Co-Curricular Handbook
2014
**Co-curricular Activities**

At Hunter Valley Grammar School, academic and co-curricular activities are seen as linked in the overall holistic development of the student. A wide ranging co-curricular programme compliments the academic life of students. We encourage all students to become highly committed in both of these domains.

This handbook summarises our cultural, sporting and related co-curricular opportunities for the information of parents and students. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact, depending on the area of interest, Mr Tony Burgess, Director of Sport or Mr Jack Machin, Director of Music or any of the co-ordinators listed in the Handbook.

We look forward to seeing all students take a full and active part in the co-curricular life of the school.

**Student responsibilities**

We must insist that, when a student accepts membership of a school team or group, she or he accepts all the commitments involved in that membership. It is, therefore, not acceptable for students to miss practices, matches or performances or to arrive late for these commitments.

While students must be discouraged from making personal arrangements which conflict with their co-curricular commitments, it is important also that parents do not place their children in a position that forces them to compromise their responsibilities to their team or group. We encourage parents to recognise their child’s obligations to his/her team or group, and ensure that these obligations are met.

If for some reason a student is unable to attend a practice session, a written note from parents or guardian, requesting that a student be excused will be required for students. This should be given to the appropriate coach. Students will appreciate that this is only a matter of common courtesy.
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Co-ordinator: Jack Machin
Email: machinj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au
Staff Room: Music Block
Conductor Sheree Harvie
Brief Description of activity/competition: Rehearsals and performances
Year levels involved: Years K – 2
Length of season or terms involved: All Year
Rehearsal times: Wednesday 7.50am - 8.30am
Venue: Orchestra Room
Approx. costs involved: Nil
Other requirements/information: In person
Equipment Required: Black Spiral Bound A4 Folder, Pencil & Eraser

Junior School 3-6 Choir
Co-ordinator: Jack Machin
Email: machinj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au
Staff Room: Music Block
Conductor Jack Machin
Brief Description of activity/competition: Rehearsals and performances
Year levels involved: Years 3 - 6
Length of season or terms involved: All year
Rehearsal times: Thursday 7.50am – 8.30am
Venue: Orchestra Room
Approx. costs involved: Nil
Students are required to wear full school uniform for most performances. (No hats - white ribbons for girls). Performances vary from assembly presentations to HRIS Cultural Festival. Notification to carers is via the newsletter and note sent home from the music department.
Other requirements/information: Plastic display folder for music and words
Equipment Required:
**Junior Concert Band**

Co-ordinator: Jack Machin  
Email: machinj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: Music Block  
Co-ordinator: Steven Morton and Shannon Laundon  
Brief Description of activity/competition: Junior Concert Band Rehearsals  
Year levels involved: Years 4 - 6  
Length of season or terms involved: All year  
Rehearsal times: Friday 7.50am – 8.30am  
Venue: Percussion Studio  
Approx. costs involved: Nil  
Other requirements/information: Instrument  
Equipment Required: Black Spiral Bound A4 Folder, Pencil & Eraser

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**Senior Vocal Ensemble**

Co-ordinator: Jack Machin  
Email: machinj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: Music Block  
Co-ordinator: Steve Gidney and Shannon Laundon  
Brief Description of activity/competition: Rehearsals  
Year levels involved: Years 7 - 12  
Length of season or terms involved: All year  
Rehearsal times: Thursday 3.00pm – 4.30pm  
Venue: Orchestra Room  
Approx. costs involved: Nil  
Other requirements/information: Nil  
Equipment Required: Black Spiral Bound A4 Folder, Pencil & Eraser
**Stage Band Senior**

Co-ordinator: Jack Machin  
Email: machinj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: Music Block  
Conductor: Steve Gidney  
Brief Description of activity/competition: Senior Stage Band Rehearsals  
Year levels involved: Years 7 - 12  
Length of season or terms involved: All Year  
Rehearsal times: Tuesday 4.30pm – 6.00pm  
Venue: Percussion Studio  
Approx. costs involved: Nil  
Other requirements/information: Instrument  
Equipment Required: Black Spiral Bound A4 Folder, Pencil & Eraser

**Rock School**

Co-ordinator: Jack Machin  
Email: machinj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: Music Block  
Conductor: Daniel Wisemantel  
Brief Description of activity/competition: Rock Band Rehearsals  
Year levels involved: Years 7 – 12  
Length of season or terms involved: All Year  
Rehearsal times: Thursday 3.00pm – 4.30pm  
Venue: Percussion Studio and Practice Rooms  
Approx. costs involved: Nil  
Other requirements/information: Instrument  
Equipment Required: Black Spiral Bound A4 Folder, Pencil & Eraser
Junior School String Ensemble

Co-ordinator: Johnston Parkinson
Email: machin@hvgs.nsw.edu.au
Staff Room: Music Block
Conductor: Johnston Parkinson
Brief Description of activity/competition: Rehearsals and performances
Year levels involved: Junior School String students
Length of season or terms involved: All Year
Rehearsal times: Tuesday 7.50am – 8.45am
Venue: Orchestra Room
Approx. costs involved: Nil
Other requirements/information: Students are required to wear full school uniform for most performances. (No hats – white ribbons for girls). Notification to carers is via the newsletter and note sent home from music department.

