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# EQUESTRIAN

Horsemanship Handbook 2021

# WELCOME to The College Horsemanship program 2021

Junior Horsemanship lessons are held on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 – 5:30pm during Term 1, 2 & 4. These lessons times may be adjusted slightly depending on needs of students. Students are walked across from the Myrniong Homestead to the Equestrian Centre at 3:30pm by the Junior Horsemanship Captain. This is the general routine for the horsemanship program:

- 3:30 – 4:00pm; Catch, groom and tack up horse/pony
- 4:00 – 5:00pm; Riding lesson
- 5:00 – 5:30pm; Untack, groom/rug pony and pack up of equipment (ie. Clean bit, put away tack, etc)

Weekly Junior Horsemanship sessions will commence on the second Wednesday of each term continuing through until and including the last week of term.

## JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- **To provide instruction in horse mastership and to instill in students an understanding of the proper care for their animals.**
- To encourage students to ride and enjoy all equestrian approved sports safely. To achieve knowledge of horsemanship skills and build mutual respect for fellow riders through participation and development of team spirit.
- To promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, fellowship, citizenship and loyalty, to cultivate strength of character and self-discipline.

In our dealings with students at The Hamilton and Alexandra College, our primary considerations are as follows (in order of importance);

1. The safety of our students.
2. The welfare and comfort of horses and ponies.
3. Student confidence and development of character.
4. Training and progress of the rider.

To enable us to succeed in these areas, we have a wide variety of approaches to help us. These range from leading the youngest and least experienced riders through various activities, to develop horsemanship skills and to create challenges for the most experienced riders.

Horse riding is only ONE part of Junior Horsemanship. The welfare of the horse and pony must be considered first and foremost. It is important for students to understand that to enjoy riding, many other aspects of horse mastership need to be covered also.

Providing a standard, relevant to age and experience is instrumental for a safe and effective learning environment. The most precious attribute in any rider is confidence. A rider who has for some reason lost confidence, will find this hard to regain in some instances. We try to prevent this loss of confidence by keeping to the level of the rider and horse, regardless of their aspirations.

## CHALLENGES

Often a child's level of understanding means they are unable to independently process too much information and have no clear idea of ideal performance. Their physical and mental levels are contributing factors to learning and practicing new skills. Children are active, but often tire easily and lack fine motor control for equestrian activities. They develop at different rates and have different body proportions. The rider/horse level is determined by students' age, character, concentration span, and their physical and mental development. The horse's influence on the level is determined by age, training, soundness, nutrition and willingness and suitability for the student. Horse riding is a complex sport that deals with a variety of fundamental factors. One being a live animal who MAY but MAY NOT understand what is being asked and who may not be ABLE or WILLING to participate. A rider who may be concerned for a variety of reasons and may not have the physical and mental preparation for the task.

## PROGRAM FOCUS

- The youngest and least experienced riders are concerned with staying on their mount and controlling their horse or pony. They seldom have the concept of speed or a true understanding of control. Activities are planned with this in mind. These concepts need to be developed in a small confined area where riders can feel safe and can start to improve their skills.
- Rider balance plays an important part of the rider feeling secure. This varies during growth spurts, sometimes making it very difficult for riders who are growing quickly. Balance can be improved by using "game" type activities which also help with fine motor skills.
- It is vital that instruction maintains the interest of the riders and their horses. At the lower levels this is seldom possible in a "formal lesson", where an overload of information takes place making the process non-stimulating for both the horse and rider. The use of "game" type activities seems to produce good results in a shorter time and keeps riders both moving and interested.
- Any competition should focus upon personal improvement and enjoyment, motivating children to improve not only to place first. Performance and participation is more important than the result and the students should be supported and encouraged regardless of the activity outcome.
- If we proceed slowly we progress steadily, laying down a sound basis for the future of all of our riders and all of their horses and ponies.
- Coaching ratios are based on Horse Safety Australia guidance stating coach/student ratio is 1:6 on trail rides and 1:8 for arena lessons.

## EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES AIMED AT ACHIEVING THESE OBJECTIVES

- Know how to approach and catch a quiet pony.
- Learn how to give a pony a carrot or an apple safely.
- Be able to lead a quiet pony (with a lead rope and with reins)
- Learn the correct way to release a pony in the paddock/yard.
- Learn the correct way to tie up a pony – length of rope, type of knot, tie to twine on a post or hitched float. Never hard tie a pony and never tie to an unhitched float. Also never use the bridle to tie the pony up.
- Know the importance of grooming and identify and demonstrate the use of; dandy brush, body brush, mane and tail comb, curry comb, hoof pick, sponge, sweat scraper and/or towel to dry a pony when wet, hoof dressings and oil.
- Basic nutrition for maintaining horse health.
- Learn how to safely pick up a horse's leg and pick out hooves...where to stand and how to move around the pony. Identify; hoof wall, frog, sole and heel.
- Points of the pony; nostrils, forehead, eye, muzzle, forelock, crest, neck, mane, shoulder, wither, back, loins, rump, tail, hock, knee, fetlock, dock, hoof, etc.
- Parts of saddlery; bridle, bit, reins, cheek strap, browband, noseband, throat lash, saddle, girth, stirrups,

pommel, cantle, seat, leathers, etc.

- The importance of clean gear – wipe dust and mud off gear after each use and clean before putting away tidily. EG. Mud cleaned off stirrup irons and then run up the leathers on the saddle, clean the mud off girth and taken off both sets of leathers on the saddle. A wet girth is left out to air and dry thoroughly before the next use. Clean the bit after each and every use. Clean saddle blankets and leave out to dry before the next use, etc. Saddles should be oiled on a regular basis.

### **Senior Horsemanship Year 7 -12 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.**

**PEASE NOTE: Instructors must be respected, allowing them to have the riders' full attention. Outside interference can be distracting and confusing for students.**

## **Code of Conduct**

### **HORSEMANSHIP CODE OF CONDUCT**

**This code of conduct outlines the behaviour that is expected from every person involved in our organization, as well as identifying behaviors that will not be tolerated. It applies to members, officials, adult supporters, students, spectators, family, friends, administrators and other members of the Equestrian Centre community at The Hamilton and Alexandra College.**

The Hamilton and Alexandra College Equestrian Centre supports everyone and encourages all concerned to have fun in a friendly, inclusive and safe manner.

### **OUR VALUES AND BEHAVIORS**

#### Respect and Recognition

- ❖ I treat others as I would like to be treated
- ❖ I treat everyone with dignity, courtesy and respect
- ❖ I appreciate performances by all participants
- ❖ I treat the facilities and equipment provided with respect
- ❖ I value and recognize good behaviour and the contribution of all

#### Caring

- ❖ The welfare of the horse is paramount
- ❖ I am considerate of others
- ❖ I will never resort to verbal abuse, harassing behaviour, hostility or aggression

#### Integrity

- ❖ I abide by the THAC Equestrian Centre Code of Conduct
- ❖ Children learn best by example, so I lead by exemplifying good behaviour, conduct and appearance.
- ❖ I respect the coaches and instructors decisions and show them appreciation.

#### Inclusion

- ❖ I support and help others
- ❖ I encourage the participation of all regardless of ability, age, gender, race, sexual orientation, culture or religion.
- ❖ I contribute towards an enjoyable and safe environment for all.

## **BREACHING CODE OF CONDUCT**

All breaches will be investigated at a Management/Executive level. Breaches including serious harassment, discrimination or bullying may be referred to the police. As will serious safety breaches or any forms of threats. Misleading information, horse abuse or cruelty, theft or vandalism, intoxication or drug use or any serious breach in the law will not be tolerated.

*It is important to practice and encourage good sportsmanship as well as horsemanship at all times!*

## **HORSE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

If your horse is going to be agisted at the Equestrian Centre upon arrival, horses should be drenched and placed in walk in-walk out yards for 48-72 hours. This gives EC staff enough time to evaluate the body score of the horse and if there are any dietary and/or health concerns pertaining to the welfare of the animal.

Vaccination records updated on a regular basis.

Dentistry 12 monthly – a dentist will be employed once each school term. Payment is at the owner's expense. Farriers are required on a regular basis and at the owner's expense. Arrangements will be made with other students so that a routine visit for multiple animals is undertaken.

It is imperative for staff at the Equestrian Centre to be informed of any special requirements or health conditions related to your horse upon arrival and updated throughout your stay.

