Dear Parents Guardians and Students

Final weeks for students doing year 12 VCE subjects.....
Students have worked hard to do their best and are now in the last few weeks prior to exams. The term break coming up is a very important time for these students to reflect on their year, do practice exam questions and attend some holiday classes here at school. Students should also ensure they have some rest in preparation for the revision and exam period ahead.

And final week for SOME year 12 Senior VCAL students.....
Senior VCAL students who have completed their work and have school approval may be finishing school to take up work. I wish these students all the best.

VTAC Applications
Students who want to access university in 2013 are required to make an application to VTAC. There are also some TAFE courses that require an application. This can be a very complex process for some students. Deb Batt and Rose Schiavello in careers are encouraging students to do this process at school where they can assist students with making an application online. Students should be encouraged to take up this opportunity. Currently there are more than 100 students who have made these applications.

Trade Training Centre
In the second stage of the Trade Training Centre the existing technology building has been gutted and fitted out with new Hospitality, Electro technology, Hairdressing and design spaces. The Hospitality area has been in operation for a few weeks and staff are now beginning to move into the other spaces. We are all very excited about these new facilities and the opportunities that will be developed to improve outcomes for our students.

Welcome MEGT
A number of Group Training Organisations are now going to have a regular presence in our school. This will assist our careers staff, our students and parents to have greater access to pathways and destination advice. MEGT will be the first of these. They look after many of the traditional trade areas. Students will be able to make appointments right here at the school from Term 4.

Planning for 2013
Over the last few weeks course counselling has been underway for Year 10 and 11 students. The timetable for 2013 is now under construction. Our College timetable is driven by student choice. Sometimes this means that we have to make some difficult decisions when less than 15 students elect a subject. Where a decision is made to not run a class contact is made with students to ensure that we work together to make that change. During transition, later in the year, students receive their timetable for the following year. It is during this time that any further issues can be ironed out enabling the smoothest possible start to the school year in 2013.

Multicultural Day
This day was a very successful day again. There were many highlights. Please take the time to have a look at our website.

Come to school...Attend all classes...Set goals...
Work hard...Do your best...Achieve.

Have a safe and restful break over the next two weeks.
Anne Martin,
Principal

Respect · Relationships · Responsibility
Multicultural Day

On Wednesday 29th August the College held its annual Multicultural Day. Our Multicultural Day gives us the opportunity to celebrate what makes each of us unique and share what we have in common. The continuing message for 2012 is that Everyone Belongs, which means all Australians are a welcome part of our country, regardless of their background. The day included international music and dance performances and lunch saw staff and students share food from around the globe as well as some snags from the BBQ.

Ongoing Industrial Action

The Australian Education Union is taking industrial action in support of new enterprise agreements for teachers, principals, and support staff.

One of the industrial actions is a ban on taking extras. Because of this ban, the school will often be unable to ask other teachers to cover a class when its regular teacher is absent.

The school will be seeking extra funding from the Education Department to cover the cost of employing casual teachers for this work, because ordinary school funding has proved inadequate for this situation.

The ban highlights how much our school relies on the goodwill and cooperation of teachers and their preparedness to undertake work far in excess of their normal teaching load.

I thank you for your understanding, and urge you to show your support for the dedicated and hardworking staff at our school by writing to your local state MP, urging the Government back to the negotiating table with a sensible and fair offer.

Steven Adams
Hallam AEU Sub-Branch President
Back to Back to Back

HALLAM Senior College won its third-straight School Sport Victoria girls’ football state title at Victoria Park on Wednesday 22nd August.

We had to overcome Mill Park Secondary College and Ballarat High School during the day to claim the title and in the process win our 33rd straight game since beginning our elite girls’ football program three years ago. After defeating Mill Park by 36 points in their opening game, we then faced Ballarat in the final and kept our opponents scoreless in the first half to take a match-winning lead, eventually winning by 35 points.

The team was again led by Ellie Blackburn. Danielle Hardiman, Lauren Hutchinson, Cassandra Meads, Brittany Wood, Lauren Hojnacki, Cherie Tamanalevu, Chloe McMillan, Ebony Hobson and Kirsten McLeod were consistent performers on the day.

Hallam pioneered its elite girls’ football program three years ago and while their early wins were seen as a “fait accompli”, coach Brett Alexander said this year’s side faced its toughest test yet.

“Each year the victory margins are getting smaller,” he said. “Some people were saying these matches are a formality for us but that is never the case and the girls never think that way because if you let your guard down someone will take it.”

While Hallam will take its record into next year, it will do so without almost half its record-setting side because at least nine players are in year 12 this year. “Next year will be different but that is the challenge of coaching and I’m already looking forward to it,” Alexander said.

State Grand Finalists

On Wed 29th August, the Year 10 boys played in the State Grand Final. They won their preliminary match against St Joseph’s Mildura setting up a final against the very tall and powerful team from Emmanuel College Warnambool.

There was very little between the two teams all match with scores level until 5 minutes to go when Emmanuel kicked two match winning goals. The boys played magnificently with the standouts being Ben Giobbi, Troy Toussaint, Taylor Joyce and the surprise packet, Jake Skilton.

SSV congratulated Hallam on the sportsmanship and behaviour of the team and parents and noted the excellent reputation of Hallam in both boys and girls competitions. The Emmanuel college coach also spoke of the excellent reputation of Hallam football teams this year in the wider football community.

Sean Goss
AFL Boys Coach

AFL Girls - Queensland Tour

The AFL Girls Program recently travelled to Queensland on their annual interstate tour.

The tour kicked of with us flying out on Sunday 3rd September. On Monday we participated in a lightening premiership against 3 of Queensland’s best.

