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Important Dates

Tuesday 30th March	VCE Formal
Wednesday 31st March	Parent/Teacher Interviews, Student Free Day
Thursday 1st April	Last Day Term 1
Monday 19th April	First Day Term 2
Tuesday 4th May	Division Cross Country
Monday 10th May	Curriculum Day
11th May—13th May	Naplan
31st May—8th June	Y7—Y11 Exams
Thursday 10th June	Winter Concert
Monday 14th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 15th June	Region Cross Country
Friday 18th June	Student Free Day, Assessment Day
Friday 25th June	Last Day Term 2
Monday 12th July	First Day Term 2, Semester 2



CAREER NEWS

Click the link – [12th February 2021](#)
[5th March 2021](#)



Uniform Shop 2021

Click [here](#)
for Uniform Order Form

Check COMPASS regarding
booking for opening hours

Student Absence Reporting

Hotline

9803 5144

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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

TERM 3: 4th October—17th December

Ian Watkins
Principal



**Highvale Secondary College
Friday 26 March 2021.**

Principal's report

Twilight Tunes

The first of our major school music evenings was held on Thursday this week. As the weather was 'slightly' wet it was decided to hold the performances in the school's gym. I would like to thank all of the instrumental teachers and particularly Mr Mitchell for bringing this major undertaking together. It was a great evening.

I would like to congratulate all the students for their fine performances. They demonstrated great skill, application and enthusiasm. Well done!



Junior Sub School Assembly

It was with great pleasure that we were able to conduct our Junior sub school assembly this week.

During this assembly I was able to present School Values awards:

Respect	Freya, Cooper and Jack
Responsibility	Hannah, Sachi and Akuot
Resilience	Malachy, Joel and Cody
Excellence	Thamasha, Hunter and Alysa
Integrity	Sweetkar, Ryan and Patrick.

We were privileged to hear some wonderful performances from Chloe, Ben and Gemima and solos from Cynthia and Freya.

Congratulations to all the junior school captains and the students who gave reports of the various extra curricula activities that everyone has enjoyed so far this year.

Harmony day

On Friday 19 March, Highvale celebrated Harmony Day, which celebrates Australia's cultural diversity.

Orange was the colour chosen to represent **Harmony** Week and it was great to see our students displaying the colour. Traditionally, **orange** signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. The ongoing theme of Harmony Day is '**everyone belongs**'. Harmony Day is a day of cultural **respect** for all, and by participating in Harmony Day we can learn and understand how all Australians equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

Whilst we traditionally celebrate our New Year on 1 January there are other calendars used by other communities. 20 March marks the New Year for our Persian community. So I say, **Happy Nowruz**. While Nowruz has been celebrated since the reform of the Iranian Calendar in the 11th century CE to mark the New Year, the [United Nations](#) officially recognized the "International Day of Nowruz" with the adoption of UN resolution 64/253 in 2010.





Central Australia tour

I recognise that the Central Australia tour is a very popular and important school event. Last year we were unable to action this camp due to COVID restrictions.

Over the last few weeks I have been considering how the camp could operate in our current pandemic environment. As we have seen there are still hot spots and serious discussions of state border closures. There is a risk that following a border closure, the tour would be stuck without accommodation or transport options back to Victoria. This is a risk that I would not wish to take.

As such I have taken the difficult but, I believe, necessary decision to postpone the tour till the same time in 2022. I know that this will be a disappointment for both students and staff who have been so looking forward to the tour. Parents who have already paid a deposit for the camp can elect to get a full refund, or set aside the payment for the 2022 camp.

I hope everyone will understand and support this position. The health and safety of all members of our school community is our paramount concern.

Parent teacher interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be conducted remotely from 12.30 to 8 pm on Wednesday 31 March.

This is a pupil free day.

Parents will be able to access interim reports and the parent teacher bookings early next week. Please look out for the COMPASS alert and links.

VCE Formal

The VCE formal will be held on Tuesday 30 March at Merrimu receptions in Chadstone. I know our students and staff are really looking forward to a great night.

Coronavirus update

With the relaxing of current COVID restrictions coming into force Friday evening I am happy to announce that masks will now, no longer be needed to be worn in class.

Students will still need to carry a mask and wear it on public transport.

Ian Watkins

Principal



Year 9-10 Geography Coasts and Connections

Beach Excursion

As part of the Year 9 and 10 Geography Coasts and Connections Unit, students have been studying coastal landforms and investigating and evaluating management strategies.

On Monday 15th of March, the students accompanied by their teachers travelled by bus to the Mornington Peninsula to visit a variety of coastal environments and view these features first hand. The weather was perfect for a beach visit. Students collected data, completed sketches and took photos that will be used in class to complete an individual field work report. Locations visited included London Bridge National Park near Portsea, Sorrento village and bay beach and Rye beach.

Students are to be commended on their excellent behaviour and focus throughout the day.

A big thank you to Mr Sloane for driving the minibus on the day.



Joanne Howard



Sue Bogos
Senior Physics Teacher



Physics at Luna Park

On Thursday 11th March our year 12 physics classes set off for the annual Physics at Luna Park day.

The students had spent the first part of the term learning the physics behind the motions that they were ready to experience on the day on a variety of rides. Concepts such as Circular Motion, Conservation of Energy and the Transformations of types of energy involved were all experienced or observed. Students also had to determine measurements such as times of rotation etc, in order to complete a booklet of analysis work in preparation for their first physics SAC this week.



