



Rosehill College News



SENIOR TARGETS

1. Excellent achievement that leads to a good life after secondary education.
2. Chosen career path.
3. Achieving at least NCEA Level 2.
4. Achieving Merit / Excellence endorsements.



JUNIOR TARGETS

1. Excellent achievement that leads to good senior courses and studies.
2. Chosen career path.
3. Achieving Yr 9 Level 4A / Yr 10 Level 5B in each subject.

Dates to Remember

Monday 6 February
Waitangi Day

Thursday 9 February
Whole School Assembly

Wednesday 15 February
ID Photos taken
Parent Forum on NCEA - 6.00pm

Thursday 23 February
BOT Meeting - 7.00pm

Tuesday 28 February
New Students and Parents Evening - 6.00pm

From the Principal Tena koutou katoa

Welcome to 2017!

This week we welcomed all our new students and staff members with a powhiri held on Thursday morning. Our best wishes to those students and staff as they settle into the College. I am pleased to tell you that we are fully staffed for the start of the year, with teachers and support staff bringing experience from a range of backgrounds.



My thanks go to all the staff who worked hard during the holidays to prepare for the new school year. Last week student advisor training and the Student Leadership Camp at Waharau took place, and this week has been a busy one with senior re-enrolment. Thank you to all those senior students for their commitment to our school community.

It always takes a few days for the timetable in a big school to be confirmed, and our timetablers have been working long hours on constructing the best timetable possible. Changes to timetables are caused by a number of issues, including enrolments and re-enrolments coming in this week. We ask students to be patient with any changes that need to be made.

Reflecting back on last year, we had our first group of students who have used Chromebooks for their learning take NCEA Level 1, and it was pleasing to see the increased percentage of students who gained Level 1. At Year 12 we had our highest pass rate for Level 2 and for last year's Year 13 students, I want to acknowledge the achievements of a particular group of students. Congratulations to the following students gained NCEA Level 3 with Excellence.

Kurdistan Othmani - PBA, Alicia Collins - PCA, Jimin Yu - PAV, Chhavi Breja - MKW, Jessica Peart - MRA, Rebekah Te Rito - RTQ, Benjamin Sweney - MJT and Alysha Jones - PNV

A number of these students also held leadership positions in the College, including Ben and Chhavi who were Head Students last year.

Dropping off and picking up students

Would all parents and caregivers please avoid driving into the school's car park areas to drop off or pick up students before and after school, as it is unsafe to have cars driving through the grounds at those very busy times. Similarly, please don't stop or park on the yellow lines near our gates as traffic infringement notices may be issued. Drop students off or pick them up at some distance from the school – the short walk will be good for them!



Best wishes to everyone in the Rosehill College community for a successful 2017.

Sue Blakely, Principal



Reminder - Late Start Tuesdays

A reminder that students should be at school by 9.35am (the first bell goes at 9.40am) on Tuesday mornings. AT Metro buses run at the normal time. Murphys buses leave from their starting points at 9am on Tuesdays. For more information on buses see our website under "Enrolments / Buses".



Leadership Camp

Last week the Senior Student Leaders spent two days at Waharau developing their leadership skills. Between sessions on leadership and organisation the students participated in a Great Race where they had to work together as a team to achieve set goals. It was a great opportunity for the students to learn more about other leaders and prepare them for the start of 2017.



Whole School Assembly



We will be having an outdoor whole school assembly on Thursday 9 February, Period 2. Students should bring a black or blue hat and wear sunscreen to protect themselves from the sun.

Caps and Bucket Hats

Plain navy blue official school caps and bucket hats are in stock and are available from the Resource Room.

Caps: \$6.00
Bucket hats: \$8.00



2017 PAPAURA CLEANUP AND DRIVER'S LICENCE PROGRAMME

This year, Rosehill College will be running the Driver's Licence Programme. This is a programme that helps students to gain their Learner Driver Licence at a reduced cost. We work in partnership with the Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust and Auckland Council. If you are interested, please keep a close eye out in both the newsletter and student notices for further information. We would like to participate in the Papakura Cleanup which will be run by the Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust, set for 25 February 2017, and will be signing students up from next week. Students who are interested DO NOT have to be 16 at the time of the cleanup, as we will schedule the testing for later in the year. For further queries, please contact Jessie Peneamena (j.peneamena@rosehillcollege.school.nz)

Lovely opportunity for two Rosehill families!

