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Term 1 - 2016

Tuesday 16th February

Year 7 (2016) Parent Information Evening

Friday 26th February

Whole School Photo Day

Tuesday 1st March

Year 7 Vaccinations

Thursday 3rd March

Whole School Swimming Carnival at Oak Park Swimming Centre

Monday 8th March

Parent Teacher Booking System Open
Booking Code to be advised

Monday 14th March

Labour Day – Public Holiday

Tuesday 15th March

Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 16th March

Rosefest 2016

24th March

End of Term Students dismissed at 12.30pm

11th April 2015

Term 2 Starts

Late to School

Please continue to contact the Attendance Line directly on **9331 9639** or logging into the COMPASS System.

New Year 7 Parents will be issued log in codes and passwords in the coming weeks.

General Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8.30 – 3.30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to a special introductory edition of the Rosehill Secondary College Newsletter for the start of 2016. I would like to start by welcoming all members of the community back to the new school year and am pleased that all our staff and students have returned healthy and safe. A very special welcome also goes out to our new Year 7 students and their families.

2015 was again a successful year in the history of Rosehill with another year of excellent VCE results. We have started this year off with 1177 students, 25 students more than this time last year.

Bomb Hoaxes

The safety and well being of our students are a top priority at Rosehill. As you are aware a number of schools have been receiving bomb hoaxes. We have our emergency evacuation processes ready to go and we are running refresher sessions this week. If we do get a bomb hoax we will immediately contact the police and then move our students to the oval where they have designated areas to meet. If police advise us to move off site we have arrangements with St Bernard's and with the Western Autistic School to use their land as an evacuation location.

In the Herald Sun on Thursday 4th February there is reference to Principals asking for the Education Department to pay for automatic messaging systems so that parents can be contacted. We have our own systems in place and have been using for these for at least six years now. We will be contacting parents immediately if we receive a bomb threat. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you need clarification on any of these points.

Staffing

As most of the members of our community are aware Ms Smart, one of our Assistant Principals resigned from teaching at the end of last year. Ms Snow has been appointed in her place. We have three Assistant Principals:

- **Ms Kerry McKay:** Ms McKay works closely with our coordinators and oversees discipline and welfare issues relating to all students. Amongst her many other jobs are the organisation of Vaccinations and School Photos. She is a key contact person in these areas but it is best to consult with coordinators or the office before making contact with her.

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Principal Report Continued

- **Ms Frances Snow:** Ms Snow will oversee Curriculum, OHS, Daily Organisation and Handbooks.
- **Mr Arthur Soumalias:** Mr Soumalias constructs the timetable, manages our assessment and reporting processes, ICT and student enrolments. He is the key person for ICT/Laptops/BYOD.

New Staff

We have nine new staff members starting with us this year. I have provided a brief outline of their background and qualifications and you will quickly see that we have recruited well:

Mr Andy Patch has been appointed as a Leading Teacher Head of Mathematics. Andy was the head of Maths at Rosehill up until around five years ago before he spent some time as a Network Improvement Consultant and an Assistant Principal at two primary schools. He is very keen to move back into the Secondary school environment.

Ms Chloe Gulbenkian will be taking up a Maths Science Graduate position. Chloe has been working with us for a term and has shown a great deal of potential. She is also an ex student from Rosehill. Chloe has a Bachelor of Biotechnology and Cell Biology, an Honours in Biochemistry and a Masters in Teaching from the University of Melbourne. She also spent some time in 2015 working at the Gene Technology Access Centre (GTAC) at University High School.

Ms Liesl Pope has also been appointed to a Maths Science Position. Liesl had been teaching for two years at a large Secondary College on the other side of Melbourne and has had broad experiences teaching junior maths and science, and some VCAL. She has a Bachelor of Science and a Graduate Diploma in Education. She was invited to join the Golden Key Society at Latrobe University a society that recognizes the top 15% of their students.

Ms Nagla Mekail has accepted a Maths/IT position. Nagla has been teaching now for five years in Australia. She holds an Honours Degree in Management Science specializing in Computer and Information Systems, Certificate qualifications in Accounting and a Graduate Diploma in Secondary Education. Nagla is also able to teach English as an Additional Language and has also been a VCAA Oral Language Assessor.

Ms Fiona Morabito is an experienced teacher in both English and Italian at all year levels. She has also had experience as a Year 12 coordinator. She holds a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Italian, a Graduate Diploma in Education as well as a Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies majoring in Japanese.