Horses need to be attended to daily throughout the school term, both morning and night. Students are required to attend to their horses in the mornings before 7am and in the evenings before 6pm. During these times there are staff available at the Equestrian Centre to supervise and ensure the safety of both horse and rider. Outside of these times students must inform equestrian or boarding staff about arrangements made for riding and attending to horses and students must always be with another person when attending to their horse or riding.

When students return home on weekends it is imperative for staff at the Equestrian Centre, the Director of Horsemanship and the boarding house are informed of these changes. This includes a full update of who will be attending to the horses whilst the students are absent. In exceptional circumstances, it may be possible for equestrian staff to attend to horses during these times, however, the care of horses remains the primary responsibility of the owners.

Students and their families must be aware and provide full consent for Equestrian staff to attend to their horses on occasion should there be a requirement to do so, such as a horse welfare issue or for property management.

DEPI Property Identification Codes are required

The Australian Horse Welfare Protocol

<http://www.australiananimalwelfare.com.au/content/horse-welfare-protocol>

Veterinarian's will be called when required and a consultation to the owner/parent will take place before unless in the case of an emergency

PET INSURANCE is recommended whilst at the College. Please estimate the value of your horse and



determine if this is a suitable option for your situation. The College, nor it's employee's, are liable for loss or injury or your pet. Please be advised to use this option at your discretion.

## COLLEGE CLINICS, COMPETITIONS AND EVENT ENTRIES

College Riders are required to send their competition entries via the Director of Horsemanship. When representing the College, students are required to wear the Equestrian Vest, woolen jumper, shirt and tie. Jodhpurs should be beige, cream, banana or white. Sports uniforms are only accepted in Games competitions. Parents to wear College colors if able. College saddle clothes, rugs and brow bands should be of current, neat appearance and clean at all times. Shirts always tucked into jodhpurs. The presentation of our horses should be

## COLLEGE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE LOCATION



## THE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

The Equestrian Centre is full equipped with the following:

- 20x40m Sand arena, 70x50m Rubber Crumb arena
- Hot water wash bay is available for use and is located next to the barn. Please ensure the area is cleaned and the hose is turned off and lifted off the ground after use.
- Walk in walk out yards, round yard, gravel parking, day yards, mounting blocks are all available for your use, please ensure
- Outer paddocks, cross country jumps, dam, access to trail riding.
- Undercover yards
- Change room is located next to the laundry in the Barn.
- Tea and coffee is available at all times in the change room area so please feel welcome to utilise these facilities. Please ensure the area is left clean and tidy.
- Feed rooms are located in the barn area and are primarily for students who agist their horses at the college to store their feed and equipment.
- Student Tack areas are located in the barn for storage of equipment.
- Laundry
- The loft is a classroom and a productive work place. Air conditioners and video projectors are available for students
- Hay shed – quality hay is always in good supply but if a different hay requirement is needed do not hesitate to ask. Hay is supplied to the horses that agist on the property and is included in the agistment cost.

\*\* Any Unused hay and manure needs to be cleaned and placed in the manure pit. Rubbish should be placed in the bin on the loft verandah

**Riding for Disabled** holds sessions at the Equestrian Centre on a Wednesday during the year in specific terms where temperatures are agreeable.



**PLEASE NOT:** The Hamilton and Alexandra College including the Equestrian Centre is a **SMOKE FREE** environment.

### **UNIFORM AND HORSE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED**

- An approved riding helmet, no older than 5 years from the manufacturers date; ASNZS3838, BS EN 1384 (with kitemarks), PAS015 & ASTM F1163.
- Riding boots with flat soles.
- Short whip (optional)
- Small grooming kit (body brush, hoof pick, mane comb, dandy brush, curry comb, scraper, sponge, towel)
- Equipment for horses...saddle, bridle, college saddle blanket, rug, boots. All will be subject to regular gear checks for safety and comfort.
- College sports top/rugby jumper and Equestrian vest. **NO SINGLETs** are worn at the Equestrian Centre. All shirts must be **LONG SLEEVE** when riding to be Sun Smart.
- Jodhpurs (cream/navy)
- Waterproof jacket.
- Sunscreen.
- A drink and snacks for after school, including an extra water bottle in summer (frozen).
- **BACK PROTECTORS** are now strongly recommended for jumping.

### **STUDENT ABSENCES**

24 hour notice is required to The Director of Horsemanship if students are unable to attend their lessons. EV hot weather policy will see activities modified or cancelled should temperatures reach 34 degrees and above at 3:30pm. Extreme weather such as wild winds, hail storms, lightning and thunderstorms, will result in session cancellation. Any queries should be directed to The Director of Horsemanship.

