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## Welcome to Term 3

Term 3 has started smoothly with students settling back into classes well. It promises to be a busy term with our Year 12 students aiming to complete coursework and begin either studying hard for their end of year exams or putting plans into place for transition to the workforce or further training. Our Year 10 and 11 students will be selecting subjects and programs for 2020.

Thanks for your continued support and I look forward to working with you and the students over the remainder of 2020 and beyond.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the College should you have any questions, concerns or feedback.

David Caughey  
College Principal.

## Open Day 2019

The annual College open day was held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of July and involved over 250 students and 100 families attending to experience and better understand the extensive range of programs and subjects on offer at the College. Many of our existing students were involved and were outstanding ambassadors for their school. Thanks to everyone for their involvement. Please take a look at our Facebook page for photos and further details.

## Attitudes to school data

The College has recently received the results for the 2019 students' attitudes to school data. It was especially pleasing to see the improvement across all categories in the survey. The most pleasing result from my point of view is that students are feeling more connected to the College and their peers as well as appreciating the high expectations for behaviour and achievement set out by College staff.

## Parent Opinion Survey

The annual Department of Education and Training (DET) Parent Opinion Survey is now open. Parents will be able to access the survey via an online link that will be made available via Compass. The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and the results provide the College with valuable information regarding positive aspects of your experience with us, as well as areas for continued improvement and growth.

## Important Dates

### Wednesday 31st July

Current Year 10 and 11 Students Information Evening 6pm  
VTAC Information night 6.30pm—Yr 12 Parents

### Monday 5th August

Parent Teacher Bookings open on Compass

### Wednesday 7th August

High Achievers Awards Evening

### Monday 12th August

Year 11 to 12 Students Course Counselling: No Yr 11 students at school

### Tuesday 13th August

Year 10 to 11 Students Course Counselling: No Yr 10 students at school

### Tuesday 20th August

Parent Teacher Interviews 4—8pm

### Thursday 22nd August

Student Free Day



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## New Programs Guide

The College has also released its new programs guide for 2020. The guide outlines an expansion to the successful programs on offer and highlights our commitment to supporting and fostering student interests and passions across four key areas: STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Human Movement and Sports, Contemporary and Performing Arts as well as the range of Vocational studies available at the College.

The guide also features information regarding some very exciting partnerships with both Chisholm TAFE and Federation University. These partnerships will enable Hallam students greater access to viable tertiary pathways in the future. The partnership with Federation University is particularly advantageous for our students as it involves students being able to access a university extension course on site. Students in a VCE pathway will be able to access this course as part of their normal timetabled classes and, upon successful completion, Federation University has committed to accepting students into an undergraduate degree.

The guide is available on our website as well as in hardcopy from the main office.

## Course Selection for 2020

Students will soon be selecting courses and subjects for 2020. Our Year 10 students have recently completed the 'Hallam Discovery' program. The program has included a range of guest speakers and pathways information sessions aimed at providing students with all of the tools to make informed decisions about their pathway into Year 11 and 12. Students will begin to make their subject selections online during weeks 3 to 5. To support parents and students through this process, the College is holding an information evening on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 6pm. It is highly recommended that parents and students attend this session in order to be fully informed of what is on offer in 2020.

After subject selections are made there will be course confirmation days held where parents must attend a course counselling session with their student to confirm 2020 selections. Parents will be able to make bookings for these sessions via Compass. When these sessions are open for bookings parents will receive detailed information via both email and SMS reminders. Dates are as follows:

**Current Year 11 students—Monday 12th of August.** Year 11 students will **not** be required to attend classes on this day, however are required to attend their appointment time with a parent or guardian.

**Current Year 10 students— Tuesday 13th August.** Year 10 students will **not** be required to attend classes on this day, however are required to attend their appointment time with a parent or guardian.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday the 20th of August between 4 and 8pm. Bookings will open on Compass on Monday the 5th of August. Parents are advised of the following when booking appointments:

**Appointment times:** The appointment times are 6 minutes in length. Please avoid booking appointments 'back to back' as this does not allow for potential movement between locations. Parents are advised to leave at least one space between each appointment and up to 2 space when appointments are in separate locations.

## Parent Teacher Conferences Continued

**Staff availability and breaks:** Staff are required to take a dinner break during the parent teacher evening. These breaks are staggered between 5pm and 7pm.

**Unable to attend or unable to book a convenient appointment:** In these cases, parents are advised to contact the staff member via email using Compass.

**Problems making appointments or accessing Compass:** Please contact the College and speak to a representative from your Sub School to assist with any issues.

## Uniform

While at school, students are expected to be in full school uniform. Please remind students of this expectation. In the colder months, we have some students electing to wear non Hallam school jackets and coats. It is common for College staff to ask students to remove these non uniform items while at school. It is also acceptable for College staff to confiscate non uniform items until the end of the day. The College uniform includes a warm, hard wearing winter jacket as well as a vest. It is also acceptable for students to wear warm under garments (as long as these are not visible) with their uniform in order to keep warm. All uniform items are available on site from the uniform shop. Purchases can be made in person, over the phone or online at [www.apluschoolwear.com.au](http://www.apluschoolwear.com.au)

## VET Students

### USI

A reminder to any student who does not yet have their Unique Student Identifier (USI) that we or the relevant Training Organisation responsible for the course cannot issue an official results certificate.