Senior Strings

Co-ordinator: Johnston Parkinson
Email: machin@hvgs.nsw.edu.au
Staff Room: Music Block
Conductor: Johnston Parkinson
Brief Description of activity/competition: Symphony Orchestra Rehearsals
Year levels involved: Years 6 - 12
Length of season or terms involved: All Year
Rehearsal times: Tuesday 3.00pm – 4.30pm
Venue: Orchestra Room
Approx. costs involved: Nil
Other requirements/information: Instrument
Equipment Required: Black Spiral Bound A4 Folder, Pencil & Eraser
## Junior Percussion Ensemble – THUMP! (1-3)

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Senior Percussion Ensemble

Co-ordinator: Steve Morton
Email: machinj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au
Staff Room: Music Block
Conductor: Steve Morton
Brief Description of activity/competition: Rehearsals and performances
Year levels involved: Secondary and Senior Secondary students
Length of season or terms involved: All Year
Rehearsal times: Friday 3:00pm – 4:00pm
Venue: Percussion Studio
Approx. costs involved: Nil
Other requirements/information: In person
Equipment Required: TBA

Chamber Music Program

Co-ordinator: Belinda Morton & Johnston Parkinson
Email: machinj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au
Staff Room: Music Block
Conductor: N/A
Brief Description of activity/competition: String Quartets and Piano Trios
Year levels involved: Students invited to participate from Yr 3-12
Length of season or terms involved: All Year
Rehearsal times: Lunchtime rehearsals negotiated with the specific coach
Venue: Orchestra Room or MP1
Approx. costs involved: Nil
Other requirements/information: Music Folder
Equipment Required: Instrument and Music
**Beginner Concert Band**

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<td><strong>Brief Description of activity/competition:</strong></td>
<td>Beginner Concert Band rehearsals for all BRAND NEW instrumentalists participating in group or individual lessons.</td>
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**Aerobics**

**Co-ordinator:** Maree Karaka  
**Email:** burgesst@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
**Staff Room:** Junior School  
**Head Coach:** Allira Bull  
**Teacher in Charge:** Maree Karaka

**Brief Description of activity/competition:** A 2 minute team routine choreographed to music and judged on synchronisation, technical, artistic and showmanship categories.

Training will involve strength, flexibility and learning a routine methodically.

**Competitions / Performances:** Term 1 & 2 State and National Competitions (selected students only)  
Term 2, 3 & 4 Spring Challenge

**Year levels involved:** Years 2 - 12  
**Length of season or terms involved:** All Year – as above  
**Rehearsal times:** Thursday 3:00pm – 4:30pm (TBC based on teams)  
**Venue:** Cameron Centre

**Registration:** $85.00  
Includes competition fees, CD, DVD, end of year presentation and transport to and from State Trials and State Championships.

**Approx. costs involved:**  
- Training uniform: Training leotard and shorts approx. cost $60  
- Competition Uniform: Metallic leotard, shimmer tights, scrunchie, socks & shoes approx. cost $200.00

**Other requirements/information:** Students are to represent the School at all events and commit to their team for the duration of the year.  
Students must attend all competitions in School sports uniform.
### Athletics

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<td>HRIS Shirt - $15.00 if representing HRIS - purchase from Uniform Shop</td>
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<td>Other requirements/ information:</td>
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### Basketball

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<td>Staff Room:</td>
<td>Senior Centre</td>
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<td>Location:</td>
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<td>Head Coach:</td>
<td>Reece Potter</td>
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<td>Brief Description of activity/competition:</td>
<td>HVGS Basketball Club - Games are held on Friday evenings (Yr 1-6). Representative teams are selected to represent HVGS at HRIS Gala Days. Four Junior School teams, boys and girls 15yrs and Open boys and Open girls’ teams participate.</td>
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<td>School Teams for HRIS Events train during school times in Cameron Centre Club Teams. Cost are incurred for HVGS registration (approx. $25) plus Maitland Club fees (approx. $70) as well as game fees (approx. $140 per year). No cost involved for knockout or HRIS events. A basketball uniform is also required – purchased from the Uniform Shop.</td>
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<td>Further representative opportunities are available to our talented Basketball players. In the Junior School there is a CIS team to play at PSSA.</td>
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<td>Other requirements/ information:</td>
<td>In Secondary School, HRIS, AICES and CIS teams are selected in the Open divisions</td>
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Cross Country / Running Group

Co-ordinator: Paul Ivey
Email: iveyp@hvgs.nsw.edu.au
Staff Room: Junior School
Head Coach: Paul Ivey
Brief Description of activity/competition: Cross Country training and competition. Morning sessions prior to all major carnivals.
Year levels involved: Year 2 - Year 12
Length of season or terms involved: Term 1 and Term 4
Training times: Running Group 7:00am in Term 1 & Term 4 – day yet to be confirmed
Venue: Rugby Oval
Approx. costs involved: HRIS Shirt - $15.00 if representing HRIS - purchase from Uniform Shop
Other requirements/information: Asthma medication required for training sessions and competition.

