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Principal: Peter Rouse Assistant Principals: Mrs Sandra Smart, Ms Kerry McKay, Mr Arthur Soumalias, President: Mr John Walsh

### CALENDAR

**Term 1 Dates – 30<sup>th</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

**Year 7 Netbook Information Evening – 6.30pm Library**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

**Year 9 Netbook Rollout  
Notice Distributed to students advising times**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

**Swimming Carnival – Oak Park Swim Centre**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

**Year 12 VCE information Evening**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**Year 7 Getting to Know you Evening**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

**School Photos – Full uniform Compulsory**

#### General Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8.30 am – 3.30 pm

#### Bell Times

Locker Bell	8.50am
Home Group	8.55am - 9.05am
Period 1	9.05am - 10.20am
Period 2	10.20am - 11.35am
Recess	11.35am - 12.00noon
Period 3	12.00noon - 1.15pm
Lunch	1.15pm - 2.00pm
Locker Bell	1.55pm
Period 4	2.00pm - 3.15pm Dismiss

#### EMA 2013

### Education Maintenance Allowance Applications

Holders of a healthcare valid as of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013 are reminded to please submit application forms to the General Office as soon as possible.

**Applications close 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013.**

Late applications **will not** be accepted by DEECD. A copy of the Healthcare card is required with the application.

**A NEW APPLICATION IS REQUIRED EVERY YEAR.**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the start of 2013. The first day for students on Wednesday went extremely smoothly and after an extended home room students were in their first class by 9.20 am. We like to get our students settled as quickly as possible and into the core business of learning.

Our enrolment number is sitting on 1128 students, including 218 starting in Year 7 this year. We are proud that so many families are now choosing Rosehill and we will do everything possible to ensure that your children are safe at school and achieving a good education. Having so many students enables us to still attract good levels of funding during a time of budget cuts, and to continue to run our educational programs.

There are two other aspects of our enrolments which are extremely positive:

- 73% of our students are now coming to us from local schools. Three years ago it was around 60% and 10 years ago it was around 40%.
- The male/female ratio is now 52% male and 48% female. Over the last seven years we have offered many programs to attract more girls to the school and keep them here. These programs include the Dance program as well as the introduction of a Fashion Design/Textiles program.

It is pleasing to know that most of our students are now attending a Secondary College that they can call their local school.

#### Staffing

There are some staffing changes to announce.

- **Sandra Smart**, one of our Assistant Principals, will be on leave for most of this year before she seeks a new career path. Sandra has been at the school for many years and will be missed. She has formed strong relationships with families and has been a major driver behind the growth and success of the school.
- **Samantha Adams** has moved to country Victoria with her partner who is working in the animal breeding industry. We wish her all the best.
- **Melissa Bonett**: Melissa, our main music teacher, has taken six months off and is about to give birth to her first child. It is an exciting time for her.
- **Charles Tran** has left teaching to finish off his law degree. Charles had been with us for over 4 years and made a valuable contribution while he was here.
- **Lynden Fielding** will be replacing Sandra Smart as Assistant Principal. Lynden has been a Principal in a P-12 country school for six years and has returned to Melbourne. She is experienced in all aspects of running a school and no doubt will make a valuable contribution to Rosehill.
- **Lucy Anic** has returned after a year's leave. Lucy is well known at the College and has been a strong teacher for years.

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- **Stacey Cartwright-Smith** is taking up a role in the PE/Maths KLA's. Stacey has completed her teaching degree but had been working in another area of government for two years before deciding to start at Rosehill.
- **Mirijana Cipetic** is working in the Maths KLA. She had been working in a large school in the Northern region for 12 months before moving to us.
- **Matthew Hosking** is a PE/English teacher who worked in a fairly large country school for two years before going to the US to work. He has just returned to Australia and we are very pleased to have him on board.
- **Grant Martens** is a very experienced teacher who has come from a secondary school in the Werribee area. He is our new Year 8 Coordinator so I am sure many parents will get to know him. He teaches English and Humanities.
- **Vernessa Mouanoutoua** is replacing Melissa Bonett in the music area for six months. This is Vernessa's second year of teaching. She is a talented musician playing guitar, keyboard and flute. She is also a trained singer and song writer.
- **Helen Pouliassis** will be working in the English area for six months. Helen is a very experienced teacher and students will benefit greatly in her classes.
- **Michael Keirs** will be working in the Maths and Science area. He had been working at Strathmore Secondary College.