### **CONTACT**

The Director of Horsemanship  
Ms Amanda te Boekhorst  
PH: 0429 624 928  
EMAIL: [equestrian@hamiltoncollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:equestrian@hamiltoncollege.vic.edu.au)

**Parental involvement is very important, even for the non-horse/riding parent. Parents can help by;**

- Setting up and taking down of equipment. All manure needs to be removed from the arenas after sessions.
- Learn while watching their rider and them to practice the skills learned at Junior Horsemanship whilst they are at home.
- Take part in unmounted theoretical sessions and practice, so that they gain a greater understanding and improve on their own skills and knowledge.
- Reinforce lessons by supporting and explaining to children that taking care and responsibility for their pony includes grooming, tacking up, feeding, rugging, care of equipment and taking pride in their facilities, etc.

## **EQUESTRIAN PARENTS AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE**

The Horsemanship Parents & Friends Committee is a group of interested parents and friend of The College who meet regularly throughout each term and provide invaluable support to the program.

The objectives of the group are too;

- Actively promote and support all aspects of the Horsemanship program at The Hamilton and Alexandra College.
- Assist with the organization of equestrian competitions.
- Assist with fundraising for equestrian endeavors of The College.

## **GRIEVANCE POLICY**

Students and parents should, in the first instance, approach relevant members of The College Equestrian staff. Where the complaint is not resolved to the student's satisfaction or understanding, then an approach may be made to The Director of Horsemanship. Details of the appropriate communication process for any concerns will be published in the student Record Book.

### **Nature of complaint and initial action**

- Where a complaint relates to the application process for Junior Horsemanship, the approach should be made initially to the The Director of Horsemanship.
- Where the complaint relates to the lesson matter, assessment or reporting, the approach should be made to the instructor concerned or to The Director of Horsemanship.
- Where the complaint relates to the quality of delivery, course content and/or teaching and learning practices, the approach should be made to The Director of Horsemanship.
- Where the complaint relates to the behaviour and/or discipline or matters relating to other students, the approach should be made to the Classroom Teacher of the affected student, or to The Director of Horsemanship.
- Where the complaint relates to sporting matters or teams, the approach should be made to The Director of Horsemanship.
- Where the complaint relates to extra-curricular matters, the approach should be made to the member of staff in charge of the activity or event supervisor/coach.  
the ELC Director, or the Head of Junior Campus.
- Where the complaint relates to financial matters, the approach should be made to the Business Office.
- Where the complaint does not fall into any of the above categories, the approach should be made to the



Head of Junior Campus.



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## RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I \_\_\_\_\_, HEREBY AGREE AND ACKNOWLEDGE that (*circle one or both if you are helping*) I have/my child has voluntarily elected to participate in the activities of horseback riding and handling horses, including without limitation, grooming, leading and tacking up horses. In consideration of (*circle one or both*) my own/my child's participation in these activities, I AGREE TO THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.

I understand that horseback riding and the handling of horses are HAZARDOUS ACTIVITIES and involve risks, including the risk of SERIOUS INJURY, PARALYSIS AND DEATH.

Despite the inherent risks presented, I have made a voluntary choice to (*circle one or both*) participate/permit my child to participate in these activities. I agree that the rider shall be responsible for his/her safety of equipment. It is strongly advised that all riders wear protective back protectors and protective headgear when handling horses on the ground and under saddle. Approved safety helmets will include ASNZS3838, BS EN 1384 (with kitemarks), PAS015 & ASTM F1164. The Hamilton and Alexandra College and The Director of Horsemanship will not be responsible for any injury sustained as a result of not wearing protective headgear. IN CONSIDERATION OF (*circle one or both*) MY/MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN HORSEBACK RIDING AND HANDLING HORSES, I AGREE TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE ENUMERATED IN THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH MIGHT BY ASSOCIATED WITH OR RESULT FROM (*circle one or both*) MY/MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN HORSEBACK RIDING AND HANDLING HORSES AT THE HAMILTON AND ALEXANDRA COLLEGE, JUNIOR CAMOUS, ON NORTH BOUNDARY ROAD, HAMILTON, VIC. 3300 AND ON ADJACENT TRILS, WITH THE DIRECTOR OF HORSEMANSHIP AND/OR COLLEGE RIDING INSTRUCTORS.  
(INITIAL HERE: \_\_\_\_\_)