We are seeking 2 families to host 2 pairs of students from New Caledonia late March!

A group of 22 senior students of English from the Lycée La Pérouse in Nouméa, New Caledonia are visiting Rosehill for 10 days 25 March-4 April. We are looking for two more families to host a pair of students during this time: one student for 5 days then a second for 5 days. They all speak good English and are here to extend their English and have a 'Kiwi experience'!



Tanquay 16yrs
Loves rugby, music + video games!



Mateo 15 yrs
Loves chocolate + all sports esp soccer!



Luna
16 yrs. Loves dancing, cooking, music, shopping!



Jorian 15 yrs
Heaps of interests + widely travelled!

During the week the students will attend school with their host sister/brother for 3 days and be on excursion to Auckland 2 days. At the weekend they fit into normal family activities and it is appreciated if they can be shown some sights around the local area or Auckland.

We would love your help!

If you can help please email the HOD French, Jacqui Johnson:
ja.johnson@rosehillcollege.school.nz

Together we create an environment for personal excellence



Year 10 Camps

Year 10 students will be given information sheets and permission slips for the upcoming Year 10 camps. Please note that these forms and payment for the camp are due by Thursday 9 March. Camp dates are as follows:

Pounamu: 20 - 22 March
Taikura: 29 - 31 March

Kahurangi: 22 - 24 March
Atawhai: 3 - 5 April

Manutaki: 27 - 29 March
Rangatahi: 5 - 7 April

New Staff Profiles

Deborah Robinson Head of Learner Support



I am returning to Rosehill College after working as a Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour (RTLb) in Pukekohe for the past 5 years. Previous to that I worked in Rosehill College for 5 years, first as a Mathematics teacher and then as an RTLb in Learner Support. I am delighted to be back, in a school I love as Head of Learner Support. I

have a BSC in Mathematics from Auckland University, a post graduate diploma in Resourcing for Special Needs, also from Auckland University, and I am a trained SPELD tutor. My husband Tim is a Mathematician and my daughter Margaret is an artist.

Reshmi Lakhan Teacher of Mathematics



I joined Kelston Girls College in 2008 as a Mathematics teacher and later took up Physics. I have a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Physics and a Post Graduate Certificate in Education from University of the South Pacific. Last year I completed my Master of Professional Studies from University of Auckland. My dissertation focus was on

how e-learning could benefit mathematical learning. I am very excited and looking forward to teaching at Rosehill College.

Jade Lim Teacher of: Health and Physical Education



I left Rosehill College as a student in 2012, I went on to study a Bachelor of Physical Education at the University of Auckland. I am excited to return to Rosehill College and join the Health and Physical Education Department in 2017. I have a passion for any sport or outdoor activity that can build confidence and develop relationships. I believe health is

a vital area for students to develop mentally, physically and socially.

At Rosehill College I want to assist students to explore, understand and value their own bodies through encouraging movement and fostering growth of their personal identity. I look forward to getting to know the students, parents and wider community of Rosehill College.

Meeta Sandhu Head of Science



I have come to Rosehill College as Head of Science Faculty. I have come from Pakuranga College, prior to which I was teaching at James Cook High School. Originally I am from India, born and brought up in Pune. I am passionate about teaching, as working with teenagers always keeps me young at heart. I'm looking forward to working with our

Rosehill Community and continuing my learning journey.

Matthew Cameron Teacher of Technology



I have come to teaching later in life following a lengthy career in the Royal New Zealand Navy where I not only developed a love for food and hospitality but also found an immense satisfaction and pride in the training of junior recruits. Having seen first hand the standard of early school leavers entering the Navy, together with my own experience of

school in South Auckland, I want to be a positive role model for children, helping mentor and sculpt the futures of our children by providing them with skills that are readily transferable be it in the work place of food and hospitality or at home by cooking wholesome healthy meals.

Grace Shelley-Poeschl Teacher of English



Kia ora koutou

My background revolves around my three passions: art, language, and theatre. I have worked a variety of jobs across these interests, including working as a librarian, a gallery assistant at Auckland Art Gallery, and a theatre producer. In 2012 I completed my Bachelor of Arts in English and Linguistics at the University

of Auckland. I completed a Certificate of Art and Design at Whitecliffe College last year, and prior to that I taught English at Rangitoto College.

