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### CALENDAR

#### Term 1 2015

#### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Year 12 Outdoor Ed Camp

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Swimming Carnival – Coburg Olympic Pool

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February

School Council Meeting 5.15pm

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

School Photos – Full Uniform Compulsory

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Labour Day – Public Holiday

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Rosefest Year 9 Carnival & School Music Performance - 1:15pm to 4:30pm

#### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

STEP Information Evening 7pm to 8pm – Library

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Parent Teacher Interviews

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Last day of Term 1 Students Dismissed at 2.30pm

#### Term 2 2015

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

First Day of Term 2

#### Immunisation Dates

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Visit - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Year 7 HPV 1 and Boosterix

Year 10 Boosterix

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Year 8 Boosterix

Year 9 Boosterix

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Visit - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015

Year 7 HPV 2 and chickenpox

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Visit - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Year 7 HPV 3

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the first full edition of our newsletter for this year. Today marks the end of the first full two weeks of classes for our students. The next main event on the school calendar is our annual swimming carnival next Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. It is hoped that as many students as possible attend and take part. It is a highlight of our sporting fixture and the house colours and excitement give it a carnival atmosphere. As usual, we are hoping for good weather.

#### Government Changes

During the last two months the new Victorian Labour Government has made media statements stating that they will be transparent about the Liberal Government spending on Education and where the money has gone. I will welcome this as we saw no benefits in any increase in Government spending during the Liberal time in power. For the benefit of our students let's hope that the current government moves some way in rectifying this issue.

#### EMA (Educational Maintenance Allowance)

During the last two weeks we have had some inquiries from parents about EMA. The previous government had decided to abolish the EMA allowance at the start of this year and I know this will affect some families. The matter was out of our hands but if there is real hardship please do not hesitate to contact us.

#### Staffing

By the time the next newsletter is released in two weeks' time we will have had two more staffing changes.

- Mr Schultz will be retiring. Graeme has been at Rosehill now for 26 years and he has been a well respected member of our school community. He will spend his time playing golf and watching the exploits of his beloved Bombers football team.
- Ms Hughes is leaving us to take up a midwifery course at University. She has spent a long time thinking about doing this and we wish her all the best in her new career choice. Brooke has let me know that she intends to do some emergency teaching at Rosehill so it is probably not the last we will see of her.



### Our Vision

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**Facilities**

On Monday of next week we will take possession of our new Science rooms. It is exciting. The only issue now is that our new stools will not be ready, however the company has lent us some chairs in the meantime. In the next newsletter we will be able to publish some photos of the refurbished rooms. We hope to have a grand opening function early next term.

*Peter Rouse*  
*Principal*

**Swimming Carnival**



This year our annual swimming event will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at the Coburg Olympic Pool. Permission notes were distributed at House Assemblies on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February so please ensure your child has paid the \$7.50 fee either at the office or through their school fees.

**Money will not be accepted on the day of the excursion. Students cannot attend if payment has not been made.**

Keep your fingers crossed for great weather!

Support the "House Trivia" to gain extra points

**Mitchell Gaunt**  
**Sports Coordinator**

**NEW & EXCITING**  
**HOUSE TRIVIA!**

The first five students to answer the following question correctly to Mr Gaunt will earn 25 points for your house. Remember, newsletters are produced regularly so 25 points will go a long way to helping your team win the overall aggregate!!!

**Which Rosehill SC teacher kicked over 120 goals in a season in the Western Australian Football League (WAFL)?**

➤ Last week's answer was Brooke Hughes!

**General Office Hours**

**Monday – Friday 8.30 – 3.30pm**

**Work Experience**

Year 10 students will be doing work experience for two weeks; **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015**. The students were introduced to the program in July 2014 in Year 9. A package was distributed to all students. A reminder letter was distributed in November, 2014 and another was also distributed last week to all Year 10 students. Students should have a placement arranged as soon as possible. Ms Young is available to assist students new to the school or those having difficulty finding a placement. Work experience forms should be returned by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February. If this is not possible please contact Bernadette Young or Alfio Raiti.

