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adult campus news & views

## Newsletter No. 1 – Term 1 March 2016

### *From the Assistant Principal*

The enrolment of adults this year started on January 18, so it has been a busy time for our Counsellors. This year we advertised the Campus via radio advertisements with Mix 102.3, bus shelter ads and the Messenger Press. The response from those who heard the radio ads has been positive and we hope it generates interest and enrolments in the campus. For 2016 some things have changed but many have stayed the same. We have the same curriculum as before, and some subjects have new names, but classes are now held three times a week. This has proved problematic for some students but all work should be on Daymap so students who are unable to attend a class still have access to subject and lesson information.

We are still seeing the effects of the 2012 changes in adult education. Our planning has had a large predictive element to it and sometimes it is difficult to tell which subjects will be popular. This has caused some changes to the curriculum when we find we don't have enough students to run a class or even a teacher to teach it. I apologise to students who have been affected by our necessary last minute changes and hope that in the future, we can be more accurate in our predictions. We do still, though, have an exciting and broad curriculum on offer. The VET offerings have been taken up strongly with many certificate courses being full to the brim. We are still receiving enquiries but are limited in being able to offer positions. We hope to have more entry points later in the year.

Lisa Fowler, our new Coordinator of Adult Learners has been doing a great job in promoting the College to outside agencies and institutions. She has also established an Adult Student Committee which has met and generated a terrific range of ideas for the Campus and its curriculum.

It's hard to believe we are halfway through the term. I hope you are all having success in your classes. I have visited a number of classrooms in the past few weeks and am impressed by what I've seen. At all levels and in all subjects, students are committed and enthusiastic. It is great to see how well the study lounge is being used so early in the year as it speaks of a student body eager to succeed. Assessment 1 is coming up in a four weeks. I hope everyone has looked at their deadlines and will be able to achieve their best.

As is often the case word of mouth is our best form of advertising. If you know of anyone who would like to undertake studies with us please let them know about the adult campus at Hamilton Secondary College.

**Kathryn Needs**

*Photos from the Adult Welcome BBQ*



### *Welcome*

Welcome to students new to the College and welcome back to those continuing at Hamilton this year. I hope that you are happy with your subject selection and have settled in to classes well. You will have discovered that Hamilton offers a rich and varied selection of courses to students from all kinds of backgrounds.

Please let us know if we can assist you in any way. The Adult Campus staff are:

Kathryn Needs     Assistant Principal  
Adult Campus

Lisa Fowler        Coordinator  
Adult Learners

Julie Harwood     Student Counsellor

Heather Thomas   VET Assistant Principal

If you would like some more advice about courses and other options for study please feel free to make an appointment with a counsellor.

This year to assist students acclimatise to the surroundings we ran Orientation sessions during the first week back at school and these were attended by approximately 30 new students. We were lucky to have Mix 102.3's Street Crew broadcasting from the College to promote Adult Education.

We will be running Spotlight Seminars throughout the year on applying for university and TAFE, and job and career readiness. To further assist students with their studies individual tutorial support and mentoring is available. Please see Lisa for further information.

Good luck with your studies. I look forward to meeting you personally during the year.

**Lisa Fowler**  
**Coordinator – Adult Learners**

### *Daymap*

Daymap is our main organisational system in the College. Teachers will put your assignments and assessment tasks on Daymap for you to access. You can also see your timetable, attendances and notes from your teachers, all easily accessed from home.



Robinson Class

# Plant Sale

ALL WELCOME

Tuesday 15 March

Lunchtime

Plant stall at the bottom  
of the stairs near  
Student Services

We are happy to store plants  
purchased for pick-up  
at the end of the day

If plants are still available look for  
us on Sports Day

## Key Dates Term 1

March	14	Adelaide Cup
	16	College Sports Day
	23	Governing Council Meeting
	25	Good Friday
	28	Easter Monday
April	Week beginning April 11	Reports distributed
	15	End Term 1
May	2	Term 2 begins

## Applications for Special Provisions

If you are studying SACE Stage 2 subjects with an exam and want to apply for Special Provisions, applications must be completed and submitted to Student Services by mid March. Forms are available from Student Services.

