

News|letter



Time is flying!

Dear Carer, Parent, Student

We have just passed the halfway point in the Term.

The last 6 weeks have been action packed and this edition of our Parent Newsletter gives you a flavour of what we have been doing including the launch of our new House System and the fantastic Swimming Carnival.

Our students are very settled in their new classes and engaged in high quality learning.

Our teachers have been focused on getting to know the students in front of them.

We are now in a position to share how students have been progressing.

Progress Reports are now available to parents/carers.

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Important Dates

Friday 17th March

Student Free Day:

Staff Professional Learning
focused on responsive teaching

Thursday 30th March

Parent-Teacher Interviews

2.00pm – 8.00pm

Important assessments have taken place and parents/carers can see individual assessment marks in COMPASS.

Students have also been providing us with feedback on how they feel about school through the 'Me and My School Survey'. This self-report survey is unique to Hallam SC and is completed by students every Term.

The survey covers;

- Attitudes to learning
- Effort
- Learning confidence
- Motivation and interest
- Goal setting, and
- School connectedness

We know that these are the key drivers of student success.

The individual survey results will be discussed with students and supports put in place where needed.

All of this information will be shared with parents/carers at the Parent Teacher Interviews. The Parent Teacher Interviews will be face-to-face on Thursday 30th March and we look forward to seeing you here.

2023 Annual Implementation Plan

Every year Government schools develop an Implementation Plan that sets out their key work for the year. It is not all the work we will be doing but is the most important.

Our 2023 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) focuses on;

1. Embedding a tiered, responsive and age-appropriate strategies to promote students' wellbeing and engagement - Attendance (A place students wish to attend)
2. Strengthening systems, structures and processes to ensure all students have a guaranteed, sequenced and developmental learning pathway - Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum delivered through Responsive Teaching (Fulfilling student potential)
3. Building all teachers' capability to provide targeted and responsive teaching - Professional Learning Communities (A true learning community)

We are already making progress toward achieving these goals. Our Student Free Day on Friday 17th March will see us take a deep dive into Responsive Teaching - work that is our evidence-based signature program at Hallam SC.

Kind regards

Simon Sherlock
Executive Principal



Attendance

At Hallam Secondary College we expect all students to have a minimum of 90% attendance.

The advice included at the end of this newsletter provides Department of Education information on the importance of attendance. A minimum of 90% attendance is equal to having no more than 5 days absence per Term.

Every day of absence is lost learning and for Senior students less than 90% attendance may jeopardise their Pathway. If you are concerned about your teenager's attendance, please contact the appropriate Sub-school



Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 28th February, we had our first swimming carnival in 15 years and our first carnival as the new Hallam Secondary College.

The student involvement was fantastic and the school spirit was on show with students and staff dressed in their House Colours.

1st - Yellow House, 2nd - Red House, 3rd - Green House, 4th - Blue House.

A wonderful fun packed day full of student and staff participation.

Thank you to Janan Billings, the PE and Admin teams and Sue, Wolfgang and Deb Collard for the preparations.

To see more images from the day, please visit our facebook or instagram pages.

Congratulations Team Yellow!



Sports News

Year 7 - Volleyball

Last Friday, Hallam Secondary College sent a Year 7 Boys and Girls Volleyball team to represent the School at Dandenong Basketball Stadium. With the students very excited to represent the school, we had some fantastic results with the Boys winning two games of their four games and the Girls winning all four games and progressing to the next round to represent the Casey North Division.

I would just like to congratulate all students that represented the school for their effort and behaviour on the day.

Janan Billings



SSV Softball

Congratulations to Hallam's Rachel Steendam and Brooklyn Maloney on their selection to the School Sport Victoria (SSV) 18 Years and Under Softball Team.

They will compete at the School Sport Australia Championships to be held at Werribee Softball Association, Werribee VIC from Saturday 13 – Friday 19 May 2023.

You can see a full team list via this link:
<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic/Pages/TeamVicTeams2023.aspx>

Rugby League

Congratulations to our NRL Boys team on their victory against Victoria University High last Wednesday.

Our team were down early on against a team physically strong team but showed resilience and determination to come back in the second half.

Thank you to the staff team who supported the students.



Hair & Beauty

Beauty students have had a busy start and are developing skin care/arm massage skills and are working on their makeup designs for practical applications.

Students across all Beauty classes have shown enthusiasm and effort in practical tasks and are working towards completion of first topic.



Hairdressing students across all classes have made an excellent start. Whole class engagement in topic theory and practical skills. We have invited a steady stream of models each week.

We are looking forward to incursions on product knowledge from De Lorenzo technical advisor and students have started compiling a file of completed practical work. Some impressive skills emerging.



CAFE Reminder

A reminder that Students will only be served at the Cafe during the Recess and Lunch breaks. Once the music starts to signal the end of the break, service will stop to ensure there is enough time to consume their purchase. Food and drink is not allowed in class.

Careers & Pathways News

/HEADSTART APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

Head Start supports students undertaking School Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships (SBATs). Students undertaking a SBAT attend Hallam Secondary College part time, work part time and attend TAFE Training. Mentoring and monitoring is given to students throughout their SBAT guiding them towards full time work once they have completed their secondary education.

