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Important Dates

Thursday 17th September	P/T Interviews, Pupil Free Day
Friday 18th September	Last Day Term 3
Monday 5th October	First Day Term 4
Wednesday 7th October	GAT Exam
5th October—9th October	Y12 Practice Exams Y12 Performance and Language Oral Exams
Thursday 15th October	Y7 Immunisations

COMPASS LOGIN

It is important that parents have checked their login details for COMPASS. If you have any questions or have forgotten your login details please email the school.

highvale.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Students need to check their COMPASS login details. If they have any problems, please contact the school via email.

STUDENT ID CARDS

Students coming onto the school campus are asked to carry their Student Compass ID cards all times to streamline logging in processes to school systems.



CAREER NEWS

Click the link – [21st August 2020](#)
[28th August 2020](#)



Uniform Shop 2020

Click [here](#)
for Uniform Order Form

Closed During Stage 4
Covid-19 Lockdown

Student Absence Reporting

Hotline

9803 5144

Press 1

Please call before 9am

Term Dates

2020

TERM 3: 13th July—18th September

TERM 3: 5th October—18th

December

2021

TERM 1: 28th January—1st April



Principal report 31 July 2020

Remote Teaching

It is great to see how the school has smoothly transitioned back into remote teaching. I would like to congratulate everyone for your efforts. Keep up the good work!



As you can see the recent high wind event has caused some unfortunate damage at school. We are lucky that our local tree service company are able to give us a hand in cleaning up.

I understand that a number of our families and staff have also experienced both power and internet outages and this has caused some concerns with the delivery of remote learning. Teachers are aware of these concerns and will naturally be flexible with their teaching program and assessment requirements.

VCE and SACs

I have received information last week from the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority that the Stay Home Directions enable students to leave their premises to undertake Unit 3 & 4 VCE School Based Course (SAC) assessments.

We understand that both students and teachers would prefer SACs to be on-site. However given that the school is running a full timetabled program, the only time that any on-site SAC assessments could run without students missing subjects would be Wednesday afternoons. Thus there is only a limited number of SACs that can be offered on-site.

A revised term 3 SAC calendar has now been developed. Students will note that they have a little bit more time to prepare for any SAC that has been moved to On-site.

Teachers will set COMPASS events for all SACs indicating time and location.

For students who have on site SACs, we recommend that they carry:

- Their student COMPASS card
- a copy of the VCAA notice which I have highlighted the relevant clauses
- a screen shot of their SAC COMPASS event which will indicate time and location
- wear a mask
- have all necessary materials for your SAC and
- be in full school uniform

All of the previous COVID procedures will continue to be enforced. Students will be expected to wear a mask. If they are sick they are not to attend and a catch up SACs will be provided. All students will be temperature checked.

The on-site SACs will be set in G block rooms. These tables have been set at social distance limits and cleaned before and after student use.

The list of subjects with On-Site SACs are:

Wednesday 26 August

Accounting (2.00-3.00pm)

Psychology (3.30-5.00pm)

Wednesday 2 September

Legal Studies (2.00-3.00pm)

Wednesday 9 September

Chemistry (2.00-3.00pm)

Biology (3.30-4.30pm)

At this stage we do not know if the State Government will extend the Stage 4 lockdown after 13 September. This will impact on the number of SACs scheduled for the last week of Term 3. What I can report is that the following subjects definitely have on-site SACs:

Wednesday 16 September (times will be confirmed later)

Geography

English

Thursday 17 September (our parent teacher day)

Software Development (8.30-10.30am)

Physics (11.30-1.00pm)

Biology (1.30-3.00pm)

I would like to thank everyone for your patience during this time. Our intent always focussed on supporting students so that they can achieve their personal best.

We expect more information to come in soon regarding the administration of the GAT and Unit 3 & 4 VCE examinations. I will pass that on as soon as possible.

VCE Course Selection

Course booklets and Web Preference Instructions have been emailed to all Years 10 and 11 students for VCE course selection. Course Interviews will be held on Tuesday 8th September and Wednesday 9th September via Webex Meetings. These can be booked by clicking the link in the Web Preferences email, Clicking VCE Course Selection at the top of your news feed or by going to Conferences in the Community menu on Compass.

If you believe you have not received either of these emails please first check your junk mail then email OPS@highvalesc.vic.edu.au

Please note if you did not request a parent signature prior to submitting your preferences we will do so during your interview.

