



SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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INTERFACE

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

As the end of Term 1 approaches I would like to thank all members of the Hampton Senior High School community for an excellent start to the school year. As a school we like to work closely with parents and care givers to provide students with opportunities to reach their potential. To help students achieve their potential we rely on parents and care givers to help and encourage students to attend school, wear school uniform, behave appropriately and work to the best of their ability. I have been extremely pleased to see the vast majority of students wearing our school uniform and behaving appropriately. The parents and care givers of the very small minority of students who are not cooperative will be contacted by the school and we will seek their help in encouraging appropriate behaviour from their child or young person.

Year 8 enrolments at Hampton SHS increased substantially in 2009. I believe this is a reflection of the very good reputation our students and school have in the local community. To cater for the increased enrolments, the school has employed another teacher and created extra Year 8 classes. This has resulted in some Year 8 students having their timetable changed. As a school we keep timetable changes to a minimum. However, changes were unavoidable on this occasion.

The Department of Education & Training Policy is for all mobile phones to be turned off at school. If a phone is confiscated by a staff member, it can be collected from the front office by a parent or care giver. Hampton SHS has a zero tolerance policy on mobile phones being used to record inappropriate images and if this occurs the student is usually suspended. If your children bring a phone to school please discuss the use of the phone with them and ensure they have not chosen to record or download images that may result in suspension.

Hampton SHS will receive approximately \$200 000 for maintenance as part of the Federal Government School Beautification stimulus package. Selected items such as roof replacement, driveway repair, painting toilets and general painting will be targeted.

Principal Mr Lindsay Pearse is currently on leave and will be returning at the start of Term 2.

Deputy Principal Brian Chapman will be on leave Terms 2 and 3. His role of Deputy Principal will be filled by Ms Sue Somerville.

I hope all students return safe and well after a relaxing Easter holiday. Term 2 starts for students on Wednesday 29 April.

Brian Chapman
On behalf of
Principal, Lindsay Pearse

Year 11 & 12 Coordinator 2009



As you may know, we were unable to fill the position of Upper School coordinator until our staffing had been resolved. This has now been finalised and we are delighted to introduce Mrs Charmaine Samuels as the year coordinator for Years 11 and 12. Mrs Samuels has taught in the Science Department for a number of years and knows many of our Upper School students. She has introduced herself to the students at an assembly and has spent two days working with Mr Ackermann to orient her with the duties of the role. We are very pleased that Mrs Samuels has accepted this position and look forward to a very successful "rest of year" for 2009.

WACE Requirements – Year 12 2009

To be eligible for the award of the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE), students in their final year of compulsory schooling must:

- **Complete at least 10 full-year (or equivalent) Curriculum Council subjects**

Up to five out of 10 full-year subjects may comprise endorsed programs, including stand-alone VET subject equivalents.

- **Achieve an average of at least C in at least eight full-year (or equivalent) Curriculum Council subjects**

At least four of these subjects must be at Year 12 level (E code or courses of study).

Up to three out of eight full-year subjects may comprise endorsed programs, including standalone VET subject equivalents.

- **Achieve English language competence**
Full-time students are required to complete at least four units of an English course, post Year 10, studied over at least two years, **and** meet the standard for English language competence as defined by work samples provided in the Guide to WACE English Language Competence or pass the Curriculum Council English language competence test.
- **Include all 13 overarching learning outcomes in their overall program of study**
- **Complete 20 hours of community service**
- **Sit for WACE examinations in each course when enrolled in a pair of Stage 2 or 3 units (unless exempt).**

For full details go to: www.curriculum.wa.edu.au

National Assessment Program Literacy And Numeracy 2009

In 2008, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in all Australian schools. The program will continue in 2009 with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 being assessed in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy, using common national tests.

A major purpose of the NAPLAN is to provide schools, parents and caregivers with information about student performance in relation to nationally-agreed achievement bands.

The achievement bands represent increasing levels of skills and understandings. For each year group in each assessment, there is a national minimum standard that represents the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy skills considered necessary for students to progress through schooling.

When will the assessment be held?

The tests are scheduled for the morning of Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May. All schools across Australia must complete the assessments on the same days. Please encourage your child to attend school and try their best in the NAPLAN.

Where can I get more information?

Parents and caregivers can get more information on the NAPLAN by

- Reading the information for parent's brochure given to all year 9 students.
- Contacting Hampton Senior High School.
- Going to the Department of Education and Training website.
<http://www.det.wa.edu.au/education/naplan/> .
- Going to the national NAPLAN website
<http://www.naplan.edu.au> .

Important Examination Notes

All parents are reminded that examinations take place in Term 2, 2009 with the following timeline:

Year 10 Week 5 Commencing 25 May

This will allow the results of the exams to be available for Counselling Week 7 (commencing 8 June) so that parents can see student's progress and the effects on subject recommendations. Please reinforce the importance of these exams to students and encourage them to study hard and to perform at their best. These exams will be a good indicator of their likely success in studies in Years 11 and 12.

Year 12 Week 7 Commencing 5 June

Year 11 Week 8 Commencing 12 June

All students should have a regular study routine, including close revision of class instruction, and have a quiet place in which to study. Supervision may be necessary to establish sound study habits.

