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CALENDAR

Wednesday 22nd February

Swimming Carnival – All Year Levels

Friday 24th February

School Photos - **Full Uniform Compulsory**

Friday 24th February

Nominations for School Council CLOSE at 4pm

Monday 27th February

EMA Applications Close
School Council Meeting 5.15pm

Wednesday 29th February

EMA Applications Close
Late Applications **WILL NOT** be accepted by DEECD

Thursday 1st March

Year 7 "Getting To Know You" Evening 6pm

Monday 5th March

Year 7 Ancient Civil Day
Year 12 Information Evening

Tuesday 6th March

Year 11 Information Evening

Wednesday 7th March

Year 7 & 10 Immunisations

Monday 12th March

Labour Day – Public Holiday

Wednesday 14th March

Year 8 Medieval Day

Thursday 15th March

Italy Tour Parent Meeting 6pm Staffroom

Monday 19th March

Year 7 to 10 Interim Reports & Parent/Teacher Interview Appointment Sheet Issued

Wednesday 21st March

STEP Information Evening 7 to 8pm

Tuesday 27th March

Student Dismissed at 12pm
Parent / Teacher Interviews
1pm to 5pm & 6pm to 8pm

Friday 30th March

Last day of Term

Students dismissed at 2.30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to all our parents and students. Students have just completed their second week of the school year and the start has been very smooth for everyone. Our Year 7 students are delightful and I believe most have settled in well now. We will be holding an informal 'Getting to Know You evening' and BBQ on 1st March and this will be a wonderful opportunity for me to personally meet many of the new parents.

During the following week we will be holding two more evenings. These are information evenings, scheduled for Year 11 and 12 parents. Year 12's will be 5th March and Year 11's 6th March. I urge as many parents as possible to attend these evenings.

The number of students enrolled in the College is now around the 1090 mark, an increase of about 60 on last year. This number will allow us to continue to fund the many educational programs and facility improvements that we need to ensure that Rosehill provides the best education possible for its students.

VCE Results 2011

Once again we were pleased with our VCE results. Although we didn't reach the median study score we were hoping for, we had a much higher percentage of students with excellent results. Seven students received an ATAR score in the 90's and the same number received an ATAR score in the 80's. There was also an increase in the number of students with subject study scores above 40. We will be working very hard again this year to improve these results even further.

Staffing

We have ten new teachers on our staff and they have all come with excellent references:

- Alice Benson has been hired to work in the Maths/Science area. She has had experience teaching in Victoria and overseas and one of her main focuses will be teaching Year 12 Physics.
- Kris Blicavs is a second year teacher and will be working in the Phys Ed department. Kris is a highly accomplished basketball player and will head up our new A-League male and female basketball teams.
- Clare Hayes has joined our Food Technology department. This is Clare's second year in teaching and she came to us from her previous school with excellent references.
- Rowan Hendrie is a graduate working in our Maths/Science department.
- Gary Hughes has returned to us after three years teaching in Queensland. He teaches Phys Ed and Science and we are extremely pleased to have him back.
- Vicky Liakakos is one of our Leading Teachers and she will head up the English/ESL area. She has extensive experience in schools and knows how to get the best from students and staff with whom she works.

- Terry Murphy has joined our Art and Technology areas. He is a skilled and experienced teacher.
- Simon Phelan is another new Leading Teacher and will head up our Senior School. Simon has been working in the VCE area in schools for a substantial time and also has experience as a VCE examiner and course developer.
- Shannon Smith will be teaching Outdoor Education and Humanities. Shannon is an accomplished teacher and has been an Outdoor Education Coordinator at a previous school.
- Frances Snow is our new Leading Teacher for Maths/Numeracy. Frances has worked in various schools and been a Numeracy coach with the Department of Education.
- Lily Mitic has returned after two years on maternity leave
- Greg McPherson is our new Physical Education Trainee employed to assist with the various sporting activities and camps.

We welcome these staff members to our school and I am sure they will make a valuable contribution to our community.

Facilities

Our current project is to beautify the area around our new basketball courts. Next we intend to relocate some of car parking space in the school. This will improve the flow of student pedestrian traffic throughout our grounds.

This week I have signed the final deal on the purchase of a new bus for the College. Students will now travel in a more comfortable and reliable vehicle with air-conditioning and tinted windows. Our old bus had served us well, but after 21 years it was time to upgrade.

