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Important Dates

Monday 21st October	State Athletics/Y10 Immunisations
Friday 25th October	Graduation Dinner
28th Oct—13th Nov	Y7—10 Exams
30th Oct - 22nd Nov	Y12 Exams
Monday 4th November	Curriculum Day/ Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 5th November	Melbourne Cup Holiday
Thursday 14th November	Junior Concert
25th Nov—4th Dec	Y11 Exams
9th—13th December	VCE Headstart Program, Y8 Tasmania Camp
20th December	Last Day Term 4
29th January 2020	First Day for Students 2020



CAREER NEWS

Click the link – [6th September UCAT 2019](#)



Uniform Shop Hours

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 report

Welcome back to Term 4. I trust everyone was able to have a healthy break.

It is good to be back to Highvale Secondary College and see such a wonderful change to our school. I would like to thank Mrs Heather Carr for her stepping into the principal role. She has done an amazing job. I would also like to recognise the great work of Mr Leigh Hunter and our acting Assistant Principal Mrs Roslyn Patti.

Over the past five months I have been assisting the Department implement its \$183 million over four years, Middle Years Literacy and Numeracy Strategy. This program aims to lift the outcomes for students who potentially could leave school without the necessary literacy or numeracy skills to ensure successful future learning or employment.

My role was to manage:

- the funding across all secondary schools which releases 459 English and Maths teachers to give direct support to 3715 students who were assessed as below National Benchmark in Year 9 NAPLAN
- ensure the delivery of appropriate professional learning for teacher
- establish reporting and assessment processes for schools
- to inform Government of the progress of the program
- refinement of the support model for the following years and
- recruited VPS officers to carry on this important work.

As a member of the teaching service over the last 40 years I certainly valued this opportunity for an in depth look into the working of our Central Office and felt that I made a difference.

Returning to Highvale I look forward to bring this experience to better support our students to achieve their personal best.

Year 12s

I would like to express our thanks and good wishes to Year 12 2019. Let's us all encourage them to do their personal best. On behalf of the College I would like to formally recognise the contribution that they have made to the college over the last 6 years. Later next week Staff, Parents and Year 12 will join in the Year 12 Graduation Dinner which promises to be a very fitting way to celebrate their completion of post compulsory secondary education.

Department of Education Mobile Phone policy

On 26 June 2019, the Minister for Education, the Hon. James Merlino MP, announced a new mobile phone policy for every government school in Victoria.

The new mobile phone policy comes into effect from Term 1, 2020, and requires that students who choose to bring mobiles phones to school must have them switched off and securely put away during school hours.

The role of technology

We live in an exciting and technology-rich world and mobile phones are an important modern day communication tool. The school acknowledges that access to a mobile phone by children is important to many of our families in providing a sense of safety for their child while travelling to and from school, and for confirming or changing after school arrangements.

Managing the impact of mobile phones

Mobile phones often create disruptions and distractions in classrooms. Establishing a 'mobile phone free zone' helps teachers to establish and maintain a focused and productive teaching and learning environment.

Research has found that mobile phones can be disruptive in classrooms and open to misuse at school (e.g. accessing inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and unauthorised photography). Additionally, research shows that the unregulated presence of mobile phones in classrooms can undermine students' capacity to think, learn, remember, pay attention and regulate emotion. A summary of recent, relevant research is available on the Department of Education and Training's [website](#).

At recess and lunchtime our school also values the opportunity for students to communicate with each other face-to-face or be involved in activities rather than being focused on a device, particularly when using the device to engage with social media.

The new policy does acknowledge that technology is increasingly impacting the way in which students learn and communicate. Therefore, when a student has been given explicit permission to access and use such devices to enhance learning by the classroom teacher, mobile phones will be permitted for that specific purpose.

For a small number of students with particular health needs, an exception to the policy may be granted. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss this.

The school is currently working on our own mobile phone policy that will implement the Government's announcement in a way that reflects the needs of our own community.

Details about the finalised policy will be made available throughout Term 4. Additional information regarding the policy is available on the Department of Education and Training's [website](#).

Emergency situations

For 2020 onwards, in the event of an emergency or if you need to contact your child, I ask that families contact the staff in the school office who will pass on a message as needed. The school acknowledges that this new policy may require some adjustments. As such, I ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in its implementation.

Key elements of the mobile phone policy:

- A new mobile phone policy comes into effect from Term 1, 2020.
- Students will be required to switch off and store phones securely from the first bell until the last bell each day.
- Families should contact the school office should you need to pass an urgent message to your children.

