

News letter

We recently replaced our old flags and moved the flag poles to a more prominent position (Just near reception).

Seeing the Australian and First Nations flags flying proudly at the front of our school is very important to many people within our community, especially now they are easier to see!



School Upgrade

Dear Carers, Parents, Students,

Since our last the Newsletter we have received exciting news about the future of the school.

In the 2023–24 State Budget, the Victorian Government has committed more than \$2 billion to build and upgrade schools. This investment will help students to reach their full potential through enhanced learning opportunities.

I am delighted to confirm as part of this investment, Hallam Secondary College will receive \$24.2 million to build a new year 7-9 building, competition grade gymnasium and administration building that will provide space for an additional 225 students.

This is an exciting time for our school community. We will be working closely with the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) to make our new school a reality and I look forward to sharing our progress with you.

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Important Dates

Monday 12th June

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Thursday 15th June

Year 12 GAT

Friday 23rd June

Term 2 Ends

Monday 12th July

Term 3 Starts

2024 Transitions

The transition process for 2024 enrolments and student programs is under way.

We have received strong interest from Grade 6 parents in the community and they will form our new Year 7 cohort. BY 2025 we will be a 7 – 12 school.

The process for enrolments into Year 10 will start on 20th June with an Information Evening here at the school. More information will go out in the coming days.

Commencement of the Semester Two Learning Program

The start of Winter coincides with the end of the Semester One learning program. On Tuesday 13th June we will be starting the Semester Two program. Like most schools we start the Semester Two program early because Semester Two ends early.

As we start the Semester Two program there will be some changes to student schedules including Electives for Year 7 and 10 students – these changes will appear on COMPASS in the coming days.

Students in Years 10 and 11 started their mid-year examinations today and the examinations continue through next week.

All students will have examinations at the end of the year as part of our drive for excellence.

Reporting on Student Progress

The latest Student Progress Reports were made available to families last week.

Our Teachers are now writing the Semester One Reports. The Semester One Reports will be available to students and families via COMPASS in the last week of the Term.

The Semester Report will provide students and families with a summary of;

- the key learning covered in each subject
- student progress against the Victorian Curriculum and/or VET/VCE program design, and
- improvement advice

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.

COVID and influenza

With the weather getting colder we are seeing an up-tick in COVID and flu cases across the community. There are measures school communities can take to prevent influenza and COVID-19 and I have included this information below.

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.

Stay well this winter

Symptoms of influenza (flu) can hit very quickly and may last several weeks. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting the flu. Annual influenza vaccination is recommended from mid-April each year and is free under the National Immunisation Program for those at higher risk of complications from the flu.

Keeping our school community well

Parents, carers and students are encouraged to practice prevention measures, including:

- washing and sanitising hands regularly
- avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing · staying home if unwell and consulting a general practitioner (GP) or Nurse-on-call as required
- staying up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over.

Some people are more at risk of complications from flu and are eligible for free vaccination as part of the National Immunisation Program.

COVID-19 booster

The 2023 COVID-19 booster dose is available for everyone aged 18 and above.

Getting your booster dose remains the best way to prevent severe illness or hospitalisation, especially in people aged over 65 and those at higher risk of severe illness.

You can have your booster dose 6 months after your last dose or COVID infection.

Children aged between 5 and 17 years who are at risk of severe illness can also receive a 2023 booster dose. You can get your next dose at your local pharmacy or GP. To find one near you, refer to the vaccine clinic finder.

Find out more

For more information about preventing flu, and immunisation, refer to:

Better Health Channel influenza flu immunisation fact sheet · Getting vaccinated against influenza.

Food Bank Bus

The Food Bank Bus will be coming to Hallam Secondary College on Tuesday 6th June from 11.00am until 12:30pm. Everyone is welcome and bookings are free.

Only 30 place available - be quick.

