

News letter



A great start!

Dear Carer, Parent, Student

We are at the end of the first Term of the new Hallam Secondary College.

We have had a very successful start to the year, and I thank all parents, carers and students for their support during the Term.

We have established a clear direction for the future based on our Hallam 'Learning Compass' with a challenging and engaging curriculum coupled with high expectations.

Our consistent, predictable routines have ensured that we have enjoyed a calm and positive learning environment.

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Important Dates

Monday 24th April

First day of Term 2

Tuesday 25th April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Thursday 27th April

Year 7 2024 Open Night

Tuesday 2nd May

Whole School Athletics Carnival

Of course, there have also been many opportunities for students to experience a sense of joy and belonging with Camps, excursions and incursions.

Highlights have included;

- the Year 7 Camp in Gippsland
- the VCE Outdoor Education two-night camping trip
- the Swimming Carnival
- Celebration Assemblies
- Koori community events
- 'Harmony Day', and
- multiple Sports Academy events

Parent-Teacher Interviews

I particularly want to thank all the parents and carers who attended the Parent-Teacher Interviews (PTIs) on Thursday 30th March.

Due to COVID these were the first 'face-to-face' interviews we have had since 2019.

Feedback back from families was very positive and the number of bookings double that of the last online PTIs.

The next PTIs are in Term 3 and we look forward to seeing even more families attend that event.

Student Progress

Student Progress Reports were made available to families several weeks ago. I know most parents/carers have read the Reports.

The Reports contain important information about how our students are engaging with their learning.

It is our expectation that you will have discussed the Reports with your child and contacted the College if you have any concerns about the information in them.

More generally COMPASS enables families to monitor student attendance and learning progress.

We ask that you check how your child's COMPASS page regularly so you know how they are going with school.

College Council

We recently put a call out for parents to fill vacancies on our College Council.

I am pleased to announce that the following parents have been elected to College Council and/or continue in position for 2023;

Candiann King (College Council President)
Kerrin Hilber (College Council Vice-President)
Helena Kingston
Audrhey Louys
Abby Kalfat

With that, it just leaves me to wish you a safe and enjoyable break - we look forward to seeing students back on Monday 24th April for the start of Term 2.

Kind regards
Simon Sherlock
Executive Principal



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.

Brother Boxing

Recently students went to Brother Boxing in Cheltenham to meet the owner who provided a presentation on how he has grown his business and what he does for the local community.



The students also received a tour of the gym and went through a boxing session with the owner.

Thank you to Brother Boxing for having us.



A promotional graphic for the Breakfast Club. The background is purple. At the top, the text "BREAKFAST CLUB" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters. Below it, "EACH MORNING" is written in a white, cursive font, followed by "From 8:00am" in a white, cursive font. At the bottom, "ALL STUDENTS WELCOME" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters. On the right side, there is an illustration of a breakfast meal: a bowl of cereal, a carton of milk, a spoon, an apple, and an orange. At the bottom left, there are logos for "EAT. LEARN. SUCCEED.", "FOOD BANK", "THE EDUCATION STATE", and "VICTORIA".

Year 7 Camp

Year 7 had an amazing two nights at Camp Rumbug in East Gippsland. It was an adventure filled experience, with activities everyday, some of which challenged the students and focused on building their communication and teamworking skills.

As soon as we arrived students were taken for a hike so that they could become familiar with the camp.

We all quickly learned that Camp Rumbug was going to involve a lot of walking up and down hills.

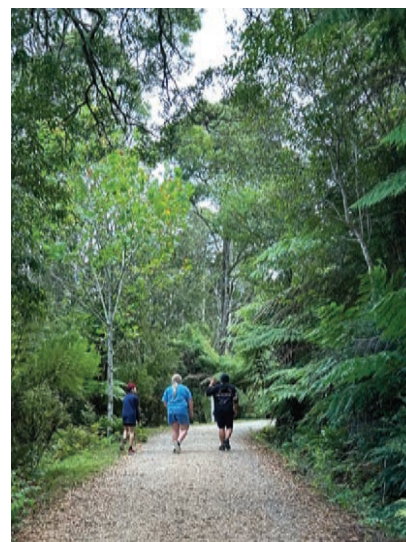
After lunch it was straight into Aeroball and Orienteering. After dinner it was team building activities and then bed at 9:30 (most students tried to get some sleep!).

