



## Newsletter No. 4

Term 2/June 2016

### From the Principal, Peta Kourbelis

#### Welcome to New Staff

I would like to welcome Malcolm Lobban to Hamilton Secondary College. Malcolm will be with us for the remainder of the year in the role as Assistant Principal Adult Campus/International Program/Student Voice. Malcolm is an experienced leader with a breadth of knowledge in both adult learning and international education.

A warm welcome also to Angus Fisher who joins the English/EALD faculty and Andrew Costi, STEM Curriculum Writer.

#### Certificate Courses

As a Registered Training Organisation, our College is currently offering an extensive range of VET Certificate courses. In 2017, we will further increase the courses that we offer to include:

- Certificate III in Health Assistance
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care

In early Term 3, we are looking to hold an information night for parents and students to outline details of all the vocational certificate courses that we offer at Hamilton.

Our renovations and refurbishing of the Home Economics area is underway. We are certainly looking forward to its completion so that we can offer regionally Certificate II in Hospitality and Certificate II in Food Processing.

#### Student Free Day

On Tuesday 14 June we held our Term 2 Student Free Day. In the first part of the day teachers revisited the vision of our College to ensure that our direction and our curriculum remains strong and relevant to our students' needs and outcomes. Teachers also had an opportunity to continue their Professional Learning Community curriculum work.

#### 2016 Gymnastics Australian Championships

In May, three of our Year 8 students, Travis Williams, Adam Gibson and Gordon Shaw-Newland attended the 2016 Gymnastics Australian Championships in Melbourne for South Australia.

Travis and Adam were part of the Level 8, Under 14 team for South Australia. The team consisted of five competitors. They won the team competition, which includes, pommel horse, vault, parallel bars, floor, rings and horizontal bars.

As individual competitors, Travis achieved 7th in vault and Adam 7th in the parallel bars. Gordon was part of the Level 7, Open team and his team was placed 4th overall. Gordon achieved 2nd in the floor event.

Congratulations to Travis, Adam and Gordon, on their extraordinary achievements.

**Ms Amanda Russell & Mr Wayne Olifent**  
Middle School Coordinators



## Diary Dates

### Uniform Shop

Fridays 8.30 - 11.00 am

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

### June

22	Governing Council
22	Year 8 Immunisation
27	Semester 2 begins - Year 11

### July

4	Year 8 & 9 Roundtable presentations
4-8	Year 10 Australian Business Week
8	End of Term 2 – dismiss 2:15pm Reports distributed
25	Takatori Kokusai High School visit from Japan
25	Term 3 begins
25	Semester 2 begins Yr 8, 9, 10 & 12

### August

3	College Assembly
8	Takatori Kokusai High School leave for Japan
10	VET Information Evening
15-19	National Science Week
16 - 27	Ushiku High School visit from Japan
17	Governing Council

## Scholarships for Maths and Science

As you are aware, Maths and Science are curriculum areas of high importance in the strategic plans for both the nation and our state. To recognise this importance, Hamilton offers four scholarships each year. These scholarships are awarded to the top male and female students in Year 9 Maths and Year 9 Science. As well as the personal prizes received by these students, school fees are waived for Years 10, 11 and 12 at Hamilton. Effectively, this equates to a scholarship valued at approximately \$2000. With Term 2 reports to be issued at the end of term, Year 9 students, in particular, are encouraged to be striving for the best possible 'A' grade to be eligible for this new Scholarship.

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## Around the Campuses

### From the Middle School

The Middle School is approaching the busy time of term with students involved in Roundtable Presentations, D&T and Science project testing and presentations and the end of semester assessments. It has been pleasing to see the enthusiasm and eagerness of the students to participate in all these events.

#### Immunisations

The second round of HPV and booster Dtpa for Year 8 boys and girls immunisations will take place on Wednesday 22 June.

#### Uniform

It is pleasing to see that the Hamilton uniform is being worn with pride by the majority of Year 8 and 9 students. For those who require new uniform to be purchased, the uniform shop is open Friday mornings from 8.30 to 11.00 am, or alternative arrangements can be made by contacting student services.

#### Roundtable

Year 8/9 students have been working on their Roundtable presentations. These will be presented to parents/caregivers on Monday 4 July. There will be no classes on this day for Year 8/9 students. Parents will be sent information to logon to make an appointment with your child's care group teacher or you can ring the College on 8275 8300 to make an appointment.

