HSC STUDY GUIDE - PREPARE YOURSELVES!

The 2015 HSC Study Guide, produced by the Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) and BOSTES, is now available in print and online.

The guide has practical information about the HSC and timely advice for students on how to succeed in the HSC exams. For the first time it has been written by BOSTES Curriculum Inspectors and staff, experienced NSW teachers and 2014 high achieving students. The guide includes:

- 49 articles from teachers
- 45 HSC courses
- 18 online videos on a range of popular subjects
- advice on oral and performance exams
- general advice on Music and Language courses
- general study advice
- tips for parents
- links to further information.

The guide is designed to be a useful resource for students, teachers and parents.

Students will receive a Students Online eBulletin with information and a link to the online version.


STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

BRONZE & SILVER MEDALLIONS

Congratulations to the following students who were all awarded medallions, as part of our merit system, in June:

**Bronze:** Jack Baillie, Chelsea Blissett, Renee Boyd, Ella Cooper, Georgia Hodgson, Patrick Johnston, Casper Linssen, Isabella Olcorn, Coralee Przibilla and Sam Seton of Year 9; Jaidan Hicks, Angus Kilby, Timothy Miles, Jessica Reid, Jarrod Walker and Juliet White of Year 10; Michael Brownsea and Zachariah Kraich of Year 12.

**Silver:** Katie Bruce Year 9; Simone Brewer and Timothy Miles of Year 10; Douglas Langford and Claudia McCulloch of Year 11 and Rhianna Spooner of Year 12.

A fantastic effort by all these students!

Ms Deb Quinn
Head teacher Welfare

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Parents are reminded that the staff car park at the end of Griffith Street is not to be used for school drop off or pick up.

The car park is provided so that staff are able to park securely at their work place and are unable to do so if the car spaces are used for drop off and pick ups. This area is also used for deliveries to our school and can become quite congested.

Students can be dropped off in Jones Street, Griffith Street or in Kiewa Street.

Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.
PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Adjustment to the AHS Policy:
DEC sites are smoke free zones and all tobacco and tobacco related products are banned. E-Cigarettes are the new trend and are sometimes promoted as a way to quit smoking. Advice from our Legal Branch and the Work Health & Safety Branch is that E-Cigarettes should be treated as a normal cigarette and as such will be dealt with as per our Good Discipline and Welfare Policy.

For more information please refer to:

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and relaxing holiday. Make the most of your break and come back refreshed and revitalised for Term 3.

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

P&C NEWS

Canteen Sub-Committee
The canteen sub-committee will meet on Thursday 16th July at 1:00pm in the school canteen. We will discuss issues such as changes to menu and the general running of the canteen. Anyone from the general school community who wishes to attend are most welcome.

Social & Fundraising Sub-Committee
The social and fundraising sub-committee will meet on Tuesday 14th July at 7:00pm at the Lounge on Dean Street Albury. Anyone wishing to attend are most welcome.

Please RSVP to Donna Davidson on 0488 943 713.
CAPA NEWS

DRAMA

GENERATE-Shakespeare's Clowns and Ratbags
Year 11 performed the first act of Shakespeare's Clowns and Ratbags at Hothouse Theatre on Thursday 18th June. They shared the bill with Murray High School who, along with 3 other high schools, took part in Hothouse Theatre's Generate Festival. Students took on the challenge of Shakespeare's biggest clowns and found that the physical theatre and language of the day is not much removed from the clowning of today's comedy shows.

Thank you to all students who participated and to parents and staff and other students who came to watch.

Hothouse is an absolute gem in this region and should be supported at every opportunity.

SHOWCASE
Year 9 Drama have showcased their interpretations of Shaun Tan's 'The Red Tree' and have done so with great skill. There is enormous potential in this class. Congratulations on your efforts.

Year 10 have completed their Bullying Play building unit and now move on to Individual Performances. They showcased their performance to Year 8 last week.

ARTS

GALLERY 3
Preparations are on going for the Gallery at the top of C Block. The P&C generously assisted us in painting the corridor early in the year. Boards to support the work will be installed during the holidays and student work will be up next term.

