



# RosehillSecondaryCollege

## Parent Newsletter

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Third term is always a time that the College receives results from the DEECD conducted surveys. The following are some of the results of the staff survey that indicate the success of the college. Rosehill Secondary College is ranked the top 25% of secondary schools in the state in:

- ◆ School Morale
- ◆ Professional Interaction
- ◆ Curriculum Coordination
- ◆ Learning Environment
- ◆ Goal Congruence

Such results indicate the commitment and optimum of our staff at the college. Of particular note is the culture staff have developed in terms of working together to bring about student learning outcomes.

Rosehill College was profiled in the local newspaper recently. The article featured a visit from Niddrie Member for Parliament—Rob Hulls. He viewed the plans for the new VCE Centre which will be build in 2010.

The College is in the position that demand for Year 7 enrolments has exceeded the physical space available. We are aware of the anxiety felt by parents whose children were not offered a place. We are committed to ensuring that if vacancies arise we will endeavour to accommodate students who desire placement at the College in 2010.

In the press release, Mr Hulls stated that the "schools popularity was a result of its success".

The college is committed to ensuring that all our students are "heading north" and showing improvement. The leadership group of the school (involving Principal Class and Leading Teachers) has analysed results in the Junior, Middle and Senior School. Students have been targeted who we feel are not working to their capacity. Parent interviews have been held and students progress is being monitored.

Interim Reports will be distributed on the 29th August and Coordinators will again monitor results. We look forward to meeting parents at the Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 9th September.

I have had the pleasure of visiting classes in the Junior school and asking teachers who the outstanding students for the week are. The work ethic in the classes has been excellent and I have given out many "Subject Certificate Awards".

In the corridor I have placed two words "learn" and "effort". The strong message to all our students is that we all can become smarter through effort. In the book "The Brain That Changes Itself", Norman Doige reinforces the view that all human beings have great potential. "Improved brain function for all of us is a result of learning something new, rather than replaying already mastered skills." Optimism in their capacity to learn is a gift we need to give to all our children.

Anne Fox  
Principal

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# JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

## Absenteeism

During the cold winter months students are more likely to miss school due to coughs and colds but it is imperative that on return students bring a signed note from home preferable in the school diary, accounting for each absence and students must make the time to see each teacher to obtain any work not completed.

## Interim Reports

A reminder that interim reports will be completed by staff at the end of this term just prior to the parent teacher interviews. I hope to see many parents attend the interviews; it sends a strong message to your children that you value their education and progress when you attend on these occasions. It is also a great opportunity to speak directly with the classroom teacher regarding academic progress and improvement strategies.

## Subject Selection for 2009—This Term

The 2009 handbook and course selection process will begin for year 7 and 8. Your child will ask you to sign their subject selection form. Please check the subjects selected carefully prior to signing and contact the school if you have any queries.

## Year 8 Camp

There are still some vacancies for the year 8 camp to Anglesea. This is arguably one of the best camps run by the college; it is fun packed and full of outdoor activities each and every moment of the day. A reminder that the camp is in late October so the weather will be perfect for outdoor and water based activities. If you are interested see Mrs Mullins or Mr Soumalias ASAP.

Information booklets and medical forms will be distributed to all students who have paid the initial deposit of \$100.00.

## Lost Property

Each student has been allocated a locker. Please encourage your child to use their locker and lock and to place their name on all items. Bags are to be used to carry lunch, books and equipment to and from school, they are not permitted in classrooms nor are they to be carried around during recess and lunch. Please check the lost property areas for missing items. The school recommends that mobile phones, i-pods and other valuables are not to be brought to school.

# U n i f o r m

We are getting many questions about the changeover timeline when all students are to be in the new blue uniform. It was agreed by School Council that by the beginning of Term 2 in 2009 all students must be in the blue uniform. This means that students currently in Year 9 and 10 will still be able to wear the green check dress this summer but they must be in the new winter uniform for next year. Note that the winter uniform does not include white socks worn over the navy blue tights.

With the implementation of the new name the logo remains the same but the word Niddrie is replaced by Rosehill. It is not required for parents to immediately buy the uniform with the new logo as apart from this change everything is exactly the same. The items with the new logo can be purchased as the uniform wears out and needs replacing.

