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Important Dates

Wednesday 2nd December	Last Y12 Exam
Monday 7th December	VCE Headstart Program Commences End of year Program Commences for Y7-Y9
Tuesday 8th December	Curriculum Day—Student Free Day Y7 2021 Orientation Day
Tuesday 15th December	Presentation Day Livestream
16th-17th December	Curriculum Days—Student Free Days
Friday 18th December	End of Term 4
Thursday 28th January 2021	Term 1 Commences for Students in Y7, Y11, Y12 and New Students
Friday 29th January 2021	Term 1 Commences for Students in Yrs 8-10
Tuesday 2nd February 2021	Y11 & Y12 Photos
3rd—5th February 2021	Y12 Camp



CAREER NEWS

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



Uniform Shop 2020

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for Uniform Order Form

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Covid-19 Lockdown**

Student Absence Reporting

Hotline

9803 5144

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Please call before 9am

Term Dates

2020

TERM 4: 5th October—18th

December

2021

TERM 1: 28th January—1st April

TERM 2: 19th April—25th June

TERM 3: 12th July—17th September



Principal Report 25th November 2020

Positions of Responsibility

I have the pleasure to inform our community that after an internal selection process, the following staff have been appointed as Year level coordinators for 2021:

Year 7	Madeline Costello
Year 8	Karnel Ahmed
Year 9	Philipp Baumgartner
Year 10	Brian Hurley
Year 11	Richard Shelly
Year 12	Carly Woo

I know that their experience, dedication and professionalism will be of great benefit in supporting our school.

Head Start

Head Start for our students moving into VCE classes in 2021 will run Monday 7, 9, 10 and 11th December. This is an excellent opportunity for students moving into VCE or moving into their year 12 studies to meet with their teacher for 2021 and undertake preparatory work for that subject.

We have found that the Head Start enables students to reflect on their year ahead and feel confident that they can achieve success.

End of Year Program

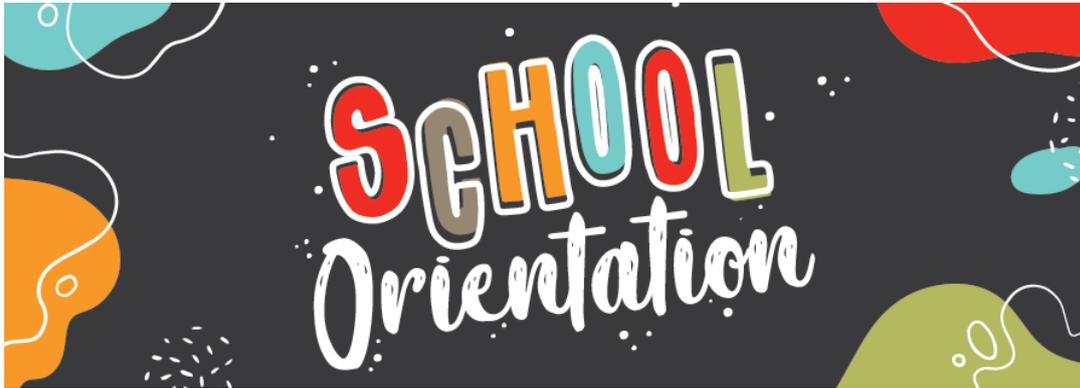
The 2020 End of Year program will run from Monday 7 December to Friday 18 December.

Obviously the upcoming Premier's announcements scheduled for 22 November will have some impact on what we can do. Our planning at the moment is focussed on hands on practical activities across all learning areas.

Presentation Ceremony

Our Presentation Evening will need to be modified to respond to the COVID requirements. This year we will be organising a presentation ceremony that will be livestreamed from our gym over the day of Tuesday 15 December. Details are currently being worked out and information sent to parents as soon as possible.

Our presentation ceremony will include year 12 awards.



Orientation day for 2021 Year 7s

There have been some changes to the restrictions which will allow us to conduct an Orientation day for next year's Year 7 students. The most significant is the restriction that these primary school students are not to mix with our current students. This would make a normal orientation day arrangements unworkable.

