

News letter



School Upgrade

Dear Carers, Parents, Students,

As we emerge from Winter with the promise of warmer brighter days ahead, we are entering the most important part of the year for many of our staff and students.

Our Year 12 students are coming to the end of their school career. In 10 weeks time the Year 12 students will have left and most of the VCE exams will be over. We are working hard to ensure all our Year 12 students are well prepared for the remaining weeks at school.

VCE and VET coursework is being finalised and many of our students will be able to sign out at the end of the Term if they have met all the requirements for their Senior Certificate. Those students who are studying a scored VCE will return for three weeks after the holiday for revision.

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Important Dates

Wednesday 23rd August

Curriculum Day - No school

Tuesday 29th August

Carer/Parent Teacher Interviews

With all the pressure on our Year 12 students, we continue to ensure every student is being supported both academically and emotionally.

As our Year 12 students can see the light at the end of the tunnel, we are preparing for our new cohort of Year 7 students to join us in 2024. I am pleased to report that 100 families have been offered a place in Year 7 next year – a sign that the community has faith in our approach.

For our Year 10 and 11 students the last two weeks have seen them making important choices about their future. We have been course counselling our Year 10s and 11s and they have now selected their VCE subjects for 2024. Our students are now embracing the more academic focus that the College has implemented.

In the coming weeks we will be enrolling students into Year 10 for next year.

With all this hard work taking place we haven't lost sight of how important it is to have fun at school.

On Monday we held our Athletics Day at Casey Fields. Our students and staff really enjoyed the day with great sporting performances, a steady supply of 'snags' and the best weather for weeks. Many of the students who competing will now go on to take part in District and Regional sports competition.

This was our second major whole-school sporting event for the year following our highly successful Swimming Carnival in February.

Finally, a reminder that on Wednesday 23rd August we have our last Student Free Day for the year. The focus for all our Student Free Days this year and into 2024 is on Responsive Teaching and the Science of Learning. This approach to Teaching and Learning follows the very latest evidence on how people learn and is being led by one of Australia's foremost experts in the field – Bronwyn Ryrie-Jones.

Building Project

This week we signed off on the Schematic Design stage of the new building project. The next stage will be to go out to tender to contract a builder for the works. We are looking at a 2025 start and finish for the works.

The Government commitment of \$24.2 million will bring us a new Gymnasium, new Administrative and Resource Centre and a Junior Years Learning Centre.

The images right, give an artist's impression of what some of the new spaces will look like.



HALLAM SECONDARY COLLEGE - Gymnasium Southern Facade
PERSPECTIVE
ARTIST'S IMPRESSION

Carer/Parent Teacher Interviews

Carer/Parent interviews take place on Tuesday 29th August from 2.00pm - 7.30pm.

The interviews are onsite and face-to-face in the Great Space and Library.

The interviews are an important part of the way in which we report on student progress and compliment the Termly Progress Reports and COMPASS assessment feedback.

We hope all carers/parents will attend the interviews. The following questions will help you get the best from the interviews;

- What has my child been learning?
- How are they going?
- How do you know (how they are doing)?
- How can they improve?
- What supports can I provide, and can you provide if the student is struggling/excelling?
- When will we check in again?

Overall objectives

The VCAA is developing the Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 2.0 to incorporate content from the Australian Curriculum Version 9.0 and to refine the overall design and content to make it easier for teachers to implement efficiently and effectively. Building on the success of the current Victorian Curriculum F–10, the revisions will:

- 1 Ensure the Australian Curriculum Version 9.0 is implemented in Victoria while **maintaining Victorian priorities and standards**
- 2 Make the curriculum **more teachable and manageable** and strengthen student access to the essential knowledge and skills needed to be successful learners
- 3 **Improve achievement standards** to help teachers assess student learning more effectively
- 4 Continue to provide a **high-quality curriculum that teachers can implement with confidence**, including revisions that better meet the needs of Victorian students
- 5 Provide opportunities to **strengthen the alignment with the Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework (VEYLDF)**
- 6 Provide the necessary knowledge and skills for **senior secondary pathways**
- 7 Develop a **program of familiarisation and support resources (professional learning and resources) and monitoring that supports and enables Victorian teachers** to implement the Victorian Curriculum F–10 with confidence
- 8 Support the delivery of the next generation of the curriculum in Victorian schools by **ensuring the digital platforms are fit for purpose**, accessible and user-friendly

Curriculum Changes for 2025

I know it seems a long way off but I thought you may like to know about changes that are coming to the Victorian Curriculum in 2025.

The Australian Curriculum has been reviewed and updated. In response to these changes the VCAA has been working on the Victorian Curriculum 2.0. The overall objectives can be seen 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 drinks are not allowed in class.

Teaching and Learning at Hallam Secondary College.