On behalf of the Rosehill School Community we wish them all the best.

### Facilities

A number of projects have been completed over the school holidays. Some of these were standard maintenance such as the painting of the interior of all our portable classrooms and general asphaltting. Other major projects have taken place:

- The Year 11 study and careers centre has been fully refurbished with new internal offices and classrooms, carpets, furniture and airconditioning. This area also houses two classrooms for our English as an Additional Language classes and International students.
- A new set of outdoor locker bays has been built on the west side of our gymnasium. This will allow us to remove lockers from some other areas such as corridors.
- A new entrance has been built for the library.
- Floors in our technology/woodwork areas have been upgraded and strengthened.

We are proud of our work in the facilities area and we are continuously planning more improvements.

Just a reminder to the new parents that I am contactable most of the time so if you have an urgent matter to discuss then please don't hesitate to call and ask for me.

*Peter Rouse*  
*Principal*

## Rosehill Secondary College 2012 Awards

The Annual Rosehill Secondary College Awards Evening was held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012. The Awards Evening provided a great opportunity to celebrate the successes of our students. Awards were presented in all Key Learning Areas and the outstanding achievement of our students throughout the year was acknowledged. A number of special awards were also presented throughout the evening including the following:

### DUX AWARDS

<b>Year 7 (equal)</b>	Raynold Kumar Connor Bond
<b>Year 8</b>	Zoe Triplett
<b>Year 9</b>	Tayla Honey
<b>Year 10</b>	Thomas Dove
<b>Year 11</b>	Andrew Karageorge
<b>Year 12</b>	Alexander Bullimore

### Caltex Best All Rounder Award

Dylan Burgess

### Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program Recipient

Thomas Dove

### ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award

Year 10	Kirtan Swamy
Year 11	Emma Blair
Year 12	Kieran Prendergast

### Victoria University Science Award

Thomas Dove

### Keilor East RSL Sub Branch Award

Shane Wanninger

### Community Award

Cara Cutri

### Roger Smith Memorial Award

Brooke Grech

### Anthony Pryor Student Encouragement Award

Jonathan Van Der Molen

### Pennisi Real Estate Student Encouragement Award

Yvette Youl

### You Psychology, Stand Strong Award

Vincent Bartolo.

### Sue Edwards Memorial Award

Bianca Baressi

### Coughlan Motors Award

Riley Gilbert

### Wireless on Puckle Award

Christian Calabro

### Awards Evening Co-ordinator Nellie Harboard

## Junior School Report

I would like to welcome all our families to the new school year. It was lovely to see our new Year 7 Parents on Wednesday as their sons and daughters headed off to class. It was great to see how quickly our Year 7s settled into their new homerooms.

It has been a smooth start to the year, however if any students or families have any concerns they need to contact the relevant coordinator as soon as possible. Coordinator details are listed below.

It is important that all students have the correct equipment and uniform to make the start of their year as stress free as possible. If there is a reason why diaries, uniform or books have not been purchased can you speak to the appropriate coordinator or myself as soon as you can.

On a lighter note we would like to invite all Year 7 Parents to a Welcome to Rosehill evening to be held on Thursday February 28<sup>th</sup>. A formal invitation will be sent out next week. Hope to see you all there.

**Ann Russell**  
Junior Sub School Coordinator

## Monday Tuition 2013

Students, parents and teachers are all welcome to attend and participate in the afterschool Monday Tuition Program that will commence in the College library for 2013 on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30-4.30 pm and will continue to run every Monday throughout the year. This enhancement and enrichment program is an integral program at Rosehill Secondary College and has proven to be very successful over the many years of its operation in assisting students in completing their homework, class work and research, as library resources will also be available to students. Students attending may also focus on developing their study techniques in preparation for class tests and exams.

Teachers from all key learning areas will be available to cater to students' needs on a weekly basis. Teachers will assist students on a one to one basis or in small groups. Students will see this tuition as an extension of their Monday school program and will continue to learn in the comfort of their own school environment at no extra cost.

There are many benefits of the Monday Tuition Program but above all, this program is easily accessible to students, has no cost incurred whatsoever, and is effective in improving students' study skills, results and confidence to work independently.