Day 2 began with students completing a 'mud run' which saw all students climbing over obstacles, a number of students got literally covered in mud from head to toe!

Other activities included raft building, archery and the mighty flying fox. Students had to move out their comfort zones and take risks to complete the tasks they had been given!

Day 2 finished with a hearty dinner of chicken schnitzel and singing around the camp fire. Day 3 started with another hike to the Giant Swing and then canoeing.

The coach was very quiet on the way home – everyone was happy but totally exhausted.....





Sports News

Indigenous Sports Carnival

Earlier this term one of our year 10 students, Michael G (pictured second from left) attended the annual 'Indigenous Sports Carnival' for Basketball in Shepparton.

Michael played for Southern Storm in team 'Lightning', playing against other cultural and indigenous team.

Michaels team came up against 3 other teams on the Saturday during the regular fixture. On the Sunday Lightning played in the qualifying finals and won, putting them through to the big finale on Monday. Unfortunately went down by 10 points in the end. Across the weekend there was lots of fun, teamwork and sweat put into the game.

We want to congratulate Michael and everyone else who participated in the tournament.



Aussie Rules - Girls

The past 2 weeks has seen the afl girls play practice games to prepare for Round d1 of the Premier League in Term 2.

Game 1 was against Box Hill SC and the players were given the opportunity play a qrt in each of the lines so the coaches could see what their preferred position might be.

In a game that saw the lead change several times Box Hill came out on top by 10 points. Best players were Ash, Ava, Abbey, Shanae & Demi.

Practice game 2 was against Lilydale SC. The first half of the game was used to play players in possible positions they will play in Rd 1 and the second half was used to trial a couple of other ideas.

The girls lead all day only to concede the lead in the final minutes and lose by 10 points.

Best players were Ash, Shanae, Demi, Rachel, Chelsea & Kierra.



Round 1 of Premier League will be on the first Wednesday back of Term 2. We will be hosting the game at Hallam FC with a 11.15am start.

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.

Hair & Beauty

Hair & Beauty students across all VET classes have completed Term 1 with significant successes. Watch our space in Term 2. Enjoy your break!



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Year 7 2024 Open Night

Thursday 27th April 2023
5:30pm - 7pm

For more information and to register visit: hallamssc.vic.edu.au

Follow us on  



Hallam Secondary College invites you to an Open Night for prospective 2024 Year 7 students and their families.

Please join us on Thursday 27th April where we will be presenting important transition information and provide prospective parents/carers/students with an essential overview of our college structure, programs and values from a range of perspectives.

At Hallam Secondary College, we utilise a multiple pathways approach provides opportunities for all students. Whatever the next step, students finishing at Hallam will have formed a clear sense of what they want to achieve and the pathway to this outcome.

So come along and see how everything we do is focused on identifying and maximising individual potential, through the use of the very best tried and tested teaching and learning practice within a supportive and caring environment.

Registration is essential. To book your place please visit our website or call 9703 1266.



e-scooters in Victoria

From 5 April 2023, the legal use of privately owned e-scooters under trial conditions will be in effect.

To evaluate the safety of e-scooter usage, we are reducing the minimum age to 16 years, allowing riders to use them on roads with a speed limit up to 60 kilometres per hour.

Younger Victorians are interested in using e-scooters during the trial period, and we noted that restricting riders to roads with a speed limit of 50 kilometre per hour had limitations on where riders could travel.

All e-scooter riders must comply with the following rules:

- do not ride on footpaths
- be 16 years and over
- use a helmet while riding
- ride in a single file only
- do not carry passengers or animals
- do not use a mobile phone
- do not ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- adhere to a maximum speed limit of 20 km/h
- ride only on roads with a speed limit up to 60km/h, in bicycle lanes on these roads, on bicycle paths or separated and shared-use paths
- not ride a high-speed e-scooter – capable of more than 25km/h (this is considered an unregistered vehicle and penalties apply).

For more information please visit:

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/e-scooters-in-victoria>



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