



# Rosehill Secondary College

## Parent Newsletter

EDITION 1 - Friday 24 July, 2009

TERM 3 WEEK 2

Welcome to the first bulletin for Term 3. Semester two is well under way and students have settled in well. Year 12 students are now on the last leg of their six year journey through high school. It is both a stressful and exciting time for them. It is at this time of the year when they start to feel real pressure and they will need as much support as teachers and parents can give them. For those parents who have a graduate for the first time in Year 12 the next six months with your son or daughter will provide a lifetime of memories for you.

### *Literacy and Numeracy Update*

Given that it is mid-year I feel that it is a good time to give the parent community an update of the literacy and numeracy strategies that we are engaged in to improve student learning throughout the schools.

**Literacy:** The school is working closely with the DEECD in strengthening all our teachers' knowledge on how to improve the reading abilities of our students. We have:

- Appointed two literacy coaches, Ms Bowles and Ms Puskaric who are undergoing a special training program on how to assess reading abilities of students and then on how to improve student comprehension skills. These two teachers are also being trained to coach other teachers on what they have learned.
- The Assistant Principals and I have been involved in some of the training so that we can understand better the process and support the coaches.
- Selected teachers have also done some of the training.
- Classroom libraries of reading materials have been set up to support the program.

We have engaged the services of Terri Campbell, a literacy expert, who will be working in the school to support us.

The program will run over the next three years. The end result is that all our teachers will have a role in improving students' reading abilities. If a student cannot read then they will not experience success at school.

**Numeracy:** A similar program to that of literacy is being set up to improve our students' abilities to use numbers. A numeracy coach has been appointed, Mr Mestrov, and the Principal class have been involved in some of the training. We have engaged the services of a number of experts over the last two years to assist us. The latest is Mr Chris Coombes who has helped us to analyse students maths abilities and to set goals in place to measure and improve these abilities.

### *Cabaret*

The Cabaret is well under way as I write, and having seen the show twice congratulations must go to all involved including the parents. The high standards of effort displayed by students throughout the production are a tribute to all the hard work done by them with the training from Ms Mortellaro.

### *Facilities*

**VCE Centre:** Almost complete, with a special event to mark the grand opening on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August, the night before the 50 year anniversary celebrations of the College.

### *Enrolments 2010*

We currently have around 230 students on our books for Year 7 in 2010. It is an indication of the popularity of the College.

### *Debutante Ball*

On 11<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding our annual Deb Ball. There are 41 girls in the group this year which is a large number. Both events (Cabaret and Debutante Ball) are a sign of a successful school and the more we can get families involved in the school the better. I am really looking forward to the evening as I always find it a highlight of the school year.

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# MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Rosehill Secondary College would like to thank all of the companies and people involved in assisting our Year 10 students with their work experience placements.

## YEAR 10 CAREERS

Year 10 students will start the process on Monday of developing possible career pathways and then subject selections for 2010. To assist students and parents the following have been put in place.

### CAREER EXPO - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

Over 30 speakers will address students on a range of careers including defence force, accounting, hair and beauty, sport management, psychology, electrical, aviation, hospitality, engineering, journalism and medicine.

### SUBJECT EXPO - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August

Students will move 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 – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August

The VCE Parent Information Evening is an opportunity for parents to discuss career and subject options with teachers.

### COUNSELLING DAY – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August

There will be NO CLASSES on Wednesday 26<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.

## YEAR 9 CAREERS

Students began working through career information earlier this week in preparation for their Year 10 2010 Subject Selections. Students will receive their subject selection booklets on Monday 17<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 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 subjects are allowed from each KLA.

### COUNSELLING DAY

Students will meet with a career counsellor on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August to discuss their subject selections and career pathways. Parents are invited to attend the interview if they wish to. Notices will be set home closer to the date.

## YEAR 9 CITY CENTRE

All Year 9 students will participate in the City Centre during Term 4.

A reminder of the dates:

### PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August – 7.00pm in the library

### CITY CENTRE

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October – 9G and 9H

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October – 9C and 9F

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 23<sup>th</sup> October – 9E and 9B

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – 9A and 9D

### PRESENTATION EVENINGS

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November – 9C, 9F, 9G and 9H

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November – 9A, 9B, 9D and 9E

Put these dates in your diary.

If you have any concerns/questions don't hesitate to contact me at school

Phone: 9337 2488

Email: [adams.samantha.sa@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:adams.samantha.sa@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## ROSEHILL SECONDARY COLLEGE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Athletics Carnival will take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August at Coburg Athletics Track. Students will need to return a permission form and pay \$6.00 at the general office (Please note this charge was on the booklist – thanks to those parents who have already paid) Your child be notified if they have paid by their tutor group teacher.

Students will complete in their year level in the following events:

Javelin	Shot Put	Discus	High Jump	Long Jump	Triple Jump
100m	200m	400m	800m	1500m	3,000m

Students will be asked to select their events in assembly.

