



newsletter



Newsletter No. 1

Term 1 - February 2020

From the Principal, Peta Kourbelis

Welcome

On behalf of our staff, I warmly welcome all our students and their families to the 2020 school year. A special welcome goes to our new families and students, the majority who are starting in Year 8 this year.

I am also pleased to introduce to our community, staff who join us for the first time.

Welcome to:

Ms Chrissy Pappas (Science/Biology)

Mr David Adams (Physical Education)

Ms Grace Joyce (Music)

Ms Kelly Roe (ASETO)

Ms Aparna Manglik (Chemistry)

Ms Olga Kascak (Maths /Science)

Mr Eric Juanta (Science/ STEM)

Year 12 News

Our College community is again delighted with our 2019 Year 12 results, particularly as our SACE completion continues to show growth in students' achievement. My congratulations and thanks to staff for their ongoing efforts and dedication in supporting students to achieve their full potential. Our 98.7% SACE completion is certainly impressive.

Congratulations also goes to all our 2019 Stage 2 students and a very special congratulations to Aditya Mukherjee. Aditya is our Dux with an ATAR of 98.9. He has been accepted into B Clinical Science / D. Medicine at Flinders University. Many of our other graduates have been offered entry to a wide range of university courses, including B Clinical Science / D. Medicine, B. Pharmacy (Hon), B. Physiotherapy, B. Engineering (Hons), B. Aviation, B. Education, B. Health Science, B. Health & Medical, B. Nursing (Pre-Reg), B. Social Work.

Term One Events

Term one is filled with a range of important events. Thanks to our dedicated Middle School staff, our Year 8s have already experienced a two day camp filled with various team building activities. This was a wonderful way for students to settle into high school and make new friends.

Year 8 Acquaintance Night was a great success, which was held on Wednesday 12 February. Each year, I look forward to this event as I have a great opportunity to meet and chat with our new families.

Open Day is also just around the corner. It will be held on Wednesday 18 March 2020 and we encourage families to join us on the day for a rich and engaging program.

Student Free Day

Our first Student Free Day will be held on Monday 17 February. This is a major professional learning day for staff, enabling them to engage in programming and pedagogy that will support and enhance student learning.

Governing Council

I would like to encourage parents and caregivers to consider joining our Governing Council. The Council meets two evenings per term. Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 19 February at 6.30pm. I would like to welcome and encourage all parents to come along.

If you are interested in joining our Governing Council please complete the nomination form enclosed in this issue of our newsletter.

Peta Kourbelis

Principal

Diary Dates

Uniform Shop

Mondays-Fridays 8.30 am - 3.00 pm

For further assistance please contact the Front Office on 8275 8300.

FEBRUARY

- 3-4 Year 8 Camp
- 7 Last day for SACE subject change
- 12 Assembly
- Year 8 Acquaintance Night
- 17 Student Free Day
- 19 Governing Council AGM
- 25 Yr 12 Parent Night
- 26 School Photos

MARCH

- 8 Ashima Study Tour Arrive
- 9 Public Holiday
- 11 Sports Day
- 18 Open Day/Night
- 21 Ashima Study Tour Depart
- 24 Year 8 &10 vaccinations
- 25 Governing Council meeting

APRIL

- 7-9 ISEC Camp

HAMILTON AGM

Wednesday 19 February



Open Day

18 March 2020

Principal's Tours at 9.30 am, 11.30 am & 6.00 pm

View our \$2.5M Innovation Centre, Space School, and more.

Please call 8275 8300 to book a tour.

Hamilton Secondary College prides itself on being a diverse community with enrolments in both secondary and re-entry levels, as well as students with severe and multiple disabilities. We encourage all members of our school community to work together in building a great learning experience for our students. Parents, friends, staff, students and community leaders together can promote a vibrant and supportive environment for all. There are many great opportunities that exist within our College and parents and students are encouraged to take advantage of these. You may choose to be involved in a formal way through committees and associations, or more informally through attending the many sporting, arts and other events that occur throughout the year. Some of the ways you can become involved include:

- Governing Council
- Musical productions
- International students program (home stay)

- Sporting Groups.

The Governing Council brings students, parents, staff and community members together in a body that is responsible for the governance of the College. Meetings are held twice each term, lasting approximately one hour. The nomination form is for any current parent/ guardian wishing to nominate for the Governing Council.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 February at 6.30pm in the Board Room. All members of the College community are invited to come along to meet the Governing Council members and perhaps consider nominating to become a member. We all have something to offer and you are encouraged to consider this opportunity to serve the College for your student/s.