I look forward to the year ahead as we continue to do our best to provide the best education possible for our students. If issues arise please feel free to contact me or the appropriate coordinator/teacher through the general office. We rely on our parents to communicate issues with us and it is best to do it as soon as possible.

Peter Rouse
Principal

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school, or arriving late due to an appointment, please call the Absence line directly on 9331 9639.

Website Update

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

Newsletters are available to view online

Second Hand Uniform

Many items are available for purchase at a discounted rate. Please call Jo on **9331 9639** to check if the item you require is in stock.

Short sleeved shirts are in demand. There are currently three sizes available – Size 10, Size 18 and Size 20.

Jo Jacka Student Services

Monday Tuition 2012

Students, parents and teachers are all welcome to attend and participate in the afterschool Monday Tuition Program that recommenced in the College library for 2012 on Monday 13th 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.

EMA 2012

Education Maintenance Allowance Applications

Holders of a healthcare valid as of 1st February 2012 are reminded to please submit application forms to the General Office as soon as possible.

Applications close 29th February 2012.
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.

Student Coordinators

Head of Senior School	Mr Simon Phelan
Senior School Assistant	Mr Robert Houghton
Year 12	Ms Anna Vida
Year 11	Mr Colin Thompson
Year 10	Ms Dora Bouros
Head of Junior School	Ms Ann Russell
Year 9	Ms Annette Ellis
Year 9 Assistant	Ms Stephanie Barbaro
Year 8	Ms Nadia Vossos
Year 8 Assistant	Ms Marissa Mortellaro
Year 7	Ms Kat Puskaric
Year 7 Assistant	Mr Will Stubbings

Material Technology

Students doing Materials Technology must have an Introduction to Technology Text Book and the work book as without these books classes will not run smoothly. This applies to all students from Years 7 through to Year 10 that are undertaking materials technologies this year.

Chris McConnell

Design, Creativity & Technology Materials

Italy Tour



Support the Italy Tour Program at Rosehill Secondary College. The 2012/2013 Greater Melbourne Entertainment™ Books will be available at the General Office at the start of the Term 2. Pre-orders are welcome.

The Entertainment™ Book is your guide to the best restaurants, hotel accommodation, attractions, sports and leisure activities...all with 25% to 50% off or 2 for 1 offers. Plus, My Bookings™... Compare rates, check availability and book your accommodation online.

The sample book with all its great offers can be viewed at the General Office in Term 2 or visit www.entertainmentbook.com.au.



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.



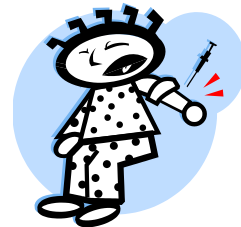
Library News

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.



Vaccinations

Vaccinations for students in Year 7 (Hepatitis B, Chickenpox and Human Papilloma Virus) and Year 10 (Tetanus/Whooping Cough and Diphtheria) will be held in Term 1 on Wednesday 7th March. Vaccination cards will be distributed to students in Year 7 and 10 early next week. Parents are requested to have their child return them the next day, even if they are not having the vaccine.



Secondary School Immunisation Information to parents

The Department of Health Immunisation website has a new fact sheet titled – Secondary School Immunisation – Information for parents at : <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/factsheets/secondary-school-immunisation.htm>

It is a web based resource for downloading only. The new resource assists parents to be aware of the school based immunisation program for Year 7 and Year 10 students, what parents need to do, and how free vaccine can be accessed for their child if the vaccine is missed at school.

It is important for adolescents to complete their childhood immunisation schedule with these vaccines for protection against vaccine preventable diseases.

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.

Photographs 2012

School photographs will take place next Friday, 24th February. Photograph envelopes, labelled with each student's name, have already been distributed.

Students need to bring the envelope **WITH THE CORRECT** money with them when they have their photos taken on Friday – i.e. teachers **DO NOT** collect money and/or envelopes from students. **Students hand them directly to the photographer when they have their individual shots taken on Friday.**

Parents need to indicate on the back of the envelope which pack/s they wish to order. All students have photographs taken, irrespective whether or not they plan to purchase them.

It is possible that money (or credit card details) for several siblings may be included in the one envelope (usually that of the older sibling). However, each sibling must still return their own envelope, even if the envelope has no money in it. There is an area on the back of each envelope for parents to indicate that payment for this child is included in the envelope of another sibling. **NO CHANGE** is available on the day.

