Education Maintenance Allowance

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; subjects, uniforms, excursions, etc.... You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses;
- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school which you then need to collect from the school.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- $200 for prep students
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6.
- $300 for year 7 students
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16*.

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

How to Apply:

Applications need to be made at the school. Please bring your valid Health Care Card or pension Concession card with you. If you are a temporary foster parent, a letter from DHS indicating this is required.

Closing Date: Friday 28th February 2014.

Applications AFTER this date CANNOT be accepted.

For more information about the EMA, visit http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx

An application to receive EMA must be lodged each year.
STUDENTS WHO ARE UNWELL

A REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS (AND STUDENTS TO NOTE). IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL THEY ARE TO GO TO SICK BAY FIRST

STUDENTS ARE NOT TO PHONE THEIR PARENTS. STUDENTS WHO DO WILL BE IN BREACH OF SCHOOL RULES AND THIS WILL LEAD TO CONFISCATION OF MOBILE PHONES

CAZ O’BRIEN, SICK BAY COORDINATOR, WILL CALL PARENTS IF THEIR STUDENT IS UNWELL AND NEEDS TO GO HOME

ROSEBUD SECONDARY COLLEGE HAS A CLEAR MOBILE PHONE POLICY:

Unless directed by a teacher for a specific education purpose, all mobile devices including MP3 players & mobile phones should be switched off at school.
Where a teachers direction is not followed, electronic devices will be taken for the day and returned at the end of the day. In the case of repeated transgressions the device will be returned to a parent.

School Uniform.

We would like to remind everyone of the Rosebud Secondary College Uniform Policy.
It has been brought to the attention of our staff that some of our students are unsure of what they are and are not allowed to wear, particularly regarding jewellery.
For information on the Uniform policy please check the student diary as this is where you will find the full policy printed.

SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR WELFARE DEPARTMENT

The Welfare Department would appreciate donations of pre-loved school polo shirts and other school uniform items in good condition.

These items are invaluable when all sorts of little emergencies arise.
Please leave your clothing donations at the front office.

Thank you for your support.

UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS 2014

Tuesdays: 8:30am-11:30am
Thursdays: 12:00pm-4:00pm
Welcome back all students to Rosebud Secondary College for the 2014 school year. I have been made to feel most welcome in the position of Principal. Rosebud Secondary College represents a significant change for me, having come from Western Port College where I have been Principal for the past five years. Previous to this I was Assistant Principal at Elisabeth Murdoch College which is a similar size to Rosebud Secondary College. My belief is that Rosebud Secondary College is a great school that will continue to cater to the needs of our community by offering a broad suite of programs that lead to successful VCE and VCAL outcomes.

I would like to thank Geoff Seletto who stepped into the role of Acting Principal in Term 4 during the appointment process. This term we welcome back Natalie Lees and Charlotte George from leave. We wish them a successful return to the school. I would also like to wish our class of 2013 the best of luck as they move into the next phase of their life after successfully completing secondary schooling. Congratulations to Adrian Gray who was the College Dux with an ATAR score of 98.8. We had six students score 90+ and twenty two students score 80+.

This week I met all students and members of the College community at our whole school assembly. We welcomed our new Year 7 students and wished them the best of luck starting at the College. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet all students and speak to them about the privilege afforded to them of a school education. My message to the students and school community is that six years of schooling is essential in giving the best opportunity to succeed into the future. More and more we know that employment prospects and a fulfilling work life are enhanced through qualifications and a senior certificate is the first step in achieving this. During the assembly I spoke about the achievements of the “Young Australian of the Year”, Paralympian, Jacqueline Freney. Despite Jacqueline being born with cerebral palsy she has become an amazing role model through her achievements at the London 2012 Paralympic Games, where she won a record eight gold medals. I think stories like this should inspire us all and show that anything is possible. I encourage all students to build on the work completed during “Jumpstart” and make the most of the school year.

Congratulations to the eleven students who recently attended the study tour to China with staff members Sherryn Downing and Adrian Donnelly. This was an amazing opportunity for these students that they will never forget and we look forward to hearing more about their experiences while travelling.

This weekend we farewell 6 of our Year 9 students as they head off to Marlo to participate in The Alpine School Program for the next 9 weeks. We would like to wish them all the best as they leave their family and friends behind. A great experience for all involved.