I am enjoying warm and welcoming culture at Rosehill College, and I'm looking forward to teaching and learning from the students here.



Welcome to 2017 Rosehill Sport! We hope you all have had a relaxing break and are ready to jump back into a full-on term for school sport. There will be some new tools involved in the Sports Department this year, including Signmee and Accessit. These programmes are designed to make things easier for staff, students and parents and will cut down significantly on our paper trail. Please read on for more details and don't be afraid to contact the Sports Office on 295 0661 ext 844 if you have any questions.



Senior Volleyball

Rosehill's Senior Volleyball Boys and Girls teams are all ready to go, following on from Term 4 and their first games are next Thursday 9th March. We wish them luck and look forward to seeing how they go after all their hard work training!

Key Dates for 2017:

- Swimming Sports - 3rd March
- Hillcrest Exchange - 20th June
- Sports Team Photos - 1st August
- Winter Tournament Week - 4th to 8th September
- Sports Awards - 2nd November

Current Sign Ups

- All Orienteering
- Softball Boys
- Waterpolo (Senior and Junior)
- All Basketball Boys and Girls
- Rosehill Raptors Basketball Coaches/Leaders

Upcoming Trials

- Basketball U15 & U17 Boys – 8th February, 3.30pm
- Basketball Open Boys – 10th February, 3.30pm
- All Basketball Girls – 13th February, 3.30pm
- Netball Premier – 21st, 22nd & 23rd February, 3.30-5.30pm
- Netball Senior – 28th Feb & 1st March, 3.30-5.30pm
- All Badminton – 2nd March, Lunchtime in Sports Centre
- Netball Yr9 & Yr10 – 7th & 9th March, 3.30-5.30pm

Rosehill Raptors Basketball Club

The Rosehill Raptors Basketball Club is still going strong and will be coming back to its weekly Thursday spot in the Sports Centre, kicking off in term one on 16th February.

This programme is designed for Primary (3.45pm), Intermediate (4.45pm) and junior College students (5.45pm) at all Basketball skill levels. It's a free afterschool programme run by Tim Dennis and Senior Rosehill Student Coaches for all to enjoy, so spread the word and come along to try it out!

Call the Sports Office for more information and keep an eye out for the posters– 295 0661 ext 844

Rowing

The Rosehill Rowers have been busy training hard over the summer and are all ready for their first big school event of the year, the Head of Harbour Regatta which is coming up on the 11th February. Good luck team, we look forward to seeing how you all go!

Signmee Communication Tool

Signmee is a new communication tool that the Sports Department is currently trialling with the hope of using it permanently. Basically, it allows our Sports Staff to generate an online permission slip catered to each sport or activity which is then emailed home and can be signed online in your own Signmee account.

- When your child is selected for a team you will be sent your first permission slip to your email address and be asked to create a log in with a password for Signmee.
- You will then be able to view your Signmee inbox and any permission slips may be opened and filled in from here.
- It is important to note that all fields must be filled in, even with an NA if required, before you can complete the form.
- To sign permission the parent must re-enter their Signmee password into the box at the bottom and this notifies the sports department that your child is good to go.

Please read a more detailed description of how Signmee works by following this link <http://bit.ly/2klzzyC>

Accessit

Accessit is another tool that the Sports Department will be using this year in regards to the issuing of uniform items out to students. Each Rosehill student will have an account on this programme linked to their student ID and may already be familiar with it as the Library has used it during 2016. As a student is issued with sports uniform each item will be scanned onto their account and then scanned off once it is returned. This is possible due to every item having a numbered barcode that matches the number on their playing strip shirt or the number drawn on the shorts. It will be important for the student to return the number they were originally issued so that the item does get scanned off their account.

Students will be able to view their accounts to see what items they have and what is still outstanding at the end of the year. It will be key for all students playing in a team and receiving uniform to have their student ID card on them at the time of collection, so keep this in mind for later in the term.

Staff Farewell

Unfortunately, Rosehill College has another Sports Coordinator moving on this year with Miss Skidmore leaving at the end of this week to fill a position at Air New Zealand. We thank her for her excellent work on behalf of our students and sports and wish her all the best at Air New Zealand. We will miss her friendly approachability.

"I would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone I have had the pleasure of meeting and working alongside. It is a very rewarding experience working in such a fantastic school and I will miss all of the wonderful students, staff and exceptional community volunteers that we have!"

Sarah Skidmore

