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### CALENDAR

**Term 1 Dates – 29<sup>th</sup> January to 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

**Year 7 Netbook Rollout 5.30pm to 8pm  
Notice to be distributed to students advising  
of times**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**Swimming Carnival – Coburg Olympic Pool**

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

**Year 7 & 10 Vaccinations  
Year 9 Boys Vaccinations**

**Friday 7<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 2014 are reminded to please submit application forms to the General Office as soon as possible.

**Applications close 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014.  
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 2014. The first day for students on Wednesday went extremely smoothly and after an extended Home Room session 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 1166 students, including 226 starting in Year 7. Our population is now almost half boys and half girls something we have been striving to achieve for many years. We continue to be 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. The large number of students that we have at the College enables us to continue to fund the many great educational programs that we have in place and search for new ones. It also allows us to maintain our facilities and look to new building projects without relying on Government funding.

In terms of funding we were disappointed with the amount of extra money given to us under the Better Schools Funding (Previously Gonski). Overall we received an extra \$16,000. Taking into account cuts to EMA funding and VCAL we are no better off than we were before. This is disappointing but we are still a school that is managing its finances extremely well. All students will benefit.

### Strategic Review and Self Evaluation

During the first half of this year we will be undergoing a major self-evaluation before we set up our new Strategic Plan for the next four years. We will be running a series of forums throughout the school community with the support of School Council. More information will be forthcoming over the next few weeks so if you are interested in joining some discussion groups keep up to date with the Newsletter.

### Anaphylaxis

According to Government guidelines each school is required to develop an Anaphylaxis management plan with the community. We have come to realise that as a result of this individual schools have different plans. This is especially evident for us as we have found that those students affected come from a range of Primary schools with different plans in place. Parents come to Rosehill and may expect that the plans are the same in all schools. We will be holding a parent forum soon so that we can set up a consistent plan as we need to be on the same page. We will be contacting parents shortly.

### Subschool Coordination Positions

All the Subschool Coordination positions have now been finalised.

#### Senior School

##### Leading Teacher Head of Senior School

- Mr Simon Phelan

##### Year 12 coordinator

- Mr Colin Thompson

##### Year 11 coordinator

- Ms Heidi Bowles

##### Assistant Year 11/12 Coordinator

- Mr Rob Houghton

##### Year 10 Coordinator

- Ms Nadia Vossos

##### Assistant Year 10 Coordinator

- Ms Marissa Mortellaro

#### Junior School

##### Leading Teacher Head of Junior School

- Ms Ann Russell

##### Year 9 Coordinator

- Mr Grant Martens

##### Assistant Year 9 Coordinator

- Ms Laura Jago

##### Year 8 Coordinator

- Mr Matthew Hosking

##### Assistant Year 8 Coordinator

- Ms Annette Ellis

##### Year 7 Coordinator

- Mr Will Stubbings

##### Assistant Year 7 Coordinator

- Ms Alice Benson

### Staffing

The major change to our staffing is that Ms Lynden Fielding, who was in an acting Assistant Principal Position, is no longer at Rosehill. Ms Sandra Smart has returned from leave to resume her position.

We have nine new staff. They are:

**Dimitra Adam:** Dimitra is a very experienced teacher who has been working in the Northern Region. She will be working in the English/Humanities area and has had experience as a Literacy Coach and as an English KLA leader. Her skills will be an asset to our community.

**Sarah Jane Baker:** Sarah will be working in the Maths/Science area. She is a graduate with industrial laboratory experience and she has also worked extensively in the tutoring industry.

**Laura Di Sisto:** Laura had experience with us in 2013 and she is returning on a part time basis to fill some gaps that have arisen in the Italian Language area.

**Bree Falla:** Bree will be working in the Art KLA area. She has been teaching now for four years in both the Government and Private systems.

**Matthew Schulte:** Matthew for the last two years has been working in Europe at an International School. Previous to that he had experience working in two

Secondary Colleges as well as being a Year 8 Coordinator. He will be working in the Phys Ed area.