Cricket

Co-ordinator: Ross Murdoch
Email: murdochr@hvgs.nsw.edu.au
Staff Room: Senior Centre
Head Coach: Different Coaches for each team
Brief Description of activity/competition: HVGS has three representative cricket teams. In the Junior School the team plays in the Reg Kelly local competition during school time. The Middle School team plays in the Hunter Schools T20 competition and Wiburd Shield, whilst our First XI play in the Douglas Shield State knockout competition.
Year levels involved: Years 5 - 12
Length of season or terms involved: Term 4 and Term 1 the following year (Summer Terms)
Training times: Sport time
Venue: HVGS Cricket nets
Approx. costs involved: Nil
Other requirements/information: Further representative opportunities are available to our talented cricketers. In Junior School there is a CIS team for boys and for girls to play at PSSA. In Secondary School, CIS and NSW Country Schools teams are selected at U15 and Open divisions.
Equestrian

Co-ordinator: David Taylor
Email: taylord@hvgs.nsw.edu.au
Staff Room: F Block

HVGS provides opportunities for students to represent the school in a number of equestrian disciplines. These include dressage, show jumping, sporting, rider classes and hacking. These events are conducted at venues in and outside the Hunter Region. The school hosts its own Equestrian Championships each year. Competitions at the Championships are held in Dressage and Show jumping. These Championships are open to equestrian students from all schools.

Brief Description of activity/competition:

Equestrian students train their own horses outside school hours. When students reach a high level in their chosen discipline, they can make representation to the School to have lessons during sport time.

Year levels involved: Years 3 - 12

Length of season or terms involved: Equestrian events take place throughout the year.

Training times and venue:

Costs are dependent on the level of involvement of the student. There are costs associated with the purchase of a horse, tack, attire, travel, entry fees and lessons.

Approx. costs involved:

When competing for the School riders need to wear the School tie, School jumper, white shirt, sand coloured jodhpurs and riding boots. Students have access to an Equestrian team badge, an Equestrian team polo fleece, Equestrian team saddlecloths and brow bands. An Equestrian Handbook is available from the Equestrian Co-ordinator.

Other requirements/information:

Football

Co-ordinator: Ralph Maier
Email: maier@hvgs.nsw.edu.au
Staff Room: PDHPE
Head Coach Ralph Maier

HVGS Soccer Club - The majority of the age division teams play on Saturday (Under 6 +). Our Open Girls team play on Sundays. HVGS play in the Hunter Region Soccer Competition. Representative teams are selected to represent HVGS at HRIS Gala Days. Three Junior School teams, 15 Years boys and Open boys and Open girls’ teams participate. HVGS also participate in the Bill Turner Knock out competitions in 15 Years age division - boys and girls.

Year levels involved: K to Year 12

Length of season or terms involved: All Competitions run during Term1, 2 & 3.

Training times and venue:

Weekend Teams Cost ranges from $65 - $120 depending on age. No cost involved for knockout or HRIS events, fees and lessons.

Approx. costs involved:

Further representative opportunities are available to our talented Soccer players. In the Junior School there is a CIS team to play at PSSA. In Secondary School, HRIS, AICES and CIS teams are selected in the Open divisions.

Other requirements/information:
**Golf**

Co-ordinator: Ralph Maier  
Email: maier@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: PDHPE  

Brief Description of activity/competition: HVGS enters the HRIS Championships in Term 4 each year. These Championships act as a selection trial for AICES and CIS teams. All students can experience golf during sport lessons.

Year levels involved: Years 7 - 12  
Length of season or terms involved: Term 4 and Term 1  
Training times and venue: Own private training required. Our secondary golf squad meets regularly with the HVGS golf coach.

Approx. costs involved: N/A  
Other requirements/information: Students must be registered members of a club to compete and be part of the HVGS golf squad.  
Equipment Required: Own clubs

**Hockey**

Co-ordinator: Rebecca Hassett  
Email: hassett@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: Junior School  
Head Coach: Rebecca Hassett  

Brief Description of activity/competition: Summer competition at Maitland Hockey Fields  
Year levels involved: Yr 3 – Yr 8  
Length of season or terms involved: 8 weeks in Term 4  
Training times and venue: One afternoon 3:00 – 4:00pm in Term 4 – usually Thursday  
Approx. costs involved: Approx $65 – rego and turf fees  
Venue: Maitland Hockey Centre  
Equipment Required: Mouthguard, shin pads and stick. HVGS sport shorts and soccer socks required
**Milo In2 Cricket**

Co-ordinator: TBC  
Email: murdochr@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: Senior Centre  
Head Coaches: TBC  
Brief Description of activity/competition: A fun and educational program that introduces students to the game of cricket. The program uses skill drills and games to develop the skills used in cricket.  
Year levels involved: K - Year 2  
Length of season or terms involved: Term 4 only  
Training times: Tuesdays 3:15 – 4:00pm  
Approx. costs involved: Approx $65 registration fee  
Venue: Football Oval

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**Netball**

Co-ordinator: Jeanine Cullen  
Email: cullenj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: Junior School  
Head Coach: Jeanine Cullen  
Brief Description of activity/competition: Maitland Netball Association competition - runs on Saturdays, 14 competition rounds ending in 3 rounds of finals at Maitland District Netball courts. Gala days where appropriate. Other netball includes HRIS Primary & Secondary Gala Day and any other invitation gala days. Representative teams are selected during school time.  
Year levels involved: K - 12  
Length of season or terms involved: All Year  
Training times and venue: Cameron Centre, Primary & Secondary Netball Courts. Training - teams will have individual days Mon thru to Fri 3:15 to 4:00 or 4:30pm. More accurate individual time will be allocated at the beginning of the season.  
Approx. costs involved: Registration - ranges from $80 for learners to $150 for seniors. Uniform bodysuit approx $120 for all players  
Other requirements/information: Students and parents can be required to assist with a variety of duties from coaching & managing teams, canteen duties, umpiring. Further representative opportunities are available to our talented Netballers. In Junior School there is a CIS team to play at PSSA. In Secondary School, HRIS, AICES and CIS teams are selected in U15 and Open divisions.
**Rowing**

Co-ordinator: Felix Dieu  
Email: dieuf@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: Main Administration  
Head Coach: Felix Dieu

Brief Description of activity/competition: HVGS competes in regattas run locally by the Central Districts Rowing Association, state wide by the NSW Rowing Association and School Championships run by the Independent Schools Rowing Association.

