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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**Junior School K-2 Choir**

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: K-2 Multi-purpose 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  
Other requirements/information: 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.  
Equipment Required: Plastic display folder for music and words
**Junior Concert Band**

Co-ordinator: Jack Machin  
Email: [machinj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:machinj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au)  
Staff Room: Music Block  
Conductor: Steven Morton  
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](mailto:machinj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au)  
Staff Room: Music Block  
Conductor: 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
**Senior Concert Band**

Co-ordinator: Jack Machin  
Email: machinj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au  
Staff Room: Music Block  
Conductor: Shannon Laundon  
Brief Description of activity/competition: Senior Concert Band Rehearsals  
Year levels involved: 7-12  
Length of season or terms involved: All year  
Rehearsal times: Tuesday 3.00-4.30pm  
Venue: Orchestra Room  
Approx. costs involved: Nil  
Other requirements/information: Instrument  
Equipment Required: Black spiral bound A4 folder, pencil and 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: Orchestra Room  
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:** [maching@hvgs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:maching@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.

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## Orchestra

**Co-ordinator:** Johnston Parkinson  
**Email:** [maching@hvgs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:maching@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:** Wednesday 3.00pm – 4.30pm  
**Venue:** Orchestra Room  
**Approx. costs involved:** Nil  
**Other requirements/information:** Instrument  
**Equipment Required** Black Spiral Bound A4 Folder, Pencil & Eraser
**Thump Junior Percussion Ensemble – (K-2)**

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**UPBEAT! Junior Percussion Ensemble – (4-6)**

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**P-Crush 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 – 4:30pm  
Venue: Percussion Studio  
Approx. costs involved: Nil  
Other requirements/information: In person  
Equipment Required: TBA

**Chamber Ensembles**

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 Strings**

**Co-ordinator:** Jack Machin  
**Email:** [machinj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:machinj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au)  
**Staff Room:** Music Block  
**Conductor:** Jack Machin  
**Brief Description of activity/competition:** Beginner string rehearsals for all BRAND NEW instrumentalists participating in group or individual lessons.  
**Year levels involved:** 3-7  
**Length of season or terms involved:** All year  
**Rehearsal times:** Tuesday 7.50am – 8.30am  
**Venue:** M5  
**Approx. costs involved:** Nil  
**Other requirements/information:** Instrument, black spiral bound A4 folder, pencil and eraser

**Beginner Concert Band**

**Co-ordinator:** Jack Machin  
**Email:** [machinj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:machinj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au)  
**Staff Room:** Music Block  
**Conductor:** Jack Machin  
**Brief Description of activity/competition:** Beginner Concert Band rehearsals for all BRAND NEW instrumentalists participating in group or individual lessons.  
**Year levels involved:** Years 3 - 7  
**Length of season or terms involved:** All year  
**Rehearsal times:** Friday 7.50am – 8.30am  
**Venue:** Orchestra Room  
**Approx. costs involved:** Nil  
**Other requirements/information:** Instrument  
**Equipment Required:** Black spiral bound A4 folder, pencil & eraser
Aerobics

Co-ordinator: Maree Karaka

Email: karakm@hvgs.nsw.edu.au

Director of Sport: Tony Burgess email: burgesst@hvgs.nsw.edu.au

Staff Room: PE

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. Term 1 to 4. State and National Competitions (selected students only)

Competitions / Performances: Term 2, 3 & 4 FISAF – Future Champions Cup

Year levels involved: Years 1 - 12

Length of season or terms involved: All Year – as above

Rehearsal times: STATE REP - Terms 1-4, Tues 7.am-8.00am, 3.00pm-4.15pm & Thurs 3.00pm-5.15pm

FUTURE CHAMPIONS CUP – Terms 2-4, Thurs 3.00pm-4.15pm

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 (within NSW).

Approx. costs involved:
- Training uniform: Training shorts approx. cost $40
- Competition Uniform: Metallic leotard & 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
Basketball

Co-ordinator: Junior - Jodie Rauch/Secondary - Tony Burgess

Email: rauchj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au / burgessT@hvgs.nsw.edu.au

Staff Room Junior School/Senior Centre

Location: Maitland Basketball Stadium, Bent St Maitland

Head Coach Sam Huggins

Director of Sport Ross Murdoch-Junior / Tony Burgess-Secondary

Year levels involved: K to Year 12

Length of season or terms involved: All Competitions run during Term 2 & 3. Some representative duties such as HRIS and AICES representation takes place in Term 1

Training times: Secondary teams train Term 2 & 3 Fridays from 7am in the Cameron Centre.

Junior School teams train Fridays 3:15 – 4:00pm in the Cameron Centre

Venue: 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.