**Virginia Singleton:** Virginia is a graduate but worked in our Art KLA area during 2013. She already knows the school well and will be with us for Term 1.

**Rhiannon Smith:** Rhiannon has been working in a Government school for the last three years and has been teaching English, including Year 12. She has had experience implementing a reading program for Year 7 students and has also been a coordinator at the Junior level.

**Bethany Tattersall:** Bethany is a graduate teacher but has had six months experience in a Government school. She will be working in the English KLA.

**Corrie Wheare:** Has been teaching interstate for a number of years and will be working in the Maths/Science area.

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

### Facilities

Due to the growth in our school we have experienced a need to ensure that we keep up with maintenance issues. I am pleased to announce that we have now appointed our maintenance person, Ges Vella to a full time position. Ges has been working with us for a number of years but only on a part time basis. He is a valuable asset to the College with many tradesman like skills. Like all members of the school community he takes great pride in the college and works extremely hard looking after our physical environment. He gets on well with students and often helps them out with things like locker issues or balls on roofs etc.

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

*Peter Rouse*  
*Principal*

## 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**

## Rosehill Secondary College 2013 Awards

The Annual Rosehill Secondary College Awards Evening was held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013. The Awards Evening provided a great opportunity to celebrate the successes of our students and also included the induction of the 2014 School Captains, Madelyn Boland and Katerina Tsaroumis. Awards for academic excellence were presented in all Key Learning Areas and we also acknowledged the outstanding achievement of our students in all Year 12 subjects studied at the College. A number of special awards were also presented throughout the evening, including the inaugural Optima Semper, Best Always Award.

### Year Level Dux Awards

Year 7 Irene Manakas                      Year 8 Natalie Mullins  
Year 9 Danielle Egan                      Year 10 William Wei  
Year 11 Thomas Dove  
Year 12 Andrew Karageorge

### Optima Semper, Best Always Awards

Year 7 Isabella Bianchi                      Year 8 Jack Thynne  
Year 9 Elisha Elkin                      Year 10 Brooke Grech  
Year 11 Kirstyn Eadie

### ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award

Year 10 Kara Blair  
Year 12 Emma Blair

### Anthony Pryor Student Encouragement Award

Christie Giao and Katie Giao

### Caltex Best All Rounder Award

Caitlyn Rustem

### Community Award

Kirtan Swamy

### Coughlan Motors Award

Lachlan Johansson

### Insight Publications English Encouragement Award

Kirstyn Eadie

### Institute of Chartered Accountants Year 12 Accounting Award

Sarah Genovese

### Keilor East RSL Sub Branch Award

Lloyd Bunning

### Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program Recipients

Emily Branagan and William Wei

### Pennisi Real Estate Student Encouragement Award

Claudia Ciccone

### Roger Smith Memorial Award

Shaun Pinto

### School Sport Victoria Academic and Sporting Achievement Award

Kurk Bennett

### Sue Edwards Memorial Award

Amy Thompson

### Victoria University Science Award

William Wei

### You Psychology, Stand Strong Award

Brooke Sutton

**Awards Evening Co-ordinator**  
**Nellie Harboard**

## Monday Tuition 2014

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 2014 on Monday 10<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.

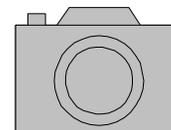
## College Website

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)

## School Photographs

School photographs will take place on Friday, 7<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 recorded 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. 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.

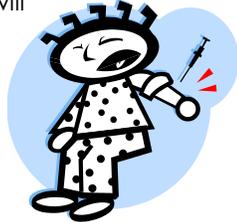


**Carmel White**  
Student Services

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

## Vaccinations

The first round of vaccinations will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. 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 shortly, along with an information pamphlet about HPV. The pamphlet will also be available on the college website. Students are required to return their signed cards even if they are not having the vaccinations.



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERED EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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. **Students who have outstanding items from last year are not able to borrow until these materials have been returned.**



## 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 7<sup>th</sup> February 2014. 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.

