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From the Principal

Career Information

Students in Grade 10 have recently participated in two significant excursions to Rosny College and The Derwent Entertainment Centre to gain information about careers and future educational opportunities.

At both events students were able to gain important information from a wide variety of stalls and presentations.

Thanks to Mr Primrose and Mr Thorpe for their organisation of these important opportunities for our students. As a follow up to these events all Grade 10’s attended Rosny College for their annual College Taster Day today.

We greatly appreciate the outstanding assistance Rosny College provides to us in ensuring a smooth transition to college for our Grade 10 students.
Staff Professional Learning Day

I would like to thank all parents and guardians for supporting the staff professional learning day last Friday by making alternative arrangements for their children during the normal school day.

The day involved all members of the Rose Bay/Geilston Bay Cluster in two sessions conducted by specialist presenters from the School Education Division. Staff participated in sessions such as: Thinking for Understanding, Planning for Scientific Inquiry, Developing Literacy and Numeracy skills, Computer Software, Health and Physical Education and Arts Education. In the afternoon, teachers returned to their individual schools for school-based professional learning activities.

Many thanks to Pam Powell, Kristina Brown and Martin Hilliard for the planning of the day.

Hobart Eisteddfod

Last week the school Concert Band and the Stage Band participated in the Hobart City Eisteddfod.

Unfortunately, events didn't quite run to plan. Due to a mix up, the bus booked to take the students into the Federation Concert Hall did not arrive. Following a phone call to Metro we gained permission to place all members of both bands on the regular service Metro buses as they passed by the school to take them to the city. As all 45 members of the bands had their instruments, this was going to be 'a bit of a challenge'. Luckily, the first bus that pulled into the stop had only one passenger and the driver agreed to take all our students and Mr Hunt into the city. We are greatly appreciative of Metro’s assistance to us and have passed on our thanks to Metro Management and the driver who looked after our band members.

Despite this minor set back the Stage Band achieved a Merit Award in the Grade 10 and Under Jazz Band Section and the Concert Band took out a very commendable First Place in the School Concert Band Section for Grade 10 and Under. Congratulations to Mr Hunt and all members of both bands.

Next month the bands will travel to the north of the State on the Annual Band Tour to participate in the Devonport Eisteddfod.

School Reports/Parent Teacher

All teachers have spent many hours over recent weeks drawing together student assessments in order to prepare mid-year reports. These are currently being collated and will be sent home on Friday, August 11.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted on Wednesday, August 16. As this evening is preceded by only two school days, it will be important that all students arrange times for interviews with teachers on these days.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Emma Burrows, past School Co-President in 1999, who has achieved recognition on the Dean’s Honour Roll at Melbourne University.

Congratulations also to Isobel Cusick for her selection in the Tasmanian Schools Orienteering Team. Well done, Isobel!

Rosny College recently presented the musical ’Grease’. Three Year 11 students played important roles in this very successful presentation. Hannah Rothbauer played the role of Rizzo, Ellie Meagher played Patti and Simon Butler assisted with audio.

Student Lateness and Uniform

The staff is concerned by the number of students who believe it is acceptable to be late for school without an appropriate explanation. In following up some of the students who have been consistently late, it was discovered that some students, without their parent’s knowledge, were getting off their buses and having breakfast at McDonald’s prior to eventually arriving at school around 10.00am. Whilst this might have seemed like ‘a good idea at the time’ it places the school in the position of not knowing where the students are when parents expect them to be at school, represents the school poorly in the community, and disrupts the teaching and learning program. It would be appreciated if all parents/guardians could advise us when students are expected to be late either by phoning the office or providing a written note for them to present on their arrival. Students who do not provide a satisfactory explanation for their lateness will receive a lunchtime detention.
A number of students have also been testing the school uniform policy by encouraging their parents to purchase incorrect clothes for school. I have attached a copy of the school’s dress code for parent information so that parents can be fully informed of what is required. This document has been unchanged for over four years and provides information about what is acceptable and unacceptable. Parent assistance in ensuring that our students are correctly attired for school ensures the continued good reputation of the school in the wider community, who frequently judge our students by their behaviour and presentation outside the school.

Stephen Mannering  
Principal

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UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA  
UNI INFO DAY

Sunday 13th August, 11.00am – 3.00pm

The Uni Info Day is specially designed to cater for future students and their families. It provides specific course information about undergraduate and postgraduate programs at UTAS. General course information sessions will be held throughout the day and visitors will have the opportunity to take guided tours of teaching facilities and accommodation options. Additional information is available via the website www.utas.edu.au.

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INTERNATIONAL SAN RYU DO

Be one of the first people in Australia to learn this Martial Art, based around the Japanese short sword or Wakasashi.

Classes are held every Thursday afternoon in the Rose Bay Gym from 4:30 till 6:00 pm.

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Ogilvie High School  
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