It is possible to order photos after the day, but there is a large surcharge for this and parents will need to deal directly with the photo company to make arrangements.

Students must be in full and correct summer uniform for the photos. Jumpers will be removed for the photo. Sports uniform is not acceptable.

Please direct any queries regarding school photos to Kerry McKay.

Getting To Know You Evening

YEAR 7 'GETTING TO KNOW YOU' BBQ



YEAR 7 FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AN INFORMAL BBQ TO MEET YOUR CHILD'S HOME ROOM TEACHER AND JUNIOR SCHOOL STAFF.

WHEN? Thursday, 1st March

WHAT TIME? Approximately 6pm

WHERE? Assembly area

WHAT TO BRING? Soft drinks of choice

Please have your child return the RSVP sent home as soon as possible to allow adequate catering to occur.

Traffic Around the College

The College has been asked 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.

URBANTRANS Family Survey



The City of Moonee Valley is conducting a survey of all school children and their parents to find out more about how children travel to school. The survey is designed to find out about danger spots around the school so that council can decide how to spend money in future budgets on local infrastructure, such as crossings, footpaths and cycle paths.

The City of Moonee Valley wants to make it easier for children to be able to walk and cycle to school and this survey will help by identifying areas where improvements are needed. The council has engaged a sustainable transport consultancy, UrbanTrans, to run the survey.

The Students of Rosehill Secondary College have been completing the survey in class and we would strongly encourage all parents to complete the survey online so we can get your views. Please follow the link below: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/810445/Rosehill-Secondary-College-Parents>

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the UrbanTrans project manager, David Meiklejohn on meiklejohn@urbantrans-anz.com or 0448 710 050.

Electronic Newsletter

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Rosehill Secondary College Newsletter will be going electronic in 2012. It will continue to be produced fortnightly. Please ensure the College has your correct email details by **completing** the following request.

Starting in Term 1, 2012, hardcopies of the newsletter can only 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 emailed to you.

The College website is rosehillsc.vic.edu.au

STUDENT NAME: _____

HOMEROOM: _____

PREFERED EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____

Term dates

Term 2 16th April to 29th June

Term 3 16th July to 21st September

Term 4 8th October to 21st December

Uniform

The uniform policy as specified in the 2012 College Diary states that boys' shoes should be 'black, laced leather shoes or all-black laced runners'.

The current policy on shoes.

- Students are **not** permitted to wear slip-on shoes of any type; this includes canvas 'karate' shoes and ballet slippers. Girls may wear laced leather school shoes, T-Bars, Mary Jane style shoes or similar, all of which have straps.
- Students are **not** permitted to wear black runners, whether canvas or otherwise, with white or coloured soles or other markings. Students wearing these shoes will be given detention on each occasion they wear them.
- Plain black leather shoes or plain black **leather runners** are permitted.

Parents should consider these requirements when purchasing new shoes.

No tights are to be worn with the summer dress (black tights are not permitted at all); **white** socks are to be worn by both boys and girls. Girls who feel it is not quite warm enough to wear the dress with socks only, may wear natural coloured panty-hose under their socks. Parents should also note that the wearing of any coloured T-Shirts under the school shirt is banned. White T-shirts may be worn. Girl's dresses must be an appropriate length; some students are currently wearing dresses which are too short. Students have been warned of this repeatedly and those infringing the uniform policy will be given detention.

Kerry McKay
Assistant Principal

Personal Hygiene in the Food Technology Kitchen

A reminder for parents and students, that due to Health and Safety regulations students are not permitted to wear nail polish or artificial nails in Food Technology production classes. Your cooperation in this matter would be most appreciated.



