Welcome. We are now mid-way through Term 3 and as usual time is moving very quickly. Enrolments for Year 7 in 2014 have been finalised and we will have over 220 students entering the College. We also have many students wishing to enrol at other levels and Mr Soumalias has been kept very busy processing these.

**International Students**

I returned yesterday from a week-long trip to South Korea with the DEECD. Our objective was to meet key agents in Seoul and to exhibit at two Austrade forums, one in Seoul and one in Busan, which is located on the southern end of the country. During the forums we were briefed by Austrade about the importance of the foreign student market and the Australian economy. The school sector is relatively small compared to the University and TAFE sectors but we still provide a vital service for those students entering the country to do VCE before moving to University. Vietnam and China are the countries that provide most of the students to Australia but the Korean market is growing again after a slow down due to the rising Australian dollar. Mr Soumalias has recently returned from China where, like me, he met with agents to introduce them to Rosehill.

At Rosehill we have four international students enrolled and we hope to build this number in the future. The DEECD, with the help of agents, selects schools in which to place foreign students so it was important for us to detail the strengths of our College compared to other schools. We were able to talk about the large range of subjects we can offer students, a tailored curriculum to build individual student talents, our University Maths and STEP programs, and our newly strengthened English as an Additional Language (EAL) program.

**From the Principal**

Please contact Jo via the absence line on 9331 9639 if you need to report an absence.

Jo Jacka
Student Services

Peter Rouse
Principal
Students Arriving Late To School

The college has been concerned that a number of students are arriving late on a regular basis. When a student arrives late to school in the morning, they must sign in at the General Office before going to class. It is expected that the student will have an explanatory note or that an explanatory phone call will be made by a parent around the time of the student's arrival.

Students will receive a half-lunch detention when they arrive late without an explanatory note or phone call. This process has reduced the number of students arriving late to school. Parents are reminded that students are expected to arrive prior to Home Room which commences at 8.55am.

Keny McKay
Assistant Principal

Cirque Du Rose DVD On Sale NOW LASTCHANCE

Cirque Du Rose' DVD's are available to purchase. Students need to pre-order and pay at the General Office prior to Friday 6th September.
Cost - $25. DVD's cannot be purchased after this date.

Marissa Mortellaro
Performing Arts Coordinator

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 Hayfever, 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.

It is preferred that students contact parents via the General office rather than from personal phones. This reduces the inconvenience to parents who arrive and have to wait until the child is located. The College does not make announcements during class time as it is too disruptive to the whole school.

Italy Tour

Plans are well underway for our trip to Italy next year and our first information evening is coming up shortly. Further information will follow shortly.

Maria Viglione
Italy Tour Coordinator

Year 8 Girls Basketball

On Monday 19th July our Year 8 Girls Basketball team headed to Coburg to play in the Moonee Valley District competition.

We won our first two games by narrow margins which placed us at the top of our pool. Our semi-final, against Strathmore Secondary College, was extremely close. We had a decent lead at one point during the second half but the momentum changed. Strathmore came out firing and managed to claw their way back in front by 8 points. With the game nearly out of reach, the girls led by Tyla Anderson, never gave up. We managed to level the scores just before the buzzer to give us 3 minutes extra time.

With momentum on our side, our Rosehill girls kept at it. Stress levels were sky-high but well worth it as we walked away with a 4 point win in the final 3 minutes. Unfortunately we went down by 19 points in the grand final against Buckley Park Secondary College.

Our girls; Tyla Anderson, Ash Gugala, Shamee Cootee, Chloe Bartlett, Hannah Pavlidis, Olivia Gerada, Taylah Luci, Lily Purvinas, Gab Clark and Taya Christian were fantastic both on and off the court and I am so pleased with their efforts! A special mention goes to Tyla Anderson who seemed to be everywhere on the court and was a nightmare for our opposition and to Gab Clark for being the smallest on the court yet managed to get numerous rebounds!

Congratulations girls, bring on 2014.

Laura Jago
Senior Girls Basketball

After winning the Moonee Valley District competition earlier in the year, the Senior Girls Basketball team competed in the Western Metropolitan Zone held in Werribee in late July. The girls got off to a slow start against Tarneit College and were trailing by a few points for most of the game. With only seconds on the clock in the second half and down by 1 point, Rebekah Beaton-McNicol hit a match winning 3-pointer to take us into the second round with a win!