As a result, School Council has approved that Tuesday 8 December will be a pupil free day for all of our school. This includes VCE Head Start and the junior End of Year program.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new year 7s. For 2021 we are expecting a significant increase in new students. Current year 7 enrolments are at 260 students.

Our time-tabler team is currently working through the LOTE selections and acceleration classes for the 2021 Year 7s and information to our new families and their grade 6 students is currently being sent out.

Staff professional development

As a result of the pandemic, the mandatory DET professional development activities have been postponed a number of times this year. In order to complete them they have now been finally moved to the Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th December.

School Council has designated these dates as pupil free days.

Over these days, staff will be undertaking first aid and CPR, Cultural Understanding and Safety Training as well as implementing new Departmental assessment strategies into the curriculum planning documents.

VCAA Consideration of Education Disadvantage

I would like to thank the team for reviewing student consideration of disadvantage applications as part of the VCAA Covid response. I understand that the team has considered student applications and input from student welfare and sub schools in making their recommendations. These recommendations have now been distributed to classroom teachers of the affected VCE students. Please note, not all VCE students require score reviews. Teachers are asked to consider the recommendations and make any necessary changes to their reviewed scores (changed or no change). These will then be uploaded on the VASS system to VCAA.

Laura Nijenhuis (Wallace) Food Technology



Food Technology Term 4

We are back in the kitchens and loving it. Here we have some year 7 students from 7F who have jumped right in and have started exploring their surroundings. Last week we learnt about correct measurement, stovetop safety and controlling the heat of your frypan whilst cooking Pancakes.



This week we learnt about oven safety, the rubbing in method and efficient cleaning of the kitchens. The students have been challenged to go home and make scones for their family. Two eager students have already completed this task and have shown some excellent results.



Miss Nijenhuis



Natalie Valentine Head of Junior School



Junior School News

It's been so nice to have all of our students back at school!

Our junior school students have been busy involving themselves in some fun activities since they have all returned to school after remote learning.

Students have been enjoying each other's company and have reflected on their experiences over the past months focussing on some of the positives that have come out of 2020.

In our second week back the junior school captains worked with me to create a 'Gratitude Wall' on the window of the junior school office. Students shared what they are grateful for in words and pictures creating a colourful display that has received a lot of attention.

On Friday 13th of November we celebrated World Kindness Day.

Our year 7 and 8 students, in their focus groups, each created a poster to create a 'Kindness' collage. These have been put on display in H block. Students committed to do something 'kind' for someone else and there were lots of lovely comments and gestures throughout the day.

See the photos of their beautiful creations below.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted" –AESOP

Natalie Valentine
Head of Junior School



Phil Tawa Sports Coordinator



Sports Report

Despite a very restricted year of sports in 2020, in term one Highvale held its annual House Swimming in February. Without having the chance for a sub-school assembly to present the award winners from the day, earlier this week the winners were presented with their medals! Congratulations to Isabelle Creaton and Ben Sargent, who were the junior girl and junior boy champion swimmers on the day!



Preparations for sport next year are well underway. Applications for sports captain positions can be submitted now. Please see the Compass newsfeed item. Last date for applications is 27th of November. From next year, sports notices can be found in our new noticeboard, located inside the Community Centre foyer.



Chris Mitchell Head of Music



Music News 23rd November

Back at School

It has been wonderful having all students back at school and making music again! Based on current restrictions, instrumental lessons and ensembles are running as follows:

All lessons are now able to run as normal;

Brass, woodwind and voice ensembles can run outside with up to 10 students or inside with up to 5 students;

Nouveau Strings, Intermediate Strings, Chamber Strings and percussion ensembles can resume rehearsals.

Please check your e-mail and Compass for information on rehearsals from your ensemble director. Please keep an eye out for extra rehearsals leading up to the concert next Thursday.

Ensembles of more than 10 that include brass, woodwind or voice will not be able to resume as normal due to the restrictions placed on these instruments.