Gym Sac are also available for \$6 and will be distributed in the same week.

Parents facing extreme financial hardship can make alternative arrangements by contacting the Business Manager

## 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.

## Science News

This year, we will again be using Edmodo in our science classrooms. Edmodo is a free and secure social learning network for teachers, students and schools. It provides a safe and easy way for us to communicate, share subject content like worksheets, access homework and school notices.

Edmodo also offers parent accounts and I'd like to invite you to join our classroom online.

### **With Parent Accounts, you can:**

- View your child's homework assignments and due dates
- Receive updates on class and school events

Edmodo is accessible online and on any mobile device with Internet capabilities (they also offer a free iPhone and Android app). You can access your account on the go, and adjust your notification settings within Edmodo to receive alerts via text or email. You won't have to ask "do you have homework", you will know and when it's due.

In the coming weeks your child will be coming home with a unique parent code for science (and even some other subjects). Please ask your child about this and take the time to join.

### **To join Edmodo, follow these steps:**

1. Go to [www.edmodo.com](http://www.edmodo.com)
2. Select "Parent Signup" (the link is located below the student and teacher sign up buttons)
3. Key in your unique code, in the Parent Code field, then create your unique username and password.
4. Select Sign Up. That's all there is to it!

After you sign up for the first time, you will no longer need the parent code – you'll login using your unique username and password to login. Please ensure you keep this safe.

If you require more information please contact your child's teacher and they will be happy to help you.

Look forward to seeing you on Edmodo!

### **Science Department Staff**



**The BRAVE Program:  
Beating Back to School  
Anxiety!**

For children and teenagers with Social Anxiety, returning back to school can be difficult. Concerns about new

classmates or teachers, and other school related activities like presenting oral reports, participating in class activities, or making new friendship groups can cause much anxiety. But there is help available... and it's online!

A team of researchers (BRAVE Team) at Griffith University, University of Southern Queensland, and the University of Queensland are seeking teenagers (13-17 years) and children (8-12 years) suffering from social anxiety; a fear of being negatively judged by others, or extreme shyness.

The BRAVE program aims to help children and their parents learn strategies for managing social anxiety and teach techniques to cope with anxiety-provoking social situations. The treatment program involves between 7-12 online sessions for participants, with each session taking approximately an hour to complete. Families are charged a one-off fee of \$120 to assist in covering treatment costs and will also be asked to complete questionnaires and telephone interviews. However, families will receive a rebate of \$25 in vouchers each time they complete a post-treatment assessment.

For more information, or to register your interest in the program, please visit the BRAVE ONLINE website: [www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/socialanxiety](http://www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/socialanxiety). Alternatively, you can call the BRAVE team on (07) 3735 3312 or Email: [brave@psy.uq.edu.au](mailto:brave@psy.uq.edu.au). For further information, pay a visit to our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/braveforanxiety](http://www.facebook.com/braveforanxiety)

Investigators: Prof. Sue Spence, Dr Caroline Donovan & Dr Sonja March - Project Coordinators: Laura Uhlmann Ph: (07) 3735 3312  
Gemma Bettens (Ph: (07) 3735 1807)



Once again Rosehill is seeking host families for 10 Japanese students from our sister school, Kogakkan High School. The students will be in Melbourne for approximately 14 days from the last week of July to the first week of August.

The exchange program between Kogakkan High School and Rosehill Secondary College has been running for more than 10 years and has been very rewarding for students and families alike. During previous trips to Japan, Rosehill students have had the opportunity to catch up with students they hosted in Australia.

If you are interested in hosting a student, please return the slip below to Mrs Smart or Mr Hayakawa. If you would like additional information about the homestay program such as how much money is provided and what needs to be covered, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Takanori HAYAKAWA

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**Homestay Program**

I would like to host a Japanese student for approximately two weeks.

PARENT NAME:

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STUDENT NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_

TUTOR GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_

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PETS OWNED: NO ( ) YES ( )

There is/are a smoker/s in my family NO ( )  
YES ( )

Parent Signature:

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