The girls defeated Lakeview Secondary College in their next match with ease. Shots started dropping and the girls displayed great teamwork. We finished first in our pool and therefore qualified for the grand final which was very pleasing. Unfortunately we finished second best to Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College, going down 30-19. Both teams were desperate for the win and played well.

Our Rosehill girls displayed great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the day and should be commended on their achievements.

To Emily Lawn, Jess Moloney, Elise Nunn and Elisha Wain of Year 12; thanks for your efforts in both district and regional games. To Rebekah Beaton McNicol, Jenna Geary, Tyler Watt, Stacey Gorkowski and Tatjana Sagi...Bring on next year!!

Laura Jago

40 Hour Famine

Big congratulations to the students who signed up to give up something for 40 hours. Students went without from 9:15pm last Wednesday 21st August and finished at 1:15pm on Friday 23rd August with a well-deserved catered lunch. Donations can still be made on the 40 Hour Famine website to the Rosehill Secondary College page.

Rosehill Trivia Night
Friday 11th October 6:30pm for a 7pm start
Tickets will be available from the General Office as of Friday 13th September

Traffic

The College would like to remind parents to adhere to local traffic regulations around the school.

The main concerns are parking in ‘No Standing’ areas, double parking, speeding and parking in and across the College and neighbouring driveways. Please pay special attention to the “No Right Hand Turn” into Rosehill Road within the restricted hours. It is very frustrating when some drivers show little consideration for those abiding by the road rules which causes general frustration and displays ill manners.

Irresponsible parking practices are not only placing students in danger but are also teaching them bad habits. Parking on the nature strips and across driveways may incur fines.

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

Police and traffic Infringement officers from the local Council do random checks around the College and will issue fines and infringement notices for breaches in local road laws.

Please do not contact the College office to query any fines issued; please contact the Moonee Valley City Council if you have any queries.

Free Tutoring

The College offers free after school tuition in the Library each **Monday afternoon from 3:30-4:30.** Teachers from a range of subject areas attend to assist students of all year levels with their work. All Students are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

For further information regarding the Tuition Program please contact Ms De Goederen.
The rollout of Netbooks to Year 8 students will complete the implementation of 1:1 mobile personal devices to students from Years 7 – 11 at Rosehill Secondary College.

The number of Netbooks at each level is a total of 952:
- 216 – Year 7
- 207 – Year 8
- 170 – Year 9
- 180 – Year 10
- 179 – Year 11

From the commencement of the 2014 school year, 1:1 mobile personal devices will be College-wide, with the families of 2014 Year 7 students being invited to participate in Rosehill’s LINXU 1:1 User Pay Program at the ‘Getting to Know You’ evening on 17th September this term.

Our focus is now on:
- Students bringing their Netbook to school every day fully charged
- Proper care of Netbooks by students and reporting of any faults to the ICT Support Centre
- Use of Netbooks as a tool for teaching and learning, including ongoing professional learning opportunities for staff
- Ensuring a first class student and staff ICT experience through Internet provision, Network system and other infrastructure analysis and strategic planning.

The following set of rules has been drafted to be an inclusive list of advice for students so that their 1:1 Netbook usage is as trouble free as possible. These rules have been communicated to students at Home Group meetings during yesterday and today and a copy will be distributed to all students in Years 7 – 11 next week. You are invited to provide comment and feedback by next Wednesday 4th September: rosehill.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au.

'The Rosehill Netbook Rules' incorporate key 'Conditions of Use', as per agreements signed by parents and students prior to Netbook distribution, as well as advice for proper care.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS - ‘DO’

P1 Bring your Netbook to school every day fully charged
P2 Lift your Netbook out of its protective carry case before you use it – otherwise it can overheat and be expensive to repair
P3 Save your Netbook power by reducing your screen brightness and further prolong your daily battery hours by using optimal power saving modes
P4 Keep your Netbook locked in your locker during the school day when you are not in class
P5 Take your Netbook home every night
P6 Back up your D Drive every night

P7 Only install software that is licensed to you or your family
P8 Report any issues to the IT Student Support Centre next to C1 as soon as possible – so that the repair can be actioned

NEGATIVE BEHAVIOIRS - ‘DO NOT’