Year levels involved: Years 7 to 12  
Length of season or terms involved: Training runs from the beginning of Term 3 to the end of Term 1 of the following year. The regatta season runs over terms 4 and 1.

Training times: Weekday mornings 6.00 - 8.00am as well as Thursday in school sport time.

Venue: School Boat Shed - Hunter River, Duckenfield Road, Berry Park.

Approx. costs involved: Racing squad fee of $225 - $375 depending on squad. Rowing specific uniforms required approx. $250. Applicants must be able to swim 100 metres in sports clothing (verified by parent on application form). Rowers compete in school sports uniform but experienced rowers may choose to purchase racing singlets or zoot suits. Several regattas (3 or 4) require overnight accommodation. The School also has a Rowing Supporters Group in which parents are welcome to participate.
**Rugby**

**Co-ordinator:** John Guy  
**Email:** guyj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
**Staff Room:** Senior School Heads of House Office  
**Head Coach**  
HVGS has five representative Rugby teams. Junior School players from Years 5 and 6 play in the Digby Rayward Shield. This is a Gala Day style competition featuring local schools. Our Yr 7/8 team and 9/10 team play in the NSWRU Schoolboys Tens and Country to Coast Cup. The 1st XV play in the Statewide Waratah Shield. They also play in the HVGS sponsored Hawthorne Shield. This competition is regionally based and conducted on a round robin format. All other competitions are knockout in format.

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**Year levels involved:** Years 5 - 12  
**Length of season or terms involved:** Term 2 and Term 3 (Winter Terms)

**Training times and Venue:**  
1st XV training consists of a gym session on a Tuesday and a ball work session on Thursday. Training sessions run from 7.00am for the 1st XV. Other training times are dependent on the availability of the coaching staff. Rugby is a focus sport during Terms 2 and 3 and as such players will be involved in training sessions during Sport time. Costs are nil. Players are required to purchase HVGS rugby shorts and socks from the Uniform Shop. Members of the 1st XV have the opportunity to purchase individual playing strip. The cost is approximately $60.00.

**Approx. costs involved:** It is mandatory for all players to wear mouthguards. Head gear is optional for players in Years 7-12 and compulsory for players in Years 5-6. Players must have parental permission to play. Players can seek further representation through the CIS Primary Rugby Squad, the NSW Country Schools 16’s, Hunter All Schools, AICES, and NSW Country Schools 1st XV

**Other requirements/information:**

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**Rugby League**

**Co-ordinator:** Gareth Hawgood  
**Email:** hawgoodg@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
**Staffroom:** Cameron Centre  
**Head Coach**  
Gareth Hawgood (Level 2)  
**Brief Description of activity/competition:** HVGS enters the CIS Rugby League 7's Championships in the U13 and U15 divisions & Open division.  
**Year levels involved:** Years 7 - 12  
**Length of season or terms involved:** Term 3  
**Training times and Venue:** Rugby Oval during sport time  
Training times: Dependent on student availability, 2 lunch times a week or an afternoon session a week. Like to train up to 4 weeks prior to tournament  
In the Secondary School CIS teams are selected in the 15 Years and Open divisions.
**Swimming**

Co-ordinator: Amanda Osmond  
Email: osmonda@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: PDHPE  
Head Coach: Amanda Osmond  

HVGS swim squad train on Monday and Friday mornings at East Maitland Pool in Term 1 and 4. Students selected to represent HVGS at HRIS championships are welcome to train prior to HRIS with the swim squad.

**Year levels involved:** Year 2 - Year 6  
**Length of season or terms involved:** Term 1 and 4  
**Training times:** 7.00am - 8am  
**Venue:** East Maitland Pool  
**Approx. costs involved:** Pool entry. HRIS Shirt - $15.00 if representing HRIS - purchase from Uniform Shop  
**Other requirements/information:** Parental assistance required to transport students to school after training.

**Tennis**

Co-ordinator: Prue Pullin  
Email: pullinp@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: A Block – Communications  
Head Coach: Kristen McColl (Hunter Tennis Resort)  

HVGS competes in HRIS Tennis annually in Yrs 5/6; as well as Junior and Senior Secondary. These events lead to AICES and CIS Levels as a team’s event. Additionally, students enter AICES and CIS individual events, providing pathways for access to State and National Representation. A Year 4 introduction to tennis is held during Term 3.

