



Welcome to 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Welcome back to the 2021 school year. I hope you all had a restful and productive holiday. I look forward to welcoming all students to Hallam Senior College on Thursday January 28th for day 1 of 2021. A plan for the day is attached to this newsletter.

While the State of Victoria had a Covid barrier in place for much of the holidays, hopefully the sacrifices made by all over the past year will mean a far more settled and predictable year of learning for the students and teachers and support staff.. While the lockdown certainly provided many challenges, it also built skills which Hallam Senior College will use going forward. These include how we use technology at school and at home, to support learning. It is these skills we will continue to develop this year. These include:

1. Use of Information Technology for lessons- all students will require access to a laptop at school and at home in 2021,
2. Supporting the wellbeing of students- the Advocacy program will support all students with each student being attached to a staff member who will become their "check in" link. In 2020, checking in on the progress of students – both academically and emotionally – was seen by students as one of the positives of remote learning.
3. Assessments on- line – all students will now be able to access all major assessments and feedback on these assessments on- line through the compass portal.
4. Work submissions on- line – students will submit key assessments on -line using the compass portal.

While the use of Information Technology and a laptop will be a key ingredient of everyday schooling in 2021, it will not replace the essential classroom engagement of the teacher-student relationship which is fundamental to student success. The use of a laptop will support this learning with students being able to complete work on- line and catch up if absent. It is therefore essential that each student has a laptop at school each day.

New Staff

Welcome to Jason Patten who begins as Business Operations Manager at Hallam. Jason will have responsibility for College Finances, Centres of Excellence, VETis compliance and Data Analytics. Jason has a wealth of experience in the TAFE sector, private sector in business operations, AFL clubs and health industries.

Lauren Cahill has been appointed in Beauty Services. Welcome to them.

Key Contacts:

Principal: Greg McMahon

Assistant Principals:

John Lyall

Adam Cooper

Jamie Fardell

Year Level Managers

Year 10: Shelley Haughey
Rebecca Allen

Year 11: Michael Boyer

Year 12: Karlene Morgan

VCE: Stephanie Morra

VCAL: Felicia Burton

VETis: Lizl Tregidga

Wellbeing: Emma Kelly

Centres of Excellence:

Jason Patten

Sport: Manny Peresso

CAPA: Megan Chapel

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Student belongings - Lockers, Phones and Padlocks

Each year, parents enquire about the ability to keep student belongings safe and accessible at school. In 2021, each student will be provided with a locker and padlock. The padlock will be a combination and is purchased by the student as part of their school fees. Each student will be provided with the locker and padlock on day 1. The college has purchased the padlock to avoid damage to the lockers which occurred with students bringing various types and sizes of locks.

Students may bring a phone to school however this must be locked away in their locker upon arrival. Government policy does not allow students to use their phone at school.

Lockers will also have room for students bags and laptops. Every locker must be secured by the school provided lock.

Changes to the school facilities

- The external courts have been upgraded with a new artificial surface and new courts developed.
- The dance area is now the Gymnasium and weights room.
- The EAL room has been painted and the dining room roof repaired.
- The Year 12 Study area has had a sliding partition door installed to delineate study and social areas.
- The area in the upper courtyard has had a garden bed re-established.
- The Great Space has now been made the home for Year 11 with the locker bay attached to the space. The ability of the students to study in the Great Space and access the library from the locker bay area is new for 2021.
- The Science Area has been updated with painting occurring and now all classrooms have been updated.
- The technology area has seen walls taken out to enable greater access for Building and Construction and Plumbing

All rooms have had a deep clean and carpets have been steamed cleaned. Windows have been washed and all tables cleaned. I am confident that all areas of the college are ready for learning.

Students Day 1 - Thursday 29th January

| Time | Activity | Location | Focus |
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| 8.30 – 9am | Students arrive at school | All students will be met by the Student Liaison Officers at the front of the school | Year 10 students – bags are taken to Theatre Area. Year 11 students belongings to Year 11 “Great Space” Year 12 student belongings to Senior Centre |
| 9..10 | Whole of College Assembly | Gymnasium | Welcome and settings for 2021 |
| 9.40 | Year Level Assemblies | Year 10 – Theatre Year 11 – Great Space Year 12 – Senior Centre | Lockers Diaries Timetables |
| 10.30 | Set up lockers | | |
| 10.50 | Recess | | |
| 11.10 | Lesson 3 begins. VCE classes commence. VCAL Induction program begins. Year 10 Induction program begins. | | |

Uniform, Books and School Charges

A number of parents have enquired about accessing uniform, books and paying materials and school requested charges.

Uniform: All students are required to wear the correct College uniform to and from the College, at the College and for all College activities unless advised. Students undertaking VET units need to wear the VET based uniform to meet OHS requirements. Students who are part of the Centres of Excellence – Sport, CAPA and Innovation need to wear the appropriate uniform for the activity.

Books and Materials: All students need access to books and materials to enable learning to proceed unimpeded. The College minimises the number of books required across subjects. Please note that specific VCE Year 12 subjects may also access Ed Rolo which is an online program. This must be purchased by each student. The College booklist is available from the office.

College Charges: The Hallam Senior College Council establishes costs of running each subject and programs across the school. These costs include materials used by students in specific classes. In subjects such as VET units, program material costs are compulsory and must be met by parents/guardians. Other programs such as the Centres of Excellence also have compulsory costs.

Hallam Senior College has one of the lowest fee and material cost structures operating in any secondary college. I would therefore ask each parent to support the school by meeting these obligations by the end of February.

College Times

| Lesson | Time | | |
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| Lesson 0 | 8.20am | Only limited number of VCE subjects have a period 0 class | |
| Lesson 1 | 9.10am | | |
| Lesson 2 | 10am | | |
| Recess | 10.50am | | |
| Lesson 3 | 11.10am | | |
| Lesson 4 | 12.00pm | | School Day begins – lesson 1 |
| Lunch | 12.50pm | | School Day finishes at 3.10pm for all units other than some block VETis units on Wednesday/Thursday/Friday |
| Lesson 5 | 1.30pm | | |
| Lesson 6 | 2.20pm | | |
| Normal Finish | 3.10pm | | |
| VETis Finish | 5.15pm | | |

Key Contacts

A list of the key contacts are identified on page 1 of this newsletter. Staff members can be contacted by calling the college on 97031266 or emailing the college on: hallam.senior.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au

I look forward to working with you and your students in 2021.

Mr Greg McMahon
Principal
Hallam Senior College