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CALENDAR Term 4

Monday 26th to 30th October

Year 9 City Experience

Tuesday 27th October

School Council Meeting - 5.15pm

Wednesday 28th October

Year 12 Exams Commence

Friday 30th October

Interim Reports Available on Compass

Monday 2nd November

Student Free Day- Yr12 Exams excepted

Tuesday 3rd November

Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup Day

Friday 6th November

Last Day for Submission of Work Year 11

Friday 20th November

Year 12 Graduation Evening – 7pm
La Mirage Reception Centre

Monday 23rd to 27th November

Year 10 Exams
Year 7 Vaccinations

Monday 30th to 4th December

Year 10 to Year 11 (2016) Orientation
Classes begin

Wednesday 2nd to 4th December

Year 7 to Year 9 Exams

Tuesday 15th December

Awards Evening 7pm
St Bernard's College Auditorium, Essendon

Thursday 17th December

End of Term Students dismissed at 12.15pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the second newsletter for Term 4. Year 12's had their last classes on Monday of this week and after a special lunch on Tuesday we said goodbye to them as they went on swot vac to prepare for exams. I have already seen many of them around this week seeking assistance from teachers.

Rosehill Student Retention Rates

One of the ways the Education Department measures the success of a school is to look at Student Retention Rates. These rates give us details about the numbers of students who began at Rosehill at certain times and how long they remained at the College. They all also indicate whether or not a school is providing an education matched to the need of its community. I am pleased to say that in all areas we are well above state levels. Here is the data:

- 80.8% of the students who started at Rosehill in Year 7 in 2012 were still here in Year 10 in 2015. The state average is 72.5%.
- 88.7% of the students who were at Rosehill in Year 10 in August 2014 were still here in Year 11 at the start of 2015. The state average is 82.4%.
- 86.5% of the students who were at Rosehill in Year 11 in August in 2014 were still here in August in 2015. The state average is 77.6%.
- 62.3% of the students who started at Rosehill in Year 7 2010 were still here in August, 2015. The state average is 51%

Not only are we excelling in our Retention rates, with our Exit destination data our University entrance data is the highest it has ever been. 61% of our students who completed Year 12 in 2014 have gone to a University to take up a Bachelor Degree. This has grown by 20% since 2011 and was 10% higher than in 2013. Out of 167 students only one was not employed and did not have a pathway.

Rosehill has been recognised by the Department as a school with excellent VCE data in terms of results and retention rates. However, we will still strive to continue to improve into the future.



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Parent Opinion Survey

Recently we received the results of our annual Parent Opinion Survey. This year we had the lowest number of returns for a long time with only 43% completed out of 170 that were sent out. Normally we get 70 to 80%. Nevertheless, the parents still see that, compared to other secondary schools, our strengths are in the areas of teacher morale, stimulating learning, behaviour management and student safety. However, based on the sample size there seems to have been a slight drop in general satisfaction compared to the last two years.

Parents who complete the survey also get the opportunity to write comments about the school and there is always a mix of positive and negative comments. There are requests from parents wanting more academic support for their children and wanting us to prepare students better for exams. Some parents say our communication processes need to be improved and some say that overall they are happy with the teachers. There are some who are extremely pleased with all aspects of the College.

The message for me is that we must treat all parents and their requests with respect and do our best to work issues through. If this is not the case please do not hesitate to contact me.

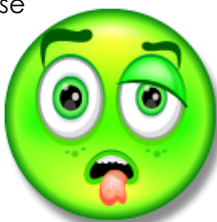
The information that I have presented indicates just what a topsy-turvy world it is for a Principal and a school in terms of data. We need to balance all areas and look at both the positive and negatives of all our data but overall our aim is to continue to improve.

Peter Rouse
Principal

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 should provide their own Panadol for personal use. Small amounts are acceptable in their bags if needed. The College is NOT permitted to provide Panadol to students.



First Aid supplies are only provided for injuries which have occurred at school.

Friday 20th November

6.30 PM – 12.00 AM

La Mirage Reception Centre

210 Hume Highway, Somerton

Year 12 Students \$60

Guests \$85

Childrens Meal (under 12) \$40

Three course meal with beer, wine and soft drink provided.