If you have any questions about the role of the Governing Council please contact the College Secretary (ph: 8275 8360), or alternatively you can send an email to jayson.roccisano@hamcoll.sa.edu.au

Governing Council Nomination Form

Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 6.30 pm

Please return this nomination form to Jayson Roccisano, front reception, by Tuesday 18 February.

I, (full name) of
.....(address) phone number

Nominate

..... (full name) of
.....(address) phone number

to be elected as a member of the Governing Council.

I, (full name) of
.....(address) phone number

accept this nomination and hereby declare that

- I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors
- I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person.

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed, my membership of the Governing Council will cease.

Signed:(nominee) Dated:

Year 8 Camp/STEM

Year 8

Our new year 8s started the year on a high as they went away to Nunyara Camp in Belair. Students left for camp on Monday the 3rd of February after only 4 days at high school. This provided them with a great opportunity to get to know each other outside of the classroom and make new friendships within their year group.

Students took part in a range of activities that required them to stretch their physical and creative muscles. Students took on physical challenges such as tree climbs and water obstacles as well as ones that required them to think creatively and work together. After two days away, our year 8s returned to school with new experiences and friendships: a great way to start the year and their journey at Hamilton.

Amanda Furness

Assistant Principal: Middle School

STEM

Our STEM classes this year are off to a flying start – especially in Year 9 where students have been investigating how Newton's Laws of Motion apply to rocketry. Students have been applying the principles they are learning to create effective rocket designs, initially using paper rockets and then progressing onto water rockets. They will soon be learning more about the effect of fin design and will use our wind tunnel and flow visualisation tunnel to test their designs. In Year 8, students are learning all about the power of pixels, as they become familiar with Matlab software, input and output sequences and how computers process information, while our Year 10 classes are learning to process big data and eliminate human error by generating plots using coding techniques.

Caroline Johnstone

Assistant Principal STEM/
Learning Technologies



International

Welcome back to all of our continuing and new international students and homestay families. This term we welcome 35 new students from Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, China, France, Finland and Holland. Everyone has quickly settled into new classes and they are making new friends. It is clear that 2020 will be another busy year and study tours will begin to arrive as soon as March.

We welcome all of our international students into our College community as they help us to lift the academic bar and help our local students to become more global in their outlook. The lunchtime Ambassador club is for all students who have an interest in leadership and learning about different cultures. Ambassadors, previously called 'buddies', assist with welcome ceremonies, lessons, excursions and special activities. This is a great place to start volunteering if you are dreaming of joining an outbound trip.

Mishima

In April 2020 Mrs Botting and Mrs McElligott will be leading 5 Mishima Scholarship winners on a trip to Mishima High School in Japan. Rosemarie Fermin in Year 10 is the Ambassador for HSC and 4 students from other schools in the Southern International Education Network will also come along. Students will live with host families, attend school, make 3 speeches in Japanese, attend a Tea Ceremony, visit Mt Fuji, Lake Hakone, sleep in a ryokan, and spend a day at Tokyo Disney and visit other attractions. Current Year 9 student Ambassador Club members will have an opportunity to apply later this year for 2021.

2020 Homestay Families Required

We are always seeking Homestay families to host international students. We have long or short term opportunities and families receive a payment of \$300 a week towards expenses. Homestays provide 3 meals a day and a comfortable room. All members of the family need to do a free DHS screening and someone will make a visit to the house to meet you and your pets and answer your questions. If you have a spare room and are interested to host a student, please call Deb Coad on 8275 8300 and she will be happy to tell you all about it.

Flora Botting
International Student Manager



ASETO

My name is Kelly Roe. I am the new Aboriginal Secondary Transition Officer at Hamilton Secondary College. I am a proud Tiwi, Iwadja and Kaytetye woman from the Northern Territory. I have lived in South Australia most of my life moving here when I was 7. I have worked in Aboriginal Education for over 8 years, in the Southern Region. I am very passionate about improving the outcomes for our Aboriginal students through engagement to their learning. I look forward developing a strong working relationship with the whole school community. I am available from Monday to Thursday, 8:45 am - 3:30pm. Feel free to contact me with any inquires you may have, or if you would just like to catch up for a yarn to get to know each other.



NAPLAN

NAPLAN is a nationally developed program that provides schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement. NAPLAN paper tests are administered simultaneously in all schools across Australia and aligned to English and Mathematics. This year the year 9 students from Hamilton Secondary College will be participating in the online mode of testing. To allow students to have the opportunity to become familiar with the NAPLAN tests and with ways of showing their answers to questions before they do the tests, we will be participating in the National Coordinated Practice Test on March 23, 2020.