Also I need to remind parents that facial piercings are not allowed at school. Earrings must also be of a small size.

The new Rosehill uniform will be available from Lowes from Wednesday 27th August.

Please contact Mr Rouse if you have any questions.

## PRE "LOVED" UNIFORM AVAILABLE

Due to the uniform update this year, the Office Staff would like to offer students from Year 8 to VCE the opportunity to avail themselves of any items of uniform they may require

**AT A COST OF ONLY \$5.00 PER ITEM.**

Please note that this uniform can only be worn until the end of Term 1—2009.

This stock will be available at Recess **ONLY**

Please come to the General Office for assistance.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

## **YEAR 10 CAREERS**

Year 10 students have been all systems go for the past few weeks looking at their pathways for 2009 and beyond.

### **CAREER EXPO**

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August we had 20 speakers come and address students on a range of careers including defence force, accounting, hair and beauty, sport management, psychology, electrical, aviation, hospitality, engineering, journalism and medicine. Well done to Year 10 students who are showing a new level of maturity.

### **SUBJECT EXPO**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August students moved around the school during their ID period taking in information from each of the Key Learning Areas and also having the chance to ask questions.

### **PARENT EVENING**

It was great to see so many parents at the VCE Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August. VCE is a new and exciting world (is scary a better word?) that will be a big part of your lives over the next 2 years.

### **COUNSELLING DAY**

There are NO CLASSES on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August for Year 10 students. Every student, with their parents are required to attend a course counselling session at some stage during the day. The session will allow parents with a teacher and the student to go over their career pathways and subject selections to ensure they have completed it correctly. Well done to those students who have returned their appointment slip. Confirmed times have been given to students.

## **YEAR 9 CAREERS**

Students began working through career information earlier this week in preparation for their Year 10 2009 Subject Selections. Students will receive their subject selection booklets on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August during ID. Our aim in Year 10 is to give students a wider selection of subjects to help them work towards their career pathways after Year 10.

### **SUMMARY OF THE SELECTION RULES**

English, Maths and ID are the only compulsory subjects.

ONE selection must be made from each of the following Key Learning Areas: - Technology, LOTE, Science, Physical Education, SOSE and Art. A maximum of 2 is allowed from each KLA.

### **COUNSELLING DAY**

There are NO CLASSES on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August for Year 9 students. Every student with their parents are required to attend a course counselling session at some stage during the day. The session will allow parents with a teacher and the student to go over their career pathways and subject selections to ensure they have completed it correctly. Well done to those students who have returned their appointment slip.

### **YEAR 9 CITY CENTRE**

Great to see so many parents at the City Centre Information Evening held last week. We appreciate your support of the program and acknowledge the fears of both parents and students. It is a great example of risk taking in learning and we are looking forward to a successful City Centre experience.

A reminder of the dates:

### **CITY CENTRE**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October – 9A, 9D, 9E and 9F

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – 9B, 9C, 9G and 9H

### **PRESENTATION EVENINGS**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October – 9A, 9D, 9E and 9F

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November - 9B, 9C, 9G and 9H

Please place these dates in your diary.

If you have any concerns/questions don't hesitate to contact me at school on 9337 2488  
or Email: [adams.samantha.sa@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:adams.samantha.sa@edumail.vic.gov.au)

# VCE Report

**VCE students are in the throes of subject and pathways decisions for 2009.**

Year 11 students were briefed this week on the process to be followed for the subject selection process; let me take this opportunity to stress that students **MUST** be undertaking research as to pre-requisite studies for their chosen career path, especially if university of higher level TAFE is being considered. Students will have a MIPS interview with Ms Young and a final appointment on **Thursday 4th, September** with a course counsellor to check subject choices, but it is expected that this will be a checking process only and that the basic research will have been completed. Students will be allocated an appointment time in the next week or so. Parents are welcome to attend but do not have to.

Year 12 students have been briefed on the VTAC process and the process of logging each student onto VTAC CourseLink commenced this week. Students will shortly be allocated an individual interview time to discuss their plans for 2009. VTAC preferences must be finalised on-line by 5.00 pm on 26th September. However, students who leave it this late to make an entry would be very foolish.