**Year levels involved:** Yrs 4 to 12  
**Length of season or terms involved:**  
Primary: Term 3 Weeks 3 – 11  
Secondary: Terms 1 & 4  
**Training times and venue:**  
Prior to HRIS Events in Terms 1 and 4, teams train for two afternoons, or lunchtimes per week, at HVGS courts.  
Primary: Day ( T.B.A ) 3.00p.m – 4.00p.m  
**Approx. costs involved:** Additional coaching available offered by Hunter Tennis Resort.  
**Other requirements/information:** Applicants must be players engaged at a competitive level, usually who have had some coaching and prior competitive experience.  
Primary: A beginner’s coaching programme aimed at introducing students to basic tennis routines
**Touch Football**

**Co-ordinator:** Gemma Walker

**Email:** walkerg@hvgs.nsw.edu.au

**Staff Room:** Junior School

**Head Coach**

Elissa O’Brien (Level 2)

HVGS Co-curricular teams play in the Wallsend and Maitland Junior

**Brief Description of activity/competition:**

Competition during the summer terms. HVGS selects representative teams to participate in Year 7/8 – 9/10 NSW All Schools Gala Days (Term 2, 3) and HRIS Open and 15 Years Gala Days (Term 4)

**Year levels involved:**

Years 2 – 6 for Term 4, Maitland competition

Years 7-12 for Touch Academy and Wallsend competition

**Length of season or terms involved:**

Terms 1 and 4

**Training times:**

Junior Teams: Thursdays 3-4pm in Term 4

Touch Academy: Tuesdays 3-4.30pm in Term 1 and 4

**Venue:** Rugby Oval

**Approx. costs involved:**

The Wallsend Touch fee is approx. $75

The Maitland Touch fee is approx. $75

**Other requirements/information:**

In the Secondary School, HRIS, AICES and CIS teams are selected in the 15 Years and Open divisions.
ASX Sharemarket Game

Co-ordinator: Denise Wheeler
Email: wheelerd@hvgs.nsw.edu.au
Staff Room: D Block - Humanities
Brief Description of activity/competition: 10 week program, students are allocated a hypothetical $50000 to buy shares in order to increase the value of their portfolio
Year levels involved: Years 7-12
Length of season or terms involved: February to May

Training times and venue: Come at lunchtimes for direction as to how to use and interpret the information as well as getting assistance as required. Can be completed at home.
Approx. costs involved: nil

Chess

Co-ordinator: Derek Fisher, Julian Beath and Michael Fiddian (Secondary & Senior Secondary) / Sam Ducey (Junior School)
Email: fisherd@hvgs.nsw.edu.au / beathj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au / fiddianm@hvgs.nsw.edu.au / duceys@hvgs.nsw.edu.au
Staff Room: A & D Block / Junior School
Brief Description of activity/competition: Lunch club with Julian Beath and Michael Fiddian for interested students and Inter-school competition with Derek Fisher for secondary students. Lunch time and inter-School competition with Sam Ducey for Junior School.
Year levels involved: Club: K- Year 6 / Years 7-12
Competition: K – Year 6 / Years 7 - 12
Length of season or terms involved: Club Competition all year round
Training times and venue: Chess Club meets every Thursday at lunch in the Library (L1). Email the relevant teachers for further information.
Approx. costs involved: No costs for regular involvement. However, a Chess Program will be on user pay basis.
Equipment Required: Provided by the School
**Davinci Decathlon**

Co-ordinator: Cameron Wallace  
Email: wallacec@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: Junior School  
Brief Description of activity/competition: Academic competition, involving all learning, knowledge and skills based problem solving applications.  
Year levels involved: Junior School – Years 5-6  
Length of season or terms involved: Term 1 week 5 til Term 2 week 5  
Meeting times: JS - Mondays and Wednesdays sessions and out of hours practice applications  
Approx. costs involved: Nil  
Other requirements/information: Nil

**Debating - HICES**

Co-ordinator: Mr Nick Jolliffe (Head of English)  
Email: jolliffen@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: A Block  
Head Coach: Nick Jolliffe  
Brief Description of activity/competition: Regional Competition, Inter-Regional Competition and Finals  
Year levels involved: Years 5-12  
Length of season or terms involved: Terms 1 to 3  
Training times and venue: Lunch times Term 1, 2, 3  
Approx. costs involved: Nil  
Equipment Required: Full dress uniform
**Debating - HRIS**

Co-ordinator: Mr Nick Jolliffe (Head of English)

Email: jolliffen@hvgs.nsw.edu.au

Staff Room: A Block

Head Coach: Nick Jolliffe

Brief Description of activity/competition: A round robin single day event held at nominated host Schools in the Newcastle/Hunter Region

Year levels involved: Years 6 - 8

Length of season or terms involved: 1-2 teams from each year group (Year 6 – 8)

Training times and venue: Lunch times during Term 3

Approx. costs involved: Nil

Equipment Required: Full dress uniform

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**Drama Club (Junior School)**

Co-ordinator: Emma Wood

Email: woode@hvgs.nsw.edu.au

Staff Room: Junior School

Brief Description of activity/competition: Students will enjoy a range of activities that will extend their ability to improvise, think creatively and use their faces, voices and bodies expressively.

Year levels involved: Junior group K-2, Senior group 3-6

Length of season involved: All year

Training times and venue: Junior Primary – 3:15pm – 3:45pm – Monday

Senior Primary – 3:15pm – 4:15pm – Tuesday

Approx. costs involved: Nil

Other requirements/information: Co-operation and social engagement will be a large focus of the classes and each semester a short showcase of student work will be performed for interested family and friends.