Please note that if additional reading and writing time is required, each candidate must complete two supervised, timed essays. It is the responsibility of the candidate to contact Tamara Seaman, Coordinator – SACE, to arrange for these essays to be set at a mutually convenient time and place within the College.

Please do not delay if you believe you qualify for Special Provisions and be sure you complete all the documentation required on the form. If you do not know your SACE registration number you can obtain this from Student Services when you collect the form. If you have any queries regarding your SACE please arrange a time to speak to Tamara Seaman or a student counsellor.

**Tamara Seaman**  
**Coordinator – SACE Management**

## ID Cards

By now all students should have ID cards. It is expected that adult students wear ID and a clip is issued with the card for this purpose. There are a large number of adult students enrolled at the College as well as the students in the continuing school. It is important for the security of staff and students that people on the Campus are authorised to be here. Do not invite visitors to the College. If you have forgotten to put on your ID card, you may be asked by a member of staff to show your card and/or identify yourself. Please respond politely – staff, particularly those on yard duty, are entitled to ask for this information. You will be issued with an 'Adult Student' sticker if you are not wearing ID in class. ID cards also serve as library cards and transport concession cards. Lanyards, like those being used by Staff for their keys, are available to adult students for ID card purposes. ID card wearing is common practice in business and workplace – please wear yours.

## Mixing with School Students

It is College Policy that adult students do not mix with the school students, except at Year 11 and 12 level where there are hybrid classes. This is also an expectation if you are a parent of a student enrolled at the College. This is usually not an issue for adults who are here only for particular lesson times. There is a lounge area for adult students which may be used during breaks.

## Dress

It is an OHSW requirement that shoes be worn at all times. Science labs, Art areas, Photography areas Tech Studies workshops, and Home Economic kitchens require covered footwear. Please comply with this OHSW requirement. Thongs are not appropriate footwear at the College in any area.

It is expected that adult students attending the College wear neat, casual dress at all times. Clothing should be appropriate to a learning environment and not skimpy and revealing or distracting to others.

## Mobile Phones

Mobile phones must be switched off in class and in the Library. It is distracting to other students and to the teacher when your phone rings and even more so if you engage in a conversation. Messaging is similarly so. Should there be an emergency or a one off need to leave the phone on this should be negotiated with the teacher at the start of the lesson. Business calls will need to be taken before or after class.

## Diaries

You should have all received a diary when you paid your fees. If you missed out you may obtain yours from Reception.

## Lift Users

We are aware that many students use the lift to access classrooms upstairs. Occasionally the lift is out of order. We would like to contact people who need to use the lift if this happens. We are compiling a register of lift-users. Please let the office have your name so that this list can be as comprehensive as possible.

## Hamilton is a Non Smoking Worksite

The Education Department has directed us to comply fully with legislation so there is no smoking on college grounds. If you do continue to smoke in school hours, you must leave the grounds of the college completely. Please be mindful though, that people smoking in front of the college sends a bad image of us to the community as does sitting on neighbours' fences or littering with cigarette butts.

## Adult Bulletin

A weekly bulletin is printed at the beginning of each week with important information about events and issues which relate to adult learners. A printed copy is put around the adult lounge area and an electronic copy emailed to all adult learners. A copy is also lodged on Daymap. Please read it regularly.

## 2015 Registered Training Organisation VET Graduation Ceremony

Last December we held our RTO VET Graduation at The Marion Club. It was well attended with around 200 students, staff and parents present.

Our Guest Speaker was Sonia Harrison, a past Certificate III in Business Administration student. Sonia came to Hamilton as an Adult Student. She started in Semester 2, 2011 doing her Certificate II in Business then commenced and successfully completed her Certificate III in Business Administration in 2012. In 2012 she was shortlisted and won SA Vocational Student of the Year in the South Australian Training Awards. She was then shortlisted in the National Awards and represented South Australia. She successfully gained employment in 2013 as an Administration Assistant then was promoted to Administration Officer at VET Network. This year she started a new job as Administration Officer and School Support Officer at Urrbrae Agricultural High School for the Vocational Pathways Regional Team.