In order to plan for 2009 The VCE Team would like to hear from any student who is seriously considering not returning to school next year.

We strongly encourage parents to become involved in discussions leading to the making of these important decisions.

## **Australian Maths Competition Participants**

Congratulations to the following VCE students who competed in this competition on 31st July:

<b>Eleni Nicolaou</b>	<b>Karen Dawson</b>	<b>Carmela Talia</b>
<b>Ovini Jayatilake</b>	<b>Laura Martin</b>	

We will look forward to the arrival of your results which are sure to be excellent!

## **Year 12 October Tests**

These will take place during Week 2 of Term 4 (i.e. 13th—17th October). Students will have 1 week of Term 4 left to discuss results and complete last minute revision. Students who are not attempting an ENTER score will not be officially required at school during this time, but should be completing any outstanding work to ensure an 'S' result is obtained.

Senior VCAL classes will run as normal, with the exception of the actual VCE unit being studied by some students

## **Access Education End of year Exam Revision**

Brochures are available in the VCE Centre for these revision classes in a range of Year 12 subjects. Students who are aiming for good and great results should be attending! Classes are on weekends during September and October, and during the school holidays.

## **Congratulations to Jake Carlisle - VCAL**

Jake was featured in the local newspaper last week after having been called up to play with the Calder Cannons following his awe-inspiring performance in a match which resulted in a 100 point victory over the Western Region Football League. Jake, a talented cricketer as well, apparently has an 'incredible arm span' which, along with his height, has made him a real asset to his team. We wish him luck for the rest of the season!

**Ms Kerry McKay—VCE Coordinator**

## SAC Dates for Year 12 - Unit 4

DATE	SAC TITLE	DATE	SAC TITLE
Week 1		Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemistry</li> <li>• Geography—Test</li> <li>• PE—Test</li> <li>• Italian Writing</li> <li>• Accounting—Test</li> <li>• Outdoor Education</li> <li>• Physics</li> <li>• Food Technology</li> <li>• Literature</li> <li>• Studio Arts—Issue</li> </ul>
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geography—Data Analysis</li> </ul>	Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor Education</li> <li>• Specialist Mathematics</li> </ul>
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Japanese—Reading</li> </ul>	Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PE—Written Report</li> <li>• Business Management</li> <li>• Studio Arts—Investigations</li> </ul>
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accounting—Test</li> <li>• Business Management</li> <li>• Psychology—Memory</li> <li>• Physics</li> <li>• Studio Arts—Focus Statement</li> </ul>	Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemistry</li> <li>• Geography—Written Report</li> <li>• PE—Test</li> <li>• Italian—Speaking</li> <li>• Accounting—Test</li> <li>• Methods—Probability</li> <li>• English—Essay</li> <li>• Psychology—Learning</li> <li>• Outdoor Education</li> <li>• Specialist Mathematics</li> <li>• Legal Studies</li> <li>• Physics</li> <li>• Food Technology</li> <li>• Dance</li> </ul>
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Media</li> <li>• Geography—Structured Question</li> <li>• Italian</li> <li>• Legal Studies</li> <li>• Biology (Mr Taylor) x 2</li> <li>• Dance</li> </ul>	Week 1 Holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literature</li> </ul>
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PE—Laboratory Report</li> <li>• Business Management</li> <li>• Methods—Calculus</li> <li>• English</li> <li>• HHD</li> <li>• Dance</li> </ul>		

This is a timeline for Year 12 SAC's in the coming weeks. There may be the need to change the date of a SAC if the students do not complete the required work in class due to interruptions from school events. This timeline is current and students need to plan their work and study time accordingly. Week 10 is an extremely busy time for all students and students will need to be prepared well in advance.