Book using the link below:

https://compasstix.com/event/60b55e1f-e0f1-48a2-8582-74706c34582b?fbclid=IwAR2COBCmjTrTUpcgO-WJb4Az0F_Mckr_



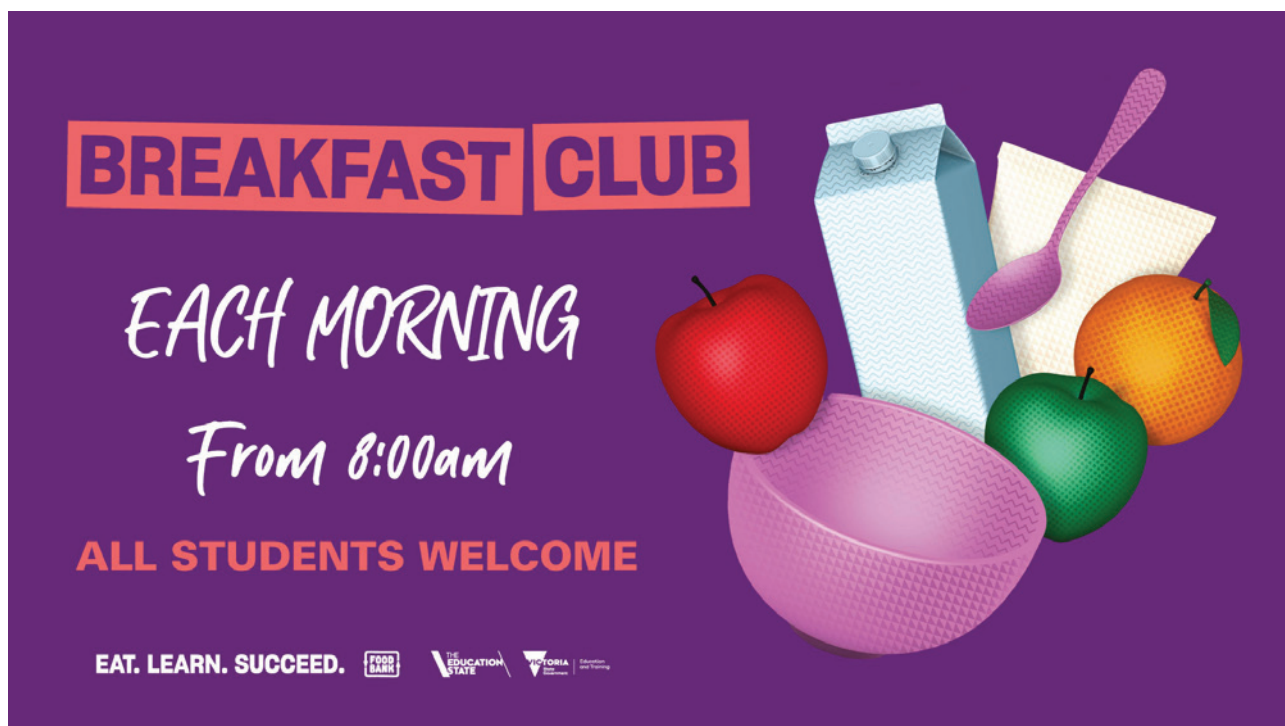
Semester 1 Exams for Year 10 and 11 Students

Year 10 and 11 students are currently undertaking exams for most of their subjects (Friday 2nd – Friday 9th June).

Below are some details regarding the expectations for the exam period:

- Year 10's and 11 students only need to attend school for their exams, as their normal classes will not run during this time. For example, if they have an exam starting after Recess, they only need to attend from 10.50am and can leave after the exam concludes.
- Students in year 1 VET classes or year 12 VCE will need to attend their exams first and then attend their year 12 or VET class.
- They must look at the timetable on compass (these will be handed out next week) carefully and arrive around 20 minutes prior to the start time of their exam.
- Students may have multiple exams in the one day, or alternatively, may not have any scheduled exams on one day, depending on subjects. If they do not have any scheduled exams, they do not need to attend school for that day.
- We believe all clashes of subjects across exams have been sorted. However, if your child believes there is a clash of 2 or more subject exams at the same time, can they please notify their sub school asap.
- Students can remain at school in between exams, if they have more than one, but will need to study quietly in the library or Senior Centre. Students are not permitted to roam around the yard or buildings during class/exam times.
- Students must attend in their full school uniform.
- Students can find their exam timetable on compass.
- If a student misses an exam due to any illness, parents/guardians will need to please email the student's sub school. Best practice for Senior studies requires a medical certificate to also be provided.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in contact with the sub school. Additional information regarding expectations and the schedule for the exams can be found on Compass.



BREAKFAST CLUB

EACH MORNING

From 8:00am

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

EAT. LEARN. SUCCEED.

FOOD BANK THE EDUCATION STATE VICTORIA

The graphic features a purple background with a cluster of food items including a red apple, a green apple, an orange, a carton of milk, a bowl, and a spoon. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a mix of bold sans-serif and handwritten-style fonts.

Salvo's Youth Homelessness City Tour

VET Community Services and Health Assistance students recently took part in the Salvo's Youth Homelessness City Tour.