ICT (Information and Communication Technologies)

ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) courses have undergone some major changes in 2009. In Lower School subjects (Yrs 8 – 10) all courses are assessed and reported on using numerical marking. The outcomes of Technology Process, Information and Systems are still being covered through the content and course materials. Several of the courses have been modified and invigorated to reflect the upgrades in the school's ICT facilities, hardware and software as well as gearing students toward their Upper School studies.

As part of the **whole school approach to literacy**, we are emphasising the correct spelling of technical terms related to the course and better written expression. All students in ICT courses will also be monitoring their own progress through the use of a spreadsheet to record their marks and calculate the weighted score for assessments, as part of our focus this year on **numeracy**. We hope to see improvements in these areas through the marks allocated for these skills in the formal assessments.

With Term 2 around the corner, there are decisions to be considered for 2010! Yes, almost that time already. Most of our courses will have tests in class and most Upper School courses will have exams. The results of your child in these assessments would be a reasonable indicator of their interest and skill in the subject or possibly identify a need for greater effort to have results that reflect their knowledge and skill level. Some of our students will be doing the Computer Skills Competition later on this year.

There is a specialist course in Year 9 (How IT Works) and Year 10 (IT Essentials) and students with an interest in computers and who are willing to work to meet the challenging tasks are encouraged to apply. **See Ms D'Cunha in ICT during lunchtimes for more details.**

Some of our students have already begun practising skills for **the SciTech animation competition** which will be held later on this year. They are working with Mrs Francis during lunchtimes.

A few Year 10 students have already got a head start with their **community service** hours by supervising some lunchtime activities in the ICT centre. A very popular one is the Wii. This has run for several weeks now and includes Wii Sports, Mario Kart and Guitar Hero. Respect for others and equipment is the only condition of entry.

Parents and students are reminded that they have signed permission for students' photographs to be used in publicity materials such as newsletters, brochures and school website. If you have any concerns, please contact the school on 2970 5700 at the earliest.

The school runs **internet tracking software** and students who do not use the resources for school work will have their privileges banned for a period of 2 weeks and this will only be enabled after return of the school letter signed by parents. This letter must be given to Ms D'Cunha in ICT. The school does not permit use of social networking sites such as Facebook, chat programs or You Tube as part of our proactive approach to prevent cyber bullying.

Ms D'Cunha
ICT Coordinator

Message from the Business Manager

Thank you to the parents and guardians who have paid their student's contributions and charges for 2009. Your payment helps Hampton Senior High School provide a varied, high standard of educational programs for your child. Please remember that charges are compulsory. We would appreciate your prompt payment. Please feel free to contact me if your financial circumstances are delaying your payment.

We have a range of payment options including regular part payments which can relieve the financial pressure. Payments by cash, credit card, cheque and EFTPOS may be made at Admin Services between 8.00am and 3.30pm Monday - Friday.



If you prefer you may ring 9270 5700 to make a credit card payment over the phone.

Internet banking payments straight into our bank account are welcome. Please use your child's name and year as reference.

The account details are Hampton SHS
BSB: 306067 Account Number: 416788-4.

We look forward to receiving your payment soon.

Secondary Assistance Scheme

Financial assistance with school contributions and charges is available to parents who hold a current Health Care or Pension Card. Applications for assistance **MUST** be made before Friday 11 April 2009. Late applications will not be accepted.

Stacey Burton
Business Manager

Ciao a tutti!

What a great start to the year – fantastico! Year 8, 9 and 10 students of Italian were involved in a Leaning Tower of Pisa competition in Term 1. Students were given a packet of penne pasta and a very small piece of blue tack to build their tower. The winners of the competition were Rodi Cumanov, Robin Sharman, Aaron Hall and Edward Taylor of Year 8. Congratulations boys! Their winning tower was 54 centimetres in height.



In addition to the competition, students of Italian have already enjoyed several other activities such as the iced coffee making activity. These have been fun and engaging for all students and staff involved. There is a Year 10 dinner at Siena's Pizzeria and Ristorante in Mount Lawley scheduled for early April which I am sure will be enjoyed by all, including the staff attending!

**Ciao for now from Ms Zendilis and
the Italian Department**



Dates to Remember

9 Apr	Last day Term 1
27 Apr	Anzac Day holiday
28 Apr	Staff PD day
29 Apr	Students commence
12 May	NAPLAN testing - Language Conventions & Writing (AM)
13 May	NAPLAN testing - Reading (AM)
14 May	NAPLAN testing - Numeracy (AM)
25 May	Year 10 exam week commences
1 June	Foundation Day holiday
5 June	Year 12 exams begin
8 June	Year 10 counselling week commences
11 June	Year 12 exams end
12 June	Year 11 exams begin
18 June	Year 11 exams end
26 June	School Ball
3 July	Last day Term 2

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Parent Reminder

Please do not park or drop off students in the staff parking areas unless it is an emergency. Students are also reminded not to park their cars on school grounds. Street parking is available on Harrowshill Road.

Thank you for assisting in the safety of our students.



Interface by E-mail



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Your full name, contact telephone number, email address, your relationship with the school ie. Student, ex-student, parent/guardian of current student, community member, other organisation.