In their Roundtable the students will be reflecting on their start to the year, looking back and seeing the progress they have made so far and discussing learning goals for the remainder of the year.

Please ensure that you make bookings quickly to get your preferred time. If you are working on the day a grandparent or other relative may like to attend in your place.

#### Wellbeing

Going through adolescence is a difficult time for many. Sometimes we, as teachers and parents, become worried about the wellbeing of the young people in our lives. They may seem to have changed – become withdrawn, angry or sad.

At Hamilton we recognise the strong link between supporting students' sense of wellbeing and their academic success. We have onsite school counsellors and youth workers, as well as students having access to an onsite psychologist with fees covered by Medicare, through In-School Psychology.

There are many useful resources you can access from home to support your children if they are struggling with grief, loss, family breakdown, anxiety or depression.

If you need more information or support for your child please contact the school counsellors, Ms Shauna Thompson or Ms Helen Tong.

**Ms Amanda Russell & Mr Wayne Olifent**  
Middle School Coordinators

### Design & Technology

Certificate III in Carpentry Students have been busy planning and constructing a 20m race track for the up-coming Hamilton CO2 Dragster Competition. The competition will run on Wednesday 6 July from Lesson 3 to 5 in the gym. There are a record number of entries from Year 8 through to Year 12 and the competition will be fierce. The top four dragsters from two divisions will go on to compete in the Adelaide Show State Championships in August and from there they can qualify for the National Championships in Perth in September. Last year Hamilton had the 2nd fastest car in Australia! Can we emulate that this year?

**Mr Jac van Hoof**  
Design & Technology Teacher



### Year 10 News

This term, the Year 10s have had a presentation by Senior Constable Michael Lorde from SAPOL about road safety and young people. Many of the cohort have begun, or are about to apply for their licenses, so a timely reminder of the risks and responsibilities of driving was very welcome. The question and answer session at the end of the presentation was very insightful and the students hopefully learned a lot.

The Personal Learning Plan starts next term. For most students this is their first SACE subject, so we have dedicated a few Pathways sessions to unpacking some of the mysteries of the SACE. Russell Attwell, one of the regional apprenticeship brokers, gave a presentation on Vocational Education Pathways, apprenticeships and transition to work. This is particularly relevant as many of our young people are of the age to take on part-time jobs. The college can offer advice and support in how to manage this important milestone and how to balance school and work-life.

We have had a few bleary eyes and teary mornings as several students in the Child Studies course have taken on the challenge of managing a baby simulator. This has meant interrupted sleep patterns and a few disruptions in daily routines. It's all worthwhile though, they find parenting a very eye-opening experience. The College thanks the parents of the students involved for their support and patience during these somewhat trying times.

A reminder that the Australian Business Week activity occurs in Week 10 of this term. This is a simulated resource management role playing exercise, in which groups of students compete to manage a virtual business for a week. Everyone has a role to play, and it can be a very rewarding experience. It is part of our curriculum and students are expected to attend school as normal for that week. Students also earn ten points towards their SACE for participating. There is a cost involved; payments can be made to Student Services. If you are going to have difficulty paying, please contact Heather Thomas or the school counsellors and some arrangements can be made.

**Mr Jonas Dawson**  
Year 10 Coordinator



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## Year 11 Pathways

During Pathways sessions this month, students have been learning about who they are, how decisions they make now can have a huge impact on their lives in the future, and how they can shape their future now.

This has involved reflecting on their grades from last term and thinking about ways that students can work towards achieving their best. There has also been a presentation of award certificates recognising excellence in attitude and improvement in ranking with grade point averages. It was pleasing to see some students who may not normally get recognition receiving these awards that reflect students' effort to improve.

There have also been Pathways sessions in which students have done Psychometric Tests and Meyer-Briggs Personality Tests so that they can gain a better understanding of their strengths and weaknesses. This can be influential in helping students decide what career pathways may suit them. This, in turn, will assist students in making informed decisions about course selections for Semester 2 of this year (and beyond).

On June 16 and 17, students interested in a possible university pathway will have an opportunity to participate in the Flinders Enrichment Days. This will give students a taste of what universities can offer, and open up their ideas about the variety of courses that are available. Earlier, UniSA spoke to the students about the options available at their four campuses.

As can be seen in another article in this newsletter, students also were involved in a talk about road safety by SAPOL. In conjunction with this, Encounter Youth spoke to students on the theme 'Alert Not Alarmed', a seminar which covers topics of alcohol and parties, party fights, relationships and getting home safely.

