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From the Assistant Principal

The end of the year has come around very quickly. When we reflect on the year we can appreciate all the things that have occurred despite feeling that it has been a short year.

The adult students at Hamilton have excelled this year and have helped raise the profile of Hamilton Secondary College.

The very successful Art and Craft exhibitions have made an excellent impression with the community, politician's and the Education Department CEO. We saw many visitors who gave excellent feedback on what they saw.

Our assessment at the end of each term showed exceptional results from adult classes. The highest grade point averages in the College were earned by adult students.

There have been great barbecues and morning teas in and near the adult lounge and I presented many certificates to students who performed exceptionally well.

Apart from these accomplishments, there have been many stories from individuals, who have achieved a lot more than they thought they could, along with expressing their deepest gratitude for the opportunity to study at Hamilton Secondary College with excellent teachers.

It is heartening to see and hear about the successes of this year. Next year, we have worked to reinvigorate the curriculum. The course handbook has details of new subjects.

Please make an appointment to enrol for next year and tell your friends and family about our courses.

Feel free to pick up a handbook and give it to someone you think may be interested. We need to keep getting the message out in the community that Hamilton is a great place to be.

Craig Coleman

ORIENTATION 2016

**Wednesday
3 February**

10.00 am

12.00 pm

2.00 pm

We invite you to attend one of the above sessions
The tour guide will show you the College and answer
your questions

**MEET YOUR TOUR GUIDES ON THE LAWN IN FRONT
OF THE ADULT LOUNGE AREA**

Key Dates Term 1 2016

3 February	Orientation Day
8 February	Adult Classes begin
25 February	Welcome BBQ
8 March	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
25 March	Good Friday
28 March	Easter Monday

New Courses at Hamilton in 2016

The Hamilton Adult Campus Handbook is now available and counsellors are already very booked with appointments for students wishing to enrol next year.

We are introducing a number of new courses listed below;

Android Smart Phones and Tablets and Apple iPhones and iPads.

Laser Cutting now includes product design
Webpage Design

English as a Dialect or Other Language

Living and Working with Children which is designed to cater for students who have an interest in working with children. They will develop an understanding of the development of children and will investigate career pathways in this industry.

Computer Aided Design and Computer Aided Manufacture (CAD/CAM) will be offered for the first time and is highly relevant to the future trends in Australia's manufacturing industry. It teaches the underlying theory of CAD/CAM, but most importantly teaches students the skills needed to actually design in a computer environment.

Astrophotography – combines the wonder of astronomy with low light photography. Students will gain the skills and knowledge to take photographs of the astronomical objects in the night sky.

Just remember our Art classes are always popular and fill quickly. So be quick!

**Kathryn Needs
Coordinator – Adult Learners**

Farewell and Good Luck Graham!

Many of you would know or have seen Graham Hill in the Adult Campus. He has been a familiar face at the college since he enrolled in 2010 and has been an outstanding supporter of and contributor to Hamilton Secondary College Adult Campus social events. College barbeques and morning teas will not be the same without his helpful suggestions and hard work. His friendly, positive personality and his helpful suggestions have assisted many new students to settle into the college and he has made many friends throughout his time here.



Graham Hill (left) and fellow student James Munn taking charge of the barbeque.

Graham has successfully completed many different courses during his time at Hamilton, including Certificate II & III Community Services and Certificate II & III Information Digital Media and Technology as well as achieving the Research Project and his Stage 2 Community Studies. His consistent attendance and effort have ensured that he has succeeded at everything he has tried. He will be completing his SACE this year and has enrolled at Flinders University for 2016.

Graham will be missed by both staff and students at the college. We wish him all the best for the future and his new life at university.

Julie Harwood, Student Counsellor

Tribute to Upcycling

New Challenges. Opportunities, objects from the natural to man-made, once ignored now seen in a different light. The possibilities to create are endless!

Releasing our higher order thinking, planning & analytical skills in turn, releasing our inner childhood to be integrated with our adult selves. Our imagination has been set free, everything has potential! The cycle of life is still circling. We have been able to fly, to explore life beyond barriers that may once have been limiting and holding us down. As we heal the land we in turn are healed ourselves.