ALBURY HIGH PORTRAIT PRIZE
Don't forget to save the date 23rd July 5:00pm - 6:00pm at the Library Museum for the opening of the Albury High School Portrait prize. The last workshops were done this week at Albury Public School. We are looking forward to sharing the night with out feeder schools.

THE JONES STREET MURAL
For the last 2 terms a group of dedicated mural painters have assisted Mrs McEachern, Ms Gleeson and Ms Moon in preparing eight marine pine panels for the proprietors of the Jones Street Take Away. They visited the school this week to have a look at the progress and were delighted with what they saw. The mural will be finished and installed in Jones Street at the beginning of next term. Thank you to all the mural painters for the fabulous job you have done.

MUSIC

KOOL SKOOLS
Ms McGuinness will travel to Melbourne twice this week to accompany students on the Kool Skools Project. Albury High School has 5 tracks being recorded as part of an Albury Council initiative. This is a wonderful program that encourages young musicians and songwriters.

Thank you to our Prac Teacher Brooke Dainer who has been with us for the last few weeks.

Ms Margie Gleeson
Head Teacher, Creative & Performing Arts
**VISUAL ARTS CREATIVE AND INTERESTED**

On Thursday afternoons during Terms 1 and 2, I had the privilege of working with the Creative and Interested Boys Extension Class. This group consisted of six year 8 boys, Matthew Riches, Jeremy Wiscombe, Jake Telford, Alex Howard, Matthew Ward and Patrick Lewry, who were individually invited, based on their interest and talents in the visual arts.

The boys had the option of working in any media to explore a subject of their choosing. Patrick decided to try his hand at drawing a ute. Using coloured pencil to finish it, he completed the work to a great standard. Jake drew a dragon. He worked on his tonal drawing skills to complete a magnificent image. Alex decided he would draw his favourite soccer players. He completed two excellent images finished off by coloured pencil. Matthew W was inspired by his visit to Port Arthur earlier in the year and drew the historic architecture of this area. His strong use of tone, line and choice of paper shape have created an original, expressive artwork. Jeremy worked with lead pencil to create an excellent collage of graffiti characters. Matthew R stepped out on his own and sculpted a hummer using clay, which was based on the work of Australian artist Margaret Dodd. His car is fabulous. His next step will be to fire and glaze the work.

The boys are to be commended on their efforts and should feel proud of their finished works, which we hope to exhibit in our new gallery on level 3 during Term 3.

The Visual Arts department will be running this program for year 8 girls starting midway through term 3. Identification is open to parent nomination as well. Please contact Sharon McEachern for further information.

Ms Sharon McEachern
Visual Arts

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**YEAR 9 VOLUNTEERING**

Year 9 2015 has been given the opportunity to participate in the DEC Volunteering Program to volunteer and to show that even in year 9 a person can enjoy the feeling that one gets for helping others. I have been given the chance to be their Volunteer Coordinator during guidance classes and during Volunteering for Sport terms 2 and 3.

Mr Ward was very keen to promote this program at Albury High School and it has been running for a few years. This year 9, however, has really taken on the flame and spirit of how they can improve the lives of others in various ways. There are 5 levels: Bronze 20 hours, Silver 40 hours, Gold 60 hours, Diamond 80 hours and Black Opal 150 hours. Students can volunteer either in or out of school. The hours are logged on their portal and the evidence is bought to me. I then validate the hours and issue the certificates upon reaching each level. Our year group goal was that each student would at least get a Bronze. So far I have issued 31 certificates from Bronze to Diamond level.

During sport several students are involved with MICEEP's Youth Frontier program and will be having an event at the pizza ovens at Australia Park from 1:00pm - 3:00pm Saturday 27th June. During sport some walk up to Mercy Place to visit and read to the Elderly and Dementia patients. Another group has tackled the Native garden and transported many wheelbarrow loads of mulch into the places which need beautifying. Still other students are knitting hats for premmie babies and blankets for the homeless.

If your son or daughter needs hours and you can show proof of unpaid work, please be part of their success. The last two terms as the Volunteer Coordinator has been a pleasure for me. We really do have beautiful students here at Albury High School, ready to serve the community and ready to help in any way they can. I can be contacted at school if you have any questions.