### Cyber Bullying

Parents and students will no doubt be aware of the distressing events, attributed to the issue of cyber-bullying, which have taken place at a Victorian secondary college this week. Rosehill Secondary College is very alert to this emerging problem and already has policies in place to deal with cyber-bullying and other misuse of digital technology.

On Tuesday of next week coordinators and welfare staff are undertaking training in preventative strategies to reduce cyber-bullying in schools. A parent information evening is planned, along with student presentations. Details of these will be forthcoming.

In the meantime we urge parents to be vigilant regarding their children's use of such technologies as the internet (in particular chat and social networking sites) and mobile phones. We encourage parents to place the family computer in an area which enables parental supervision.



FAMILIAR songs from your favourite movies have all been infused to create the Rosehill Secondary College cabaret *Movie Mania*. Performing Arts co-ordinator Marissa Mortellaro came up with the idea to capture the audiences' imagination.

"I wanted the students to experience dancing as we usually run musicals at the school," Ms Mortellaro said. "I picked movies that are popular all around, like *Mary Poppins*, *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, *Matrix*, so it would appeal to all age groups."

### STUDENT ABSENCES

**Parents Please Note** - To advise of future student absences please contact the College directly on **9331-9639**.

If the number is unattended please leave a message with details on the answering service.

### EMA—2ND PORTION

Parents/Guardians who hold a valid health care card as of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009, are eligible for the 2nd instalment of EMA. Forms are available from the General Office for NEW applicants. Forms must be returned by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August - late applications **WILL NOT** be accepted by the Department of Education.

**Please Note:** If you applied for the 1st half in January you **DO NOT** need to reapply.

# VCE NEWS

## YEAR 12

Year 12 students attended a study camp at Melbourne University, where they experienced living at the university, received, first hand knowledge from Ross Huggard (English Examiner), motivational talks from Athletes in School's and study skills from Elevate Education.

It has been really pleasing to receive positive comments from the students about the activities conducted and more so from the guest speakers who rang or emailed the school about the behaviour and participation of the students on camp. Congratulations!

Year 12 are entering in the Tertiary Selection stage of their schooling. It will commence with an excursion to VU to attend Tis session. Then students will be allocated an interview session at school. VTAC applications will open on Aug 3rd and timely applications close on September 30th. Student will have to fill in the application on line.

The 2010 VTAC Guides can be obtained from the general office at a cost of \$15. Students will need this guide to check prerequisites, course codes, names, enter scores and any extra requirements demanded by the institutions.

The school of excellence is offering MASTER CLASSES which commence the 4th August extra information or enrolment details may be obtained from [www.tsfx.com.au](http://www.tsfx.com.au)

Access Education are also offering revision programs which commence 20th September their website is [vce@accesseducation.com.au](mailto:vce@accesseducation.com.au)

A reminder that Year 12 students should be implementing a revision program this term, as the practice exams will be held during the first three days of the September holidays. A timetable will be published in the Bulletin and given to students shortly.

## YEAR 11

Year 11 students will be attending a Careers Expo, where they can investigate programs offered by Universities, TAFE and Private providers. They can also discuss options like Traineeships and Apprenticeships with Group Training Organisations.

This will be the initial activity for the 2009 course selection process.

Important dates to remember

- 19th August Parent Information Night
- 26th and 31st August Counselling on the selection process through TG
- 3rd September Interview to check the subject selection forms
- 4th September Final day to submit Selection Forms

## Casual Work

### Coles- Essendon Fields

Employing staff 15-16 years old to work on registers evenings and weekends.

Provide a resume and put in availability of days and times in the resume.

Submit resume to the Coles service desk at Essendon Fields.

If you want extra information contact Laura on 83419900.

JULY / AUGUST 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun	Week
27	28 Junior Girls Football (7to9)	29	30	31	1/2	Week 3
3	4	5	6	7 <i>NEXT Newsletter Distribution</i>  <i>JEANS FOR GENES DAY</i>	8/9	Week 4
10	11	12	13	14	15/16	Week 5

*Jeans for Genes day*

When: Friday 7th August

Why: The idea is to raise money for the children research institute to look in to genetic disease for children. These diseases, like leukaemia and muscular dystrophy, occur one in twenty children.

Cost: A gold coin donation to allow you to wear jeans to school. You must wear the top half of your uniform so the jeans stand out.

**(THERE ARE STRICLEY TO BE NO RIPS IN JEANS.)**

ESSENDON COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRE

Essendon Community Legal Centre provides free legal advice, information and referrals to people who live in the city of Moonee Valley. The centre recently commenced a new drop in service at the Niddrie Hub on a Wednesday afternoon.

Details of the Service are as follows-

Essendon Community Legal Centre  
13a Wingate Avenue, Ascot Vale, 3020  
Telephone (03) 9376 7929

APPOINTMENTS ONLY Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am to 4pm  
Drop In Services Monday 13a Wingate Ave, Ascot Vale 6.30pm to 8.30pm  
Wednesday Niddrie Community hub

FOR SALE

Girls School Uniform

The following items are for sale.

If you are interested please contact Rowena directly on Mobile No. 0433 674070

Dress x 2, Jumper, Jacket, Grey Pants, School Bag & School tie.