For further information regarding the Tuition Program please contact Ms De Goederen.

## College Website

The College website is available for general viewing. It is a wonderful reflection of the College Community and I encourage all parents to browse it and become familiar with its content and usefulness.

[www.rosehillsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.rosehillsc.vic.edu.au)

## 2013 After School Dance Program.

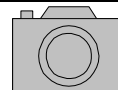
This semester, I am offering students a chance to be part of the After School Dance Program. Here you will learn dance routines to be showcased in the Dance Cabaret, which will be held at the start of Term 3. If you chose to take part in the program, you will stay back after school on either a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday (depending on your year level) from 3:30 - 4:30pm. A levy of \$190 will need to be made at the General Office by the middle of Term 1, and this is to cover your tuition, costumes and venue hire.

This is a fun and challenging experience for all of those who enjoy dancing and performing. It's a great opportunity to be part of the school community and meet students from all year levels.

If you are interested in taking part of this year's dance Cabaret, please listen out for upcoming notices about a lunchtime meeting to discuss the program further. If there are any parents who wish to contact me, please do so at the College - 93372488.

**Ms Marissa Mortellaro**  
Performing Arts Coordinator.

## School Photographs



School photographs will take place on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March. Students will be issued with the order envelope as soon as they are delivered to the school. Students who wish to order photographs must bring the envelope with them on the Friday morning, with the correct money in the envelope or credit card details on the envelope. Students will hand their envelope directly to the photographer as they have their individual portraits taken. Envelopes should **not** be taken to the General Office or given to the home room teachers.

Students who choose not to purchase photographs will still have individual and class photographs taken. Year 7 students will be photographed first. All students are required to wear correct summer uniform including correct shoes.

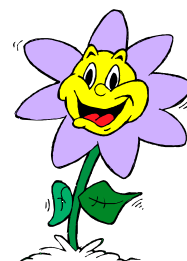
## Attendance

Please contact the Absence Line directly on 9331 9639 if your child is absent or reply with an acknowledgement if you receive a text message from the school.

The Department of Education requires parents to acknowledge all absences. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss on 9331 9639.

**Jo Jacka**  
Student Services

**IT'S NOT OK  
TO BE AWAY**



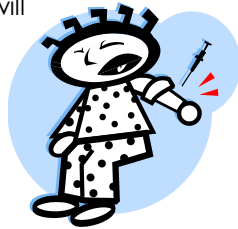
## School Uniform

In general the level of compliance with the uniform policy has been most pleasing. Unfortunately a small number of students are still wearing incorrect shoes. Parents and students are reminded that shoes must be plain black leather/suede (**not canvas**), and, for OH&S reasons, must have either straps or laces to secure them to the foot (e.g. strapless ballet flats are not acceptable). Students are also reminded that large, coloured piercings/stretchers are not permitted. Students failing to comply with the uniform policy will be given detention and repeat offenders will incur harsher penalties. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that a clear uniform standard contributes to the image, the atmosphere and safety within the college.

**Kerry McKay**  
Assistant Principal

## Vaccinations

The first round of vaccinations will take place on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Year 7 students (boys included) will receive vaccinations for Chickenpox and Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). Year 9 boys will receive the HPV vaccine, whilst all Year 10s will have the Boosterix vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis/whooping cough). Cards will be distributed to students in the next week, along with an information pamphlet about HPV. The pamphlet will also be available on the college website.



## Electronic Newsletter

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Rosehill Secondary College Newsletter is produced fortnightly and is available online. Please ensure the College has your correct email details by **completing** the following request if your details have changed or need updating. The email we send is a notification only advising the newsletter is available on our website, [www.rosehillsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.rosehillsc.vic.edu.au)

Hardcopies of the newsletter can be collected from the General Office after the final bell on the applicable Friday.

The Newsletter is also available on the **College Website** if you do not wish to have the Newsletter notification emailed to you.

The College website is [www.rosehillsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.rosehillsc.vic.edu.au)

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOMEROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

## Library News

Students in Years 8-12 should retain their Library ID card from last year until they are issued with a new one. This will not happen until at least the end of Term 1. After they receive their new card, it is a good idea to retain the old card as an emergency ID. Year 7 students and other students new to the school are able to borrow without a card until one is issued.