Approx. costs involved:

Other requirements/information: Further representative opportunities are available to our talented Basketball 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
Cricket

Co-ordinator: Junior - Ross Murdoch/ Secondary – Tony Burgess

Email: murdochr@hvgs.nsw.edu.au/burgesst@hvgs.nsw.edu.au

Staff Room: Middle Managers Office JS/Senior Centre

Head Coach: Different Coaches for each team

Director of Sport: Ross Murdoch-Junior / Tony Burgess-Secondary

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

**Brief Description of activity/competition:** 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.

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

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

**Training times and venue:** 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.

**Approx. costs involved:** Costs are dependent on the level of involvement of the student.

**Other requirements/information:** There are costs associated with the purchase of a horse, tack, attire, travel, entry fees and lessons.

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 Equestrian team saddlecloths. An Equestrian Handbook is available on moodle.
**Football**

**Co-ordinator:** Ralph Maier

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

**Staff Room:** PDHPE

**Head Coach** Ralph Maier

**Director of Sport** Ross Murdoch

**Year levels involved:** K - 12

**Length of season or terms involved:** Competitions run during Term 1, 2 & 3.

**Approx. costs involved:** Weekend teams pay a registration fee for the competition which ranges from $150 - $200. There is no cost involved for players that represent the school in school based competitions.

**Other requirements/information:** Students follow the HRIS, AICES, CIS representative pathways for school based teams.
**Hockey**

**Co-ordinator:** Rebecca Hassett/Kim Monaghan

**Email:** hassettr@hvgs.nsw.edu.au/monaghank@hvgs.nsw.edu.au

**Staff Room:** Junior School / F Block

**Director of Sport** Ross Murdoch

**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:**
- U12s 5.00pm-6.00pm
- U16s 6.00pm-7.00pm

**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
Netball

Co-ordinator: Jeanine Cullen

Email: cullenj@hvgs.nsw.edu.au

Staff Room: Junior School

Head Coach Jeanine Cullen

Director of Sport Ross Murdoch

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

Students Years 10 and up are able to coach primary aged teams as part of their service portfolio. Students Years 7 and up can nominate themselves to umpire Saturday games with compensation available. Students and parents will 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: Cameron Centre

Head Coach Felix Dieu

Director of Sport Tony Burgess email: burgesst@hvgs.nsw.edu.au

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 and Rowing Australia.

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, afternoons 3.00 – 5.00 pm & Saturday mornings 6.00 – 9.00 am.

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

Approx. costs involved: Racing squad fee of $500 depending on squad. Rowing specific uniforms required approx. $200.

Other requirements/information: 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 require overnight accommodation in Sydney. 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: John Guy (Level 2 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 7s cup, Country to Coast Cup and the Alumni and McKendry Shields. The 1st XV play in the Statewide Waratah Cup and 7s competition. They also play in the HVGS sponsored Hawthorne Shield. An annual clash I U14s – U18s is held against Central Coast Grammar School.

Year levels involved: Years 5 - 12
Length of season or terms involved: Term 2 and Term 3 (Winter Terms)
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 and commence in Term 1. Rugby is a focus sport during Terms 2 and 3.

Approx. costs involved: 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.
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, AICES for U16s and U18s. Registration for teams take place in February each year. The school also undertakes Rugby tours to New Zealand every second year for U15/U16 age groups and to the Emirates Airlines Dubai International U18 7s each year in December.
**Tennis**

**Co-ordinator:** Prue Pullin

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

**Staff Room:** A Block – Communications

**Head Coach:** Kristen McColl (Hunter Tennis Resort); supporting coaches (Prue Pullin, Jessica Wade, Justine Jurd, Ross Mayall).

**Brief Description of activity/competition:** HVGS competes in HRIS Tennis annually in Years 3-6; 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. Tennis Hotshots is now integrated into primary school sport. There are two Hotshots groups throughout term in the afternoon.

**Year levels involved:** Pre-Kinder - 12

**Length of season or terms involved:**
- Primary: Term 1-4
- Secondary: Terms 1 & 4

**Training times and venue:** Prior to HRIS Events in Terms 1 and 4, teams train during lunchtimes throughout the weeks at HVGS courts. Hotshots groups are 3:15 – 4:15 on the school tennis courts Term 1-4 (not during holiday time).