Recent additions to the VCAA website

Consideration of Educational Disadvantage

In recognition of the disruptions to learning caused by coronavirus (COVID-19) and the differing levels of impact at the school and individual student level, the VCAA will introduce a new “Consideration of Educational Disadvantage” process when calculating VCE scores.

This process will require schools to provide the VCAA with information on students and school circumstances to help calculate their study scores.

This will include information about the circumstances and impact of the disruption on students, as well as additional data, such as estimated assessment scores.

To ensure the fairness of final results, the VCAA will consider all available information, including the General Achievement Test (GAT) and appropriate comparisons of performance across all assessments and schools.

Based on this analysis, disadvantage will be factored into students’ final scores, which will then contribute to the study score calculation. This approach will ensure that Victorian students are not disadvantaged in comparison to interstate students in the calculation of their individual ATAR.

Examples of significant severe impacts relating to coronavirus include:

- direct impact on the health and wellbeing of the student and/or their immediate family
- long-term or multiple school closures and significant gaps in continuity of learning
- ongoing issues while learning remotely, e.g. internet connectivity issues, unavailability of a suitable device or workplace
- students dealing with substantial extra family responsibilities, e.g. increased caring responsibilities for other siblings
- ongoing mental health challenges
- financial stress
- family violence

family member losing their job (student needing to extend their hours of employment or gain employment).

General Achievement Test

The General Achievement Test will be held on Wednesday, 7 October 2020.

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Leigh Hunter Assistant Principal



Parent Teacher Interviews:

Parents please note that the term 3 parent/teacher interviews will be going ahead, however they will be held in a virtual site, Webex, online.

Interviews will be running on Thursday 17th September from 12.00pm – 8.00pm.

The booking process will be through Compass as per normal, links to each teacher's virtual room in Webex will be on the booking page in Conferences on Compass.

This is not yet live.

Notifications will be sent out to let you know when to get onto Compass to make your interview bookings.

The College will send out through email/newsfeed an information booklet outlining the entire process. This will step families through the new process to try and make it as straight forward as possible. This will be sent out in the coming weeks. The booklet will explain how to make bookings and get into the interviews themselves.

We look forward to having an families after this extended

opportunity to speak with remote teaching period.



Heather Carr Assistant Principal



2021 Year 7 Enrolments

Highvale had received many applications for Year 6 to Year 7 Placements for 2021. It is very encouraging and exciting to see the strong community interest in the school due to the completion of the State of the Arts building program, excellent VCE and NAPLAN results and the strong School Wide Positive Behaviour program.

Thank you to each student and family that promotes Highvale Secondary College to the community through the correct wearing of uniform, good manners and respectful speech and responsible actions.

The College values of Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Excellence and Integrity are very evident where Highvale students go.



LIBRARY NEWS



HOORAY! IT'S LITERACY WEEK - Monday 31/8 to Friday 4/9/20

Welcome to Highvale's **REMOTE** Literacy Week.

This year's theme is

'FAVOURITES'

Please enter one or all of our competitions. Send your entries for each competition to me.

mjo@highvalesc.vic.edu.au

Don't forget to include your name!!!!

1. PHOTO COMPETITION

It will be like our dress up parade, but in photos. We are looking for the most creative and original photos.

TAKE A PHOTO OF YOU, DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER

e.g. Harry Potter, The Cat in the Hat, Percy Jackson, Katniss, etc.

2. WRITING COMPETITION

In 50 words or less, tell me which book family you would like to be a member of and why.

e.g. – Andy Griffiths, Cinderella, Matilda, Greg Heffley, Tom Gates, Ruby Redford, etc., or any other family from a favourite book.

3. DAILY COMPASS BOOK PUZZLES for you to solve.

Winners will appear on Compass and be in the Newsletter.

Prizes can be collected when school is back.

Andrea Chui, Matthew Suddin, Abhey Singh Chaal & Taylah Hollins Junior School Captains

Junior School Captains Report

Hi everyone!

We hope everybody is keeping up with school and hopefully doing all right during this strange period.

We are the Junior School Captains for 2020, and our job is to lead the junior school cohort as well as work with the teachers to organise new ideas and activities for the students at Highvale. Though this year hasn't been quite as we had expected, we captains won't be letting this issue affect our roles as leaders.