N1 Carry your Netbook without its protective Everki Clamshell Case
N2 Carry ANYTHING inside your Netbook case e.g. don’t carry a USB, a mouse, a book, sheets of paper, a pen or an EarPod/audio cable – these can cause your screen to crack
N3 Hold your Netbook along the top or side of the screen to open, close or move it – this can cause your screen to crack
N4 Bring your adapter to school – charging must be done at home
N5 Leave your Netbook at school overnight in your locker
N6 Allow any other person to use your Netbook
N7 Insert a USB belonging to another person into your Netbook or loan your schoolwork USB to another person
N8 Share your passwords with any other person
N9 Close you Netbook with anything inside e.g. pen, USB, finger – this can cause your screen to crack or damage to the keyboard

WARNING: There have been some incidents recently whereby students have been identified bringing their Netbook to school in their school bag without its carry case. This has resulted in damage to various components, including the hard drive, base plate and keyboard.

Parents and students are reminded that damage caused by negligence and lack of due care will not be covered by warranty. The full cost of repair will be charged to families in Years 9 – 11 e.g. $142 for a cracked screen, $66 for a power adaptor, $61 for a battery, $42 for an upper case and $27 for a missing key / keyboard. Non-warranty repairs for Years 7 and 8 incur the insurance excess payment of $50.

Netbooks: Student Support Centre

Students are encouraged to take their Netbooks to the Student Support Centre next to the Computer Laboratory C1 as soon as possible once there is an issue or fault needing technical support.

Time available to students: 8.30am – 8.45am
1.15pm – 1.45pm  3.15pm – 3.45pm

Students are not permitted to visit the Student Support Centre during class time.

The College owns all User Pay (Year 7 – 8) and NSSCF (Years 9 – 11) Netbooks and all repairs must be done by the College’s Netbook supplier.

Technicians: Mr Nu Apiromkasem and Mr Daniel Johnson. For all major issues please contact Ms Lynden Fielding, Assistant Principal.

Lynden Fielding
Assistant Principal
**CURRICULUM**

**Extra-curricular**

**Junior Debating Team - Well Done**

On Wednesday evening 27th August, Ms Clare Hayes and our Debating Team participated in the second of a series of four debating training sessions in the Junior Secondary Debating Program hosted by Overnewton Anglican Community College.

The Rosehill team debated versus Overnewton on the topic ‘We should ban smoking in public places’ and lost by only two points, so it was a very close result.

Ms Hayes said that she is very proud of the performance of the Rosehill debaters:

- Destiny Kemal 7C
- Alyssa Burrows 7D
- Esther Selway 7D
- Brooke Sutton 7G
- Courtney Holstein 8B
- Evelyn O’Rourke 8E

Rosehill is in the Group A schools group of Overnewton Anglican Community College, St Columba’s College, Rosehill Secondary College and Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School.

At each training session, the students from all the schools watch the adjudicators do a debate and then hear the analysis afterwards.

The next Debate is on 11th September from 6.00pm to 8.00pm and we hope the Rosehill Debating Team do well.

**Year 7 2013 Initiative**

**Academic Vocabulary Notebooks**

Mr Damien Toussaint, Director of Teaching and Learning has designed a survey monkey tool to collect some feedback from Year 7 students about their use of the Vocabulary Notebook.

2013 is the first year students at this school have used a Vocabulary Notebook like this. Mr Toussaint is leading the collection of data that will inform future directions for the remainder of this school year and into next year.

The group of Core Year 7 teachers will meet soon so they can discuss their experiences and ideas about the Academic Vocabulary Notebook.

**Course Selection 2014**

The combined efforts of staff, students and parents meant that our 2014 Course Selection and Counselling days for current Years 9, 10 and 11 students went very smoothly last week as students were generally well prepared. Thank you to parents who were able to attend the information evenings and interviews with their child / children. It is so important that parents understand the implications of student choices on futures pathways and also that they are able to support their child through the year level transitions. Mr Arthur Soumalias, Assistant Principal has now commenced the task of constructing the timetable for 2014. The first stage of entry of student subject preferences is already nearing completion.

**Booking Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Interim Reports were posted home mid-week with two inclusions; firstly, an explanatory letter regarding the Interim Report categories and descriptors, and secondly, a ‘Book School Interviews Online’ information sheet. Bookings open today (30/8) at 4pm and close on Tuesday 10th September at 4pm.


