



Farewell Year 12s

The Wiggles arrived with their big red car, others wore camouflage and mini me was present. The entrance to the gym was layered with 3 ply toilet paper and post it notes. The security guard on duty over night was either so good, that he minimised the impact of students being on site at 3am, or he missed the obvious as he slept and students donned the trees with 3 ply.

I am always somewhat on edge when the final day of the Year 12 is approaching. You only need to have one or two who don't understand the impact of their actions and the day can be ruined for the rest. On Wednesday and Thursday I was a bit edgy worrying that one or two could go over the top. I should not have been concerned. They arrived in character and with a fantastic spirit of completing their last day of their dysfunctional year in a very positive manner.

This Year 12 cohort were great ambassadors for the College. With a number of private schools seeking to control the behaviour of students finishing their year, our students were respectful and reasonable in their actions. The assembly reflected this with the awards being endorsing, and appreciation shown to all.



The assembly only came about at the last minute. Until Wednesday pm, the event was to occur near the E wing portables. With rain imminent and the change of Covid 19 policy to allow assemblies, the ability to farewell the Year 12's indoors was made possible.

In a year where all have had to adapt and adopt, the gym was quickly set up, the event uploaded so parents could see the last assembly and photos taken.

More photos and video from the day are available on facebook or our website.

The biggest effort however was in putting together the breakfast. Without the ability to have a cooked breakfast, the team of staff worked to put together the breakfast boxes for each student. My thanks to all for their efforts in making sure the students had a last farewell.

My thanks also to Mr Boyer and Ms Morra for guiding the students in the last days and ensuring required work was completed. They were assisted by Mrs Elvish and the VCAL team of Mrs Burton and Mr Cooper.

Thanks to all for making the last day a very positive one.

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Important Dates

- 27th Nov VCAL students final day
2nd Dec Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
4th Dec Last Day for Year 10 & 11
18th Dec School closes for 2020
27th Jan School opens for 2021
28th Jan Students first day

Dates correct at time of publication and are subject to change. More information is available on the College's website as event/dates are confirmed.



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Year 12 Graduation

The Graduation ceremony for the 2020 Year 12 students will be held on December 2nd at Hallam College. Please see the flier on page 3 for details.

2021 Student Enrolments

Any student who intends to be at Hallam Senior College in 2021, must have completed subject selections for 2021. If for any reason a current student has not completed subject selections they must see their current year level coordinator immediately. All documentation for 2021 including booklists, charges, subject choices and policy descriptions will be provided to parents in the last weeks of November.

Tutoring

The State Government recently announced funding for student tutoring in 2021 as a way of supporting student progress post Covid. The funding will allow groups of students to access up to 3 sessions of support each week for up to 6 months. The College is currently determining how to best use the funding to maximise the number of students who can access the tutoring support.

Transition Packages

Transition packages for students moving into Year 11 or 12 in 2021 are being mailed home next week. The packages includes: Booklist, Subject Fees and Charges, Policy information, Computer Requirements for 2021, enrolment information/amendments. Please read the information carefully and contact the office if you require any support.



HeadSTART News

Congratulations to the following students for their perseverance.

Tyrone had already started a HeadSTART School Based Apprentice which would support him to complete year 12 at the same time. However, Due to COVID19, Tyrone's employer regrettably had to let him go. As the restrictions grew longer, Tyrone had time to reflect on what it was he wanted to do and decided he really wanted to try out Bricklaying. Recently a trial with a Berwick Brick and Blocklaying resulted in Tyrone being signed up allowing him to successfully complete his year 12 studies. He is now working as a Full time apprentice.

Kai first presented to HeadStart with an interest in the Electrical Industry. After finding opportunities limited, he decided that he may like to try out the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration sector as it also involved some Electrical work. A trial was set up for Kai with S P & R Air Conditioning and Mechanical services and he was offered a position. Kai had to wait several months during the COVID19 restrictions before he started work, but the employer remained committed to Kai and he has now kicked off working 2 x days / week during the school year. He is presently finishing off year 11, but will soon work full time over the holidays before going back to working part time when his Year 12 studies commence in 2021.

Mansor Yaqubi interviewed for a possible HeadStart pathway with an interest to become a plumber. Unfortunately just as a trial was scheduled to commence, COVID19 restrictions were enforced meaning the opportunity with this employer had been withdrawn. After restrictions had eased, a trial with another employer was facilitated and he has now been signed up and commenced with Immerge Group doing plumbing. Mansor has now completed Year 12 and is working in his apprenticeship Full time.

Congratulations Studio Artists!

Our last Year 12 Studio Arts class for 2020. All students were gifted an art pack to acknowledge their efforts throughout this unique year and to continue in expressing themselves through their art.

Our Arts Graduate Show will be online this year, so keep an eye out on facebook and the website for more information.

Senior VCAL Job Camp Week

This week, Senior VCAL students have undertaken Job Camp Week organised by the HEADSTART team and Mrs Elvish. The students completed their Responsible Service of Alcohol training with Chef on Monday, with guest speakers from Industry and local Apprenticeship/Traineeship Networks providing advice and online workshops on Tuesday and Thursday.

Congratulations to the Senior VCAL Pacifica class who presented their final outcomes on Friday and were presented with their certificate VCAL. Staff presented the students with certificates, lolly necklace and a video presentation. The students performed a traditional Tongan dance as well as presenting the guests with a lolly necklace. It was an emotional day for all participants.



Hallam Senior Collge proudly presents the

CLASS OF



GRADUATION
CEREMONY

Wednesday 2nd December @5pm

Dear Year 12 Students,

A recent announcement from the Department of Education, means we are now able to hold a 2020 Graduation Ceremony.

However due to ongoing restrictions around COVID-19, this must be a strictly **student and staff only** event, and we unfortunately cannot offer catering.

But dont worry, we will be recording the ceremony and will post it online for family and friends to view.

Ceremony starts at **5pm sharp** and will go for approximately 1.5 hours.

So get dressed up (facemasks still required) and join the Class of 2020 as we celebrate the completion of your secondary education in what has been a year like no other.

To book your seat please email:
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by Friday 27th November.