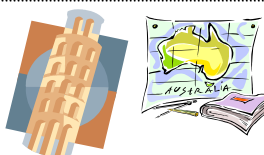
Sandra Smart—Assistant Principal

## Tears at the Airport

From 22<sup>nd</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 14 students and three teachers from Kogakkan High School in Japan visited our school. Even though their stay was short, the Japanese students and their host students and buddies attended a number of trips including Highpoint Shopping Centre, Moonee Ponds West Primary School, the Victoria Market and the Melbourne Zoo. Both Rosehill and Kogakkan students missed each other already at the farewell party and the airport. Students who hosted were Madeline Ali, Melissa Cassar, Tori Galea, Jessica Holden, Emma Kazakovski, Courtney Kendall, Jarrod Knights, Shenae Marks, Zac McRae-Johns, Jessica Moloney, Mariah Pagrams, Joshua Pagrams, Hannah Porter and Dilan Yilmaz. Students who helped as buddies were Stephanie Collard, Madalynn Harris, Jessica Marchant and Sally Muradoglu. I would like to thank all the families supported our exchange program. I would also like to thank all the teachers particularly Mrs Smart for her support and Mr Pavlidis for teaching ESL classes.

## ITALY DOWN UNDER

July and August were very busy months for our LOTE faculty. Our Italian visitors from Istituto Blaise Pascal in Reggio Emilia managed to touch and enrich our lives in the span of eleven days. Our exchange program was a great success on a personal and educational level. This positive experience would not have been possible without the support of students, staff and School Council at Rosehill Secondary College and the generosity of the host families of the following students: Kayla Bonnici, Jessica Grace, Katherine Christakis, Shivon Bell, Tori Galea, Paige Gough, Natasha Lafauci, Adrian Turano, Lauren Gabriele, Bianca Giri and Jamie Modos. Our appreciation also is extended to Sharon Veale (administration) and her husband David for hosting the accompanying teacher, Carole Lutz.



The program consisted of an array of events and activities shared with Gladstone Park Secondary College such as a day trip to Phillip Island and a farewell dinner at Di Caprio's. Our host students and the Italians also experienced a day discovering and connecting with our Koorie heritage at the museum. The Italians had a day trip along the Great Ocean Road, visits to the Queen Victoria Market and the Immigration Museum. The accompanying teacher Carole Lutz prepared her eleven students: Sara, Laura, Silvia, Martina, Erika, Stella, Giada, Fabio, Linda, Lorenzo and Franco exceptionally well as they presented various topics to our Italian classes. The aim of the Exchange program with Italy is to provide our students at Rosehill Secondary College with the opportunity to experience education beyond the classroom. We are proud to say that we have certainly achieved this goal.

**Maria Viglione—Italian Exchange Organiser**

## Careers

### Interested in an Apprenticeship or Traineeship?

You might be interested in attending an Apprenticeship Information Session on Wednesday 27th August from 11.30am - 1.00pm at VUT Newport Campus, 80 Champion Road, Newport

Who will be there?

- ❖ VU Student Career Development
- ❖ Jobs Plus Apprenticeship Services
- ❖ WCIG Apprenticeship Access Program and Job Network
- ❖ WPC Group
- ❖ Australian Technical College, Sunshine

If you would be interested in attending this event, please see Ms McKay as soon as possible. If there is sufficient interest we will try to arrange an excursion.



# national science week



**Rosehill Secondary College**  
**Monday 25th—Friday 29th August**

## **Come and celebrate National Science Week!!**

To celebrate the contribution and achievements of Australian scientists there will be great activities running every lunchtime in the Science Wing.

Come be amazed by the dry ice, get slimy, launch a rocket, make some yummy treats, investigate the science of superheroes, get up close and personal with some of our deadliest reptiles and more! Brain boosters will be running everyday to test your grey matter. There are heaps of great prizes to be won.

For more information, check out the timetables and posters that will be displayed around the school next week or talk to your friendly science teacher!

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The Year 12 VCAL Class are organising a Talent Show to raise money for the Cathy Freeman Foundation. It will be held in the MPC on the 21st and 22nd of August at lunchtime.

**Performance Fee: \$1.00**

**Spectator: \$2.00**

Prizes will be awarded to the most entertaining talents.  
A sign up sheet will be posted outside the MPC—Please sign up!!!

## **Junior Girls Football - CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulation to the Junior Girls' Football team that has advanced through the Western Zone 'Pool Rounds' the final to be played next Tuesday 19th August at St. Albans. After advancing through the Pascoe District round with a comprehensive win over Pascoe Vale Girls and a thrilling one point victory over Buckley Park, the girls have once again been very fortunate to advance.