**Careers Planning**

This week and next week students in Year 10 will be commencing their career action plans through the MIPSONLINE program, during ID classes. Over the next three terms they will be exploring the world of work, researching careers and preparing to make subject choices for VCE/VCAL next year. We are encouraging students to discuss their ideas and show their plans to parents. They can access the website from home on

[www.mipsonline.com.au/rosehill](http://www.mipsonline.com.au/rosehill)

Two excellent websites that may be of use to parents in fostering the discussion are;

- <http://www.myfuture.edu.au> – My Future has a range of resources and activities that can support you and your child in exploring careers
- <http://www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au/>  
The Job Guide also provides a range of resources and is useful for careers searches.

**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 and No Stopping' areas, double parking, speeding and parking in and on neighbouring driveways and nature strips. Parents are not permitted to park over the College driveways on pick up or drop off.

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.

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

**BE AWARE**

**Traffic Infringement officers from the local Council do random checks around the College and issue fines and infringement notices. 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.**



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## Senior School News

On behalf of the Senior School team I would like to welcome new students and parents to the Senior School and the College and hope that over the next few years we can work together to assist you in achieving your goals. To those students returning – welcome back.

Moving from the Junior School to the Senior School brings some big changes for students and already our Year 10 students have been involved in the Keys Please program through our ID classes.

Some other differences they will notice is how the Senior School operates in dealing with students who may not always be doing the right thing.

- **Morning Tuition sessions** – students who are identified by their teachers as not completing work punctually or are falling behind in their studies will be asked to attend morning tuition sessions. These sessions are held on a Tuesday or Thursday morning from 8am in the Year 12 Centre. These sessions provide an opportunity for students to catch up on the work in the subjects they are falling behind in. Students who are required to attend these sessions will be issued with a notice and parents will be informed.
- **Morning detentions** – the Senior School will hold detentions for students at 8am to 8.45 am in the Year 11 Centre. Students will be issued with a detention if:
  - Students are out of uniform and are unable to produce a valid note from home explaining the uniform issue and when that issue will be resolved. Students who continue to be out of uniform will be sent home after parents have been contacted.
  - Students are reported as late to Home Group or class on a regular basis – three times in a two-week period. Once a student has been issued with a detention for lateness they will be more closely monitored and further detentions will be issued for each subsequent late arrival.

Students perform better when prepared for class and punctuality is an important starting point.

Overall, students have settled into their classes well, making changes where appropriate and generally have settled into their routine.

For Year 12 students SACs have started in earnest and assessment tasks at Years 10 and 11 have been set. Interim Reports will be prepared by Week 6 so this will be an opportunity to see how well students have started the year.

Parents who wish to contact the Senior School to discuss their student's progress are welcome to at any time.

The Senior School team comprises:

Mr Simon Phelan	Senior School Leader
Ms Heidi Bowles	Year 12 Coordinator
Mr Colin Thompson	Year 11 Coordinator
Ms Nadia Vossos	Year 10 Coordinator
Ms Sirocha Bruckard	Asst Year 12 Coordinator
Mr Rob Houghton	Asst Year 11 Coordinator
Ms Marissa Aquilina	Asst Year 10 Coordinator
Mr Alfio Raiti	Careers Counsellor

## Year 10 News

### YEAR 10

This past week has been a successful launch of our Driver Education Program. We kicked this off with the Vic Roads "Keys Please" presentation to students. The Keys Please program is a vital component of the Victorian Government's strategy to reduce the number of road crashes involving young Victorians. The Rosehill Driver Education Program includes an opportunity for students to undertake driving lessons with a licensed instructor, running for Year 10 students in Terms 3 and 4. This program compliments the work we explore in ID class, including the risks involved in driving and strategies young adults can use to minimise risks. Please note students do not need a Learner's Permit and can be under the age of 16 to participate in the program.

Students will undertake two theory sessions, as well as 225 minutes of shared instruction driving lessons with CAMELOT DRIVING SCHOOL.

### Cost and Payment Due Dates:

A Driving Education Letter has been distributed to students. Interested students must return this form to the General Office by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 and payment of \$150.00 must be completed by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2015.

This is an optional activity to the College program. Students who do not pay for the program will remain at school and continue to work on class ID activities.