This series of talks and workshops in the Pathways Program provides excellent 'just-in-time' learning aimed at making the lives of our students safer and more rewarding.

## Year 11 Pathways Road Safety Session

SAPOL's Road Safety Section recently attended Hamilton Secondary College and delivered a road safety presentation to Year 11 students entitled "The Fatal Five", presented by a currently serving police officer. This powerful and interactive program discussed road safety issues, including the causes of road crashes such as fatigue, alcohol and drugs, speed, risk-taking, peer pressure, driver attitudes, and ways in which to reduce the risk of becoming a crash statistic. This



program incorporates using contemporary government road safety messaging through partnership with the Motor Accident Commission (MAC).

The Road Safety Section also provides a free bi-monthly e-newsletter 'Talkin Road Safety' to schools which provides articles on road safety which are of interest to drivers and other road-users. This session

held the students' attention most effectively. Students left the session in a sombre mood. The significance of how a careless decision can lead to tragedy really impacted on the group.

The following websites may be of further value to you and the students.

- [raa.com.au](http://raa.com.au)
- [sapolice.sa.gov.au](http://sapolice.sa.gov.au)
- [mylicence.sa.gov.au](http://mylicence.sa.gov.au)
- [howsafeisyourcar.com.au](http://howsafeisyourcar.com.au)

For any further information on Road Safety please contact the Road Safety Section on 82076586 or by Email: [SAPOL.RoadSafetySection@police.sa.gov.au](mailto:SAPOL.RoadSafetySection@police.sa.gov.au)

## StartSmart Program

Students in Year 10 and 11 have recently been involved in a four-part program about financial literacy. This series of workshops has been delivered by Sam from the Commonwealth Bank. Sam is effectively a stand-up comic in the observational humour genre. As such, he completely captivates his audience. Sam gives many life lessons, but in particular he has, to date, talked about Smart Earning and Smart Spending.




In Smart Earning, students learnt about their rights and responsibilities as employees, and how to check to see that they are receiving the pay rate and entitlements of their job. Sam also talked about what are the key elements in presenting yourself as a potential employee. These were practical lessons that were well-received by the students.

In Smart Spending, the focus was on what influences our purchases. Sam discussed the psychological tricks that are employed to encourage shoppers to make impulse purchases. For example, the Gruen Transfer is the result of complex techniques used by shops through product placement to make us buy things we had no intention of buying. Also discussed were the pressures placed on teenagers to buy particular brands that identified as "cool", or the gimmicks that we succumb to when buying trend items. Who can remember Pet Rocks, Shutter Shades, Tamagotchis, or more recently, Onesies? This was used to point out the difference between Wants and Needs. Strategies were then given to help avoid the purchases that we may later regret.

It is refreshing to see students having a really good laugh, and yet learning some excellent life skills at the same time.

**Mr Steve Kelly**  
Year 11 Coordinator



## Keep smiling

Dental care is FREE for most teenagers.  
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[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental)

## SA Dental Service

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## News from the Hamilton Unit



### S3 News

#### Santos Interschool Sports Day.

On Wednesday the 18 May students from the Hamilton Unit participated in an Interschool Special Schools and Centres Sports Day at Santos Stadium. Our students participated excellently, with many students volunteering for some of the long distance events as well as the 100 metre and 200 metre events. There were high jump, long jump and shot-put events as well, and all the students were eager and enthusiastic to achieve their best. Well done guys, we are very proud of you.

**Ms Brigid Reavley**  
S3 Teacher



### S5 News

In History this semester S5 students have been learning about Ancient Greece with Peter Brayshaw. In preparation for the 'Games of the XXXI Olympiad' to be held later this year students have been studying the society that saw the emergence of the Olympic Games. The students have been busy learning about Ancient Greek society and have had fun making weapons used by soldiers, creating jewellery similar to that worn by men and women and constructing theatrical masks. Next semester in the Unit, the focus in geography will be Brazil, the home of the 2016 Olympic Games.

**Ms Sue Sandford**  
S5 Teacher



## Term 1 Awards

Term 1 Academic Achievement Awards were presented at the College assembly held on 1 June.