In their first game against Williamstown, the girls went in half time down by almost two goals. They performed very well to in the second half, with some great tackles, hard running and general pressure keeping the ball in our forward half for most of the time. Unfortunately the girls found it difficult to post goals with the cross breeze, eventually losing by two points despite having more scoring shots (Williamstown 2.2 to Rosehill 1.6).

Fortunately Sunbury 5.3 defeated Williamstown 4.2 in the second game, meaning that we had to win by at least five points to advance with a superior percentage. Our girls played very well in the first half against Sunbury, posting 2 goals to their 2 points.

With the intensity picking up in the second half, both teams found scoring difficult until Sunbury posted a goal with ten minutes remaining. This left the margin at four points! Struggling to get the ball into our forward line, our chances of scoring again looked lost with only a minute remaining and the ball close the Sunbury goals. Remarkably the girls were able to push the ball forward and Tanya Paunovic scored a goal right on the siren to stretch the margin to ten points.

It was a fantastic effort by our goalers. Laura Bramley was superb playing loose in defence. She was well supported by Jacinta Ashen, Maddy Murphy, Tanya Paunovic, Lauren Young and sister Rebecca Bramley in defence. Our on ball contingent of Tori Russell, Bianca Milich, Jessica Wood and Natalie Lane were effective all day.

Well done to all of the other students that played on the day. They should be very proud of their performance. Other team members Adel Abdullah, Kelsey Baglin, Emma Blair, Alana Fahey, Steph Garra, Jozlyn Herd, Jacinta Paskalidis, Sarah Sanderson, Soraya Wells, Claire Woodhouse.

Thanks to Jarryd French (Assistant Coach), Ryan Clements (Goal Umpire), Jason Johnston (Boundary Umpire) and the fastest water girl ever Maggie Quinlan for their assistance on the day.

Best of luck to the girls in the final next week!! - **Mr Gary Hughes**

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SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10 Week 5	11 Italian Exchange Depart	12 Year 9 Course Selection	13 VCE Yr 10 into 11 Information Evening	14 Junior Girls Football Western Zone Finals	15 Newsletter	16
17 Week 6	18	19 Junior Girls Football Final at St Albans GOOD LUCK!!! 	20 Year 10 into 11 Course Counselling Day. No Year 10 classes. Yr 7 Boys Soccer Western Zone Finals	21 Rosehill Talent Show—VCAL Fundraiser—Lunchtime	22 Rosehill Talent Show—VCAL Fundraiser—Lunchtime	23
24 Week 7	25 Year 9 into 10 Course Selection Curriculum School Council	26 Middle School Basketball	27	28	29 Year 10—11 and Yr 11—12 Course Selections due Newsletter	30
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week 8	1 <b>ATHLETICS DAY</b> - Yr 12 Students to attend regular classes	2	3	4 Year 10 Careers Expo—Period 1—3 Leadership	5 Junior Girls Volleyball	6
7 Week 9	8 Junior School Hockey	9 <b>PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS</b> Student Free Day	10 Junior Girls Basketball	11 Junior Boys Basketball  Year 7 2009 Getting to know you Evening	12 Newsletter	13
14 Week 10	15	16	17 Western Zone Section A Athletics	18	19 <b>Last Day of Term 3</b> <b>Early Dismissal 2.30pm</b>	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

## Parenting Teenagers

A free seminar to explore skills and insights into effective ways to develop a strong and supportive relationship **Wednesday 10th of September 6.00 – 7.30pm**. Refreshments provided! **The seminar will look at the changing nature of your role as a parent, including:**

- Ages and stages - where they're at
- Communication
- Increasing independence
- Boundary setting as they get older

### The Drummond Street Relationship Centre

is a non-government, non denominational, 'Approved Relationships Counselling Agency' providing counselling and group work support to all people of diverse backgrounds.

195 Drummond Street, Carlton 3053.

Both our facilitators and the Centre provide a relaxed, friendly and professional setting in which to explore what can be a very challenging time of parenting.

Call Georgie at the Centre to book on 9663 6733.

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