We've recently been working with Mrs Valentine to update the school community on upcoming events where everyone can have fun and enjoy during these tough times. In fact, next week is already Father's Day! Wow, the year has flown by so fast! In celebration of Father's Day, The Alfred Hospital has organised and invited you to host a Virtual Breakfast Party with those dearest to you this Father's Day. The breakfast may be with your existing household members or shared virtually (and safely), with a wider group of people of friends or family. All funds raised will support the critical care work of The Alfred Hospital.

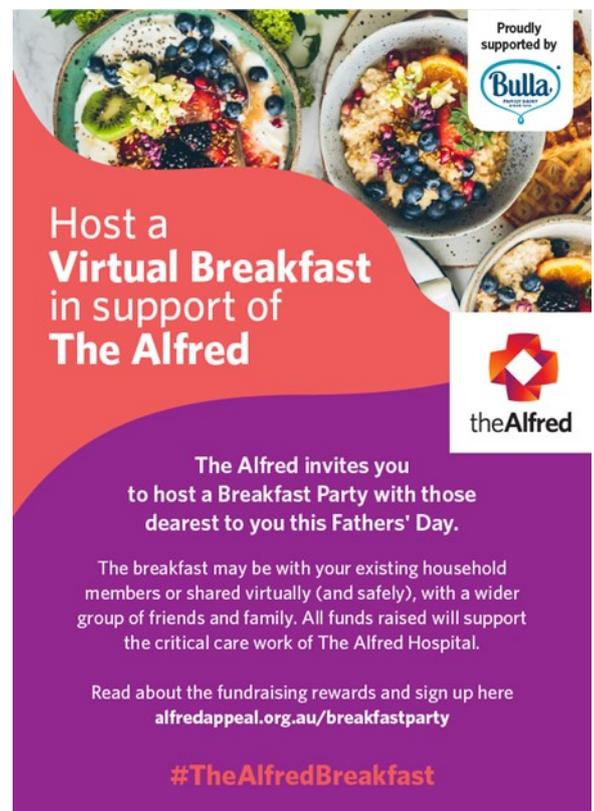
We'd love to see your own version of how you celebrate Father's Day. Send us a picture and we might post it in the next newsletter! (send pictures through to DPA@highvalesc.vic.edu.au)

Below is a link to which you can access to donate towards a fundraiser. There are fun rewards that you can receive if you donate!

<https://www.alfredappeal.org.au/breakfastparty>

Yours sincerely,

Andrea Chui, Matthew Suddin, Abhey Singh Chaal & Tayla Hollins
(Year 9 Junior School Captains 2020)



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Host a Virtual Breakfast in support of The Alfred

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The Alfred invites you
to host a Breakfast Party with those
dearest to you this Fathers' Day.

The breakfast may be with your existing household
members or shared virtually (and safely), with a wider
group of friends and family. All funds raised will support
the critical care work of The Alfred Hospital.

Read about the fundraising rewards and sign up here
[alfredappeal.org.au/breakfastparty](https://www.alfredappeal.org.au/breakfastparty)

#TheAlfredBreakfast

Lloyd Cook-Rowe Student Fundraiser



Lloyd Cook-Rowe is Shaving His Head

Breast Cancer has undoubtedly affected you or someone that you know. Lloyd wants to help support research to end Breast Cancer. He is inspired by Australian Breast Cancer Research (ABCR) and every donation will help to give a worthwhile total donation to their cause. Please help him to support ABCR by giving whatever you can, or just share his donation page! The more people that spread the word about ABCR, the greater their impact, so please share his page with family and friends. Thank you for your generosity. Lloyd's hair shave is booked for Highvale SC on Monday 12th October at 1pm.

<https://give.everydayhero.com/au/lloyd-s-head-shave-for-breast-cancer-australia>

CONTACT INFORMATION

During the last school lockdown it was noted that a number of families had the wrong contact information listed on Compass. It is vitally important, especially in the current situation, that we have the correct information. Could you please check the contact information we have listed for you. If there are any corrections needed please email them to admin@highvalesc.vic.edu.au.

The addition of student mobile numbers to their records is also useful for excursions, contacting re lateness for exams etc.

All contact information remains confidential and is for school use only.



Chris Mitchell Head of Music



Music News 28th August

AMEB Exams

Students who have paid for AMEB exams have all been booked in and the accompanist has been informed of your instrument and grade level. The AMEB have advised that, should they not be able to offer face-to-face exams, students will be able to switch to a video repertoire exam at no additional charge. Video exams will need to be completed by 30 November.