**Year 8:**  
Adam Gibson  
Travis Williams

**Year 9:**  
Kimberley Hope  
Olivia Veasey  
Dana Santucci  
Chrysi Katsionis  
Julianne Pamintuan  
Maitri Pathak

**Year 10:**  
Lauren Aylmore

**Year 12:**  
Ahmed Sanjid

## Attendance at School

It is important that students attend school regularly and are absent as little as possible.

Where an absence from school is unavoidable, parents and caregivers can:

- Ring the school on 8275 8300
- Send an email to [frontoffice@hamcoll.sa.edu.au](mailto:frontoffice@hamcoll.sa.edu.au)
- Write a note in your child's diary.

We appreciate timely information about student absences provided by families, as we are required to code all student absences.

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## adult learners' news & views

Hi everyone - my name is Malcolm Lobban and I started working at Hamilton Secondary College on 23 May as the Assistant Principal, Adults and Senior Campus, filling in for Kathryn for the rest of the year whilst she is on leave. My role is a bit different to Kathryn's as I have additional responsibilities including developing the International Student program and Student Voice across the school 8-12.

A little bit about me - I have been working as a Student Counsellor for a number of years at Adelaide Secondary School of English and at Christies Beach High School before that, where I was also the leader of their Adult Re-entry program for seven years. I am passionate about Adult Education, having worked for TAFESA and Flinders University, and having been an adult re-entry student myself - I returned to university at 35 to train as a teacher after a 15 year career in the Australian Public Service - so I am fully aware of the personal struggle and satisfaction that comes from returning to study as an adult. Originally from Naracoorte, I have lived in Adelaide's South for just over thirty years and have been involved in many aspects of the local community. My wife and I have three adult daughters and we are becoming grandparents for the first time in August, so we can't wait. I am looking forward to meeting you during my time here at Hamilton - this is somewhere I have longed to work and be part of an education program that truly changes lives.

**Mr Malcolm Lobban**  
Assistant Principal, Adult and Senior Campus

### Academic Achievement Awards for Term 1

At the end of Term 1 students received a subject report detailing the results of their efforts during the term. The results for Stage 1 SACE are particularly pleasing with a large number of students attaining two or more A grades. These results are indicative of the work of both the students and their teachers.

There were 38 adult students who received 1 or more A grade, however, to be eligible for a certificate students had to be studying three or more subjects and achieve a grade of 'A' for three or more subjects.

The following students received awards for Term 1 academic success

Year 11	Year 12
Kathy Blight	Jenny Chen
Sheridan McKay	Myra Tsiavlis
Erin Tuohino	Trish Gough

To celebrate their successes an Awards Ceremony and morning tea was held on Wednesday 1 June where the students were presented with a special certificate which recognised their achievements. There was laughter, hand shaking, pats on the back, smiles and an enormous amount of pride.

Look for photos of recipients receiving their awards on the television in the adult lounge.

**Ms Lisa Fowler**  
Adult Learners Coordinator



### 2016 School Fees

College fees are now due for payment and should be finalised by 30 June.

If you believe you are entitled to School Card funding and have not yet made an application for 2016, or, if you wish to discuss payment options for your school fees, please contact the Business Manager. Ms Julianne Ward, on 8275 8340.



### South Australian Screen Awards

Last week, the winners of the SAsA Awards were announced. Last year, MAPS Film School recent graduates and alumni, won nine of the twenty SAsA awards on offer. Most of the winning movies and craft efforts were MAPS student work, from 2014, entered into this professional competition that celebrates the best work done by the South Australian screen media making community. This year we reached a creditable tally of five awards, against stiff competition: Best Casting and also Best Performance for "Nuts" (Lucy Campbell & Sophie Morgan); Best Editing for "Nuts" (Peter Ninos); Best Cinematography for "Northern Acres" (Sam Doddridge), Emerging Producer for "Dale" (Tess O'Flaherty). Congratulations to all.

**Dr Leigh Sutton**  
MAPS

### Driving Yourself to School, or Passenger in a Car Driven by a Student?

This is a reminder that if you are driving yourself to and from school because you have your P-plates or full licence, you need to have your parents sign the consent form that can be obtained from the Front Office. If you intend being a passenger in a car driven by a student to come to school or leave school, you must have parental approval to do this also. This form is also available from Front Office.

A reminder also, that you do not have permission to leave the school grounds at lunch or recess time, unless you have Home Study approval for the next lesson.

These measures are in place to protect you, so please ensure that you comply with them.