This term has started with our parent information session and Course Counselling interviews for our Year 10 and 11 students. There was a significant amount of preparation completed with the students through Careers Programs, Assemblies and the ACE Homegroup program.

We hope that now each student has a pathway that is appropriate to their future plans and the direction that they want their life to take.

It is important for both families and students to understand the importance of effort and satisfactory outcomes as students move into a Year 11 or 12 Program. The VCAA stipulates that in either Victorian Certificate of Education (with and ATAR or Vocational Major) each student **MUST** achieve a minimum of 16 credits over the 3 year period (Year 10, 11 and 12). This is achievable for each and every one of our students as they will be in enrolled in 22 credits over the 3 years.

In order to achieve success across a senior program the most important thing is consistency in effort and attendance. Being at school every day and in classes is they was to get the best outcome for you.

Interim reports will be released and Essential Learning Task data will also be entered on to compass by mid-August. Please keep your eye out for this information to assist you in tracking your student's progress. You will also be able to book in a Parent Teacher Interview on Tuesday 29th of August to discuss this progress with the classroom teacher.

Our partnership as a school and families with students is a strength of our college and so important in getting the best out of education for our students. If you need support in booking or an interpreter please contact the college office.

For our Year 7 families you will shortly be receiving your detailed NAPLAN results. If you have any concerns about your students results or need help unpacking them, please do not hesitate to speak with their English or Maths teachers.

We have a tiered response to intervention for all our students based on our student data, we will use the NAPLAN data as part of this information to ensure that an appropriate level of support is in place for all of our students.

Shelley Haughey
Assistant Principal



Breakfast Club Food Packs

The Breakfast Club is offering parents take home packs every fortnight. The packs includes pantry items, uht milk, oranges, apples, pears, carrots and occasionally a loaf of bread.

If parents are wanting lactose free milk instead of the full cream milk this can be arranged. Parents can email Deborah.crew@education.vic.gov.au if they would like a food pack.



2023 Athletics Carnival

We would like to thank everyone for their wonderful contribution to the School Athletics Carnival. This was the first Athletics Carnival in over 15 years at our school. It was a milestone moment for the College moving forward under the name of Hallam Secondary College.

Thank you to all the students who participated, competed, cheered, dressed up and volunteered for roles on the day. The highlight was certainly the relays which allowed everyone to watch and cheer.

A special thank you to our wonderful staff who assisted with events and supported students all day with encouragement and cheering. I know our staff enjoy seeing our students thrive in different environments other than the classroom.

We now have our points tally for the day. The House Points Results are:

- 1st Blue House 1004 points
- 2nd Yellow House 908 points
- 3rd Green House 774 points
- 4th Red House 770 points

Next week we will be communicating event winners and age champions. Mr Billings will also make contact with students and families regarding any students progressing through to SSV Casey North District level.



Please visit our website to see more images from the day.

Melbourne Storm Cup Final

On Wednesday 2nd August, our Senior Boys Rugby League team played in the final of the Melbourne Storm Cup. It was a very tough and physical encounter that went right down to the wire. In the end Victoria University SC prevailed winning 16-14.

Our team now progress to the quarter finals of the NRL Schoolboy Trophy in NSW. Likely to travel in late August to play several schools in Western Sydney.



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SPORTS ACADEMY
2024 Applications
Now Open

Australian Rules Football (Boys & Girls) Basketball (Boys)

Rugby League (Boys & Girls) Netball (Girls)

Round 1 Applications Close Friday 18th August

The Hallam Secondary College Sports Academy is one of the longest running and most successful programs of its type in Victoria.

2024 Applications are now open for students in years 10-12. Please see the website for more information. Note places are limited.

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

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APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS



Student spotlight: Sam - Yr12 VCE VM

Sam has recently moved to a new employer to continue his School Based Apprenticeship (SBAT) in Carpentry. Sam commenced his original SBAT in 2021. He recently decided to find an Employer who was going to be able to give him more experience in the carpentry industry. Sam found an employer, did a trial and had success in securing a new SBAT. He is looking forward to gaining more experience and developing his skills further.

With support from HEADStart Sam will be completing his Year 12 VCE Vocational Major at Hallam Secondary College as well as working 2 days per week. He is looking forward to moving to a full time apprenticeship once he finishes at Hallam.

Congratulations Sam and Darcy, 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: Darcy Yr12 VCE VM

Darcy has recently commenced his School Based Apprenticeship (SBAT) in Bread Baking.

Darcy has been working with Bakers Delight on a casual basis since September 2022 and has impressed the team so much they reached out to HEADStart requesting him to be signed into his School Based Apprenticeship.

With support from Head Start, Darcy will be completing his Year 12 VCE Vocational Major at Hallam Secondary College as well as working 2-3 days per week.



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