**Approx. costs involved:** Additional coaching available offered by Kristen McColl (Head coach).

**Other requirements/information:**

- Applicants for HRIS and AICES 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.
- After school hotshots: for beginners who are interested in developing their skills.
**Touch Football**

**Co-ordinators:** Gemma Walker / Elissa O'Brien

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

**Staff Room:** Junior School / PE

**Head Coach** Elissa O'Brien (Level2)

**Director of Sport** Ross Murdoch-Junior / Tony Burgess-Secondary

**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: Training Thursdays 3-4pm in Term 4 and Games from 5-7.30pm
- Touch Academy: Tuesdays 3-4.30pm in Term 1 and 4 (TBC for 2015)

**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.
Chess

Co-ordinator: Derek Fisher, Blake Jolly (Secondary & Senior Secondary) / Joanne Rae (Junior School)

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Staff Room: A & D Block / Junior School

Brief Description of activity/competition: Lunch club with Blake Jolly for interested students and Inter-school competition with Derek Fisher for secondary students. Lunch time competition with Joanne Rae 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 Tuesday Week A and Friday Week B at lunch in C6 in secondary and Tuesday at lunchtime for Junior school.
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

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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: C 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)
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Staff Room: C 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
Drama Club (Junior School)

Co-ordinator: Jennifer White
Email: whitej@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: Primary 3-6
Length of season involved: All year

Training times and venue: Tuesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm – Tuesday in the Drama studio
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 students who are looking to extend their knowledge of drama and are prepared to create projects for performance

Year levels involved: Year 7-11 (maximum of 20 students in each group)
Length of season or terms involved: Terms 1 - 4

Training times and venue: Yr 7 – Drama Studio, Wednesday afternoon,
Yr 8 – Drama Studio, Tuesday lunch times
Yr 9 - Drama Studio, Monday lunch times
Yr 10-12 – TBA for Semester 2

Approx. costs involved: 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:
**Electric Vehicle**

**Co-ordinator:** Owen Redhead

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**Staff Room:** TAS / F4

**Brief Description of activity/competition:** To develop and modify existing electric bikes and enter them in the Electric Vehicle competition held by the Tom Farrell Institute.

**Year levels involved:** Years 7-10

**Length of season or terms involved:** 2 Terms

**Training times and venue:** Afterschool 1 day per week until 4.30pm

**Approx. costs involved:** Nil

**Other requirements/information:** For further information email the coordinator
Environmental Club

Co-ordinator: Trevor Norman

Email: normant@hvgs.nsw.edu.au

Brief Description of activity/competition: 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.
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.
Mock Trials

Co-ordinator: Jessica Wade

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Staff Room: D Block, Humanities

Brief Description of activity/competition: Students compete against other schools in a mock 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, 2 & 3. Elimination rounds following this.

Training times and venue: Lunchtimes and afternoons as required in D block classrooms

Approx. costs involved: Costs borne by the school

Venue: Various courtrooms around the district.

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

Equipment Required: Nil, provided
**Photography Club**

**Co-ordinator:** Nadine LaPalma

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**Staff Room:** Visual Art Block

**Head Coach** Nadine LaPalma

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

**Year levels involved:** Years 7-12

**Length of season or terms involved:** Terms 2, 3 & 4

**Training times and venue:** Thursday lunch time

**Approx. costs involved:** $20

**Other requirements/information:** Photographic paper and chemicals (subject to choices students will make)

**Equipment Required** Camera
Seven Wonders

Co-ordinator: Katie McCloskey

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Staff Room: English

Brief Description of activity/competition: Academic multidisciplinary gala day involving 7 challenges using inquiry and problem based learning.

Year levels involved: 7-9

Length of season or terms involved: Term 2, Week 5 and Term 3, Week 3

Training times and venue: 1 lunchtime per week, plus individual preparation time

Approx. costs involved: Nil

Other requirements/information: Internet access at home for research and animation production

Equipment Required: N/a
**Snowsports**

**Co-ordinator:** Tony Burgess

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**Staff Room:** Senior Centre Office – Director of Sport Secondary

**Brief Description of activity/competition:** The activity runs each year in the First week of the state school holidays. The event alternates between Perisher and Thredbo. HVGS participates in the Interschool Northern NSW Competition and students are allocated to competition levels according to school year currently enrolled in.

**Year levels involved:** Kindergarten to Year 12

**Length of season or terms involved:** 4 days of competition (various days allocated to different disciplines)

**Training times and venue:** A training session is organised in days prior to event if students are able to be present

**Approx. costs involved:** Participants will need to arrange own accommodation, clothing and cost of hiring gear. $40 per event after the first event.

**Other requirements/information:** Some experience is desirable. The competition is however aimed at participation.

**Equipment Required** Team clothing (order through Co-ordinator), helmet, snow skis or snow board
## Tournament of Minds

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

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**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.
**Wetlands**

**Co-ordinator:** Liz Atkins

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**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. We also run a composting program throughout the Junior School on a regular basis. Buckets are distributed and compostable items collected to go into our big compost container.

**Year levels involved:** Years K - 6

**Length of season** All Year

**Training times and venue:**

- **Venue:** Wetlands
- **Training Times:** Thursday Lunchtime

**Approx. costs involved:** Nil

**Other requirements/information:** The Wetlands shed has a range of equipment including small wheelbarrows, trowels, gloves, spades, rakes, watering cans, hoses and two large wheelbarrows which are all used during our work in the Wetlands. We also have dip nets for exploring the pond life.

**Equipment Required** Nil