We were again lucky with pleasant weather and the students all behaved exceptionally well and had a great time. Thanks to Mr Stirling and Ms Qin who also attended and assisted with the supervision

Mrs Suzanne Bogos
Senior Physics Teacher



Madeleine Costello Year 7 Coordinator



Year 7 Camp

Two weeks ago, from 9-12 March, Year 7 camp was in full swing. The year level was split into two, with half the group going on camp from Tuesday – Wednesday, and the other half going from Thursday – Friday.

Across the two camps, 225 excited (and perhaps a little nervous!) Year 7's and 20 very brave staff members came to Lord Somers Camp on the Mornington Peninsula.

From stand up paddle boarding to kayaking, pizza making to screen printing, and let's not forget the epic lip sync battle as part of the trivia night, a wonderful time was had by all.

The Year 7's showed great resilience on camp, cementing friendships and their place in our Highvale school community.

At the Junior School Assembly on Wednesday 24 March, Catherine Kokkalas and Caleb Wright from Camp 1, and Harlee Craig and Scully Errington-Smith from Camp 2, spoke really well about camp on behalf of their year level.

Well done to all Year 7's for an excellent camp!

Madeleine Costello
Year 7 Coordinator





Sports report - 24th March 2021

Highvale has continued its great start to the sporting year, with more teams going through to the Region stage after winning their Division competitions for both year 7 and year 8.

Year 8 Round Robin day was held on Wednesday March 10th, with students enjoying a perfect day of weather for their competitions. We had a number of great performances by our teams, but none better than the boys tennis team, who despite trailing at times during the day, managed to win their final matches and win the day, continuing their winning streak from last year.

Year 7 Round Robin day was held on Thursday 18th of March. This year, year 7s attended a tryout day which was a great success, as we had all teams filled and were the only school to do so for year 7! The competition day itself was another great success, with the baseball, softball and girls volleyball teams all winning their competitions and will now progress to the region stage. Well done to all year 7s on their participation in term 1 sport.

The Region Swimming event was held on Tuesday 23rd of March at Aquanation in Ringwood. The Highvale competitors comprised of Abby Wong, Ben Sargent, Jemma Sargent, Charlotte Creaton, Janaila Koh and Novica Pearsall, and all swam with enthusiasm and represented our school with distinction. Well done to Jemma who placed second in the 50m breaststroke.

We look forward now to term 2. Sports to be played are AFL, Soccer, Netball and Badminton. Our **Division Cross-Country** event will also be held on the 4th of May at Nortons Park. Students need to sign up for Cross-Country via the signup link on Compass newsfeed.



Chris Mitchell Director of Music



Music News 26th March 2021

Twilight Tunes Concert

Last night, we had our first concert for 2021 – Twilight Tunes. Though this was planned to be outside, poor weather saw the concert moved to the gym. The performers did a brilliant job, and a wide range of music was performed from baroque and classical, through to more modern rock and pop music. It was great to be able to have a concert in front of an in-person audience again, and students certainly appreciated the enthusiasm of the audience. A big thank you to the music staff and to those students who helped with tech and stage management. Funds from the ticket sales will go towards our grand piano purchase.

Melbourne Recital Centre's 2021 Bach Competition

Occasionally, we receive information about outside opportunities for students to showcase their musical talents. One such opportunity is Melbourne Recital Centre's 2021 Bach Competition. The following has been provided to us by the competition organisers:

"Now in its 12th year, this competition is dedicated to young musicians passionate about J.S. Bach.

The competition repertoire needs to be any work of J.S. Bach not exceeding 10 minutes in total duration. Soloists and ensembles of up to five members who are 17 years of age and under (at 1 January 2021) are welcome to apply. Applications close on **Wednesday 21 April 2021** at midnight and the finals will be held at Melbourne Recital Centre on Sunday 30 May 2021.

Cash prizes of up to \$4,000 are available to be won. For further entry information and competing guidelines, students can visit – melbournerecital.com.au/bach-competition-2021/ "

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 if 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.





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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.

Free VCE Tutoring

FREE TUTORING FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 10-12

MONDAY-THURSDAY/3.00-4.30PM/SENIOR STUDY CENTRE

MON		TUES		WED		THURS	
Roel T	English Language	Aaron S	Chemistry Physics	Anna Y	EAL	Sam B	Geography Biology Legal Business Management
Jenny L	Psychology	Mia T	All Maths	Sean L	Software Development Accounting		
		Nilushi J	Health and Human Development English				

English | science | H&PE | Humanities&Civics | Mathematics | Art/Language

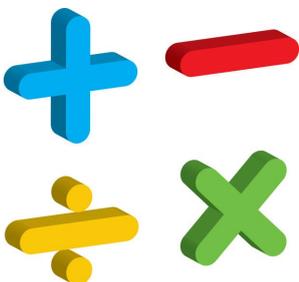
Free Homework Help Years 7—10

WEDNESDAYS and THURSDAYS

3-4pm



**English Tutoring in H Block
Break Out Space**



Maths Tutoring in S Block Break Out Space

Uniform Shop IMPORTANT COVID UPDATE



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 is on 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.

Year Level Coordinators

Please see the table below for a list of the 2021 Coordinators.

YEAR LEVEL COORDINATORS	
YEAR 7	Madeline COSTELLO
YEAR 8	Karnel AHMET
YEAR 9	Philip BAUMGARTNER
YEAR 10	Brian HURLEY
YEAR 11	Richard SHELLY
YEAR 12	Carly WOO
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL	Natalie VALENTINE
HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL	Roslyn PATTI

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 <https://au.entdigital.net/orderbooks/187h873>.

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 difference for the causes you care about.

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

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