I further AGREE TO RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the Hamilton and Alexandra College, it's agents and employees, and the owners of all horses boarded and used with The Director of Horsemanship, for any damage, injury or death to myself, my child, my/my child's person or property, for any reason, or in any way connected with my participation in horseback riding and handling horses which constitute gross negligence.  
(INITIAL HERE: \_\_\_\_\_)

I further agree that should emergency medical treatment be required, my own (INITIAL HERE: \_\_\_\_\_), insurance company or I shall pay for all such incurred expenses.

I have carefully read and understand this Agreement and all of its terms. I understand that this is a release of liability which will legally prevent me, my successors and assigns and any other person acting on my behalf or on behalf of my child from filing claims, actions or lawsuits, or making any other legal claim for damages in the event of my death or any injury to me/my child, except for acts by The Director of Horsemanship or The Hamilton and Alexandra College, which constitute gross negligence. Additionally, in the event I or my heirs, assigns or legal representatives file a lawsuit arising out of my/my child's participation in horseback riding or handling horses, I AGREE TO DEFEND INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE DIRECTOR OF HORSEMANSHIP AND THE HAMILTON AND ALEXANDRA

COLLEGE, its agents and employees and all owners of horses boarded or used at The Hamilton and Alexandra College, for any damage, attorney fees, or costs associated with or arising out of such a lawsuit.

I understand the inherent risk in the participation of any activities with horses. By my/our presence (INITIAL HERE: \_\_\_\_\_), on the grounds I/we have indicated, I/we accept the limits of liability resulting from all Equine Activities.

THE DIRECTOR OF HORSEMANSHIP AND THE HAMILTON AND ALEXANDRA COLLEGE, will not be liable for the death of, or personal injury as defined in S97A Goods Act 1958 (Vic) to the rider, or the death/injury to the riders horse, because of: (a) a breach of an implied warranty or condition under the general law that the activities will be rendered with reasonable care and skill; (b) a breach of warranty implied by S74 Trade Practices Act 1974 (Cth) but limited to liability for death or personal injury for the purposes of S68B of the act; (c) their negligence or default under the general law; (d) the materialization of any of the risks.

BY YOUR PRESENCE ON THESE GROUNDS YOU HAVE INDICTAED THAT YOU HAVE ACCEPTED THE LIMITS OF LIABILITY RESULTING FROM EQUINE ACTIVITIES. ALL PERSONS IN THIS AREA, AT THE HAMILTON AND ALEXANDRA COLLEGE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, WILL BE REGARDED AS PARTICIPANTS AND LIMITED BY THE HAMILTON AND ALEXANDRA COLLEGE RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.

With a full understanding of the foregoing, and that I am giving up valuable rights, I nevertheless enter into this Agreement fully and voluntarily and agree that it is binding upon myself, my heirs, assigns, and legal representatives, and that I am waiving my own claims, my child's claims, and the claims of any other parent or guardian of my child. (INITIAL HERE: \_\_\_\_\_)

BY SIGNING AND INITIALISING THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND THAT IT IS A BINDING CONTRACT.

DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_.



If you are interested in your child either joining or continuing Junior Horsemanship (Prep to Yr 5), please complete the attached form and return it to Junior Campus Reception. Horsemanship lessons cover riding, saddling, grooming and care of the horse. Junior Horsemanship runs in Terms 1, 2 and 4.

Horsemanship lessons are held on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 – 5:30pm. Students are walked across from the Myrning Homestead to the Equestrian Centre at 3:30pm. Riding begins at 4:00 and ends at 5:00pm. Weekly lessons commence on the second Wednesday of term continuing through until, and including, the last week of term. Students are divided into experience based groups and these groups are organized at the first session of each term. These groups may be altered for the different activities run across the term.

Parents are welcome to attend Horsemanship lessons and help their children. However, it is essential that parents respect the instructor who is in charge of the group lesson. All involved must wear suitably tough and comfortable footwear.

Beginner riders, and riders who are unable to ride independently, will require an adult leader. Unfortunately, it is not possible for the instructor to lead a beginner whilst teaching other members of the group.

