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Important Dates

20th December	Last Day Term 4
29th January 2020	School Resumes for 2020
4th February 2020	Y11/12 Student Photos
12th February 2020	Y7-10 Student Photos
15th February 2020	Swimming Carnival
24th—26th February 2020	Year 7 Somers Camp
9th March 2020	Labour Day Holiday
25th March 2020	Parent/Teacher Interviews, Pupil Free Day
27th March 2020	Last Day Term 1
13th April 2020	Easter Monday Holiday
14th April 2020	First Day Term 2



CAREER NEWS

Click the link – [1st November UCAT 2019](#)



Uniform Shop Hours 2020

Tuesdays
8.00am to 11.00am

Thursdays
1.00pm to 4.00pm

Click [here](#)
for Uniform Order Form

Student Absence Reporting Hotline

9803 5144

Press 1
Please call before 9am

Term Dates 2019/2020

TERM 4 2019: 7th Oct – 20th Dec
2020

TERM 1 : 29th Jan—27th March

TERM 2: 14th April—26th June

TERM 3: 13th July—18th Sep

Canteen

Canteen Price List click [Here](#)





PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As 2019 draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the visible and very tangible changes to our school over the recent years. Firstly I would like to thank Taylor Oppenheim architects who have worked closely with the school since planning was first undertaken in 2015.

This refurbishment has seen a 200 seat Theatre, extension to the VCE centre, a new administration area, redesigned safer bus and car access to the school grounds, fully refurbished English and Languages centre, a state of the art Science centre, a new Humanities and Mathematics building replacing existing portables and new synthetic netball/basketball courts. We now have refurbished Art and Technology and dedicated Robotics lab, a new canteen and improved PE change rooms.

It is of great credit to students and staff that this construction has been successfully completed without compromising student learning outcomes.

Congratulations on your perseverance and resilience!

We know that our school still requires work. For 2020 we will be working hard to improve our passive and recreation grounds.

For the future we will seek further funding, to provide the installation of cover over the basketball courts and an extension to our Library.

VCE performance

2019 will be remembered by many because of the excellent results of our Year 12 students. This was a strong VCE performance with an increase in both Median study score of 31 and percentage of study scores over 40 to 9.3%.

I would also like to recognize Sean Tan who achieved a perfect score of 50 for Information technologies and congratulate Aaron Samarniotis our DUX of 2019 who achieved an ATAR score of 99.

Over the next few weeks students will be reviewing their post Highvale options and looking forward to University offers for their chosen careers. We wish them all the very best for the future.

Presentation Night

I would like to congratulate all the students who received awards and presentations at our annual awards night last Tuesday. Thank you to our special guests, Mr Neil Angus Member for Forest Hill, Mr Terry Chung, School Council President, members of school council and Mr Tim Scully representing the Defence Forces. Again our music students demonstrated their skill and exceptional talents. Well done!



To all of our students, well done on another fine, successful year! On behalf of the school I would also like to thank all the teachers and education support staff for making 2019 another memorable year.

I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy Christmas. Please take care over the holidays

School resumes for students on Wednesday 29th January 2020.

IAN WATKINS
PRINCIPAL

Chris Mitchell Head of Music



Music News 20th December 2019

Thank you!

Thank you to all the students who have been involved in the instrumental music program this year. Your enthusiasm and commitment has been great to see, as has your musical progress. Thanks also to all the parents who support their students in their musical endeavours and to our staff, who consistently put in above and beyond to provide the best experiences possible for the students.

Continuation Forms

If there are any students who have not yet returned continuation forms for next year who are wishing to continue with their music lessons, please return the form as soon as possible.

Instrument Hire for 2020

As per the continuation form, please pay your 2020 hire fee as soon as possible if you wish to secure your instrument for 2020. If you are not planning to hire your instrument in 2020, or you haven't paid your 2020 hire fee, your instrument is now due to be returned. Please return it to your instrumental teacher or to the music office.

Music Captains for 2020

I am pleased to announce that the following students have been appointed to the positions of music captain in 2020:

Senior Music Captains: Yasmin Oroji and Josh Duncan

Junior Music Captains: Kehara DeSilva, Osel Loh and Sian Hwee

We had a large number of high quality applications and it was very difficult to make a final decision. Due to the high levels of interest, we are considering implementing a 'Student Friends of Music' committee in 2020 to provide more opportunities for student voice and leadership in the instrumental music program. Unsuccessful applicants for music captaincy are encouraged to consider being part of this group. More details will be forthcoming early next year.

Presentation Night

Well done to the Stage Band, Chamber Strings, Maxican Band and Senior Vocal Ensemble for their wonderful performances at presentation night.

Summer Solos & Small Groups Concert

In Term 1, 2020, we are considering running a solos and small groups concert. This will likely be held in early March as a twilight show in the lower courtyard. This event aims to give more students the opportunity to perform in a solo or small group situation and funds raised will contribute to the grand piano fundraiser (see below). More details, including information on how to get involved as a performer, will follow early next year. Students who are interested in performing are encouraged to start practicing over the holidays!

Grand Piano Fundraiser

At the Winter Concert, 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. Thanks to the generous donations so far, along with some of the funds from ticket sales, we have raised nearly \$8000. 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. If you are interested in contributing, please see below for further details.





Highvale Secondary College

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.

GLOBE RECYCLING



Globe recycling is now available through the college. Either place your used globes in the recycle bin provided in the library or drop them off at the front office.

BATTERY RECYCLING



For anyone looking for somewhere to recycle old batteries, we have a bin in the Library. Students, parents and staff can drop off batteries at the front office, or straight into the recycle bin in the Library

eWASTE RECYCLING



As local councils have banned any electronic waste from landfill, thus this electronic/electrical waste should not be placed in the normal rubbish bins at home. If you bring in these items, we can send them off with our biannual eWaste collection.

Small hand-held items such as mobile phones, chargers, led lamps, DVD/tape recorders etc.

**** No TVs, Fridges, Microwaves and other white goods.**

INK & TONER



For anyone looking for somewhere to recycle Printer Ink & Toner, we have a bin in the Library. Students, parents and staff can drop them off at the front office or straight into the recycle bin in the Library

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

학대로부터 어린이 보호하기: 부모와 보호자를 위한 정보

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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