Ian Watkins

Molly Stranger Student Welfare



The school is pleased to announce that the Student Eyecare Program will be running this year. An optometrist will be onsite during school hours to provide students with a **free comprehensive eye examination** that is covered through **Medicare Australia**. **1 in 6** students have eye conditions that go undetected. This is due to the high level of visual demand on their eyes from books, laptops, tablets and smartphones. Every student will receive a full report about their eye health and a prescription will be provided if glasses are required. The prescription can be taken to any optical store to get the glasses made. Don't let your child miss out on this worthwhile health program!



student eyecare



Free Eye Tests

Covered through Medicare

Haven't had your eyes tested in a while?

According to the **Optometry Association of Australia**, every person should get their eyes checked at least once every two years.

Full eye tests will be conducted at **Highvale Secondary College**.

At least **1 in every 6** students have vision issues that go undetected.

Typical symptoms that go undetected are **quick loss of concentration, reading avoidance, blurry vision, tired eyes and headaches**.

All students are given a detailed report at the end of their eye tests.

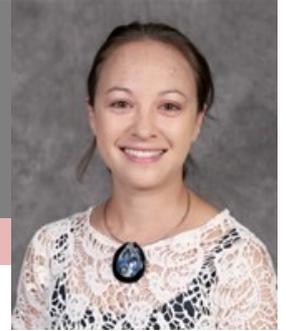
Find out if your child's eyes are in good condition!

Don't miss out

For more info, please visit www.studenteyecare.com.au

(03) 8644 7012

Angelie O'Brien Music



An Entertaining End to Term 3

On the last day of Term 3, Highvale's Vocal students showcased their talents in the library, performing solos, duets and their ensemble works. Students continue to develop their performance skills and are growing in confidence with every performance. Congratulations to all the students involved, including those working behind the scenes (assisting with setting up, posters and video). A special thank you to Mrs Johnson for all her support in opening up the library for this event, and for setting up the super chilled out environment of cushions and blankets for the audience!

Ms O'Brien

Vocal Teacher



Phil Tawa Sports Coordinator



EMR Track and Field Competition

On Friday the 11th of October, 15 athletes from Highvale represented the school at the Eastern Metropolitan Track and Field Competition held at the Knox Athletics Track. Athletes were treated to an excellent day's weather and great competition. We had some outstanding performances with six students placing second in their events. Alanah Epps (3000m walk) and Isaac Mohring (1500m), along with Talia Allen who will compete in the 2000m Steeple Chase, will now go on to represent the school at the State Final on Friday, 19th of October at Lakeside Athletics track in Albert Park, an absolutely fantastic achievement! We wish them the best of luck. Well done to all athletes who competed on the day.



Chris Mitchell Head of Music



Music News 18th October 2019

Junior Concert

This year's junior concert will be held on Thursday 14th November at 7.30 in the college theatre. This concert will mainly include instrumental students in Years 7-9, featuring groups such as the String Orchestra, Junior Concert Band, Junior Stage Band, Rhythm Riders, Harmonix Choir and a Massed Strings group. There may be extra rehearsals for some of these groups during the school day in the lead up to this concert, so please keep an eye on Compass for these. Instrumental teachers will also be organising some smaller groups and soloists to perform.

Tickets will be available through Trybooking in the coming weeks and will sell out quickly, so please purchase these early to avoid disappointment.

AMEB Exams

Most students undertaking AMEB exams have now been informed of the date and time of their exam – and some have already sat their exam. We are still awaiting scheduling for a few students. Please contact your student's instrumental teacher if you have any questions. Best of luck to those undertaking these assessments.

Instrumental Music Home Practice

All instrumental music students will have their homework written into each lesson. Parents can keep track of the expectation of the student's instrumental teacher by checking the student's class and lesson plan on a weekly basis. Parents are strongly encouraged to do this to help support the student's musical development.

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. If you have already 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.



ROBOTICS CLUB

On Thursday 17th October, our robotics students competed in another completion at Dandenong High School. We took four teams to compete and came away at the end of the day with two awards. One for Excellence and the other for best Design. In addition to this, another one of our groups has also qualified to enter the Nationals competition which will be held in Adelaide in December this year. We will have teams A,B.and C competing in this challenging event. Good luck to all participants. We do have one more competition for the year to be held next month in Templestowe.