Children will be collected from the front on the Myrning Homestead and taken to the Equestrian Centre as a group. Students may change in the kitchen at Horsemanship or in their own float. They then have time to have a quick snack before their lesson. Please remind your child/children to leave the kitchen tidy if they are using this facility.

As part of the programme, students will be expected to learn to prepare their own pony for riding, including saddling-up. The instructors will assist with this as part of the lesson. Students will meet in the sand arena and then start ridden activities with their instructor at 4:00pm. Riding will conclude at approx. 5:00pm. At this time, students will unsaddle, cool down, groom and rug their horses. Generally students will be ready to leave the Equestrian Centre by approx. 5:30pm.

If you are doubtful regarding Horsemanship being held on a particular night due to the weather, please contact Amanda te Boekhorst on **0429 624 928**. Horsemanship will be cancelled if it is 34 degrees or warmer at 3:30pm, or if we experience any extreme weather such as wild winds, hailstorms, lightning or thunder storms.

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| <b>Tuition Cost:</b>    | \$470 per term (charged to your account)   |
| <b>Horse Hire Cost:</b> | \$400 per term (charged to your account if applicable)                                   |
| <b>Agistment:</b>       | \$500 per term (charged to your account if applicable)                                   |
| <b>Lesson Time:</b>     | 4.00 – 5:30pm (please be aware that it can take up to 30 mins for your child to pack up) |

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| <b>Requirements:</b> | An approved riding helmet, no older than 5 years from the manufacturers date; ASNZS3838, BS EN 1384 (with kitemarks), PAS015 & ASTM F1163.<br>Riding boots with flat soles.<br>Short whip (optional)<br>Small grooming kit (body brush, hoof pick, mane comb, dandy brush, scraper, etc.)<br>Equipment for horses...saddle, bridle, college saddle blanket, rug, boots.<br>College sports top/rugby jumper and Equestrian vest.<br>Jodhpurs (cream/navy)<br>Waterproof jacket.<br>Sunscreen and drink and snacks for after school, including an extra water bottle in summer.<br><u>BACK PROTECTORS are now compulsory for jumping.</u> |
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**NO SINGLETS are worn at the Equestrian Centre. All shirts must be LONG SLEEVE when riding to be Sun Smart.**

**It is a condition of use that all manure and any unused hay will be picked up and placed into the barrows provided.**

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you require further information or have any queries. Email [equestrian@hamiltoncollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:equestrian@hamiltoncollege.vic.edu.au) or call Amanda te Boekhorst 0429 624 928.



## JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP 2021

STUDENT NAME..... YEAR.....

PARENTS' NAMES .....

MOBILE PHONE  
NUMBER..... (A number  
that you can be contacted on during Horsemanship Sessions)

EMAIL ADDRESS.....

### ALTERNATE EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: ..... Relationship to child: .....

Phone number: .....

MY CHILD CAN RIDE INDEPENDENTLY: YES / NO

(If "No" the following person will lead my child ..... ) WHAT IS

THE NAME OF YOUR HORSE? ..... HEIGHT? ..... AGE? ..... I

REQUIRE A HIRE HORSE? YES / NO I AM AWARE THAT THERE IS A COST OF HORSE HIRE. YES / NO

RIDER HEALTH ISSUES eg, allergies, asthma, anaphylaxis,  
etc?.....

**PLEASE NOTE - MEDICATION NEEDS TO BE ON HAND & WITH RIDER/COACH AT ALL TIMES**

RIDER'S PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

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- I/We understand that I/we must remove all manure and unused hay incurred by the horse that I/we own/hire. I/we will treat the EC with respect at all times. Any damaged equipment will be reported asap.*
- I/We understand that horse riding is a dangerous sport and all horses can be very unpredictable and reactive animals. I/We are also aware that from time to time, students will be on local roads (supervised).*
- I understand that my son / daughter has been instructed not to mount their horse unless there is an instructor present*
- I understand that The Hamilton and Alexandra College is a Sun Smart and a Smoke Free Zone.*

**PLEASE NOTE - There may be occasional special activities beyond the Equestrian Centre and local roads. These will be advised via notices and will require separate parental permission.**

PARENT/S' SIGNATURES .....

### DISCLAIMER - LIABILITY

The Hamilton and Alexandra College, its employees and representatives do not accept any liability for any accidents, damage, injury to horses, owners, riders, grooms, officials, spectators, grounds or any other person or property, whatsoever.