This year we look forward to the completion of the Trade Training Centre facilities on the Rosebud Chisholm TAFE site. This facility will significantly enhance the education provision for students at Rosebud Secondary College and the wider region. We will keep you updated with progress of these works.

Organisational matters

Swimming Sports for all Year 7-8 students and competitors only from Year 9-12 will be held at Crib Point Swimming Pool on Tuesday 11th February.

Please make sure your child is in correct school uniform. If you are unsure about uniform or accepted shoe styles please check the school diary for more detailed information or contact the school.

Please note: that variations to this will not be accepted as outlined when a student enrols at the College (Non- Negotiables contract).

Please note: that facial piercings are not accepted and must be removed when the student is at school.

Andrew Nicholls
Principal
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 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 – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD 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. 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 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.

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 principal, Mr Andrew Nicholls or Mrs Vicki Eva for further information.
An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Rosebud Secondary College

Nomination forms may be obtained from the College and must be lodged by 4:00pm on Monday 17\textsuperscript{th} February. Please contact Vicki Eva in the General Office.

The ballot will close at 4:00pm on Monday 4\textsuperscript{th} March 2014

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the College.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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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 College.

Andrew Nicholls
Principal
**SPORT NEWS**

**SWIMMING SPORTS**

The annual House Swimming Sports will be held at the Crib Point Pool on Tuesday 11th February. It will be an all day activity and buses will leave the college immediately after roll marking and return just after 3:00pm so that normal end of day arrangements can apply.

It is a compulsory attendance day for Year 7 and Year 8 students. Students from Year 9 through to Year 12 may choose to attend the sports.

The Inter School swimming team will be chosen from the results and times attained by students on the day. The carnival will consist of the 4 main swimming strokes but will also include some novelty events for those students who may prefer those. If time permits, there may be an opportunity for some controlled “free” swimming at the end of the day.

A barbeque will operate poolside, selling sausages and a small canteen is also available at the pool for drinks and confectionery.

Students are reminded of the need to be “SunSmart” as the dangers of sunburn are always imminent especially if the current hot spell of weather continues. It would be a good idea to pack some personal protection to use in addition to the sunscreen that will be available on the day. Rash vests, long sleeved shirts and hats are also advised. Zinc cream in House colours is a great way to show support and stay protected.

After the Swimming team has been chosen, students will be invited to train before school at the Colchester Pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays leading up to the Interschool Sports to be held on Thursday 13th March at the Pines Pool Frankston.

Parents are very welcome to attend the carnival and your support would be much appreciated. First event should kick off around 10:00am.

Pat Egan

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**INTERSCHOOL SPORT PARTICIPATION FEE - $25.00**

The College is very supportive of our students’ participation in Interschool Sport, believing that this broadens their social and learning experiences.

The Interschool Sport Program is expensive to run due to the ever increasing costs of buses, equipment and casual relief teachers.

As this program is one of our optional extras, the costs of participating in it are required to be met by parents/guardians.

The contribution required to pay is $25.00 for the year. This goes towards helping to cover some of the costs of running the program.

If you would like to discuss any details about this program please feel free to call Vicki at the College on 5986 8595.
SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENT INSURANCE

This is a reminder to parents and guardians, that Rosebud Secondary College NO LONGER has a whole of school student accident insurance policy. Therefore, parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of any medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Some commercial insurance companies provide student accident insurance policies and cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

TO SUBSCRIBE TO THIS SERVICE FOLLOW THE LINK ON OUR WEBSITE:
www.rsc.vic.edu.au

PLEASE ADD
newsletter@safenewsletters.com

TO YOUR CONTACTS LIST ONCE YOU HAVE SUBSCRIBED

A Great New Way to Keep in Touch.

Rosebud Secondary College has subscribed to a school – parent mobile phone service which will hold valuable information accessed via iPhones and Smartphones.

Following in the newsletter is a step by step guide to downloading this free app, which will not only enable you to view events, newsletters and many other valuable items but most importantly it will send “push notifications” to your phone to alert you to any urgent messages or information updates.

This app will make you instantly aware for example if we have had to change a sports day through poor weather, or if a bus is delayed back from an excursion etc.

We would hope that as many parents and students who have either an iPhone or Smartphone, do download this free app as we aim to further improve our communications between school and home.
**MATHS TUTORING**

Free Maths Tutoring Sessions every Thursday after school from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

- **Years 7-9**      Room 111
- **Years 10-12**    Room 113

Anyone who wants a quiet place to work or get help from the Maths staff can come along!