**COLLEGE UNIFORM POLICY**

College uniform is compulsory and must be worn in a correct and tidy manner at all times.

Parents are asked to support our policy in relation to college uniform as outlined.

All students are required to change from normal college uniform to sports uniform when they have PE.

All students must wear normal college uniform to and from school.

Our Rosehill Secondary College Uniform Guide can be viewed at the following link and copies are available at the College Office.


**REMINDERS:**

- No beanies or hoodies
- Navy tights and scarf; no logos on socks
- The dress and skirt length for girls is no more than 7 centimetres above the knee.
- All footwear must be plain black leather/suede with plain black laces or straps and buckles. Slip-on, canvas and high top footwear is not permissible.

Winter uniform must be worn for the remainder of Term 3. The four-week change over to Summer uniform is at the start of Term 4.

Year 7 parents are requested to ask their child / children to complete the survey at home during the weekend if they haven’t done it at school (10 mins). The link is:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZQ8RKSY.

Parents are invited to provide feedback by an email message to Mr Toussaint’s attention: rosehill.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Thank you for your time and comments.
This week a group of 48 students and 5 staff attended Lady Northcote Camp in Rowsley for 3 action-packed days of activities, team building and leadership development. The camp was a huge success with everybody having a great time. Students, in smaller groups, rotated through 6 activities over the first two days of camp. Many of us were challenged and pushed beyond our comfort zones as we took on the High Ropes and Giant Swing. The Initiatives Activity tested our teamwork and problem-solving skills while Canoeing required us to be able to communicate effectively to reach our goals. On the last day we were able to combine all we had learned as we competed against each other in Mission Impossible.

The accommodation, meals and camp staff were all excellent and helped to make our experience so memorable. Monday night saw a number of students out on a night walk where we saw some of our native wildlife in their natural habitats while the remainder stayed back and took in a movie. Tuesday night our talent show was a big hit with some great vocal performances from Ashlee Gugala and Taylor Grech. Jakob Grist also got up and gave us a taste of his vocal talents even though he had not planned to take part in the first place. Well done to Aymin Khalil and Simon Do on Emceeing the evening and Natalie Mullins and Claudia Ciccone for their assistance with the judging.

Finally, I would like to make a special mention to a few students. To those of you who did the High Ropes and Leap of Faith while blindfolded; very brave and absolutely impressive. To those who pushed themselves to take on activities which had them shaking in their shoes (this includes me on the Leap of Faith & Giant Swing) you should be proud of your achievements. And to Jemma who just couldn’t keep herself dry on the last day; we thank you for making us all laugh. Look out for photo spread in this year’s Year Book for some great shots of the camp.

Thanks to the staff that came along and helped make the camp possible: Ann Russell, Renee Marcuzzi, Margaret Trewella and Wade Millington. Without these staff volunteering their time, these camps can’t happen so we are very grateful for your assistance.
Students and staff enjoyed watching the staff trying to keep up with the students at the annual Staff vs Students Footy Match on Wednesday (28/8). Various Australian Rules football guernseys were donned by the staff, who battled it out with some of our Year 12 students.

Most of the school were there to watch the speckie shirt-fronting, long bombing, handball receiving, ruck tapping, tackling, chasing, smothering, spoiling and checkside goal from the boundary line kicking fun.

VFL/AFL superstar Graeme Schultz took the reins and the clip board in the hope of guiding the staff to a much needed morale boosting victory, but the staff had to begrudgingly acknowledge that they had been JUST beaten by the students!
August is the time that we acknowledge the huge contribution that Education Support Staff make to our school team.

Education Support Recognition Month highlights the important role of Education Support (ES) staff to our school community, acknowledging their diverse and indispensable contribution to school teams.

Nu Apiromkasem  
Anna Beswick  
Cathy Cengia  
Lynda Gray  
Sharyn Ham  
Joanne Jacka  
Daniel Johnson  
Beverley McLean  
Maree Kelly  
Ljiljana Mitic  
Gladys Mora  
Lora Maguire  
Karen Milich  
Michelle Mitchell  
Lisa O’Flynn  
Ivonne Olivares  
Lee Sutherland  
Margaret Trewhella  
Ges Vella  
Judith Wright  

Thank you to all our ESS at Rosehill Secondary College for your dedicated work for our school community.