Equipment Required: Nil
**Drama Club (DAGS)**

Co-ordinator: Jennifer White  
Email: whitej@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: Head of Year Office, Performing Arts Centre  
Brief Description of activity/competition: A series of workshops for Year 8 students who are looking to extend their knowledge of drama and are prepared to create projects for performance  
Year levels involved: Year 8 (maximum of 20 students in each group)  
Length of season or terms involved: Terms 1 - 4  
Training times and venue:  
- Yr 7 – Drama Studio, Monday lunch times  
- Yr 8 – Lecture Theatre, Tuesday lunch times  
- Yr 9 - Drama Studio, Friday lunch times  
- Yr 10-12 – TBA for Semester 2  
Approx. costs involved: Approx. $40 for DAGS shirts  
Venue: Drama Studio

**Drama Performance**

Co-ordinator: Jennifer White  
Email: whitej@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: Head of Year Office, Performing Arts Centre  
Brief Description of activity/competition: School production  
Year levels involved: Years 7-12  
Length of season or terms involved: Terms 1 & 2  
Training times and venue: Email in the New Year for details - Various lunchtimes, Tuesday and Friday afternoons 3-4.30pm  
Approx. costs involved:
Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Co-ordinator: Rick Walker
Email: walkerr@hvgs.nsw.edu.au
Staff Room: IT Block
Head Coach: Rick Walker

An award centred around 4 activities of Physical Recreation, Community Service, Expedition and Skills. Each carried out for a certain time period with a regular commitment. Award is based upon 3 levels Bronze, Silver and Gold each requiring a greater commitment. This award is internationally recognised. Activities as much as possible can be carried out with school support but cannot include activities completed during school time. A record of these activities in Bronze and Silver can be on paper but Gold must be done via the Online Record Book.

Ages involved: Age 14 to 25
Length of season: All year as the time and interests of the student allows.

Training times and venue: The times vary as the candidate completes an activity. This time commitment can be incorporated in existing activities or may require an extra commitment. For example, Netball may meet the requirements for Physical Recreation and can be existing netball games, while a skill could be reading and may require an at home commitment. Each level has a different time commitment, measured in weekly hour over 3, 6 or 12 months depending upon the level being attempted.

Approx. costs involved: $125 to begin at Bronze Level and $125 per level after that as well as any associated costs with completing any of the activities.


Equipment Required: As required to carry out the required activities.

Environmental Club

Co-ordinators: Susan Walmsley
Email: walmsleys@hvgs.nsw.edu.au
Staff Room: Student Services Office - Library

A range of environmental activities to highlight issues such as global warming, the benefits of recycling, composting, resisting chemical control in food production and the need to protect habitats and biodiversity. Students will be given the opportunity to promote the environmental cause within and external to the School.

Other activities will include organic gardening and learning about other environmental groups.

Year levels involved: Years 7 - 11
Length of season or terms involved: All year
Training times: Lunch time (to be advised).
Venue: Library area

Approx. costs involved: Nil.

Other requirements: Students are expected to follow correct safety procedures for all activities

Equipment Required: Provided by Environmental budget.
Global Enterprise Challenge

Co-ordinator: Amanda King
Email: kinga@hvgs.nsw.edu.au
Staff Room: D Block – Business & Humanities
Head Coach: Amanda King

The GEC is an international online enterprise skills competition for high school students. It gives students the opportunity to develop their knowledge and experience of enterprise and business, by providing an environment where they can apply skills and improve their understanding in practical ways.

Brief Description of activity/competition:
On the competition day, the challenge is announced at the beginning of a 12-hour period. Teams must then work to create an idea, a prototype, a business plan, a video presentation and an optional Power Point/web presentation.

Year levels involved: Year 11 and 12, may apply and selection of the team is based on their interest and commitment to the inschool ABW program from Yr 10 as well as if they had competed in the GEC previously.

Length of season or terms involved: Meetings over several weeks to prepare and then the competition of the challenge at school during a weekend in June.
Training times and venue: Meetings to prepare will involve D Block rooms and the weekend sessions involve the Senior Centre facilities.
Approx. costs involved: Costs borne by the school
Other requirements/Info: http://www.globalenterprisechallenge.com/

Junior School Chronicle

Co-ordinator: Cameron Wallace
Email: wallacec@hvgs.nsw.edu.au
Staff Room: Junior School

Brief Description of activity/competition: A written magazine is produced, showcasing the writing ability of pur interested writers as well as our enrichment writers.
Year levels involved: Years k - 6
Length of season or terms involved: Weekly meetings throughout Terms 1,2,3, and 4
Meeting times: Lunchtime meetings and work allocated for personal times and individual conferences throughout the week.
Approx. costs involved: Nil
Other requirements/Info: Nil
Leo Club

Co-ordinator: Paul Teys  
Email: teysp@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: Main Admin. Building, upstairs  

Brief Description of activity/competition:
Leos is an international service club. Leo club activities and projects enhance the community and help young people develop and practice leadership, organization and social skills. Leo club involvement can instil in young people a lifetime commitment to helping others. The Leo club motto — Leadership, Experience, Opportunity — says it all.

Year levels involved: Years 7-12  
Length of season or terms involved: All year round  
Meeting times Every Week B, on Thursday in Room B7  
Approx. costs involved: Nil. Does require lots of commitment and personal time

Lions Youth of the Year

Co-ordinator: Nick Jolliffe (Head of English)  
Email: jolliffen@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: A Block - English  
Head Coach Nick Jolliffe  

Brief Description of activity/competition:
Selected students attend an interview and deliver both a prepared and impromptu speech on a topic of their choice.