The ceremony formally celebrated the achievement of our Registered Training Organisation VET students. They were presented with their Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Certificate by our Principal and CEO of our RTO Ms Peta Kourbelis. We hope that the achievement of this Vocational Qualification equips the students with the keys to a rewarding career working in an industry that they are passionate about. Many of our Vocational Education and Training graduates have gone on to secure employment in a range of industries such as hospitality, sport and recreation, community services, viticulture, tourism, IT, business administration and creative industries such as film production companies, television studios, graphic design studios, just to name a few.

**Heather Thomas**

**Assistant Principal, RTO Manager and VET Curriculum Pathways**



## Art Exhibition at Creasey and Associates

The Adult Campus would like to thank Rod Creasey, the Principal Accountant and Business Adviser at Rod Creasey Associates, 117 Glen Osmond Road Eastwood for his support of the Visual Arts from the adult students. A large number of artwork graced the office spaces of Rod's business during Term 4 2015. The works were for sale and remained on display until February 2016. This exposure is invaluable in many ways to the Adult Campus, the College, the students and the business itself, as they are all promoted within the community. Of interest is the fact that Rod Creasey's son, Adam Creasey, also an accountant, was a former adult student of Hamilton Secondary College.

We are very pleased to announce that the business bought three paintings for their offices. Slavica Trubarac's acrylic colour abstract, Jared Mantell's pencil and ink portrait of a young lady and Darryl Dyson's paper collage portrait of a woman. This is a wonderful accolade for the work of the students and our art teacher Ben Benassi.

I would like to thank the adult students and Rod Creasey Associates for allowing this display to happen.

**Kathryn Needs**  
**Assistant Principal**



## Tertiary Results for 2015

Congratulations to the following students who were offered tertiary placements:

Name	Course, Tertiary Placement
Michelle Bartels	Bachelor Justice and Society, Flinders University
Keeley Bryan	Bachelor of Health Sciences, Uni SA
Sharnii Elliott	Bachelor of Arts, Flinders University
Lachlan Etzler	Bachelor Engineering (Mechanical) (Hon) Flinders University
Graham Hill	Foundation Studies, Uni SA
Mollie Mooney	Bachelor of Arts, Flinders University
James Munn	Foundation Studies, Uni SA
Crystal Pope	Bachelor Clinical Science/Medicine, Flinders University
Sobhan Shamsoddini	Foundation Studies, Uni SA
Thomas Slade	Bachelor Information Technology, Uni SA

Congratulations must also go to the many students who gained places at TAFE and to those who successfully completed SACE subjects in 2015 and who will go on to complete their certificate this year.

**Kathryn Needs**  
Assistant Principal



Book your appointment at Reception for the free 'In-school Psychology' counselling service.

Last year a number of students were very happy with the free In-School Psychology counselling service for adult students on-site at Hamilton Secondary College. Our psychologist, Voula Antoniadis, is available on Mondays.

In-School Psychology's service is bulk billed to Medicare. To access the free counselling service:

- Make an appointment to see the Psychologist at Hamilton Secondary College's Reception area
- Collect a Health Care Plan form from the Hamilton Reception area when you make your appointment
- Have the form completed by a General Practitioner.
- Bring the form to your visit.

Each Health Care Plan entitles the student to a maximum of 10 free individual sessions each calendar year. Students may be referred to our Psychologist for issues such as:

- Anxiety and stress
- Depression
- Fears and Phobias
- Anger Management
- Self-harm
- Sleep problems
- Alcohol or substance abuse
- Autism (developing social skills, anxiety etc)
- Social skills difficulties
- Grief and loss
- Eating disorders
- Relationships
- Bullying



## Adult Welcome BBQ

