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Newsletter No.1—4 February 2022

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# **Important Dates**

Tuesday 8th February 2022	Y10, Y11 & Y12 Student Photos
Wed 9th—Fri 11th February 2022	Year 12 Camp
Wednesday 16th February 2022	Y7, Y8 & Y9 Student Photos
Friday 25th February 2022	District Swimming
Monday 14th March 2022	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 15th—Friday 18th March 2022	Year 7 Camp
Wednesday 6th April 2022	Pupil Free Day Parent teacher interviews
Thursday 7th April 2022	Year 7 Immunisations
Friday 8th April 2022	Last day of Term 1



## **CAREER NEWS**

Click the link – 4th February 2022



Uniform Shop 2022

Click <u>here</u> for Uniform Order Form

See Compass newsfeed to book appointment

Student Absence Reporting

<u>Hotline</u>

9803 5144

Press 1
Please call <u>before 9am</u>

### **Term Dates**

2022

TERM 1: 31st January—8th April
TERM 2: 26th April—24th June

TERM 3: 11th July—16th September
TERM 4: 3rd October—20th December

# lan Watkins **Principal**



#### Welcome back

I would like to wish everyone a happy and successful 2022. I trust the Christmas holidays were enjoyable and everyone is recharged for a big year! <u>Our focus this year is "Getting back to normal"</u> I am confident that we will be able to minimise any COVID disruptions and provide a great service to our students.

Highvale Secondary College has again grown and we now have an enrolment of 1131 which is where I believe the school should remain.

I would like to welcome all our new students and their families. Thank you for choosing Highvale Secondary College.

#### **Happy Chinese New Year**

I would like to wish everyone a happy Lunar New Year. The Year of the Tiger!



#### Welcome to new staff

The following staff have joined out school community. Please make them feel welcome.

Ms Gao Mathematics/Science/Physics

Ms Ali Humanities

Mr Starnes English

Mr A Galle Technology
Ms Wu Humanities

Ms Wang Mathematics/Science

Mrs Saunders Mathematics/Science/Chemistry

Ms McCoy Maths

Mr Yeo Mathematics/Science
Mr D'Ademo Mathematics/Science

Ms Pethick English

Mr Turner Mathematics/Science

Ms Y Wang Instrumental Music—Strings

#### **Sub School Contacts**

The 2022 sub school teams are as follows:

Year 7 Mr A	hmet kah(	@highvalesc.vic.edu.au
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Year 8 Ms Clarke <u>acl@highvalesc.vic.edu.au</u>

Year 7/8 Ms Singh <u>bsi@highvalesc.vic.edu.au</u>

Year 9 Mr Baumgartner <u>pba@highvalesc.vic.edu.au</u>

Junior Sub School Manager Mrs Valentine <a href="mailto:nva@highvalesc.vic.edu.au">nva@highvalesc.vic.edu.au</a>

Year 10 Mrs Warwick <u>jwa@highvalesc.vic.edu.au</u>

Year 11 Mr Hurley <u>bhu@highvalesc.vic.edu.au</u>

Year 12 Mr Shelly <u>rsh@highvalesc.vic.edu.au</u>

Senior Sub School Manager Ms Woo <u>cww@highvalesc.vic.edu.au</u>

#### Happy snaps of our first week









#### Fond farewell

I would like to wish Mr Barbieri a very fond farewell and congratulate him on his 25 years' service to Highvale Secondary College. Mr Barbieri has now decided to retire, and we wish him the very best. Mr Barbieri has been the corner stone of our computer technical support and has maintained an open and supportive approach with staff and students alike. He was always there when we needed those vital things, internet access, print credits, log on details, printer jams, photocopier troubles, the list goes on... Thank you Mr Barbieri!



#### **Year 7 Music Workshops**

On Wednesday 2 February, the music department undertook its annual music workshops for our Year 7 students. It was great to see the enthusiasm of our students. We encourage all new students to challenge themselves and learn an instrument.





#### Year 12 Study Camp

I would like to wish all of 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. Students are attending the Year 12 study camp over 9 to 11 February and I would like to thank Mrs Patti and Ms Woo for developing a very intense and well targeted program.

#### **Swimming sports**

Our swimming sports carnival was held on Friday for competitors and all of our Year 12 cohort. From all respects the day has been a great success.

#### Coronavirus update

Rapid Antigen Tests have now been delivered by the Department of Education and distributed to students. Unfortunately the school was 70 tests short. The school has ordered and paid for supplies to cover the shortfall. We expect these supplies to arrive by the end of next week. As soon as they arrive they will be distributed.

It is recommended that students do 2 tests per week.

- 1. Students who report a positive result must isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.
- 2. Where a student is a household contact of a positive case (that is, they have spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house, accommodation, or care facility) they must inform the school and isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.
- 3. Parents/guardians must also report a positive result to the school, by phone 9803 5144 or COMPASS email.
- 4. Students must not return to school if they remain sick.

Parents are asked to log any positive test results on the designated web site:

https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests#report-a-positive-result-on-a-rapid-antigen-test

or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398.

#### **Privacy statement**

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the <u>Schools' Privacy Policy</u>

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement.