TICKETS : Unsold tickets are still on sale at the general office. Tickets numbers now have no limit and ticket sales will close on the 28th of October. Tickets can then be picked up from the VCE centre from the beginning of November. Tables will be finalized as soon as all tickets are sold.

Please provide the names of up to three other students that you would like to be seated with or near and we will try to accommodate this.

Sorpotimist International Melba Club Breakfast

On 3rd August Ms. Bruckard and Ms. Bowles took a group of young women in Years 10, 11 and 12 to the Soroptimist International Melba Club Breakfast. This breakfast was designed to empower young women through education and to present inspiring women to tell their stories of success. We learnt a lot about the amazing work the Soroptimists do around the world and the girls were engaged and touched by each story. They were also involved in discussion time at the end. This was an amazing experience and our girls represented the school in a very positive way. Our students can be seen in the photo on the right hand table second from the front of the photo.



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Respect: Trust, Empathy and Tolerance

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October 2015

Year 11 students 2015 – BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

In 2012 you received a netbook for your use by the Federal Government. The netbook however remained the property of the school but it was your responsibility to keep in working order. The netbook was also installed with software licenced to the Department of Education and Training. **The warranty for these devices will expire at the end of October and the school will not be providing maintenance on these devices.**

From **Wednesday 3rd November** there will be an option for you to go to a BYOD program however before you can do this there is a requirement that the school owned device be returned to the school, where upon the technicians will remove the licenced software and return the device back to factory settings. These devices will then be donated to a charity organisation.

If you do not wish to go to the BYOD program then you can continue using the school owned device but **it will no longer be maintained by the school.**

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

Once a student in Year 11 has returned their school owned netbook they will have the opportunity to go BYOD.

Students in Year 11 have 2 options:

1. Return their school provided 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.
2. Return their Netbook and bring a suitable device from home if they already have one.

Year 11 students will receive more information in the coming week and will be required to sign a new Acceptable Use policy.

Mrs Smart



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The last three years has seen a growth in internet based sales programs for second hand school items including text books, stationery and uniforms. Following are 2 sites that can be used to purchase items.

Clk2sell

clk2sell app – a fast way for parents to buy and sell second hand uniforms.

Last year State Schools' Relief launched clk2sell – a smartphone solution to buy and sell second-hand school uniforms. With the new term and season change, it's a great time to upload and sell those unwanted uniform items.

Close to 100 schools are now using the app - saving time and money. State Schools' Relief is encouraging more schools and parents to get on board to reap the benefits. "Parents have saved 50-70 per cent", said State Schools' Relief CEO, Stephen Isles.

By being able to purchase uniforms **at a reduced price** children can wear the appropriate uniform and in turn gain the confidence to attend school without feeling embarrassed or being bullied.

By the end of this month clk2sell will be expanding its functionality to include musical instruments and text books. Stay tuned for more information.

For more information about this resource go to www.clk2sell.com or email info@clk2sell.com.

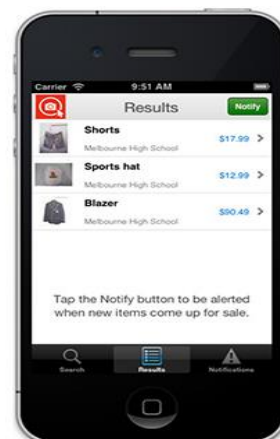


How it works

Download the [clk2sell app](#) and set up your account. Then simply snap a photo of your items and with one click they're uploaded to our streamlined marketplace, listed at the price you selected.

Buying is a breeze

See an item you'd like to buy? Just purchase quickly and easily with the app and meet at the school locally to collect and pay for the goods – and you're done!



Get notified

Haven't got the item you need? Simply tap on Notify and as soon as the item you need is listed you will be alerted. All that's left is for you and your buyer/seller to arrange via the app for a quick meet-up at the school gates to exchange items and you're done!

Sustainable School Shop



Second-hand Textbooks

The Sustainable School Shop offers Annual Subscriptions to Rosehill parents. You will need to nominate the College when you register on the Sustainable School Shop website to activate your Annual Subscription.

The service will provide access **all year round** to second-hand: **textbooks, uniforms, calculators, musical equipment and other items**. Parents can even trade with other parents from different schools and sell items no longer in use at our College or other previously attended schools.

The website is simple and easy to use - www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

All your enquiries can be directed to the **Sustainable School Shop on: 1300 683 337.**

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