We finished on top of the ladder after the preliminary rounds. We then played Mountain Creek who won the QLD state title last week in the grand final and won 42 to 7. Ellie Blackburn received the medal for player of the carnival and Cherie Tamanalevu was awarded the medal for best player in the final for Hallam.

Other players to feature throughout the day in the best players were Brittany Wood, Lauren Hutchinson, Ebony Hobson, Lauren Hojnacki & Kirsten McLeod.

On Tuesday we ran an AFL clinic for the grade 4 students at Mountain Creek state school. The clinic involved our girls splitting the students into 4 groups as they rotated through skill drills in kicking, handballing, marking and ball skills.

To conclude the session they were put into 2 teams and we played a game of Auskick with them.

On the Wednesday we went to dreamworld for the day and then returned home on the Thursday.

Special thanks to our sponsors for their support: Recreate physiotherapy, in2ply, Jessie’s Pizza, Pasta Master and Pandanus Apartments (QLD)
So Close!

Our Senior Boys Football (Soccer) team are State Runners up after recently competing in the SSV ME Bank Victory Cup.

To get to the state final we had to compete against a number of teams in a round robin format at the Darebin International Sports Centre on Tuesday 11th September.

In the first game we defeated local rivals Rowville SC 1-0, and followed up with wins against Belmont HS (1-0) and Cobram SC with (1-0).

Unfortunately our winning streak ended to Marlbyromong College 1-0 in extra time. A full report from the event will be available on the website in the coming days.

The Schools Technology Project

This is a partnership between the Faculties of Education and Engineering at Monash University Clayton and Primary and Secondary schools.

This semester, Year 10 students at Hallam Senior College have had the privilege to be part of this program. Matthew Van Bergen a fourth year Electrical Engineering student spent 3 weeks in the classroom with the Year 10 students studying Gizmos, Gadgets and Inventions. Matthew taught the students theories related to electrical circuits which led to the students creating and assembling a robot bug.

The students have greatly benefited from this project other than just having enjoyed the actual activity. They also enjoyed interacting with Matthew and asking him about the engineering course and his life as a university student.

Study for Success

This year is flying and it is fantastic to see so many students embrace the opportunity to attend Study for Success and prepare for their assessments and exams at the end of the year.

With exams fast approaching, subject specific revision seminars will assist students in adequately preparing for this stressful time. Students are also loving our new initiative of fresh fruit each afternoon to boost their spirits and their energy levels.

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.

Study for Success runs every week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights until 6.00pm. For the subjects included in the weekly focus, please look under the Study 4 Success link on the Hallam website.

Rock Stars Recording At Hallam

Mr Reed’s music class had a great day at PONY MUSIC studio in Hallam recently.

A number of students recorded songs that they had written and it was terrific to be in a professional studio suite and see how a sound technician operates. We all look forward to hearing our work on CD format soon. The class will record again early next term.

Born to Knit

Every Monday at lunchtime you’ll find a group of girls at Hallam Senior College meeting in the Gallery Space for “Girls Talk”.

A chance to get together, chat, share a cuppa and a biscuit. But that’s not all the students do, there is also a committed group who over the winter have been busy knitting squares for the Save the Children “Born to Knit” project.

With the help of teachers this group of girls have learnt how to knit, and have put their new skill to work for other people less fortunate than them. They even have a parent involved who has knitted many squares to add to the collection. The squares knitted will be made into woollen blankets which will then be given to mothers for their newborn babies and young children in countries such as Cambodia and Laos.

The target Save the Children has set is 6500 blankets so there are many blankets still to be made. Next year Hallam Senior College will continue to be involved with this project through their “Girls Talk” program.
Our Students Making a Difference in the Community

Mr Wyatt’s Year 11 Personal Development class have been working with the students and teachers from Hallam Primary School to help them with the kitchen garden program.

Our students have been busy over the past term building garden beds and compost bins and moving mountains of soil and mulch in the new garden space at the primary school.

They have also spent time in the kitchen garden at Hallam Senior College learning to prune and developing their weeding skills.

The community project will continue for the remainder of Term 3. Well done to everyone. Your efforts are really making a difference.

Jeans for Genes Day

Free Dress Day + Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

On Thursday 2nd August, Hallam Senior College supported Jeans for Genes day by putting on a free dress day and sausage sizzle.

The student leadership team is to be congratulated on their efforts in making the fundraiser a very successful one.

Hallam Senior College is proud to donate $225.22 to the Children’s Medical Research Institute. The atmosphere was great where students thoroughly enjoyed being involved in such a great cause.

Rev Head Heaven

It was a pathways excursion to see the V8 Supercars race at Sandown Park. Students got to see and experience behind the scenes as to what a hand full of mechanics do to get a racing car prepared to race.

The cars of yesteryear were on display as well and the Mustangs from 1966 onwards, which were a big hit with fans. But the most exciting car on show was the 2010 Chevrolet Camaro called the Killa -B. Overall every rev head enjoyed the day.

Not Returning in 2013

As the school year moves into the final term, preparations are beginning for 2013.

If any students not returning to Hallam in 2013 have uniform or books they would like to donate to the Student Health & Wellbeing Program they would be gratefully accepted.

Donations can be dropped off at the main office.

Thank you very much from Julia, Tahlia & Amara, Social Workers, Health & Wellbeing Team.
Important Dates

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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.

Reminder To Year 12 Students

VTAC Applications For University And TAFE Places In 2013

Timely applications due by 28th September. Payment of the application fee $26 must be made for your application to be processed.

All students should complete a SEAS application for Category 1 Personal Information and Location.

SEAS applications due by 5pm Oct 9th.

All supporting documentation needs to arrive by mail at VTAC, 40 Park Street, South Melbourne, 3205 by this time.

Download a cover sheet from your VTAC User Account.