



Welcome to 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and the Hallam College Community

Welcome back to the 2021 school year. A special welcome to all new students and their parents and families. I hope you had a restful break.

The events of last year – 2020- certainly made us all take stock and reflect on how lucky we are to live in Australia and not be exposed to the gravity of Covid. While we all dealt with the limitations and restrictions of remote learning and other Covid factors, the ability to have all students back at school and in class in 2021 is reassuring.

This year is an important one for Hallam Senior and all the students and staff.

You will hear a lot about the culture we are building - valuing each senior certificate - Year 10, VCE, VET and VCAL equally, - the values expected to be shown and actioned by those in the college community and the adage of students getting to school and class on time, with books and resources and drive, resilience and perseverance. We will be focusing on doing the everyday things better.

To support student outcomes, the Victorian Government has provided each school with financial support to include tutoring for students. The college is currently testing all year 10 students to get an understanding of their needs in literacy and numeracy. Support will also be provided in Year 11 and 12 for most students. The tutoring program will be provided free and help the majority of students at Hallam Senior.

Students Uniform, IT and Books

Hallam Senior College endeavours to keep the cost of schooling to a minimum however there are costs which cannot be avoided. Each student needs to be in full college uniform. The uniform provides a cost effective way of students attending school and avoids having to have a fashion show each day. The uniform is clearly identified on the college website and is available from our suppliers at the college uniform shop which is opened on Tuesday and Thursday during term 1.

The uniform also reflects the college pride in belonging to the Hallam college community. All students must be in uniform each day. If there are issues in accessing the uniform please contact the college office.

In 2021, all students will need access to a laptop. Students need to access the Compass program each day for their class timetable and the learning tasks provided by teachers. Many of the resources are also uploaded and can only be accessed by compass. If there are any issues with accessing a laptop then please contact the school.

All students need to access all designated textbooks and on line resources. Many of these are now on line. For some Year 11 and 12 VCE subjects, the text resources for specific subjects are provided by Edrolo. Other are physical text books purchased through Lamont Book suppliers. Students cannot undertake VCE units without purchasing the required textbooks or online resources.

The College has minimised the cost of books however there are some texts which are essential for learning and need to be purchased. If there are issues with accessing text books or on line resources please contact the college.

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Hallam Values: Readiness

- Ready for and valuing learning
- Establishing and pursuing personal goals
- Having high aspirations and meeting college expectations
- Punctuality - to school and class



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Phone Policy

In line with all school across Victoria and following the policy of the Victorian Department of Education, Hallam Senior requires all students to lock up their phone in their locker during school time. No phones can be taken to class unless with the express permission of the Principal.

The phone policy is available on the College Website.



Student Mobile Phone Policy!

Personal mobile devices refer to mobile phones, smart watches, Fitbits and any other device that can send or receive messages or notifications.

- Personal mobile devices **must not** be used whilst on school grounds during the school day.
- Personal mobile devices **must be switched off** and locked securely in the student's locker during these times.

(Full policy available on the College website)

Privacy

Hallam Senior College follows the Department of Education and Training Privacy Policy and guidelines.

You can see the full policy on our webpage:

<http://www.hallamssc.vic.edu.au/about/college-policies/>

or on the DET policy site:

www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx

Please see the information (attached to the end of this newsletter) which helps to explain the policy.

Translations in community languages can also be found here:

www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx

Hair & Beauty



Emerging creativity from our Hairdressing students in Salon Assistant. Keep an eye on the Hair and Beauty spaces to see the great work our students do throughout the year.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund Applications



The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$225 for eligible secondary school. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on (03) 9703 1266 or email hallam.senior.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page: www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx#link16.

Please complete and return the form to Hallam Senior College in person by submitting in person or via the above email, as soon as possible preferably before 26th of February 2021.

Please check with the school office if you are unsure of how to complete the form.

College Council

Attached to this newsletter is the information relating to parent positions on college council. We encourage any parent who is interested in being on College Council to contact Principal McMahon to discuss College Council representation.

Horticulture comes to Hallam

This week Year 10 students in the Kitchen Garden Max programme took the first steps towards regenerating the school's kitchen garden by clearing out and re-starting the compost bays.