**Mr Steve Kelly**  
Year 11 Coordinator

## REMINDER

# AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS WEEK 2016

All Year 10s

Week 10 Term 2

Please pay your \$45 at  
Student Services

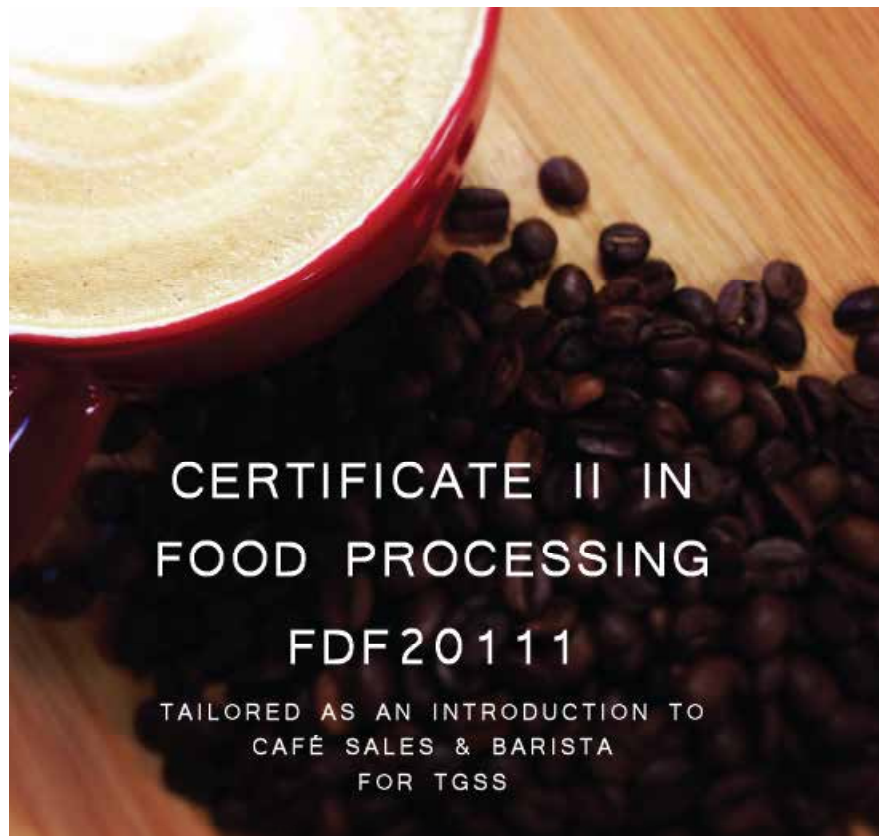
## Homestay Accommodation

Have you ever considered hosting an international student? It can be a very enriching experience for your family and build lifelong friendships. We are always seeking homestay families for visiting students who can stay usually between two and ten weeks. To find out more information please contact

Ms Jane Young or Ms Flora Botting  
Phone 8275 8367

## Newsletters

Did you know that you can look at this current Newsletter and others published in 2016 by logging on to the College Website and follow the link to Publications. Alternatively the web address is: <http://www.hamcoll.sa.edu.au/publication.htm>



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## International News

There are always people coming and going in our International Program. At the end of the term we will be saying goodbye to Lucca Guarreschi who is returning to Brazil and Juana Mauri who is going back to Italy. Hakim Cognard will arrive from France on June 17 for a three week stay. At the beginning of Term 3 we will be welcoming many new students from far away places including Macau, Brazil, Russia, Germany, France, Switzerland, Vietnam, Malaysia and Japan. This will bring us to a total of 28 International students staying for various periods of time on Graduate and Study Abroad programs.

In addition to our long term students we will be hosting two short study tour groups from Japan. Takatori Kokusai High School from Nara in Japan will visit from 25 July to 8 August with 16 students and two teachers. Kokusai means international and we are looking forward to making a long term friendship with staff and students from this school. Ushiku High School who last visited in 2014 will return to us from 16 to 27 August. Ushiku students will make cultural presentations to our students. We look forward to renewing old friendships with the staff.

Having International students in our school has many benefits for Hamilton Students. We learn a lot about cultural awareness and how to be better global citizens. This year we have been invited to Ashima High School in Osaka and a small group of ten students will be lucky enough to journey to Japan in December. Students will attend Ashima High School and stay in a Traditional Japanese guest house. They will have an opportunity to visit Nara and Kyoto and to look around Osaka with Japanese buddies. Students will be fundraising by selling raffle tickets and operating a delicious cake stand at school on July 2 Election Day. Please remember to bring along some cash when you come to the school to vote.