Please ensure that you apply for your USI as soon as possible – see Ms Goding in the curriculum office (near The Great Space) for assistance.

### Attendance, Completion and Credit

Students who do not attend every class in VET are at risk of not getting sufficient credit for their VCE or VCAL certificates.

Credits are achieved for every 90 hours of successfully completed units of competency. Absences mean you fall behind and/or cannot complete sufficient units to get any credit.

For a whole year, to get 2 credits, you must complete and pass (gain competency) for a **minimum of 180 hours of unit coursework**.

Please see your teacher to check what you still need to complete to ensure you can pass your VCE or VCAL.

## Health and Wellbeing Information

### **Anaphylaxis / Asthma**

Parents and carers are requested to update the school with any health issues that may affect the college's ability to ensure your student's health and safety.

Please let the main office know of any changes to the enrolment information that we have on file.

In particular we request that the college is provided with ASCIA Action Plans for any student diagnosed with anaphylaxis or asthma. The responsibility for this rests with parents and carers and is a Department of Education and Training enrolment requirement. Action plans must be signed by a GP as current.

Parents and students may take advantage of the GP in Secondary Schools program to have this done. Our doctor is on site every Thursday and appointments are coordinated by Selena Jordan of the student wellbeing team. Please contact her to make an appointment for your student.

### **Head Lice**

From time to time the Department of Education and Training require schools to make the school community of its policy on the management of head lice in schools.

Head lice do not discriminate between rich / poor, young /old when seeking new homes. All heads provide the warmth they need to breed. The DET policy can be found on the college website and includes links to general information and treatment options. A link to the policy is also provided here: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/health/pages/headlice.aspx>

### **On-line Bullying and Harassment**

From time to time the college is made aware of students affected by on-line bullying and harassment (cyberbullying). We ask parents to have discussions with their sons and daughters about the negative consequences this has for those affected so that the school community is safe for all students.

All students sign a user agreement that they will not engage in cyberbullying and when we are provided with evidence we will act to ensure it is not continued. Remember that serious bullying may amount to a criminal offence.

A good place to start, learn more about esafety issues or strategies that you can put in place is on the **eSafety Commissioner** website: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

We also encourage all students and parents to refresh themselves with the college's Bullying Prevention Policy which is available on the college website: [http://www.hallamssc.vic.edu.au/files/policies/HSC\\_Bullying\\_Prevention\\_Policy.pdf](http://www.hallamssc.vic.edu.au/files/policies/HSC_Bullying_Prevention_Policy.pdf)

## Upcoming University Open Days

For any questions or to discuss, please see Ms Elvish in the Pathways hub.

### Swinburne University

Hawthorn Sunday 28 July  
<https://bit.ly/2KKiQHQ>

### Monash University

Peninsula Saturday 3 August  
Clayton & Caulfield Sunday 4 August  
<https://bit.ly/2aVcXJc>

### La Trobe University

Shepparton Friday 2 August  
Melbourne Sunday 4 August  
Mildura Wed. 14 August  
Albury-Wodonga Sunday 18 August  
Bendigo Sunday 25 August  
<https://bit.ly/2HDNdi6>

### Deakin University

Warrnambool Sunday 4 August  
Geelong Sunday 18 August  
Melbourne Sunday 25 August  
<https://bit.ly/2LEkXR0>

### The University of Melbourne

Parkville Sunday 18 August  
<https://bit.ly/2vI0pgx>

### RMIT University

Bundoora Sunday 4 August  
City & Brunswick Sunday 11 August  
<https://bit.ly/2QcYDgW>

### Australian Catholic University

Melbourne Sunday 11 August  
Ballarat Sunday 25 August  
<https://bit.ly/2P3hvy0>

### Victoria University

Footscray Park Sunday 18 August  
<https://bit.ly/2IYeXkZ>

### CQ University

Melbourne Sunday 18 August  
<https://bit.ly/2WkBy2k>

### Torrens University

Melbourne Saturday 17 August  
<https://bit.ly/2I7pY0s>

## Charles Sturt University

Albury-Wodonga                      Sunday 18 August  
<https://bit.ly/2GmQV1b>

## University of Tasmania

Hobart, Sandy Bay                      Sunday 4 August  
Newnham, Inveresk                      Saturday 10 August  
Cradle Coast                              Sunday 11 August  
<https://bit.ly/2WEj0cM>

## The Gordon

Geelong                                      Sunday 4 August  
<https://bit.ly/2QD0Qmh>

## Federation University

No set day – contact the University to book a time to speak to a course adviser and have a campus tour  
<https://bit.ly/2bpachS>

## Box Hill Institute

Box Hill                                      Sunday 25 August  
Lilydale                                      Sunday 15 September  
[www.boxhill.edu.au](http://www.boxhill.edu.au)

## Melbourne Polytechnic

Preston                                      Sunday 18 August  
<https://bit.ly/2iBUy5l>