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Important Dates

Monday 8th February	Year 7 Information Night 7-8pm via Webex
Wednesday 10th February	School Photos Year 7-10
Friday 12th February	Swimming Carnival
Thursday 18th February	Year 8-10 Information Night
Thursday 18th February	Webex Session, Parenting Strategies for Teenage Success 7-8pm
Monday 22nd February	Curriculum Day, Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 23rd February	VCE Information Night
Friday 26th February	District Swimming
Monday 8th March	Labour Day
9th—10th March	Year 7 Camp Group A
11th—12th March	Year 7 Camp Group B
Wednesday 31st March	Parent/Teacher Interviews, Pupil Free Day
Thursday 1st April	Last Day Term 1
Monday 19th April	First Day Term 2



CAREER NEWS

Click the link – [23rd October 2020](#)



Uniform Shop 2020

Click [here](#)
for Uniform Order Form

Check COMPASS regarding
booking for opening hours

Student Absence Reporting

Hotline

9803 5144

Press 1

Please call before 9am

Term Dates

2021

TERM 1: 28th January—1st April

TERM 2: 19th April—25th June

TERM 3: 12th July—17th September

Ian Watkins
Principal



Welcome back

I would like to wish everyone a happy and successful 2021. 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.

2020 Year 12 Graduation Celebration

On Tuesday, 9 February we are very proud to host our 2020 Year 12 students to present them with their graduation certificates and VCAA VCE award. The graduation ceremony will be live streamed using the same company that did such a great job with last year's awards presentation.

During the afternoon students will have the opportunity to catch up and talk about their future plans and dreams with their colleagues and past teachers over an elegant afternoon tea.

Happy snaps of our first week





Year 7 Information meeting (remote)

An information session for parents and or guardians of students in Year 7 will be held on Monday, 8 February. This session will be conducted via Webex, the Department of Education preferred remote online meeting platform.

<https://eduvic.webex.com/eduvic/j.php?MTID=m0f64659969ccdda0707c8fb3e4e0f2ef>

Meeting number: 165 213 3553

Password: mPx3pqQa88206f0ac25966f47e3b8d45ea2e46af4b7

If it is more convenient parents can join by phone by dialling: +61-3-8593-9167

Access code: 165 213 3553

Year 7 Music Workshops

On Monday, 1 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 at Melbourne University and I would like to thank Mrs Patti for developing a very intense and well targeted program.

Swimming sports

Our swimming sports carnival is quickly coming up. All year 7 and 12s and competitors from all year levels will be attending. The school will provide normal classes for students in years 8-11 who remain at school.



Coronavirus update

As you may be aware, the situation regarding the response to novel coronavirus has continued to evolve. Our current restrictions mean that all students are to wear masks inside school buildings. Parent meetings will still need to be conducted remotely over the internet.

However most school operations are back to normal. The school currently is allowed to conduct inter school sport, excursions and camps.

Any changes to Covid restrictions will be communicated via COMPASS as they are announced.

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 [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement. This information also available in nine community languages

Ian Watkins

Principal

Chris Mitchell
Head of Music



Music News 5th February 2021

Welcome to 2021!

I hope you all had a relaxing summer break and ready for the new year! We are looking forward to our programs starting up again over the coming weeks. We are hoping to run our successful 'Twilight Tunes' concert in March again this year, and we also hope to have more lunchtime performance opportunities for students, as well as our regular Winter, Spring and Junior concerts.

Year 7 Music Workshops

Monday 1st February was our annual year 7 music workshops, where new students are able to see and hear all the instruments offered at the school and learn how the music program works. Students were then able to sign up for a trial lesson if they wanted to give an instrument or two a go before committing to a whole year of lessons. Students who are interested in having lessons are encouraged to return the form by Wednesday 10th February.



Ensembles

Ensemble rehearsals will begin for all music students in the next few weeks. Keep an eye on Compass and e-mail for further information relating to your particular ensemble(s).