## Education Resource Charge

A reminder to parents that the Material and Resource charge is now due.

Year 7 – 10	\$200
Year 11 – 12 VCE	\$250
Year 11 – 12 VCAL	\$100

This charge covers School diaries, Locker hire, Library ID Card, School Magazine. For VCE students it also covers motivational speakers. This amount or \$100 deposit (Yr 7 – 10) or \$150 deposit (Yr 11 -12) and full payment for VCAL is due by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2013. Lockers have already been issued to students and diaries will be distributed once payment has been made. Diaries will be distributed the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> February. Padlocks are not included in this fee and can be purchased separately for \$22.00. Parents facing extreme financial hardship can make alternative arrangements by contacting the Business Manager

## From 'Can't Do to Can Do'

Andrew Fuller is a Clinical Psychologist and Family Therapist with The Resilience Institute Fellow, Departments of Psychiatry and Learning and Educational Development University of Melbourne Scientific Consultant for the ABC series "Whatever: the science of teens"

He is also an Ambassador for Mind Matters Member, National Centre Against Bullying

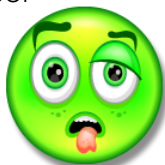
Andrew Fuller has produced an article on how parents can develop a "Can do " attitude in their kids. This article is available for viewing on [www.andrewfuller.com.au](http://www.andrewfuller.com.au)

Andrew Fuller can be contacted on  
Ph: 9894 3939

## Sick Bay and Contact Details

Please ensure contact and emergency details are up to date. If your child is unwell please do not send them to school. Students are permitted to carry panadol for personal use in their bags if needed.

Personal medication for Hay fever, Diabetes, Asthma and anaphylaxis can be stored at the General Office and administered as needed. The College is **NOT** permitted to supply these medications to students without their own personal supplies. If your child is unwell, our College policy is to monitor the student for 10 to 15 minutes. If there is no improvement we ask the student to contact the parent to collect them. If a parent cannot be contacted a secondary emergency contact will be called.



If your child has a pre-existing injury please ensure it is adequately bandaged or strapped prior to attending school.

## Traffic Around the College

The College would like to remind parents to adhere to local traffic regulations around the school. The streets most affected are Sapphire Street, Ida Street and Alfred Street. The main concerns are parking in 'No Standing and No Stopping' areas, double parking, speeding and parking in and on neighbouring driveways and nature strips. It is illegal to do a right hand turn into Rosehill Road from Sapphire Street between the hours of 8 to 9am and 3 to 4pm.

Irresponsible parking practices are not only placing students in danger but are also teaching them bad habits. If you are picking up of an afternoon, please encourage students to walk and meet you in adjoining streets. This not only encourages fitness but you may actually find it is faster than being blocked in and unable to go anywhere in a congested street.

Please show consideration to the College neighbours, other traffic and most importantly to students of the College.

Avondale Heights Police will also be doing random checks for cars doing the illegal turn into Rosehill Road.

### **BE AWARE**

**Traffic Infringement officers from the local Council do random checks around the College and issue fines and infringement notices for breaches in local road laws. These fines are not given at the time of the offence but are issued via the post shortly after the offence. If you have any disputes concerning any fines issued please contact the Council and not the College.**



## Student Accident Insurance

Parents are reminded that Rosehill Secondary College does not have a whole of school Student Accident Insurance policy. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. However the Department cannot advise parents/guardian on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that parents/guardians seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.

## Drummond Street Services

Wishing you a happy new year from everyone at Drummond street services.

The latest Calendar and information for available seminars with Drummond street services is now available on their web site [www.ds.org.au](http://www.ds.org.au).

As a member of our mailing list hopefully you, your friends or family could benefit from one of groups or seminars listed. If you have any particular needs or interests that aren't relevant to the current groups and seminars feel free to get in touch to chat about other programs coming up, register your interest for future groups or to share your ideas. Our organization offers a variety of services including youth services, hands on parenting education and counselling services – if you're interested in finding our more please see our website [www.ds.org.au](http://www.ds.org.au)

Over the next few months we will be offering groups and seminars in Werribee as well as Carlton so please get in touch for the latest information on what's available for you, your friends or family.

If you would like to book a place or have any questions at all please do not hesitate to get in touch with our Intake Worker Sarah on 9663 6733.