Students had the opportunity to walk along the city's footpaths and explore sites of refuge and hear stories of lived experience. Students also had the chance to participate in activities aimed at challenging stereotypes and offering pathways to combat social inequities.

This experience is one of many involvements that Hallam Secondary College have with the Salvo's and our students will partake in more of these experiences, such as The Red Shield Appeal and the local AOD program in the near future.



Doctors in schools online booking system

The \$43.8 million Doctors in Secondary Schools initiative is delivering on the Government's election commitment to fund general practitioners (GPs) to attend 100 Victorian schools to provide medical advice and health care.

Please see below the link to request appointments online with the school doctor & nurse who attend the college each Thursday during the school term.

<https://diss.hallamsc.vic.edu.au>

You can also access this link via the 'Favourites' tab on Compass. Appointment requests will be confirmed the day before, and students will receive an SMS notification of the time of their appointment for the Thursday.

If appointments are required on the day without a booking already made, please speak directly to Amy in the wellbeing office (C1). Alternatively, appointments can still be requested in person by speaking to your sub school or someone in wellbeing.

Any questions around booking appointments online, please contact Amy on:
amy.magnusson@education.vic.gov.au

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.

Careers & Pathways News

/HEADSTART APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS



Student Spotlight: Scanlan - Yr12 VCE VM

Scanlan has recently commenced his School Based Apprenticeship in Plumbing (Mechanical). Scanlan impressed the team at Hot N Chilly Heating and Cooling and they were quick to snap him up for an Apprenticeship. With support from Head Start Scanlan will be completing his Year 12 VCE Vocational Major at Hallam Secondary College as well as working 2 days per week.

Scanlan possesses the right personal qualities, commitment and employability skills to have success with his School Based Apprenticeship/ Traineeship (SBAT).

Congratulations Scanlan and Tasha, on commencing your SBAT whilst completing your schooling at Hallam Secondary College.

If you would like to learn more about Head Start School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs), please contact Head Start Industry Coordinator, Nerida Parsons on 0407 453 705 or Nerida.parsons@education.vic.gov.au



Student Spotlight: Tasha Yr12 VCE VM

Tasha has recently commenced her School Based Apprenticeship in Horticulture with Skyline Landscape Services. With the support from Head Start Tasha will be completing her Year 12 VCE Vocational Major at Hallam Secondary College as well as working 2 days per week.

Tasha possesses the right personal qualities, commitment and employability skills to have success with her School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship (SBAT).



BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION EXHIBITION



Are you interested in a career in Building & Construction? Do you want to explore your career options? Come to the Building & Construction Exhibition Evening, a special event for students in years 9 and 10 and their parents/carers.

The Building & Construction Exhibition Evening is a great opportunity to hear from industry experts, network with potential employers, and discover the different career paths and jobs available.

The Building & Construction sector is growing in Australia and offer many rewarding careers.

Whether you want to be a carpenter, electrician, plumber, or something else, there is a career for you.

Don't miss this chance to learn more about these industries and how you can start your journey towards a successful career. Join us for an evening of inspiration and motivation. We hope to see you there!

On Tuesday
June 20
5:00pm - 6:00pm

Get Your Tickets here
<https://www.trybooking.com/CLPTO>

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COMMUNITY SERVICES/ ALLIED HEALTH EXHIBITION



Do you want to meet explore your career options? Come to the Community Services/Allied Health Exhibition Evening, a special event for students in years 9 and 10 and their parents/carers.

The Community Services/Allied Health Exhibition is a great opportunity to discover the different career paths and jobs. Community Services and Allied Health are growing industries in Australia and offer many rewarding careers for people who are passionate, caring and empathetic. Whether you want to be a physiotherapist, nurse, social worker, or something else, there is a career for you.

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FOR GENERATIONS**

**NATIONAL
RECONCILIATION
WEEK 2023**
27 MAY — 3 JUNE

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Reconciliation Week 2023

27 May – 3 June

The National Reconciliation Week 2023 theme is 'Be a Voice for Generations' encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives- where we live, work, go to school and socialise.

For the work of generations past, and the benefits of generations future, act today for a more just, equitable and reconciled country for all.

27 May marks the anniversary of the 1967 referendum when Australians voted to remove clauses in the Australian Constitution that discriminated against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

3 June marks the historic 1992 Mabo decision in which the High Court of Australia recognised native title—the recognition that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights over their lands did survive British colonisation

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.



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