Renewal / Continuation Forms

If you learned an instrument in 2020 and have not yet let us know whether you plan to continue with lessons in 2021, please do so as soon as possible. If you need a replacement copy of the form please let me know via e-mail cmi@highvalesc.vic.edu.au . Please note that as we are enrolling new students, we are no longer able to hold your place in the program and continuation will be subject to available lesson times.

Twilight Tunes Outdoor Concert

Last year, we initiated a new concert towards the end of term one, 'Twilight Tunes'. After a successful first event in 2020, we are aiming to run a similar concert this year on Thursday March 25th at 5.30pm. Our AT529 Class Orchestra will be performing, and perhaps one of our other major ensembles. We are also looking for a number of soloists and small groups to perform. Details on how to apply to perform will be available in the coming weeks, as will a link for ticket bookings.

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. Donations of any size are most welcome, and you donate \$200, you have effectively bought us one key of our piano! 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. We are hoping to raise the funds required to make a purchase in time for our Winter Concert in June.



Uniform Shop IMPORTANT COVID UPDATE



PLEASE NOTE

Due to the changing COVID conditions the uniform shop will be via **APPOINTMENT ONLY** during normal shop hours. These hours are 8 to 11am on Tuesdays and 1 to 4pm on Thursdays. Information regarding how to book an appointment will be uploaded into COMPASS.

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



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.

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

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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.

Translated information

[Protecting children from abuse](#)

- [Arabic](#)
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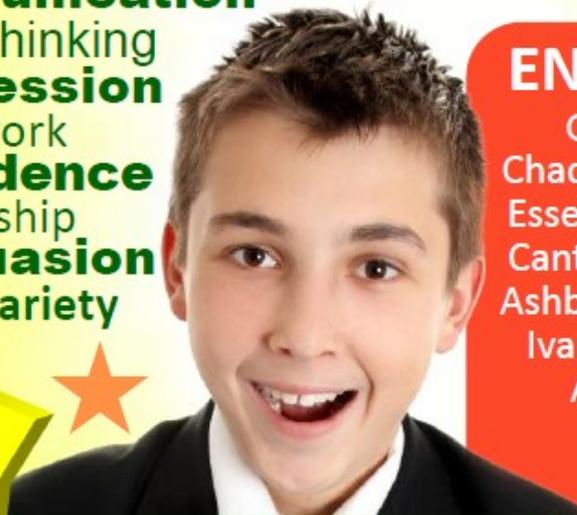
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GWSC TRIALS AND GRADING 2021



WEEK 1

GWSC Trial Dates	Monday 1-Feb	Tuesday 2-Feb	Wednesday 3-Feb	Thursday 4-Feb	Friday 5-Feb	Saturday 6-Feb	Sunday 7-Feb
U8						845 - 945 am	
U9							
U10						1000 - 1100 am	
U11							
U12		600 - 730 pm					
U13							
U14				600 - 730 pm			
U15							
U16			600 - 730 pm				
U17/18							

WEEK 2

GWSC Trial Dates	Monday 8-Feb	Tuesday 9-Feb	Wednesday 10-Feb	Thursday 11-Feb	Friday 12-Feb	Saturday 13-Feb	Sunday 14-Feb
U8						845 - 945 am	
U9							
U10						1000 - 1100 am	
U11							
U12		600 - 730 pm					
U13							
U14				600 - 730 pm			
U15							
U16			600 - 730 pm				
U17/18							

GWSC looks forward to welcoming past and new players to our trials and grading sessions for the 2021 season. All trials will be held at Wheelers Hill Secondary College, Lum Road, Wheelers Hill at the times listed for each age group. Boys and Girls grading will run simultaneously.

Note: The Age groups below represents the age you must be at the end of the year (December 31). For example to play Under 12's this year you need to be 12 or younger at Dec 31st.

registrations@glenwaverleysoccer.org.au
<http://www.glenwaverleysoccer.org.au/>

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