This information also available in nine community languages.

lan Watkins

Principal

# Carly Woo Senior School Coordinator

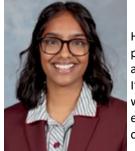


#### **2022 School College Captains**



Hi! I'm Phoebe and I am excited to be one of your College Captains for 2022. It's important that you get to know a little bit about me. I am passionate about acting, writing, and all things film. I play netball for Ferntree Gully, played basketball for 10 years, work at Kmart and am an active member of my community as well as SchoolStrike4Climate. I'm also trying to learn guitar. My goals as a captain are to develop more engagement within and between year levels and create lasting change that sticks with Highvale after my fellow captains and I graduate. I look forward to getting to know all of you better!

Phoebe FERGUSON



Hi, I'm Anji! I'm lucky enough to be one of your College Captains this year. A bit about me: I work part-time as a swimming instructor, I play piano, sing, dance bharathanatyam and am involved in advocacy groups such as Youth Against Sexual Violence Australia + SchoolStrike4Climate. At Highvale, I've been involved in Harmonix, Vocal Ensemble, Debating, Public Speaking and Interschool Sport, which has allowed me to get to know lots of teachers and students from various year levels. I'm really excited to represent the school community this year by working with you all and creating lasting change at Highvale!

Anjana (Anji) NIRANJAN



G'day, I'm Lachie and I'm one of the Vice College Captains for this year. A little bit about me: I work as a Crew Trainer at McDonald's, I am very much into music, I play guitar and I also am into coding and engineering. Some of the clubs I have been involved in include the Highvale Robotics Club and the Highvale Stage Band. These clubs have been great fun and have also allowed me to come to know a variety of different students from differing year levels and teachers from differing departments. This year I will be looking forwards to representing all at Highvale and working with you all.

Lachlan BAENSCH



Hi! My name is Novica and I am one of the 2022 Highvale Vice Captains. To introduce myself; I have a passion for musical theatre and am a performer with the Young Australian Broadway Chorus. I am also an avid netball player, coach and umpire and I love public speaking, debating, singing and camping. I am much looking forward to working together with you all this year and for all the exciting opportunities 2022 will bring us. Please feel free to approach me around the school if you have anything you would like to discuss!

Novica PEARSALL



Hello everyone! my name is Sohyun, and I am your international captain for 2022. For these who doesn't know me well yet, I was a Highvale student since year 7, I enjoyed being involved with school event, especially sport events. I was one of the sport captains last year, and this position had led me to take on even more exciting journey of college captain! Outside school, I work as a taekwondo instructor, and tutor for students. With our own experiences, we will be your supportive college captain! So please feel free to contact me, or any of us anytime!

Sohyun PARK



Hey! I'm Hina and I am one of your international school captions this year. I am currently working at Coles as a casual team member. One thing about me is I love to play and watch sports specifically tennis, cricket, and soccer. Although my life at Highvale is not the longest (covid made it even shorter), it never stopped me from participating in different activities like interschool sports and harmonix. Playing sports and being in a choir really helped me with making some amazing friends and get to know the teachers. It is with utmost pride that I represent Highvale secondary college not only as a student, but also as one of the school captains. I am looking forward to work with the other school captains for bringing lasting changes to Highvale and make it a better place for everyone.

Mehra (Hina) MUMTAHINA



www.careers.highvalesc.vic.edu.au

# THE BEST **WAY TO PREDICT** THE **FUTURE** IS TO CREATE

We have a School Careers Website.

It's a "One Stop Shop" for everything you need with Career Planning and help.

- Latest News and Events
- TAFE & VET
- Uni Admissions
- Find What Careers
   Suit You
- Work Experience
- Gap Year
- Discover a Course
- Find a Job
- Create a Resume
- Youth Allowance
   ...and much more!





# Uniform Shop **UPDATE**



The uniform shop is currently open for appointments via bookings only. Click here to book.

Alternatively you can download the uniform order form from the website and submit it via email to uniform@highvalesc.vic.edu.au for processing.

## **Year Level Coordinators**

Please see the table below for a list of the 2022 Coordinators.

YEAR LEVEL COORDINATORS	
YEAR 7	Karnel AHMET
YEAR 8	Alexandra CLARKE
YEAR 7 & YEAR 8	Betty SINGH
YEAR 9	Philip BAUMGARTNER
YEAR 10	Jenny WARWICK
YEAR 11	Brian HURLEY
YEAR 12	Richard SHELLY
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL	Natalie VALENTINE
HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL	Carly WOO

## **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**



The NEW Entertainment Memberships are here! The memberships start at just \$69.99 and you'll receive thousands of dollars worth of offers you can use for up to 2 years (depending on the package you purchase). You can get a digital membership by following this link <a href="https://au.entdigital.net/orderbooks/187h873">https://au.entdigital.net/orderbooks/187h873</a>.

## Can I still buy the Book?

The Entertainment Book's changed a bit. In fact, it's no longer a book at all. Instead, what was once the Entertainment Book is now an easy-to-use app that's updated every few minutes — instead of once a year. That means we can give you even more possibilities to discover, more experiences to unlock, and more rewards to share. You'll still get a full 12 months of membership (no matter when you sign up). You'll have the same great savings you've come to expect. And you'll be able to make the same

# **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\_Second arySchool\_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. Translated information Protecting children from abuse • 🔼 Arabic Chinese - Simplified Chinese - Traditional • 🔼 Dari • 🖟 Dinka Karen Khmer • 🔼 Korean • 🔼 Russian • A Sinhalese • 🖟 Somali • 🔼 <u>Tagalog</u> • 🔼 Turkish Vietnamese

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