Exchange trips are also available for individuals to other countries. Please come and talk to Mrs Botting if you would like to know more about exchange programs some of which offer scholarships. Homestay accommodation is always in demand and if you would like to find out more about hosting a student please contact Ms Jane Young in the International Office.

**Ms Flora Botting**  
Manager, International Program



## News from the Hamilton Nunga Room

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### Reconciliation Day 2016 at Hamilton

This year we held a whole school community event to acknowledge and celebrate the importance of National Reconciliation Week and Sorry Day in Australia. We were honoured to have former X-factor top 10 finalist, Ellie Lovegrove, perform live in the courtyard and set the scene for an enjoyable Reconciliation lunchtime celebration. Everyone listened to the live performance outside the Nunga Room while enjoying a delicious BBQ of kangaroo sausages and bush tomato relish served by students and staff.

After lunch we had a formal assembly where Ellie delivered a moving rendition of the song "Took the Children Away", written by Archie Roach. It was lovely to see so many students and staff engaging in this day.

**Nakkota,**

Ms Tamara Seaman  
Year 12 Coordinator/Aboriginal Education Teacher (AET)



UniSA



**SUNDAY 14 AUGUST**

COME AND EXPLORE FIRST  
HAND WHAT IT'S LIKE TO STUDY  
AT SA'S LEADING UNIVERSITY

Open Day has a wealth of information and experiences for future students and their family and gives you opportunity to find the degree that inspires you.

Attend information talks to learn about studying at Uni and the degrees we offer.

Get involved with interactive activities and chat with current students and academic staff about your interests.

Have fun and enjoy a taste of our vibrant campus. There'll be live music, performances and tours all day.



Flinders  
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**OPEN DAYS**

Friday 12 and  
Saturday 13 August  
2016

Experience student life at Flinders University Open Days. Get a taste of Flinders with activities, interactive displays and info sessions across both days.

Explore the campus and check out the new Student Hub and Plaza, the heart of the Bedford Park campus. Meet with lecturers and current students and find a course that's right for you.

Come and discover what's new at Flinders!



## Science News

### 2016 STEM at Hamilton

This year our science and mathematics teachers have taken on new Concept2Creation projects in addition to the ones that we have been engaged in for the past four years.

During this term Mr Koultas has his Year 9 science class involved in the Wetlands Environmental Management Challenge. Key features of this project are:

Vehicle construction and Vehicle performance, Project development, Environmental impact consideration, Project management and testing of water samples.

Students have visited neighbouring wetlands and designed and built a vehicle that will take part in a competition later this year as it goes to four pre-determined collection points of the lake to take water samples that can be tested for temperature, salinity and pH.



Other Problem Based Learning projects to be judged later this year include:

- Year 8 Kinetic and Solar Cars
- Year 9 Science of Sound
- Year 10 Water Rockets and Scaletric Car Competitions
- A Power & Sustainability Project Mission challenges students to determine the best operating voltage to operate a solar water pump to provide the maximum flow rate of water in a day from sunrise to sunset.
- Year 11 Drones and Robotic Exploration Drilling

Student teams are required to produce a technical report detailing the design cycle and provide an oral or poster presentation on the day of competition.

**Mr Mike Roach**  
Science Coordinator

## Finance

Finance is available from Student Services from 8.30 am – 3.30 pm. Fees may also be paid through direct deposit into Hamilton's account using the details below.

Acct Name:	Hamilton Secondary College Council Inc Consolidated
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Acct No:	10000352

## Library News

Anyone can write anything on the internet these days so it pays to be a discerning user of information. Therefore use Authoritative Websites.

### Information and Digital Literacy Tips:

Use Authoritative Websites.

- Authoritative websites are authored by an organisation or a person with credentials/expertise e.g National Geographic or Mark Zuckerberg.
- Ensure the links in the website work.
- It is free of spelling errors
- The images do not take too long to load.
- It is regularly updated (look down the bottom of the page for the date)
- Are they biased (promoting a particular point of view)?

It is also best to use a range of information not just one source.

### e-books

We have our own Wheelers portal and teachers and students are encouraged to use them. Any student can apply for an ebooks account by following the instruction on the desktop of our computers.

### Library Staff



Photos from the annual Stage 2 PE three day Kayaking Practical at Port Noarlunga Aquatics.