We played with recycling materials and through creative play we upcycled various materials that would have turned to dust (eventually! Trees cut, made into paper, paper made into art.

Objects of art fashioned from 'material' – sourced from:

- Below the ground eg metal, stones, jewels, glass
- Above the ground eg plant fibres plants, wool, cottons, silk, paper
- Below the sea eg shells, exoskeletons, seaweed

Manufactured materials ranging from stripping the copper wire from e-waste, waste remnant sample textile to endless 'found' material in our homes and op shops.

Wind chimes suspended on a long forgotten bangle, with string from a bag now unwoven, with beaten antique silver spoons and forks, fashioned from metal from the ground, interspersed with shells yielded by the sea. The wind moves the chimes and there is peace, joy, fulfilment.

Thank you Eliana Mappouridou-Hockley for developing, teaching and opening our minds and skills to Upcycling and ultimately doing our part to save the planet.

**By Mary Burfield, student
(with inspiration from the class & life itself)**



My mum has just finished school!



Michelle Bartels, a mother of two young school aged children, enrolled in the Adult Campus at the beginning of 2015, with the sole purpose of completing her SACE. She had left school during Year 10

and had spent 12 years out of a school environment. By enrolling in Year 12 she hoped to set an example for her children on how important education is and not to waste the opportunities it provides. Michelle also wanted, above all, to understand more in life, to gain knowledge in areas she was interested in and not be looked down upon because she was not well educated. She also thought she might join the police force once she had completed her SACE.

Michelle undertook a full Year 12 load of four subjects and the Research Project and will finish her studies on November 9 when she sits for the Biology exam. She now hopes to go to University in 2016.

We asked Michelle how her year at the College has benefitted her. Her response is positive and heart-warming. She writes:

Attending here has opened my life to possibilities. I have grown as a person and watched others around me discover who they are and what they want in life. I have found coming back here as an adult a great experience. I find myself educating my friends on the things I have learnt here. For example, Mr Rhodes' word doppelganger or Tamara's love for Legal Studies and the justice system. I have found laughs and great conversations in class with the continuing Year 12 students and their worries and dreams. It showed me that school still possesses dreamers and opportunistic youth. Taking the pressure of my own life of kids and school runs, it has been a tough struggle making sure family and school life were equal, but they are glad I have done this. The most proud moment of my life was last Friday when my two children paraded me around school to tell everyone I have finished school.

I will miss everything about Hamilton now my time has come to an end but I hope the journey for myself and the people I have met here will continue. I will miss all the staff from the ladies at the front desk to the best women in the adult lounge that help us adult students trooper on. I would like to also pass on my gratitude to all my teachers and people I have met just over random conversations at lunch.

THANK YOU ALL

Adult learners' Week - Corner Gallery Exhibition

To celebrate National Adult Learners' Week this year the College secured space at the local Corner Gallery situated on the corner of Diagonal and Oaklands Roads. An exhibition of our adult students' art, textile and patchwork was held for six weeks running from September 1.

The decision to exhibit at The Corner Gallery during Adult Learners' Week was motivated by our desire to showcase the quality of our adult student work and to encourage others to consider adult education for themselves. One of the strengths of Adult Education is its capacity to engage learners, and be truly flexible and responsive to the needs of the community.

The Honorable Annabel Digance opened our exhibition and extolled the benefits of adults returning to study, pointing out some of the work she particularly appreciated.

The art work in the exhibition was completed during 2014 and 2015 and included life drawings, landscapes, still life, portraiture and abstract paintings. Sculptural work included masks and slump glass pieces. The Art Textile display explored a variety of techniques including beading, appliqué, fabric dyeing and embroidery. The quilts were made in a Craft Textiles class focusing on technical skills and traditional methods.

The exhibition was also visited by the Minister for the Arts, Mr Jack Snelling, who had a private viewing of the work. He spoke very positively about the paintings and the benefits of adult education to the community.

Thanks must go to our wonderful teachers who worked with the students. Ben Benassi, Julia Moore, and Claire Bennett deserve high praise. As Adult Campus staff we were thrilled with the exhibition and are looking for more opportunities next year to once again promote the terrific work produced by our students.