Peter Hevey Year 10 Driver Education Coordinator

**Joanna Wiltshire**  
**Year 10 Interdisciplinary Studies Coordinator**



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## Computer Code Club

Mr Hevey and Mr McConnell will be running a combined Computer Code Club and Computer Aided Design and 3D Printing Club, The "CCCad3DP Club" starts on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of February, it will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays in D6 at lunch times. This club is open to all Years 7,8,9 students.

## Greenvale & Craigieburn Buses

We have been advised by Tullamarine Bus lines the two buses which travel to Craigieburn and Greenvale from Rosehill Secondary College have not been combined into one service. There are still two separate buses travelling to Rosehill Secondary. Unfortunately, a significant number of students do not touch on or need constant reminding when using this school based service, therefore making the service appear not financially viable and hardly used at all. This may change in the future but for now we still have two services.

This behaviour may result in the possibility of the service being stopped or altered if students continue to not pay for the service using their Myki. A reminder to all students with 6 monthly or yearly passes – you are not registered as a user unless you tap on and you still face a fine should a ticketing inspector check validations.

We are in constant contact with the bus companies and although they have said there has been an improvement over the last week there are still many children not tapping on or off. It has been suggested that there will be more Authorised Officers to monitor and issue fines to the students, if the situation doesn't improve.

**Note:** The decision to keep bus services are made by Public Transport Victoria and they inform the bus companies as to the routes they travel based on Myki evidence which goes directly to PTV. Furthermore, the bus companies have set school runs and cannot deviate from that run, therefore TBL drivers have been instructed not to stop anywhere but the allocated stops.

### **ALL STUDENTS MUST TAP ON AND TAP OFF WHEN TRAVELING ON ALL PUBLIC TRANSPORT.**

**This includes the buses that travel to and from the College. Random checks will be made by inspectors and fines will be issued**

It would be greatly appreciated if you could discuss these matters with your children and ensure they top up their Myki card and instruct them to touch on and off in the mornings and in the afternoons.

**Arthur Soumalias**  
Assistant Principal

## School Sport Victoria - Stefan Kot

Congratulations to Stefan Kot for being selected as a member of the School Sport Victoria Triathlon Team. This team will compete in the annual Sport Australia Triathlon Championships, which will be held in Penrith, NSW in late April.

Good luck Stefan!!

## Sustainable School Shop



**This initiative completely replaces the Second Hand Book Sale program that has been in place in past years at Rosehill Secondary College.**

**It also provides for buying and selling of College uniform and other items listed below.**



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. If you have not obtained all your books for 2015, consider looking at this website.

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

Help will also be available through 'Contact Us' on their website at

[www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au](http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au)

## Late to School

Please continue to contact the Attendance Line directly on **9331 9639** until the new COMPASS System is fully implemented.

## School Council Elections

Parent Nominations are called for membership to the Rosehill Secondary College School Council. There are three parent member vacancies. School Council meets twice per term on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5.15pm in the Conference Room.

Please find further information on the following pages.

**Judith Wright**  
Business Manager



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# Rosehill Secondary College

## School Council Election 2015 - Information for Parents

### What is a School Council and what does it do?

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 directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

### Who is on the School Council?

For most School Councils, 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 Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET 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 - members are coopted by a decision of the Council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires 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 of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All School Council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

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.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the School Council at that school.

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.

Generally, 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.

### 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.

### 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 Judith Wright, the Business Manager, for further information – 9337 2488.



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### Schedule 4 Notice of Election and Call for Nominations - 2015

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 **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015**.

The ballot will close at 4:00 pm on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015**.

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	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2015 to 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	<b>3</b>
DET employee member	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2015 to 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	<b>2</b>

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**



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## School Council Elections - 2015

### Schedule 5A Self-Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the **Rosehill Secondary College** School Council.

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone (mobile or landline):

\_\_\_\_\_

Email

\_\_\_\_\_

I am the Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school. **Yes/No**  
*Please Circle*

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

***You will be notified when your nomination has been received.***

*Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.*

*Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).*

*Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the Principal by 30<sup>th</sup> April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.*

*You can access your personal information by contacting the Principal on 9337 2488.*

*If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested; your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the Principal.*