I have been meeting with some Hallam Secondary students which has been a great experience so far. I am keen to keep meeting with and speak with more enthusiastic Year 11 and 12 students who are considering entering into an Apprenticeship whilst they are completing their senior studies at Hallam Secondary College.

Many industries are experiencing a skills shortage – therefore Employers are wanting to engage with the Head Start team to employ a School Based Apprentice/Trainee in their business.

We have opportunities in the following areas in various locations:

- Landscaping
- Business (Warehousing)
- Brick Laying
- Glazing
- Engineering (Metal Fabrication)
- Baking
- Childcare
- Swim Instructor/ Life Guard
- Cabinet Making
- Commercial Cookery

I am looking forward to meeting more Hallam Secondary College students in the coming weeks. The Head Start Office is located in the Senior Centre, next to the Careers Office, come by and have a chat, or if I am not present please leave a message in the notebook outside the office and I will come and find you.

Nerida Parsons
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Upcoming Careers Events

Marine Industry Immersion Day

22nd March , 10am-2pm

Patterson Lakes Community Centre & Nearby Marine Precint

The Trades Fit – Young Women in Trades & Tech Expo

10th & 11th May, 9am-4pm

Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre



SEE CAREERS FOR MORE INFORMATION

Year 7 NAPLAN Tests - 2023

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students are held in March each year.

In 2023, our Year 7 students will take the NAPLAN tests between Wednesday 15 March and Monday 27 March.

NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, conventions of language (Spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals and can be used to improve student achievement.

NAPLAN tests are delivered in an online format. This delivers many benefits including:

- A 'tailored test' design that adapts to correct and incorrect student responses providing a more precise understanding of student achievement;
- Innovative use of technology, including a more engaging test design and a wider range of item types;
- An extended and more flexible test window, allowing schools greater opportunity to schedule the tests at times that suit them best and increasing student participation.

All eligible students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. Catch up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days up to and including Monday 27 March 2023.

Support will be arranged for students who regularly uses similar supports for classroom assessment tasks.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year. If your child is eligible for support due to disability or exemption, you should discuss this with their teacher prior to the tests. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a student withdrawal form. These forms are available at the school.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

The information you receive as a result of your child's participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you to assess your child's progress in literacy and numeracy.

For more information about NAPLAN, please visit the VCAA website or the ACARA NAPLAN website.



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, Sue Quinn at: Sue.Quinn@education.vic.gov.au or call 9703 1266.

Round 6 of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open!

We're excited to announce that applications for Round 6 of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program are now open!

If your family or child has a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, you may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in sport and active recreation activities.

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities by providing financial support for the cost of membership and registration fees. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.

Special consideration also applies for children residing in care services, as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants, or international students.

To find out if you are eligible, how to apply, what costs are covered and more, visit www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers



GET ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER PROGRAM

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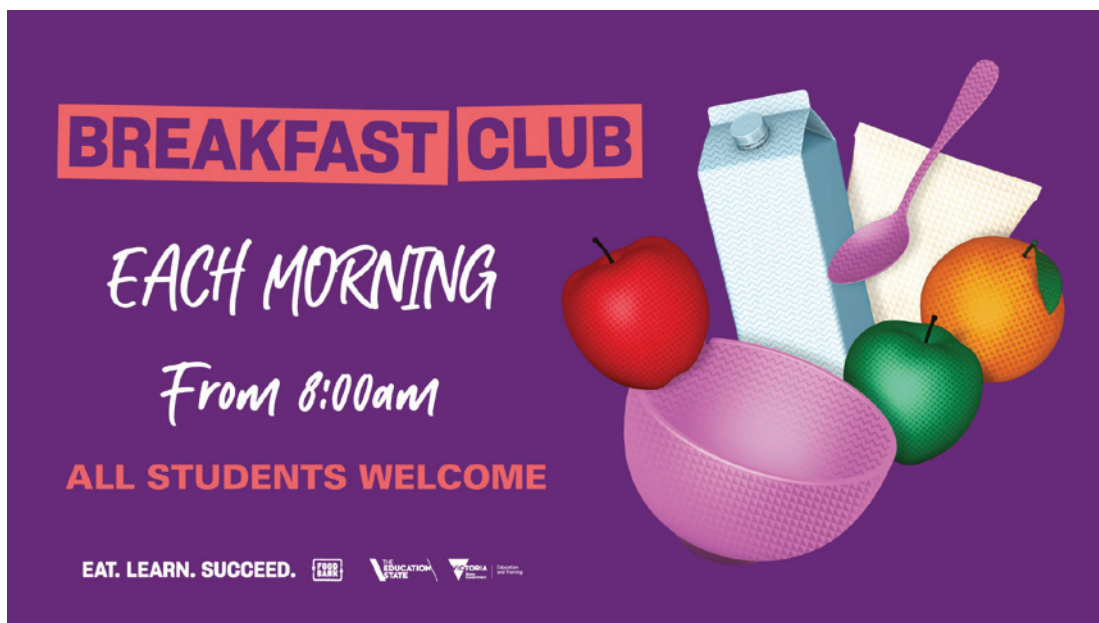
Apply for up to \$200 to support your child in sport and active recreation activities.

To be eligible your child must be:

- aged 0 to 18 years
- a resident in Victoria
- named on a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and Medicare Card.

Visit getactive.vic.gov.au

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