Any questions, please contact Debbie Scholefield, Numeracy Coordinator on 5986 8595

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**HOME ECCO / WOODWORK / SYSTEMS**

Reminder for students studying Home Economics, Woodwork and Systems.

An apron is required for all Home Economics classes, and Safety Glasses are needed for all Woodwork and Systems classes.

These items can be purchased at the Uniform Shop

Tuesdays 8:30am - 11:30am and Thursdays 12:00pm - 4:30pm.

- **APRONS** - $10.00
- **SAFETY GLASSES** - $6.00

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**WORK EXPERIENCE ORGANISATION FOR 2014**

A reminder to students about Work Experience arrangements for 2014.

The dates for Work Experience in 2014 are 24th March – 28th March

All Year 10 students should be actively searching for a work placement, hopefully with support and help from their parents.

Students need to ensure they return the white slip with their personal and employer details to the Careers Office by Friday 7th February 2014.

Students who are interested in undertaking their work experience on a construction work site (building, electrical, plumbing, plastering, landscaping) will also need to complete CIC training (Construction Induction Card). This is a requirement of Work Safe Victoria. The CIC will also be able to be used by students in the building and construction industry when they leave school or apply for part time employment.

Well done to all the students who have already organized their Work Experience for 2014.

Any other inquiries contact the Careers Office on 59 86 8595

Janette Pearman    Melinda King    Jackie Voigt
**STUDENT SUPPORT**

Life for students is not always easy. Problems and worries can put a strain on school progress, family life and friendships. Personal concerns can get worse if help is not sought.

The College Wellbeing Team can provide advice and support to students and their families on a wide range of issues including:

- School attendance and engagement
- Mental health and wellbeing (social, emotional challenges, positive friendships)
- Accessing financial assistance for school uniform and books, etc.
- Where to get help outside the school – referral to community agencies / health providers and Education Department Guidance Officer / Psychologist / Social Worker

The specialist support available includes:

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All the above people can be contacted through the college office. Tel: 5986 8595.

*Appointments are usually necessary due to other teaching duties and part-time schedules.*

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**BULLY STOPPERS – NEW RESOURCES FOR PARENTS**

All members of a school community share the concerns which surround the issue of bullying. The stresses created when a student or students aim to exert their power over another, be it psychological or physical bullying, can lead to very negative consequences. Our policies and practices take a zero tolerance to bullying, and the realities of the “Hands Off” school allow all students to view bullying behaviours as wrong.

Whilst we employ a number of strategies to educate our students around this topic, we also appreciate that the parents of the students are vital partners in addressing the issue with us.

The Education Department have developed a very worthwhile online resource for parents in particular, which will allow you to explore the many facets of bullying and its management.


Whilst the content will make reference to children below secondary school age, the messages included are applicable to older children and will be observable in students at Years 7 and 8 in particular.

We would encourage you to view this resource, which will present you firstly with an overview of the issues, before allowing you to explore several case studies. These will each have a different theme, and you can select potential courses of action which will in turn open up thought provoking scenarios.

As always, we encourage parents and their children, to inform our teachers of any instances of bullying they experience, or observe. We want all of our students to feel happy and safe at their school.
What's on @ SPAC

LIOR

Southern Peninsula Arts Centre
245 EASTBOURNE ROAD ROSEBUD 3939
FEBRUARY 21st 2014
8:00PM
SUPPORTING ACTS: TRUDY AND THE SATURDAY COWBOYS/DOMINI FORSTER
Tickets: Presale $32/$28 Door $42
www.southernpeninsulaartscentre.com

IMPRO CLUB

Improvisation is great fun and it’s good for you!

Improv fosters spontaneity, collaboration and playfulness.

Perfect for anyone with an interest in writing, theatre, and comedy.

Or simply anyone who wants to spark their imagination and inspire others.

MONTHLY IMPRO ARVO 2014
Saturday 16th February, 16th March,
26th April, 21st May, 21st June.
1.00-4.00pm
Cost: $40, $35 conc. (per session)
Improv Club is at SPAC,
Eastbourne Rd, Rosebud

Bookings and enquiries
(03) 5986 8204
or go to www.southernpeninsulaartscentre.com
Southern Peninsula Arts Centre
COMMUNITY NEWS

GRAFFITI VANDALISM – IS NOT ART!!

Everyone is noticing it, everyone is talking about it, but what can everyone do about it?

