

NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates

Monday 12 th February	Year 12 Camp Departs / Year 8 & 9 Information Evening 7pm
Wednesday 14 th	Student Photos Year 7 to Year 11
Monday 19 th February	Year 7 BBQ and Year 7 Information Evening
Tuesday 20 th February	Intermediate Sport Round Robin / Year 11 Outdoor Ed Camp Departs
Thursday 22 nd February	Year 8 to 10 Parent Info Session – Strategies for Teenage Success 6.30pm
Monday 26 th February	Year 11 Geography Excursion / Year 10 Information Evening 7pm
Tuesday 27 th February	Senior Sport Round Robin
Wednesday 28 th February	Year 7 Camp Departs
Friday 2 nd March	Division Swimming
Thursday 8th March	Curriculum Day – No Classes
Monday 12th March	Labour Day Public Holiday – No Classes
Tuesday 13 th March	Year 12 Outdoor Education Alpine National Park Camp Departs
Wednesday 14 th March	Year 7 Sport Round Robin
Thursday 22 nd March	Year 8 Sport Round Robin
Tuesday 27 th March	Regional Swimming
Wednesday 28 th March	Parent Teacher Interviews (booking info closer to date) – no classes
Thursday 29th March	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 16th April	First Day of Term 2



CAREER NEWS

Click the link(s): [Career News 9th February](#)



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Term Dates

2018

TERM 1: 30th Jan -29th March
TERM 2: 16th April - 29th June
TERM 3: 16th July - 21st Sept
TERM 4: 8th Oct - 21st Dec

Canteen

Canteen Price List click [here](#)

Note: Due to renovations, the canteen
will be closed for all of Semester 2.



Ian Watkins Principal



Welcome back

I would like to wish everyone a happy and successful 2018. I trust the Christmas holidays were enjoyable and everyone is recharged for a big year! I would like to welcome all our new students and their families. Thank you for choosing Highvale Secondary College.

I would like to introduce the new teachers for this year:

- Ms Gallagher Studio Arts
- Mrs Manariti Home Economics/Textiles
- Mr Joblin Business management/Humanities

Head Start

I would like to congratulate everyone for a great end of year program and in particular our VCE students who participated enthusiastically in our head start program.

2018 Building program

We anticipate moving into the new English and LOTE classrooms in a couple of weeks. Currently the builders of Stage 1 are completing all those last-minute jobs and cleaning up the site.

The Stage 2 Contract of our building program was officially signed off over the holidays with RENEW Constructions. They are expected to take possession of the S block wing from 26th February. The movement of staff and students into H block will be finalised by 23rd February.

Our immediate challenge is therefore to manage the decanting of the science resources into a temporary home in R block and the establishment of infrastructure to minimise the disruption to the science program. Preparations were undertaken at the end of last year with the installation of ramps, plumbing and new benches. We ask everyone for patience during the next few weeks.

Year 7 Music Workshops

On Monday 5th February, the Music department undertook its annual music workshops for our Year 7 students.

Year 12 Study Camp

I would like to wish all our Year 12 students all the very best for this year. I know that their final VCE year has already begun with their head start program last year and holiday homework. The Year 12 study camp begins next week and I would like to thank Mrs Patti for developing a very intense and well targeted program.

Swimming sports

I would like to thank all our competitors for their enthusiasm and endeavour at our recent swimming carnival. It was a great atmosphere and I know everyone had a great time. Good luck for our swimming team for the Division competition on Friday 2nd March.



Professional Practice Days

From the commencement of the 2018 school year, the Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2017 introduced one professional practice day for each full time teacher per term. The purpose of these professional practice days is to release teachers from their scheduled duties so that they can focus on the improved delivery of high quality teaching and learning.

Improving teacher effectiveness is fundamental to improving student learning. Teachers learn from and with colleagues when they work together to focus on the evidence-based practices known to impact on student outcomes. Teachers also learn when they have the time to plan and prepare their pedagogical activities and support each other to reflect on and inform their individual teaching practice.

These professional practice days will create further opportunities for individual teachers by increasing time available for focus, reflect on and improve their individual practice and to have the opportunity to engage in purposeful collaboration.

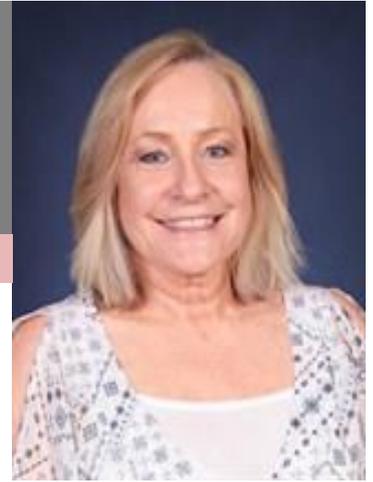
Highvale Secondary College school council fully supports this initiative and sees it as making a positive contribution to the existing teacher development programs provided by the school. Council has developed a policy which guides how the school will manage this process and minimise the disruption to the normal teaching program. The policy is now available on the college website. <http://highvalesc.vic.edu.au/college-documents/>

Features of this policy include:

- scheduling teacher release to coincide with major events such as Naplan and mid and end of year exams
- limiting the number of teachers taking professional practice days to no more than three per day.
- teachers will continue to prepare work and post on Compass for their classes and
- as with any teacher absence, the school will make every effort to engage relief teachers to match the learning area specialisation of classes.