This year we are also offering a year-long Horticulture programme as part of our Innovation Academy for Year 10s. Students who are interested in working outdoors to get the garden up and running, while also learning the "how" and "why" behind what we do, should speak to the Year 10 subschool leaders about joining the programme.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM

Growing Harvesting Preparing Sharing

We are excited to be part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation which has expanded to include secondary schools starting from this year and look forward to working with other Kitchen Garden schools including our neighbours at Hallam Primary School.



Facilities Upgrade

We are loving the upgrade to the external courts. We now have four multipurpose courts with a dual 70m running track.

The existing dance space has also been converted in to an upgraded fitness and conditioning space.

These are just one of the many improvements that are happening around the College at the moment.

With more improvements on the way - 2021 is going to be a busy but exciting year!



Feedback

We welcome feedback from students, families and members of the community. This information allows us to see where our strengths lie and also the areas in which we should seek to improve.

Please email Business Manager, Jason Patton at: Jason.Patten@education.vic.gov.au or call 9703 1266.

MAX Program

This year, the College has introduced the Max program which will operate across year 11 and 12 students. This theme-based program will focus on learning essentials that students need to continue to develop as young adults. Careers, employability skills, communication and emotional and social skills will be developed.

NEW - Centres of Excellence

We encourage ALL students who are available to try one of the following Centres of Excellence (COE's) on Wednesday afternoons - at no cost for 4 weeks.

Commencing 10th of February, then 17th & 24th of February and the last trial day being 3rd of March). Students should attend the program for the four weeks.

Additional information (ongoing fees etc) will be provided to students during this four week trial.

The COE programs are:

- Aviation Technology
- Horticulture
- Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)

A brief overview of each program is provided below. Additional information (ongoing fees etc) will be provided to students during this four week trial.

Innovation Academy: Aviation Technology

So, what's this academy about?

This Innovation Academy strand focuses on STEM, employability skills and knowledge in the context of Aviation Technology.

In this year-long program, you will be involved in many enjoyable activities that will build your skills in planning and designing, building and testing various types of model aircraft and aircraft structures such as gliders, powered fixed wing model aircraft, helicopters and drones. This strand will also give you the opportunity to connect with various aviation and aerospace organisations, further training providers, our local and broader communities as well as with other areas of the school.

Interested? Excited about aviation? Ready to reach for the sky?

Please contact Mr Rob Zreczycki in the C Block office or at:
Robert.Zreczycki@education.vic.gov.au

Innovation Academy: Horticulture

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Interested? Love being outdoors?

Please contact Ms Emma Morgan at:
Emma.Morgan@education.vic.gov.au

CAPA Academy: Applications Still Open



HALLAM SENIOR COLLEGE CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

The Hallam Senior College Creative and Performing Arts "CAPA" Academy is an exciting and unique program that promotes school connectedness through the arts in a supportive and friendly environment.

We aim to provide clear pathways that link career aspirations with opportunities in both school and the wider community. Partnership links with educational organisations, industry professionals and arts focused organisations are a feature of the program.

Calling all Dancers, Musicians and Performers!

Contact Ms Chappel at the B block office or email:
Meagan.Chappel@education.vic.gov.au



As parents, we know you want your child to make a strong start to the year so they can succeed in their VCE studies. Edrolo is an online resource that will support them with their coursework, assessments and exam preparation. Edrolo is used by all Year 12 VCE students and Year 11 Biology students.



You must complete your payment for these resources so your child can continue using this essential resource for VCE.

All payments are made directly through the Edrolo online system. Ask your child to log into their Edrolo account then click on the 'Pay now' button to complete your payment.

Please pay before 26th of February for this essential learning resource.

For more information about using our Payment Portal, go to:
www.edrolo.com.au/paymentvideo

School Council Elections – Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school in accordance with their constituting Order and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent member category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. DET employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school
- A mandated elected DET employee member category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members
- An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members
- A small number of school councils have Nominee members.
- For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:
- A mandated elected Student member category, two positions.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. However, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Event	Date
Notice of election and call for nominations	Tuesday 16th February 2021
Closing date for nominations	Friday 26th February 2021
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Monday 1st March 2021
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	Monday 1st March 2021
Close of ballot	Monday 15th March 2021 @ 4pm

A nomination form is attached to this newsletter or available from the College Office.