ROSEHILL SECONDARY COLLEGE

CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2012

Trading Hours 8.00am to 4.00pm

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<u>COLD DRINKS</u>			
Mt Franklin Water 600ml	2.50	Beef Burger Plain	3.50
Pump Water 750ml	3.20	Cheese Burger	4.00
Powerade	3.50	Chicken Burger	4.00
Classic Juice Orange/Apple/Apple & Blackcurrant	2.50	Veggie Burger	4.00
Fresh Orange Juice small 2.20 large	2.50	Fish Roll with Lettuce and Mayonnaise	4.00
Milk Plain 600ml	1.70	Roast Pork and Chutney	4.50
Big M 600ml	3.50	Roast Beef and Gravy	4.50
Big M 300ml	2.50	Roast Chicken with Sweet Chilli Sauce	4.00
Big M bottle 500ml	3.50	Roast Chicken with Lettuce and Mayonnaise	4.00
Nippy flavoured milk 325ml	2.50	Lasagne Bolognese	5.00
Up & Go	2.50	Lasagne Vegetarian	5.00
Soft Drink Cans Zero Sugar 375ml	2.20	Pasta of the Day	4.50
Soft drink bottle Zero Sugar 600ml	3.50	Mini Pizza—4 varieties	each 4.00
Soft Drink Bottle Zero Sugar 450ml	3.00	Aussie Meat Pie—lite/Wholemeal veggie Pastie	3.50
Lipton Ice Tea 600ml Peach/ Mango/ Lemon	3.50	Grilled Veggie Roll	4.50
Slushi—2 flavours sml 1.60 med 2.00 lg	3.00	Rotis—4 varieties	each 5.50
Prima	1.50	Focaccia with Grilled Pumpkin and Soft Cheese	4.00
LOL Can	2.50	Wholemeal roll grilled with veggies and Cheese	4.00
<u>HOT DRINKS</u>			
Short Black	2.50	English Muffin with Bacon and Egg	3.70
Long Black	2.50	Bacon and Egg Roll	3.70
Moccaccino	3.20	Fantastic Noodles	3.00
Cappuccino	3.00	Arancini—3 varieties	each 4.00
Hot Chocolate	3.00	<u>SNACKS</u>	
Tea	2.50	Pastizzi Oven Baked	1.00
Healthy Home Made Soup	2.00	Samosas	1.00
<u>SANDWICHES (White/Brown/Multigrain)</u>			
Ham (Champagne)	3.50	Dim Sims—Steamed	1.00
Ham	3.20	French Toast—2 slices	2.00
Salami Mild	3.20	Nachos	2.50
Corned Beef	3.20	J.J'S Chips—4 varieties	1.00
Strass	3.20	<u>COLD SNACKS</u>	
Roast Beef	3.50	Frozen Yoghurt	1.60
Roast Pork	3.50	Greek Yoghurt/Jam/ Fruits	2.00
Tuna	3.20	Frozen Sunny Boys	1.00
Salad	3.20	Chocolate Mousse	2.50
Cheese	3.00	Streets Ice Creams—various prices	
Tomato	3.00	<u>FRUIT</u>	
Egg, Lettuce and Mayonnaise	3.50	Fresh fruit salad	large 2.50 small 2.20
Nutella/ Vegemite/ Peanut Butter	3.00	Slice Watermelon	1.00
<u>COLD FOOD/SALADS</u>			
Chicken Tortilla	5.00	Fresh Fruit - various prices	
Croissant Ham and Cheese	4.00	<u>CAKES</u>	
Croissant Cheese and Tomato	4.00	Wholemeal Cake	2.60
Chicken and Avocado Roll	5.00	Muffins (fat free)	2.80
Prosciutto Crudo Roll	5.00	Homemade Muffins	2.50
Small Salad—Italian Dressing	4.00	Banana Cake (97%fat free)	2.80
Chicken and Salad	6.50	Carrot Cake (97%fat free)	2.80
Tuna and Salad	6.00	Chocolate Cake (97%fat free)	2.80
Sushi roll	3.00	Cookie—6 varieties	each 2.80
Ham, Sundried Tomato and Salad Focaccia	5.00	Croissants plain	2.50
<u>EXTRAS</u>			
Roll 0.50	Meat 0.50	Salad 0.50	
Cheese 0.30	Toasted 0.20		
Chilli Sauce 0.20	BBQ Sauce 0.20		
Chicken Salt 0.20			

**LUNCH ORDERS TO BE
PLACED BEFORE
RECESS PLEASE**

School Council Elections 2012

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.
- **A mandated elected DEECD employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional Community member category.** Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the Business Manager for further information.

Rosehill Secondary College

Schedule 4 Notice of Election and Call for Nominations - 2012

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of **Rosehill Secondary College**.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4:00 pm on **Friday 24th February 2012**.

The ballot will close at 4:00 pm on **Friday 9th March 2012**.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

Membership category	Term of office	Positions
Parent member	14th March 2012 to 13th March 2014	3
DEECD employee member	14th March 2012 to 13th March 2014	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Peter Rouse
PRINCIPAL