Graffiti Vandalism is a crime and police will investigate BUT even more importantly, it has become a real community issue and we all need to be part of the solution. Local residents, retailers and visitors have all expressed concerns about the reputation that graffiti is giving to our community.

The majority of crimes solved by police are as a result of information received from the community.
If you see something, say something!

Be aware of what is happening in your local area. Take note of suspicious or illegal activity by recording times, dates, registration numbers of vehicles, identity or description of persons acting suspiciously.

Information and/or photographs can be passed on to local police via email on:- rosebud_uni_graffiti@police.vic.gov.au or alternatively incidents can be reported anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Asthma at School

What can parents and carers do to help their child’s asthma at school?
If your child is self-managing their asthma, or capable of taking their asthma medication independently, ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (e.g. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir and Bricanyl) as well as a spacer while at school.
- Ensure that you have provided your child’s school/preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan.
- Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early symptoms of an asthma attack and check to make sure they are using their reliever medication properly.
- Ensure your child will seek help from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma Symptoms.
- Ensure that your child’s asthma is being well managed and that their medication and management is reviewed annually by your GP (this is a good opportunity to also update the Asthma Action Plan required by your child’s school/preschool)

Respiratory experts talk to parents about asthma

Ever wondered what the experts would say about a cure for asthma?
Or how to get your teenager to take their medication?
If you want to find out the answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about children and asthma, watch The Asthma Foundation’s new video series – available from http://forum.asthma.org.au/

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au
Rosebud Netball Club invites you to join our club for the 2014 junior netball season. You don’t need to be experienced, just willing to learn. Rosebud competes in the under 15, under 13, under 11 and under 9 divisions. We play a Saturday competition from 9.30am at the Truemans Rd Recreation Reserve. For more information email your name and date of birth to rosebudnetballclubinc@hotmail.com or come along to one of our registration days at Nepean Netball Association clubrooms, Truemans Rd Recreation Reserve, Tootgarook. Registrations days details are as follows:
10.00am to 12.00pm Saturday 8th of February
4.00-5.00pm on Wednesday 12th of February.
Season 1 2014 starts on Saturday 22nd of February.

 Registrations are now being taken for Rye Junior Netball Club for 2014.
(all age groups from 8 -15 years)

Please email or call:
Barb Hilder - President 0427531797
Lauren Brett - Secretary 0468326010
Natasha Prazad - Registrar 0410311731

Or you can register on our first Training/Social day on Wednesday 5th February 2014
Rye Bowls Club – Napier St Rye
3:30pm – 5:30pm

Season One Starts Saturday 22nd February 2014
Please call Barb Hilder – President for further information.
Ph: 0427531797
president.ryenetbalkclub@gmail.com

**Rosebud Junior Football Club Inc.**

**REGISTRATION DAY**

**MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY**

Olympic Park Football Ground, Eastbourne Road, Rosebud.

FROM - 4PM-6PM

Rosebud JFC is taking new registrations for the Under 10s, 15s and under 16s and finalising registrations for returning players.

All new registrations paid in full on the day will also receive a discount of $20.00 for the first child fee.

New Registrations:
First Child: $150.00
Family: $250.00

Returning Players (who did not pay deposit on 2013 Presentation night)
First Child: $170.00
Family: $250.00

If you have already pre-registered your child and paid a deposit at 2013 Presentation Night please return on the day to complete required forms and finalise payment to receive your discount.

For all new registrations to the club a copy of your child’s Birth certificate, Passport or Yellow Health Care booklet will be required on the day.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Leigh Thompson (Secretary) on 0434 676 873 or Wayne Thornton (President) on 0438 353 126.

**RYE JFC**

**2014 REGISTRATION DAY**

Rye Junior Football Club invites new and existing players to register your interest for the 2014 Season.

Friday 7th February 2014
4:30pm—6:00pm

In the Junior Clubrooms at R.J Rowley Reserve

Full fees are $180.00 for an individual
and $330.00 for a family (2 or more players).

*All fees include a team photo and our NEW Under 10’s will receive a junior footy.

*NEW PLAYERS WILL NEED TO BRING A COPY OF THEIR BIRTH CERTIFICATE.*

For further information please contact the club:

Registration Officer: Amanda Swain 0401 053 515
President: Allan Barnes 0401 584 962
Secretary: Jenny Walker 0408 125 051
Or the club at email: ryefc@gmail.com