



Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Parent Access Module (PAM) is an important communication tool used by Damascus College to provide quick, easy and confidential information to parents about their student's learning progress. There is a range of information available to parents via PAM such as:

- Assessment Tasks and Homework Tasks
- Student Timetable
- Daily Messages
- The College Calendar
- Damascus News
- Canteen Prices
- School Reports

Damascus College prides itself on its strong communication with students, parents and teaching staff through our Teacher Advisor Program. PAM is intended to enhance the existing TA Program and improve student achievement through better availability of information.

A new component of PAM known as the *Learning Areas* module is now being used by the College. Learning Areas provides parents/guardians with detailed information on previous, current and future Assessment Tasks and Homework Tasks relevant to their child. It also gives parents and students the opportunity to receive 'live' feedback on their work.

To access the Learning Areas module, login to PAM then click on the photo of your student which will direct you to the Personal Details page.

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### Daily Messages

**Thursday Prayer**  
We pray for those individuals and families of Myanmar, that have been effected by the heavy floods and that they may be safe and continue to stand together. We pray for the lives lost and that their families and friends may find love within the disaster that has occurred. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

**Prayer for Hiroshima Day**  
On this day in 1945, an American bomber dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima and killed 140,000 people. Thousands of...

### Upcoming Events

3 Aug - 7 Aug  
Week 4 / B

### Students

Click on student to view further information.

	Year Level:	Homeroom:	House:
		X9	Xavier

### School Links

Damascus Parent Links

- 1. [Damascus College Ballarat - Website](#)
- 2. PAM - Parent User Guide
- 3. Damascus News
- 4. Canteen Menu and Information
- 5. Cyber Security - Stay Smart Online
- 6. BAS After School Sports
- 7. Careers

Click on the Learning Areas tab on the left hand side which will bring up the introduction page.

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**Learning Areas**

This section summarises the Learning Area Tasks for the student. Please click the link below to see the summary

[Display Learning Area Task Summary](#)

**Task Due Dates**

**August**

- Due Date:** 6th of August  
**Class:** 212SCP41 - Psychology 4  
**Task:** A Test on AOS 2 - Mental Health and stress
- Due Date:** 8th of August  
**Class:** 212MAM41 - Mathematical Methods (CAS) 4  
**Task:** Unit 3 Technology Free exam.
- Due Date:** 14th of August  
**Class:** 212ENEN44 - English 4  
**Task:** "In the Country of Men" - Text Response

**September**

- Due Date:** 4th of September  
**Class:** 212ENEN44 - English 4

The introduction page allows you to view tasks and their due date.

Then click on the 'Display Learning Area Task Summary' button to bring up detailed Assessment Task and Homework Task information.

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**Learning Areas Task Summary**

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Semester: 2015, Semester 2

**Note:** This page summarises the learning tasks progress of the student. Further information can be obtained by clicking on the class title or the numbers listed in each column.

**Timetabled Classes**  
(Click Subject for Task Results)

	Assessment Tasks			Homework Tasks		
	Complete	Active	Overdue	Complete	Active	Overdue
> (Yr 12) Study 4 (212STDY43)	0	0	0	0	0	0
> (Yr 12) Study 4 (212STUD44)	0	0	0	0	0	0
> Certificate of Religious Education 4 (212RERC43)	0	0	0	0	0	0
> English 4 (212ENEN44)	0	2	0	0	0	0
> Mathematical Methods (CAS) 4 (212MAM41)	1	0	0	0	0	0
> Physical Education 4 (212PEPE42)	0	0	0	0	0	0
> Psychology 4 (212SCP41)	2	2	0	0	0	0
> Xavier 09 (2TAXAV091)	0	0	0	0	0	0

This page summarises the learning tasks completed, in progress or overdue. If a student has not submitted or attempted Assessment Tasks or Homework Tasks by the due date, it will appear in the 'Red' Overdue column.

Further information can be obtained by clicking on the class title or the numbers listed in each column (Complete, Active and Overdue).

For example, clicking on 'Complete' for any subject will give you a range of information relating to your child's performance on completed Assessment Tasks (as shown below). This will include a scaled grade result, any notes relating to the assessment being modified and teacher comments or feedback.

## Assessment and Homework Tasks - [REDACTED]

Subject: Psychology 4 (12SCPY4) Class: 1 Domain Component: Science  
Teacher(s) [REDACTED]

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### Mental Health

#### Phobia Media Analysis

July 17

Marked

Very High

[View Details](#)

[REDACTED] your responses showed a very good understanding of the content and use of correct terminology. You have made good reference to the case study presented. You are developing a sound understanding of what is meant by the 'Biopsychosocial model' and its application in identifying the possible origins of the mental illness and potential treatment. SAC result - 25/25

#### A Test on AOS 2 - Mental Health and stress

August 6

Active

[View Details](#)

You can then click on the 'View Details' button to obtain further information on the assessment task (as shown in the diagram below).

## View Assessment Task

Topic: Mental Health

Assessment Task: Phobia Media Analysis

Task Description: Complete a task comprised of Media Analysis material and short answer questions.

› Return to Assessment and Homework Tasks

Task Details	Documents	Media
<b>Current Submission</b>		
<b>Task Status</b>		
Your task submission was processed on 24/07/2015 12:52:11 PM. It has been marked.		
<b>Task Results</b>		
Grade: Very High		
<b>Marking Feedback</b>		
[REDACTED] your responses showed a very good understanding of the content and use of correct terminology. You have made good reference to the case study presented. You are developing a sound understanding of what is meant by the 'Biopsychosocial model' and its application in identifying the possible origins of the mental illness and potential treatment. SAC result - 25/25		

PAM requires the active participation of parents in order to have the most beneficial outcomes and we encourage parents to familiarise themselves with PAM and to regularly access the Learning Areas module in order to stay up to date with your child's learning.

### Reporting on Assessment Tasks

Teachers at Damascus will use the following scale for the reporting of class work, including class tests and assignments, in **Years 7 -11:**

**Very High; 90 – 100%**

**High; 75 – 89%**

**Medium; 55 – 74%**

**Low; 40 – 54%**

**Very Low; 30 – 39%**

**Ungraded; <30%.**

For students who have submitted work after the assessment deadline, and therefore do not receive a grade for their work, the result will be 'Ungraded'.

Please note: this scale does not apply to end of semester exams. Exams are reported on using a percentage scale only.

It is very important that the College has your correct contact details. If you need to update your details, please contact the office at your earliest convenience. If you have forgotten your password or require further assistance with Learning Areas or any other aspect of PAM, please contact Aleceia Smith on 5337 2222.

Yours sincerely,



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