Year levels involved: Yrs 10, 11, 12  
Length of season or terms involved: November-February  
Training times and venue: Speeches rehearsed in A Block prior to event  
Approx. costs involved: Nil  
Other requirements/information: Successful local winners, proceed to regional level
## Mock Trials

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**Brief Description of activity/competition:** Students compete against other schools in a moot case performed in a court room. Students take on the roles of witnesses, court officials, solicitors and barristers.

**Year levels involved:** Year 11

**Length of season or terms involved:** Four rounds during Term 1 and 2. Elimination rounds following this.

**Training times and venue:** Lunchtimes and afternoons as required

**Approx. costs involved:** Costs borne by the school

**Venue:** D Block Classrooms

**Other requirements/information:** Cases may be conducted both in and outside school hours

**Equipment Required:** Nil, provided

## Multimedia@HVGS

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**Brief Description of activity/competition:** Introducing students to the multimedia being used at HVGS. Students can be involved in gathering media throughout the year (particularly at school events) – also editing and displaying the media around the school. Programs used will be Adobe Fireworks, Adobe Premier Pro and Adobe After Effects.

**Year levels involved:** Is open to all Secondary School Students

**Length of season or terms involved:** 4 Terms

**Training times and venue:** Every Thursday lunch time in I2. Additional time (when needed) will be Thursday from 3:15pm – 4:15pm.

**Approx. costs involved:** Nil

**Other requirements/information:**

**Equipment Required:** Students will need to bring their own Earphones
**Newcastle Herald Competition**

Co-ordinator: Cameron Wallace  
Email: [wallacec@hvgs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wallacec@hvgs.nsw.edu.au)  
Staff Room: Junior School  

Brief Description of activity/competition: Students work in pairs, as individuals or small groups to create a newsworthy article from our School and local community. The stories are in newsprint format and follow word limits and criteria for publication. Our School submits artwork, cartoons and 7 articles of various lengths for publication in the Newcastle Herald.

Year levels involved: Year 5 and 6  
Length of season: Term 1, 2 and part of Term 3 (depending upon the allocated publishing date of our School’s submissions)  
Meeting times: Weekly throughout Term 1 and Term 2  
Approx. costs involved: Nil  
Other requirements/information: Nil  
Equipment Required: Nil

**NBN Junior Journos**

Co-ordinator: Cameron Wallace  
Email: [wallacec@hvgs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wallacec@hvgs.nsw.edu.au)  
Staff Room: Junior School  

Brief Description of activity/competition: The students write and film a story of significance to the school or area for presentation on NBN News.

Year levels involved: Year 6  
Length of season: Term 1, 2 and part of Term 3 (depending upon the allocated broadcasting date for our School.)  
Meeting times: Weekly throughout Term 1 and Term 2  
Approx. costs involved: Nil  
Other requirements/information: Nil  
Equipment Required: Nil
**Online Global Challenge**

**Co-ordinator:** Amanda King  
**Email:** kinga@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
**Staff Room:** D Block, Business & Humanities  
**Brief Description of activity/competition:** Students form 'companies' that run a simulated business for a two year period. They are required to make decisions related to the running of the business, make a video prototype and business report.  
**Year levels involved:** Year 11, selected students based on their interest and commitment to the inschool ABW program they completed previously.  
**Length of season or terms involved:** 10 week program  
**Meeting Times:** All sessions are conducted during lunchtimes yet students will be required to undertake additional tasks in their own time.  
**Approx. costs involved:** Costs borne by the school  
**Other requirements/information:** The top 8 companies in Australia win the right to go to compete in a 26 hour challenge over a weekend at HVGS with the best entry representing Australia.

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**Philosophy Club 101**

**Co-ordinator:** Kelli Green  
**Email:** greenk@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
**Staff Room:** D Block, Business & Humanities  
**Brief Description of activity/competition:** Philosophy Club 101 explores Western philosophy and it’s responses to the fundamental questions in human thought and activity. The study of philosophy encourages skills of logical thinking, arguing a case, critical evaluation, analysis and organising information. These skills are necessary across the curriculum. Each term will focus on a different period in human history; Ancient to Contemporary philosophy and philosophers. Term 2 will focus on The Island Game; a group competition task in preparation for entry into Philosothon.  
**Year levels involved:** Years 7 - 12  
**Length of season or terms involved:** Terms 2 and 3  
**Meeting Times:** Lunchtime Tuesday in Week A  
**Venue:** D7 classroom  
**Approx. costs involved:** Nil  
**Other requirements/information:** There is the possibility of students entering Philosothon, a competition / event held in July that encourages high school students to investigate ethical and other philosophical dilemmas over 3 days. There are guest speakers, discussions and Year level prizes are awarded to individuals and groups. More information at [www.philosothon.org](http://www.philosothon.org)
**Photography Club**

Co-ordinator: Nadine McVernon  
Email: mcvernonn@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: Visual Art Block  
Head Coach: Nadine McVernon  

Brief Description of activity/competition: Students will enter photography competitions and display their work as part of an exhibition  

Year levels involved: Years 10, 11 & 12  
Length of season or terms involved: All year  
Training times and venue: One afternoon per week (to be confirmed) and one lunch time (to be advised)  
Approx. costs involved: $20  
Other requirements/information: Photographic paper and chemicals (subject to choices students will make)  

Equipment Required: Camera

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**Premiers Reading Challenge**

Co-ordinator: Lyn Pritchard  
Email: pritchardl@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: Junior School  

Brief Description of activity/competition: Students from K-8 who complete the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge are rewarded at HVGS by selecting a book. These books are made available by the school community’s support of the Scholastic Book Club.  