Ms Katia Bertazzo
Science Teacher & Volunteer Coordinator
YEAR 9 REPORT

It has been a successful start to the year for Year 9 so far. There have been many academic, cultural and sporting achievements. Congratulations to Mackenna Carroll, Ben Kelly and Jacob Koschitzke for all making the State team for Girls and Boys AFL. These students will attend the State carnival in July. Good luck guys!

In Guidance classes we have been working on Homophobia in schools and the implications it has for some people. This has culminated in us challenging using the word “gay” in a negative manner and we have produced posters to place around the school. These posters display alternative describing words for lots of school related things. If you use homophobic language at AHS, you will be challenged!

Y9 reports have just been handed out and I am pleased to report that 90% of our year group are doing fantastic things. Lots of improvement by many students in terms of ‘Having a Crack’ and really turning around their things. Lots of improvement by many students in terms of ‘Having a Crack’ and really turning around their positions from last year. Well done to those people! The other 10% are of some concern. I will be making direct contact with some parents/guardians to request that they attend the Parent Teacher evening (22nd July) so that they can hear direct from their teachers where they need to improve. Most teachers have been really constructive and given some good advice. As this is a year group that are getting part time jobs or thinking about trades or apprenticeships, there are some students who are not behaving in a manner that is conducive for employment. I would really like these students to change their approach so that they make the most of the opportunities that they have here at AHS. I look forward to seeing this improvement in semester two.

On a final note, it has been pleasing to see the uniform standard of Year 9. Everyone looks the part and most people have been doing the right thing when they are out of uniform, i.e. bringing in a note. Well done Year 9!

Mrs Tracey Lee
Year 9 Student Advisor

FARM SALES

Fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables along with free range eggs (subject to availability) are for sale from our school farm.

Cash sales can be made between the hours of 8:30am and 12:00noon at the farm gate near the oval.

Mrs Tracey Lee
Agriculture

SPORTING NEWS

NETBALL REPORT

On Wednesday 1st June, the open netball team went to Wagga for the District tournament. The games went for 24 min with 12 min halves. Our first game was against Mt Austen which we won convincingly and it was a good first game to get us all warmed up. Our second game was against Yanaka which was quite a physical game but we ended up winning by 5. Our third game against Narrandera was a very close game but we broke away in the second half. Our last game was the decider against Deniliquin. We started out strong and at half time we were even. A few changes were made and we tried to keep up but Deniliquin broke away. We ended up losing, but considering we had a very young team who had never played together, we were very happy with how we played. Well done to Jasmina Ainsworth who got the best player award. A shout out to Liz Ehlers who although is a shooter, played defence all day due to our lack of height. Thank you to Zali for umpiring at the last minute. A big thank you to Miss McRae for taking us and trying to coach even though she had lost her voice, and thanks to Courtney Mason for coaching.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FLAYAWAY GYMNASTICS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Looking for something fun to book your children into these school holidays? Flyaway Gymnastics is offering school holiday programs in both Albury and Wodonga, running in both weeks of the holidays. We have our regular holiday feature which is a two hour structured gymnastics program for children aged 5-12 years. Children learn to balance, roll, flip and twist. We are also offering trampoline and dance gym workshops which give children aged 5 - 16 years a great introduction to this sport. Bookings are essential. For more information on prices and times please call (02) 6041 1127 in Albury or (02) 60241129 in Wodonga or visit www.flyawaygymnastics.com.au

BANDITS BASKETBALL

Bandits Basketball Camps will be held in Albury from 29th June to 1st July from 9:30am – 3:00pm at the Lauren Jackson Sports Stadium.

To register please go to the following website: http://www.gobandits.net/camps.html and click on the ‘Albury’ link.
Term 3 Tennis lessons for beginner and intermediate players are happening at the Jindera Courts on Monday nights at 4.30pm and 5.15pm. Great grassroots coaching at an affordable price - $10 per lesson/second child $5.

Have some fun, learn the basics or improve your current skills ready for the tennis season.
Lessons commence on Monday 20th July.

Contact Leanne Wheaton 0428263297 lkwheaton@bigpond.com.au to reserve your spot.