Footskills Dragons went through the pool games undefeated with a 2-2 draw against Guangxi FC, China, defeating Selenga FC, Russia 5-3, winning 5-2 against Tsu Technical High School, Japan and 1-0 against Beijing Tianluxingkong FC.

The final game of the 2012 Great Wall Cup was played on July 27 in which Footskills Dragons made a perfect comeback and won the championship with a 4-1 winning over Bowen Soccer Academy.

Taking the early initiative, Bowen opened the scoring at the beginning of the match. However, Footskills managed to keep clear-heads and organized their attack. Not long after, they had successfully levelled the score at 1-1. Footskills started the second half better and with skillful technique, they scored two goals against Bowen’s defense. Finally, Footskills’ last power shot sealed the match victory and also the title of Champions of the 2012 Great Wall Cup U18 Category.

An awards ceremony was held after the competitions, both for the winning teams and for international referees in thanks for their attendance and refereeing in the Great Wall Cup.

Congratulations to Ian and the students for their achievement on the world stage.

The girls played Ballarat Clarendon College in our first qualifying game (Last year’s winners of the independent & catholic schools competition).

We defeated them (7-6) 48 to (0-2) 2. The game was a very tight contest until the 3rd quarter when we began to get the upper hand on them, mainly through the great pressure our forwards put on them to keep the ball in our forward 50. Karly Tapner received the medal for best on ground in that game.

Other players in the best were Danielle Hardiman, Kirsten McCleod, Cassandra Meads, Chloe McMillan & Lauren Hojnacki.

The win this saw us go straight through to the Grand Final against Mt Lilydale Mercy College. The girls came out of the blocks firing and quickly dominated possession of the ball and applied scoreboard pressure. We were never challenged and ran out winners (13-1) 79 to (0-0) 0.

Danielle Hardiman was awarded the medal for best on ground. Other best players were Cherie Tamanalevu(4 goals), Kirsten McCleod(3 goals), Lauren Hojnacki & Rachael Hunt.

The scores for the day did not reflect on the games that were played. All of the teams displayed a great deal of understanding, strength, team work and skills. It was great to see them all having fun competing for the AFL Victoria Herald Sun Senior Girls Shield.

A big thank you to all those who could make the day possible.

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Back-to-back bid dashed

On Saturday 21st July, the AFL Boys played at the MCG aiming to defend their Premier League title against last years finalist Essendon Keilor College.

The match was played as the curtain raiser to the blockbuster Hawthorn v Collingwood match providing the students with the experience of a lifetime.

Unfortunately Essendon Keilor were able to reverse last year’s result and run out 25 point winners.

Despite the loss, coach Mark Wheeler said it was a great day and the boys should be happy with the achievement of playing on the best ground in the country.
MULTICULTURAL DAY  Wed 29th Aug 2012

Get in the Spirit
Bring artefacts / symbols / music of your region or religion to share.
See Ms Brousse.

Dance / Music Festival
Sign up now!
See Cynthia Daniels, Theresa Manase, Ms Bowling or Ms Brousse.

Short Film Festival
See Ms McCann in the Library with your ideas.

Eat Up!
Bring food to share!
See Ms Wittich or Ms Alev.

Graffiti Murals
Sign up with Semi Nabaluru, Latisha Samupo or Mr Thiagu.

Game On!
International sports & games
Sign up with Ivan Ristove, Nick Mathers, Mr Fardell or Mr Gelderbloem.

Come in cultural dress.  Gold coin donation to Amnesty International

Important Dates

3 Aug  Deb Ball at Merrimu
6 Aug  Yr 10 WOW excursion
7-9 Aug 10 - 11 Alliance Enrolment Interviews
8 Aug  Interim Reports posted home with interview booking sheet
10 Aug  Arts Festival Charity Concert
12 Aug  Subject selection portal closes
13 Aug  Endeavour Hills SC info night
20 Aug  Student free day - No classes
21 Aug  Yr 12 'Ace Your Exams'
22 Aug  Yr 11 'Memory & Study'
23 Aug  Parent / Teacher Interviews
29 Aug  Multicultural Celebration

2-6 Sep  AFL Girls Queensland Trip
5 Sep  VET Dance Production
12 Sep  VCE English Practice Exam
17 Sep  Arts Folio Submission Week
8 Oct  Term 4 Starts
21 Oct  Sports Awards Night
22 Oct  Yr 10 Work Experience Week
23 Oct  Yr 12 Farewell Assembly
24 Oct  Carnival Day

Last Day Term 3

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

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