Year levels involved: K-8  
Length of season: Term 2 and 3  
Training times and venue: Library – Thursday 2nd half of lunch  
Approx. costs involved: Nil  
Other requirements/information: Nil  
Equipment Required: Nil
**Sound and Lighting**

Co-ordinator: Mr Brett Thomas  
Email: thomasb@hvgs.nsw.edu.au

Staff Room: A Block - English  
Brief Description of activity/competition: Students will be trained in the skills of setting up audio-visual equipment for school functions and productions, and in operating sound mixing and lighting consoles. Students will be required to attend functions outside of school hours (such as the school musical or the HRIS cultural festival) on a rotational basis.

Year levels involved: Years 7 - 11  
Length of season or terms involved: All year  
Training times: One lunch time per week, plus other sessions called through direct message, email or daily notices.  
Venue: V2, Cameron Centre, Latter Hall and others.

Approx. costs involved: Nil.  
Other requirements/information: Students are expected to maintain and care for all of the audio-visual equipment used for school functions. Students will be expected to set up and operate assemblies and functions, and pack up afterwards.

**Equipment Required** Provided.

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**Student Representative Council – Junior School**

Co-ordinator: Kylie McPherson and Katy Bragg  
Email: mcphersonk@hvgs.nsw.edu.au/ braggk@hvgs.nsw.edu.au

Staff Room: Junior School  
Brief Description of activity/competition: Students represent their peers and the school in a range of community service and charitable work as well as providing a forum for students to raise issues of concern. Year 4, 5 and 6 students help with the recycling in the ELC and Junior School.

Year levels involved: K - 6 Junior School  
Length of season or terms involved: SRC are elected to serve for one semester only.

Meeting times Held at lunchtime as required (usually 2-3 times per term)

Approx. costs involved: Nil, but students are expected to support the various charities and foundations that the school supports including Stage 3 students assisting with weekly recycling rosters
**Tournament of Minds**

**Co-ordinator:**  Derek Fisher (Secondary) / Cameron Wallace (Junior School)

**Email:**  fisherd@hvgs.nsw.edu.au / wallacec@hvgs.nsw.edu.au

**Staff Room:**  A Block – Communications - Derek Fisher
                 Junior School – Cameron Wallace

**Head Coach**  Facilitators selected to the four disciplines of study

**Brief Description of activity/competition:**  Solutions to problems involving creative thinking and collaboration in Maths Engineering, Language Literature, Social Sciences and Applied Technology

**Year levels involved:**  Years 3 – 12

**Length of season or terms involved:**  Wks 8/9 Term 2 and Wks 1-6 Term 3 (1-8 if involved in State Finals)

**Training times and venue:**  Junior School - Varies between 2-3 sessions per week
                               Lunchtimes, Recess and one period of release per facilitator
                               Years 7 – 10, 2 lunchtimes and 2 afternoons for six weeks in A Block.
                               Competition day at Newcastle University

**Approx. costs involved:**  Cost borne by the School

**Other requirements/information:**  Question booklet handed to each participant

**Equipment Required**  Materials to make costumes, props etc.
United Nations Evatt Competition

Co-ordinator: Jessica Wade
Email: wadej@hvgs.nsw.edu.au
Staff Room: D Block – Business and Humanities

Evatt is a Model United Nations Security Council diplomacy competition for students in Years 9-12. More than 2,000 students compete in Evatt each year.

It aims to educate young people about Australia’s place in the world and empower them as active citizens by developing public speaking, negotiation, teamwork, research, and diplomatic skills.

Brief Description of activity/competition: The competition takes the form of a mock session of the UN Security Council. Teams of two debate, amend, and vote on a prepared resolution from the perspective of their assigned nation. The students judged the most effective diplomats proceed to the next round.

Each state and territory has its own Evatt Competition throughout the school year, with top students in each state going to the National Finals in December, the six-day residential conclusion of the competition.

Year levels involved: Yr 9-12
Length of season: 2 -3 Weeks
Training times and venue: Preparation for the even to occur during lunchtimes in D block classrooms. And then attendance at the event. In 2014 it is expected that HVGS may host the Evatt Challenge

Approx. costs involved: Cost covered by the School
Other requirements/information: http://www.unyouth.org.au/programs/evatt
Equipment Required: Nil
Wetlands

Co-ordinator: Janne Alexander
Email: alexanderj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au
Staff Room: Junior School

Brief Description of activity/competition:
Wetlands group Thursday Lunchtimes. Activities include planting, mulching, watering, weeding, and pond study in the wetland area. and other activities organised by Year 6 Wetland Leaders. We now have 6 tank garden beds where we grow a variety of vegetables, so there is always planting, fertilising, watering and picking to be done. In addition to this we have 8 fruit trees and a variety of herbs and passionfruit vines. We also run a composting program throughout the Junior School on a daily basis. Rhino buckets are distributed in the morning and collected after the lunch break. This year we have begun to erect a rock wall along the drain which feeds into the wetland area in order to stop the extensive erosion.

Year levels involved: Years K - 6
Length of season: All Year
Training times and venue: Wetlands Thursday Lunchtime

Approx. costs involved: Nil. We work from Wetlands budget
Other requirements/information: Mr Andrew McPherson (parent) is a great support. He comes every Thursday and at other times.
Equipment Required: Nil