Ms Felicity Creed has been teaching in Darwin for some time. She is taking up a Japanese and Humanities teaching position enabling us to meet the demands of our growing Japanese program. Felicity holds a Bachelor of Arts with a Japanese major, and has lived and studied the Japanese language in Osaka. As well as her Graduate Diploma in Education she is currently studying in her Masters of Literacy at Melbourne University.

Ms Elisa Errichiello is taking up an Art/Humanities position. She is an experienced teacher having taught in schools around Melbourne and in England and has had experience as Head of Arts. She holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Graduate Diploma in Art and Design, as well as Education, and a Diploma in Management.

Ms Beth Cook is taking up a VisCom/Art position. She has been teaching for two years, more recently at a large secondary College in Ballarat. As well as her Art qualifications she has been completing a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Sociology and History. She seems to have been a fairly busy person over the years coaching soccer and rowing, as well as being involved in the performing Arts.

Ms Teagan Boadle is a graduate teacher taking up a Phys Ed position. Teagan is also qualified to teach Mathematics. She has had coaching experience in the area of rowing and was a Federation University Student Mentor for two years.

On behalf of the College Community I would like to welcome them all.

Coordinators

The following is a list of the Year level coordinators and assistants for 2016:

Junior School Leader

Year 7 Matt Hosking
Year 8 Grant Martens
Year 9 Laura Jago

Ms Ann Russell

Assistant Alice Benson
Assistant Chelsea Giannino
Assistant Leesa Brooke

Senior School Leader

Year 10 Renee Marcuzzi
Year 11 Nadia Vossos
Year 12 Heidi Bowles

Mr Simon Phelan

Assistant Annette Ellis
Assistant Marissa Aquilina
Assistant Sirocha Bruckard

Each of these people can be contacted through the General Office.

Facilities



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Three main areas of work have been carried out over the Summer holidays.

Firstly, both the boys and girls toilets have been completely refurbished and a new epoxy flooring surface installed. This work has brightened them up considerably and given them a clean, fresh and modern look. It was carried out in response to student requests through School Council and the students I have spoken to this year are very happy with the renovations.

Secondly, the final work on the raising of the B Block corridor roofing has been completed and this will enable us to install an Art Gallery at some stage this year. The air conditioning in the classrooms in this area of the school has also been updated.

Lastly, new locker bays have been built to alleviate overcrowding in the B Block corridor. These lockers will house half our Year 10 students.

Note that all our facility upgrades have been carried out with savings made in our financial operations from year to year. The same applies to the teaching and learning programs that we have put in place now and into the future. Our sound management practices with the support of School Council have enabled this to occur.

After School Tuition Program

Please note that due to timetable changes the after school Tuition Program will be held in the Library on Wednesdays after school until 4.30. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to get extra assistance.

School Council Elections

Within the next two weeks we will be calling for nominations for our School Council. All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a School Council is able to influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Parents on our School Council provide us with important viewpoints and have valuable skills and expertise. When the time comes you might seriously consider:

- standing for election as a member of the School Council.
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

When does School Council meet and how often?

The Rosehill Secondary College School Council meets twice a term (8 meetings).

- Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month and commence at 5:15pm and are held in the Conference Room.

If you are interested more detailed information will be in the next newsletter. Contact Judith Wright, the Business Manager, for further information – 9337 2488.

Peter Rouse
Principal

Electronic Newsletter

Rosehill Secondary College Newsletter is produced fortnightly and is available on the College Website and via the COMPASS News feed. Hardcopies of the newsletter can be collected from the General Office. Our website can be accessed at www.rosehillsc.vic.edu.au

CSEF - Camps, Sport & Excursions Fund 2016

Do you hold a Health Care Card or similar concession card valid at 27th January 2016?

If so, you are likely to be eligible for CSEF funding for your child.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$225 per year is paid to the school to cover the cost of camps, sporting activities, excursions and incursions. A special consideration eligibility category also exists. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to your child for the duration of his/her enrolment at Rosehill.

One uniform package per year (either summer or winter) is also available for each eligible Year 7 student.

Application forms are available from the General Office. A copy of the current health care card must also be attached.

Applications should be lodged at the office by 24th February.