Tammy Rosling
Assistant Principal

Sport

Zone Sport

Zone Sport is an inter-school sporting programme coordinated by a specialist liaison officer funded by the Department for Education and supported by a cohort of teachers from an array of schools across the Southern Zone. The first season of the year kicks off next week, with inter-school competitions scheduled to start on Tuesday 18th February. We have teams entered for 8/9 Girls Badminton and Volleyball, 8/9 Boys Futsal (Indoor Soccer) and Basketball, Open Boys Futsal and Open Boys Volleyball. Sadly, competitions for 8/9 Boys Badminton and Open Girls Basketball will not go ahead. Although Hamilton Secondary College was able to field strong teams for both of these competitions, there were not enough teams from our Southern Zone partner schools to support a viable competition. We hope there will be other opportunities later in the year to give these teams a run.

Special thanks must go to the small army of volunteer teachers from across the Southern Zone, giving up their time to Coach teams and drive them across town for after-school matches. Our matches will alternate between HOME and AWAY games, playing against teams from Adelaide, Unley, Urbrae, Glenunga, Mitcham, ASMS, Seaview and Blackwood High schools. Students playing at AWAY games will depart school at 2:50 pm so we can arrive in time for matches scheduled to run from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Subject to traffic on the return journey, we expect to be back at school by 5:00 pm.

Ice Hockey News

We have genuine cause to celebrate the fabulous achievement of Owen Birkett, a graduate of the Hamilton Secondary College Ice Hockey team: the Hamilton Hornets. Owen, who is fast, agile, and able to shoot for goal with pinpoint accuracy, was a key player in the Hamilton Hornets.

Owen has just returned from his international debut, playing with the Kaurna Boomerangs, an indigenous ice hockey team playing in the South Australian league, as they tackled indigenous leagues from across the world, playing in the international championship in Canada. Owen now has a chance to make a career out of Ice Hockey. In recognition of Owen's enthusiasm and drive to succeed our Principal, Ms Kourbelis, has given Owen the opportunity to continue to play with the Hamilton Hornets throughout 2020, providing a huge boost to our team and serving as mentor and coach for our new players.

Mike Eglinton
Sports Coordinator





VET

Welcome to our 2020 VET students – Hamilton Secondary College students, adult students and regional secondary students are undertaking VET courses here at Hamilton Secondary College. We are a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and run a number of VET courses for students wanting an accredited qualification, as well as, their SACE. We also welcome back the other RTOs who deliver courses alongside us: Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation of SA - Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing), MADEC Australian - Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care, Minda - Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability), PEER - Certificate II in Electrotechnology and Independent Institute of Food Processing - Certificate II in Food Processing.

Attendance

It is important that students undertaking VET courses attend regularly, as courses are delivered on one or two days per week. If your son/daughter is absent, the College should be notified regarding their absence and they must see their VET trainer to catch up on any work missed. If they miss other lessons to attend their VET course, it is important that they contact their subject teacher to ensure they catch up on work needed.

Work Placement

Many students undertaking VET courses are required to undergo a certain number of hours of Work Placement. Students should start seeking a Work Placement Provider early and getting their documentation to their VET Coordinator and VET Trainer. Students will need to provide evidence of five hours of WHS training, at least two to four weeks prior to going on a placement.

If you have any queries about VET courses please contact me.

Ms Desanka Arezina

VET Coordinator

School Fees

The School Materials & Services fee invoices have been sent to families for payment.

These fees can be paid via EFT, over the phone or by coming to the front office.

There is also a Centrelink payment option. Application forms are available from the front office.

School Card applications are now available on line at

sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

If you are unable to apply on line, please contact the front office for a paper application form.

Ann Roy

Business Manager

2020 Uniform Shop Price List

GIRLS

	BOYS	
Polo Top	\$30	Polo Top
Shorts	\$25	Shorts
Dress (Summer)	\$80	Trousers
Skirt (Winter)	\$75	Long sleeve shirt
Pants	\$35	Wool jumper
Long sleeve shirt	\$30	Acrylic jumper
Wool jumper	\$70	Long Sleeve Rugby Top
Acrylic jumper	\$70	
Long Sleeve Rugby Top	\$65	

The Uniform Shop has been relocated to the Milburn Building adjacent to the Admin Building.

Students can come to the front office before school, at recess and lunch, or after school to make purchases.

If parents wish to buy uniforms outside these times, please come to the front office for assistance.