Mr Burns, Mr Shelley , Mr Shaw



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 RECYCLING



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

FREE VCE TUTORING

TUTORING CALENDAR TERM 4 2019

Tuesday to Thursday from 3.00-4.30pm

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
OCTOBER 7 FIRST DAY TERM 4 NO TUTORING	OCTOBER 8 Biology, English, Chemistry, EAL, Methods, Psychology, Further, Specialist LIBRARY	OCTOBER 9 Biology, Chemistry, PE, Psychology, Business Management, Physics, Specialist, French, Accounting LIBRARY	OCTOBER 10 English Language, Literature, English, Legal, Further, Health LIBRARY
Year 12 Practice Exams			
YEAR 12 PERFORMANCE & LANGUAGES ORALS			
OCTOBER 14 NO TUTORING	OCTOBER 15 Biology, English, Psychology, Further, Specialist VCE CENTRE	OCTOBER 16 Biology, Chemistry, PE, Psychology, Business Management, Physics, Specialist, French, Accounting VCE CENTRE	OCTOBER 17 English Language, Literature, English, Legal, Further, Health VCE CENTRE
OCTOBER 21 NO TUTORING	OCTOBER 22 Biology, English, Psychology, Further, Specialist VCE CENTRE	OCTOBER 23 Biology, Chemistry, PE, Psychology, Business Management, Physics, Specialist, French, Accounting VCE CENTRE	OCTOBER 24 English Language, Literature, English, Legal, Further, Health VCE CENTRE
OCTOBER 28 NO TUTORING	OCTOBER 29 Biology, English, Psychology, Further, Specialist G11	OCTOBER 30 Biology, Chemistry, PE, Psychology, Business Management, Physics, Specialist, French, Accounting G11	OCTOBER 31 Literature, Legal, Further, Health G11
Year 12 exam			
YR 7- 10 EXAMS			
NOVEMBER 4 Curriculum Day NO TUTORING	NOVEMBER 5 MELBOURNE CUP DAY NO TUTORING	NOVEMBER 6 Chemistry, PE, Physics, Specialist, French, Accounting G11	NOVEMBER 7 Literature, Legal, Health G11
7-10 EXAMS			
Year 12 exam			
NOVEMBER 11 NO TUTORING	NOVEMBER 12 NO TUTORING	NOVEMBER 13 French G11 LAST DAY OF TUTORING	NOVEMBER 14 NO TUTORING
7-10 EXAMS			
Year 12 exam			

FREE YEAR 7 - 10 TUTORING

After School Tutoring

Perfect for students to get
extra assistance with
their studies

Ms Mann - Maths & Science

**FREE TO ALL
STUDENTS**

Ms Clarke - English
& Humanities

**WEDNESDAY for Ms Clarke (Library)
THURSDAY for Ms Mann (H1)**

3:00 - 4:00 PM



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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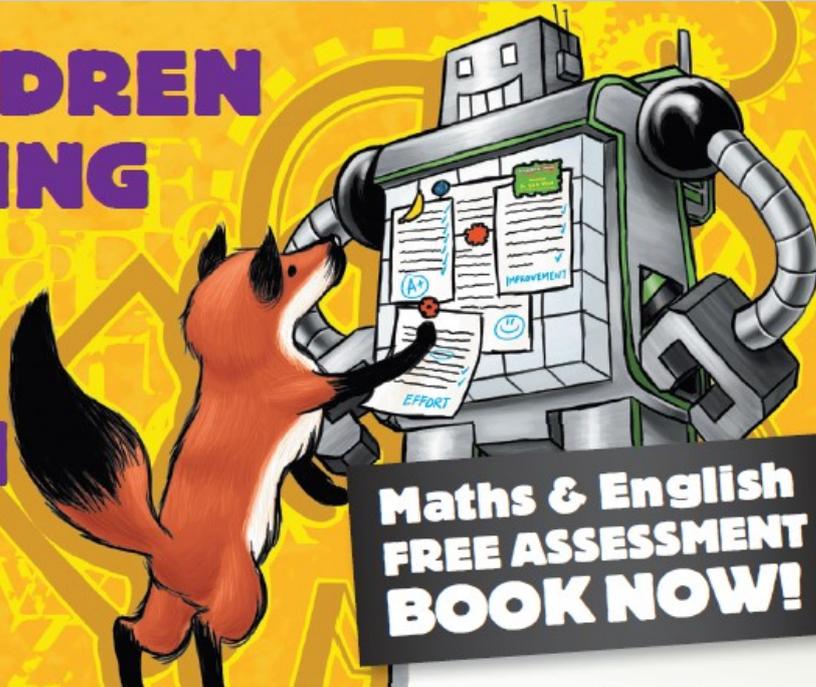
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