These professional practice days provide an opportunity to build on and further support the work of our wonderful teachers so that our students can excel. If you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me on 98035144 or iwa@highvalesc.vic.edu.au.

Ian Watkins
Principal



YEAR 7 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC WORKSHOPS



Highvale Secondary College provides students with the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument and participate in a variety of musical ensembles.

Instrumental music lessons are offered at the College and are staffed by highly qualified, specialist instrumental music teachers.

The College offers our students this wonderful opportunity at approximately a quarter of the cost of private lessons outside the College.

On Monday and Tuesday this week, all Year Sevens and students new to the College, were given a chance to explore their innate musical talents and consider whether they may be interested in learning an instrument this year. Students participated in an assembly in the College theatre, then attended a music workshop session where they tried out a variety of wind, string and percussion instruments.

The workshops were preceded by an assembly involving all year 7s and featured a performance by two of the College ensembles, the Chamber Strings and the Stage Band. Our specialist instrumental music staff and some of our talented students demonstrated various instruments and spoke about their involvement in one or more of the College music ensembles. After the assembly, the Year 7 students attended four workshops where they were guided by the Instrumental music staff, as they tried out the various instruments.

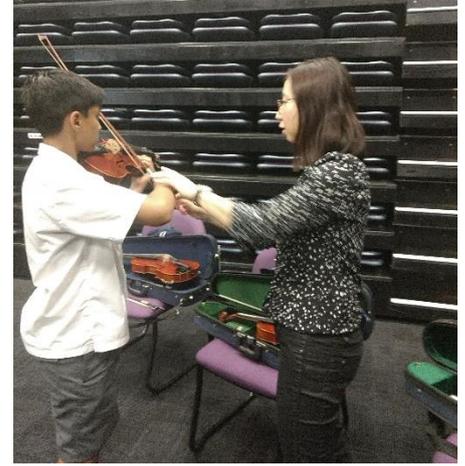


The College Program offers tuition on **Woodwind (flute, clarinet, saxophone, etc.), Brass (trumpet, trombone, French horn etc.), Percussion (drum kit and tuned percussion) and Orchestral Strings (violin, viola, cello and double bass)**. All year 7 students received an information booklet regarding musical instrument tuition at school and registration forms for students to complete.





Students who wish to learn any of the woodwind, brass, percussion or orchestral string instruments need to return the **enrolment forms asap** to the General Office. When the forms have been received students will commence instrumental music lessons. There are limited spaces so forms need to be returned promptly if students are to receive their first preference.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSON COMMENCEMENT (Students in Years 8-12.)

A reminder that most instrumental music lessons have commenced for instrumental music students in Years 8 to Year 12. Paper timetables have been posted on the music notice board and lessons times should appear on student's Compass timetable.

ENSEMBLE REHEARSALS WILL BEGIN SHORTLY. PLEASE CHECK COMPASS TIMETABLES FOR COMMENCEMENT DATE.

REMINDER – DOWNLOAD REPORTS

Please remember to download student reports from Compass each Term and Semester to ensure you have them available to you during your child's post-Highvale years. Otherwise, once your child leaves Highvale there is a fee associated for provision of past reports due to the extra work required.

Kelsey Dwyer
Sport Coordinator



Highvale Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 7th February approximately 400 students made their way down to Oakleigh Recreation for this year's swimming carnival. The weather was amazing, reaching a sunny 36 degrees. The year 12 group once again were bright and looking fantastic in their costumes for their last ever swimming carnival!

There were also some very entertaining novelty events including a Year 12 inflatable race and other relay races to conclude to program. A big thank you to all staff who attended the day to ensure the day ran smoothly. Thank you also to our sports captains, Carly Hewett, Grace Zhang, Luke Pearson, Zoe Glazner, Hannah Darcy and Talia Allen for not only their help on the day but also behind the scenes.

Acacia house were crowned the overall winning house for the day scoring 537 points!

The end tally from the day was:

Acacia	537 pts
Grevillea	495 pts
Dampiera	371 pts
Melaleuca	359 pts

Well done to the following students who won medals for scoring the most amount of points and were crowned over boys and girls senior champions in the water

Ashton Campbell	Year 8
Jemma Sargent	Year 9
Oliver Gerrard	Year 11
Sarah Duncan	Year 12

There will be a Division Swimming Meeting next Tuesday 13th Feb in room D5 for students who have progressed to the next round. There will be a list of names posted to Compass so keep an eye out!

Other sport information:

- There have been intermediate training happening this week, make sure you come along to secure a spot in your chosen sport.
- We are still searching for a few more spots to fill the intermediate girls softball team. If you are interested, please come and see Miss Dwyer by Monday 12th Feb.
- Senior Sport training will also start from next Monday, so keep an eye out for compass news feed.
- Year 8 and 7 online sign up to be closed today. Make sure you have signed up!

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