Late applications will not be accepted

Kerry McKay
Assistant Principal



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Photograph Day

Photograph Day will take place on Friday, 26th February. All students will have their photographs taken on the day, irrespective of whether or not parents are planning to order photographs.

However, parents and students are reminded that students must be in complete and correct college uniform or their photographs will not be included in the class photograph package or the college photograph booklet.

In particular, in accordance with the Rosehill Uniform Policy, the following are not permitted:

- Hair dyed un-natural colours
- Extreme hair styles
- Facial piercings
- Excessive or unusual make-up

Students have 3 weeks to correct any of the above issues prior to Photograph Day. Photograph orders are made through the Compass on-line parent portal. Information regarding this will be distributed to parents shortly.

Year 7 Parent Evening

A Year 7 parent evening will be held on 16th February. Students will be given an invitation to this and parents are asked to RSVP for organisational purposes.

Kerry McKay
Assistant Principal

Introducing the School Captains for 2016

Congratulations to Isaac Munoz and Stefanie Kirifi who have been appointed as the College Captains for 2016.

Michael Freedman
Student Engagement Coordinator



Swimming Carnival



This year our annual swimming event will take place on Thursday 3rd March at the Oak Park Swimming Centre. Permission notes will be distributed at a later date. Please ensure your child pays the \$8.00 fee either at the office or through their school fees prior to Wednesday 24th February. Families with CSEF funding are able to use this to pay for the excursion. Keep your fingers crossed for great weather!

Mitchell Gaunt
Sports Coordinator

Netbook Usage 2016 – BYOD BYOD – Bring Your Own Device

All outstanding payments for Laptops should have been paid by the end of 2015. Please make all payments as soon as possible.

Non payment of outstanding costs is a breach of the contract and the Lease Company will demand the laptop be returned to them immediately.

By the end of 2016 all students will be using a BYOD device and a suggested timeline has been developed for it's implementation.

Year 8	Completed in 2015
Year 11&12	Term 1 week beginning 1st February (week2) and continuing into week 3
Year 7	Term 1 week beginning 8th February (week 3)
Year 10	Term 2 week beginning 2nd May (week 4)
Year 9	Term 3 week beginning 11th July (week1)

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 have 3 options:

(Students please note that to bring a new device to school you must return your 1:1 device to be wiped of the school image – The laptop and all outstanding payments made.) Laptop will be returned to student.

1. Return their netbook and buy a recommended device through the parent portal which has been set up through JB HIFI or buy direct from an independent store.



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2.. Continue to use their current device and be aware that it will no longer be maintained by the school, all maintenance will need to be outsourced.

The JB HiFi BYOD Portal can be found at www.jbeducation.com.au/byod and the school code will be Rosehill2016.

The devices offered by JB cannot be purchased retail and are especially chosen for their durability and suitability for education use.

It will be an expectation before students can enter the BYOD program they must read the conditions and expectations of the device usage. These expectations can be read in the Rosehill Secondary College Linxu Bring Your Own Device handbook. These handbooks will be distributed upon request to enter the BYOD program. The Acceptable Use Policy must also be completed and submitted before any device is placed on the school network. This policy will also be distributed with the handbook.

**Arthur Soumalias
Assistant Principal**

Footwear Requirements



THREE SIMPLE RULES FOR BUYING SCHOOL SHOES

- 1. ARE THE SHOES ALL BLACK
- 2. ARE THE SHOES ALL LEATHER OR SUEDE
- 3. ARE THE SHOES BELOW THE ANKLE



Students, parents and teachers are all welcome to attend and participate in the RSC Tuition Program that is now available in the college library every Wednesday afternoon from 3.30 – 4.30 pm. Tuition will be commencing on Wednesday 10th February.

Due to staff timetabling for 2016, the Tuition Program has been altered from Monday afternoons to Wednesday afternoons for 2016. I am hoping that this alteration does not inconvenience parents and students greatly and that attendance will continue to be as successful as it has always been for 2016.

This enhancement and enrichment program has proven to be very successful in assisting students in completing their homework, classwork and assignment work. The improvement of literacy and numeracy skills has been an important priority for students attending, as well as the development of 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. This program is easily accessible to students, has no cost incurred and is effective in improving study skills, results and the confidence in students to work independently.

For further information regarding the Wednesday Tuition Program, please contact Ms De Goederen on 9337 2488 or email: degoederen.nina.n@edumail.vic.gov.au

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