***Kathryn Needs
Coordinator – Adult Learners***



Vale Cedric Austin

Cedric Austin had been a student of the adult campus for a number of years undertaking many of the art classes run by Ben Benassi. Cedric loved working with clay and enjoyed creating 2D designs. He painted and drew and was a regular exhibitor at the Centre Gallery of DECD (The Department of Education and Child Development) central office which is organised each year to exhibit student work in a public environment and to promote Adult Art Education at Hamilton Secondary College.

Cedric was an extremely friendly student who loved to stop and chat with people on the way to class. He loved to laugh and tease and was always positive even when his health began to fail.

Courageously, he attended class right up until two weeks before he sadly passed away during Term 3. His funeral was well attended by staff and students from the College.

Cedric's cheeriness and goodwill to all have been and will continue to be missed by the staff and students in the adult campus.

***Kathryn Needs
Coordinator – Adult Learners***



Work Experience - Certificate III in Business Administration

Recently four Certificate III in Business Administration students undertook one week's Work Experience. They were each responsible for researching suitable work places as well as contacting and visiting them to successfully gain work experience.

The work places they chose included two real estate agencies, Philmac and SASPA (South Australian Secondary Principals' Association).

Each student dressed in a professional business-like manner, showed punctuality and was more than willing to undertake the duties requested of them. These duties included front counter reception duties, creating flyers, mail merging documents for bulk mail-outs to clients and inputting data using Microsoft Excel and Access. They were able to consolidate the office skills they learnt in our simulated business, HAT (Hamilton Aquatics Traders). They also put into good use their newly acquired computing skills.



Each student received excellent work experience reports and their supervisors all commented on how they were job ready and showed great employability skills such as teamwork, problem solving and initiative. The supervisors were so impressed that they are willing to take on new students for Work Experience in Term 4.

Congratulations to our students Tia Laguesma, Lixia Ma, Wei Shen and Scott Verney for doing such a great job in your work experience placements.

Ms Lily Carusi, Teacher

Art Exhibition at Creasey and Associates

Hamilton Secondary College 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 Campus. A large number of artworks by our adult art students grace the office spaces of Rod's business. The works on display will be for sale and remain on display until the beginning of 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 in the community. Two previous displays the adult students participated in were the exhibition Centre Gallery (DECD Head office) in the city and at



the Corner Church Gallery at Warradale. Of interest is the fact that Rod Creasey's son, Adam Creasey, also an accountant, was a former adult student of Hamilton Secondary College. I would like to thank the adult students and Rod Creasey Associates for allowing this display to happen.

Ben Benassi
Art Teacher



MAPS Shines

Two First Year's in our Diploma in Screen and Media at MAPS Film School, have made remarkable pieces for us in the course of their studies in 2015. Being not long out of Secondary education, they have produced technically assured items with a maturity of vision that belies their brief years and short experience base.

Nathan Sivewright's clip of the original pop song "So Bright", played on a real location by the band Never Coast, uses vivid practical lighting effects and moody night photography that showcases the film's strong set design. All of this, delivering a dynamic visual and audio rendition of lyric and performance that captures creative musicians and youthful energy - in the moment. Within three days of being uploaded to Youtube it has gathered one thousand views. Nathan can be seen playing guitar in the video, as a regular part of the line-up.

James Haskard's ageing grandfather is a sheep farmer outside Jamestown in rural South Australia. He still works his family owned property, under the brow of giant rows of wind turbines on top of surrounding hills. Nature cooperated fully with the young filmmaker, working on this picturesque documentary. Fog rolled in like a photogenic phantom of the past. Undulating fields, as far as the eye can see, are as richly green as any pasture in old Ireland. The craggy and otherwise reticent old cocky who is the subject of this production, also obligingly waxes poetic on the enduring nature of land and those who continue to work it. For many of us, the movie overall comes blessed already with nostalgia and that special haunting mystique of childhood holidays spent in wide open spaces of paddock and sky.

Both of these short films will be exhibited on the MAPS Channel, easily located on the Net. We invite you to watch them.

Leigh Sutton
MAPS