Ensembles & Performances

Until we receive official word on the status of schooling for term four, we can't make any firm plans for the resumption of ensemble rehearsals. As soon as we have something concrete, you will be informed via Compass News Feed. In the meantime, many ensemble directors have provided ensemble music for students to start learning with their instrumental teacher. This will mean pieces will come together much more quickly once full rehearsals can continue.

Highvale Virtual Community Orchestra

Stay tuned to Compass news feed over the next few days for an upcoming virtual performance opportunity for students, staff and parents to be involved with! Anyone will be able to contribute to this – even those who don't play an instrument! It would be great to have as many people involved as possible.

Thank You to Reed Music

A big thank you from the music department to publisher Reed Music (www.reedmusic.com) who recently helped us out by providing some very hard to find backing tracks for a couple of pieces one of our students is preparing for an exam. If you're interested in contemporary, graded music for woodwind, strings, brass, guitar or piano, have a look at their website. They represent 120+ composers, many of them Australian, and many of the works they sell are on AMEB exam lists.

Grand Piano Fundraiser

At the Winter Concert in 2019, we launched a fundraiser for a performance level grand piano for the theatre. We believe that such an instrument will greatly enhance our music program, with piano being used in many of our ensembles and to accompany soloists and small groups. We welcome all contributions to the grand piano fund, and are particularly encouraging members of the school community to donate one key of the piano at \$200. If you have donated one or more keys, please don't forget to drop into the office to sign your name on the keyboard print (once restrictions are lifted!). We are currently at about 2/3 of our target. If you are interested in contributing, please see below for further details.



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Grand Piano Fundraiser - Donation Form

Highvale Secondary College's instrumental music program has grown significantly over the last five to ten years and there is a strong desire to continue to improve and expand the program. One way this can be supported is by investing in high quality equipment. As such, donations are now invited from members of the school community towards the purchase of a better grand piano for the theatre. We believe such an instrument will enhance our instrumental music program for both performers and audiences alike. Many ensembles would make use of the piano (e.g. Stage Band, Orchestra and Chamber Strings among others), as would solo pianists and accompanists of other soloists and duos.

We are aiming to raise between \$15000 - \$20000 to purchase a quality grand piano from a manufacturer such as Yamaha or Kawai. Rather than purchasing a new base model, it would be preferred to purchase a mid-high range used, or, funds permitting a lower mid-range new piano.

A donation of \$200 equates to buying a key of the piano for us. You could also choose to donate a major chord (3 notes / \$600) or even a pentatonic scale (5 notes / \$1000). Those who contribute these amounts will be able to sign their name or business name on each key they have purchased on a print of a piano keyboard. This print will then be framed and hung in the theatre as a long-term reminder of those who generously contributed a significant amount to the purchase of the instrument. Smaller donations are also welcome from those who are unable to donate a key, chord or scale, but would still like to contribute.

If you would like to donate, cash or credit card payments can be made at the general office from Tuesday 25th June. For donations of a key, chord or scale, you will also be able to sign the print keyboard at the office at the time of lodging your donation.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity in supporting musical education at Highvale Secondary College.

Kind regards,

Chris Mitchell
Director of Music

Heather Carr
Acting Principal

Highvale Secondary College
Grand Piano Fundraiser - Donation Form

Name(s): _____

I/we would like to make a donation of: (please tick)

Qty

- _____ - Pentatonic scale(s) [5 keys] of a grand piano for Highvale Secondary College at \$1000 each.
- _____ - Major chord(s) [3 keys] of a grand piano for Highvale Secondary College at \$600 each.
- _____ - Key(s) of a grand piano for Highvale Secondary College at \$200 each.
- General donation of \$_____ towards a grand piano for Highvale Secondary College

Payment details: CREDIT CARD/CASH (Please circle) Donation Total Amount: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp Date: _____ CCV: _____

Cardholder Name: _____ Signature _____

PLEASE NOTE DONATIONS ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTABLE.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Protecting Children from Abuse: For Parents and Carer

保護孩子免受虐待 給家長和照顧者的資訊

Bảo vệ Trẻ em khỏi bị Ngược đãi: Dành cho Cha mẹ và Người chăm sóc

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Dear parents

As adults we play a critical role in protection children from harm. The following link provides you detailed information.

For Easy English version, please click the following website,

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/protect/EasyEnglish_SecondarySchool_FactSheet.pdf

For other languages, please click “Translated information” in the following website and select your language.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/safety/Pages/child-protection.aspx> (Click here)

NOTE: This is only a screenshot of the translated section.

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