As you would be aware, things regarding COVID are changing rapidly, so please keep an eye on Compass for any updates.

Virtual Ensemble – ‘Happy’

Our virtual ensemble is now available to view [here](#). Thanks to everyone who was involved!

Livestream Concert

Our Livestream concert for Thursday November 26th is taking shape! It will begin at approximately 3.30pm. String and percussion students will be playing onsite. Though restrictions have updated slightly, we are still planning for brass, woodwind and vocal students to be pre-recorded to limit the number of students on site.

As audience members are not allowed on site, the concert will be livestreamed via YouTube. Please book your free ticket [here](#). There is the option to make a donation towards the grand piano fund when you book your ticket if you would like to. Once you have booked, you will be sent a link to the livestream via the e-mail address you provide when booking. Booking a ticket means we can easily e-mail you directly if there are any unexpected changes. If you can't watch at the time, the link will still be active for a few days after the concert.

Events for students performing live on-site (and stage crew) will be on Compass shortly. Please log on and provide your permission for your student to attend.



Additional Details for on-site performers:

3pm: Small snack provided for students (students to bring own water). Students in sport uniform to change into school uniform.

3.15pm: Students to waiting rooms except intermediate strings who are to go straight on to stage.

Waiting Rooms

D1: Rhythm Riders & Soloists not in other groups

D2: Chamber Strings

D4/5: Nouveau Strings

D6/7: Intermediate Strings (students to store cases and other belongings here before going on stage at 3.15pm).

3.30pm: Concert begins. Students must remain in assigned waiting room when not performing.

5.00pm: Concert concludes, students dismissed earlier if concert finishes early. Any student who needs to leave early must bring a signed note from their parent to give to their waiting room supervisor.

Students are encouraged to bring books or games for the waiting rooms. We will also try to livestream into the waiting rooms

Renewal / Continuation Forms

2020 has been a year of quite different musical experiences, including video lessons, virtual ensembles and soon, a livestream concert. I very much hope that students have enjoyed their time in the music program this year. All existing instrumental music students should have now received a renewal / continuation form for 2021. Thank you to the many who have already returned the form. If you didn't receive one or have lost it, please contact me for a replacement to be e-mailed to you (cmi@highvalesc.vic.edu.au). Forms were due Monday 23rd November, even if you aren't planning to continue. If you haven't returned your form yet, please do so as soon as possible. For those hiring instruments through the school, please remember to pay the hire fee by Friday 27th November, and provide proof of payment to your teacher in your lesson the following week. If the hire fee is not paid, you will need to return your instrument until you have done so. If you are no longer hiring, please also return your instrument. We look forward to all students continuing their musical journey next year.

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 (once restrictions are lifted!).





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.

CANTEEN

Canteen Online Ordering

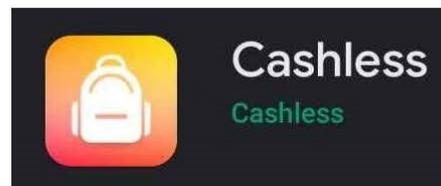
Due to the current covid event, canteen purchases are available online to minimize the physical contact between students and staff.

Please create an account at

<https://app.cashless.school/login>

on the PC or by "Cashless" app on your phone or tablets.

(by searching for "Cashless" on the Android or Apple App Store)



Order online before 8am for lunch or recess and collect at canteen.

FREE YEAR 7 - 10 TUTORING

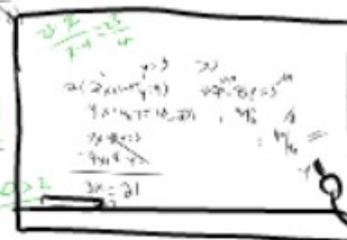
MATHS/SCIENCE

Mrs MANN — Thursdays in S3

ENGLISH

Mr Carroll — Thursdays in the Library

3 — 4pm



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.

Translated information

[Protecting children from abuse](#)

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