

Rosehill College News



ACADEMIC GOALS

Year 9 GOAL: 8 subjects

4P = Proficient Above the expected level (Except for Languages)

Year 10 GOAL: 8 subjects

5B = Basic At the expected level (Except for Languages)

Year 11 GOAL: 6 subjects

15+ credits in each subject, to include 10 credits Literacy, 10 credits Numeracy.

Year 12 GOAL: 6 subjects

15+ credits in each subject, to include 5 credits UE Literacy Reading and 5 credits UE Literacy Writing.

Year 13 GOAL: 5 subjects

15+ credits in each subject, to include University Entrance 14 Credits in each of three subjects.



Dates to Remember

Tuesday 13 February

Parent Forum on NCEA - 6.00pm

Wednesday 21 February

ID Photos taken

BOT Meeting - 6.00pm

Thursday 22 February

New Student and Parent Information

Evening - 6.00pm

NetSafe

NetSafe is a government agency that supports schools to encourage digital citizenship. NetSafe has recently published a 2018 update of their publication [Staying Safe Online](#). We encourage all parents and caregivers to discuss cybersafety and cybersecurity with their child.

From the Principal *Tena koutou katoa*

The weather held for our Whole School Assembly yesterday, with the temperature at a reasonable level. The school assemblies on the field for the one occasion in the year when we all meet together, to welcome those new to Rosehill College and to introduce our student leaders. The Head Students each addressed the assembly and a common theme was identity and personal growth and development. See below for photos from the assembly.



I mentioned in the assembly that we have some large class sizes and that our timetabler will be making changes to some students' timetables. We know that these changes can be a little unsettling for students who are just starting to build relationships in their classes, and now have to build relationships with different teachers and classmates, and so we don't do this lightly. However, we do need to reduce large class sizes to ensure better learning. If your son or daughter is upset at a change in timetable, please encourage them to take the change in their stride as it is not possible to revert to the original.

The start of the year has seen some unsettled weather, particularly at the time students are leaving school at 3.20pm. Students being collected by car has led to congestion around the school entrances, and I ask that parents and caregivers make arrangements to pick up their students away from the school gates. At that time of the day, the carpark is a predominantly pedestrian zone and we cannot have cars coming in to collect students.

Sue Blakely, Principal



Parent Forum

- **Do you know how the NCEA works?**
- **Did you know the requirements for University Entrance?**
- **Do you know how to use our Parent Portal to check on your student's attendance and achievement data?**

The first Parent Forum for 2018 will address these questions. It will be held at **6.00pm on Tuesday 13 February** in the Rosehill College Staffroom.



2018 SCHOOL PRODUCTION THE ADDAMS FAMILY

All students are encouraged to audition for this year's Rosehill College school production.

We need Actors, Dancers and Singers from all year levels. Come and take part in one of the highlights of the school year.

Sign up for an audition time with Mrs Harrison in the Drama and Dance office at lunchtimes. Audition week starts on Monday 19th February.



New Student and Parent Evening

Welcome to Rosehill College. We hope that new students have started to feel like they belong and can contribute to our school. Connections between the school and home help build positive outcomes for students so we would like to invite all our new students and their parents to our New Student and Parent Evening on Thursday 22 February at 6 pm.

This is an opportunity to meet senior staff, your child's Head of House and their Tutor Teacher. These are the key people that you will be communicating with while you are part of Rosehill College. The evening starts in the school hall and students do not need to attend in school uniform. We look forward to seeing you all at this evening.

Smilecare Mobiles

Smilecare mobile unit visits Rosehill College throughout the year with the first visit scheduled for 26th - 29th March.

What's this about?

Your child is entitled to an annual dental package every year up until they turn 18 years. We have partnered with Counties Manukau District Health Board to provide onsite dental care and improve the adolescent uptake of these packages. The programme aims at preventing and/or reducing tooth decay.

What's my child entitled to?

Once enrolled with a dentist, your child is entitled to an annual dental check-up package determined by the Ministry of Health, this includes the following:

- One Dental consultation
- X-rays and diagnosis where required
- Other preventive treatments where required
- Oral health education and advice to maintain healthy teeth and gums

How does it work?

Once consent has been given, Smilecare Mobiles work closely with the school to ensure they operate while minimizing any learning disruptions.

How can I sign up/give consent?

Enrolment and dental packages are FREE and simple. Just click on the link below and follow the prompts.

[Click here to enrol and consent with Smilecare](#)

Music Department



If you play a concert band instrument and would like to join a school band, see Mrs Banham in A1.



If you sing and would like to join the school choir, see Miss Matthews in A1.

If you would like to learn the flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, horn or trombone see Mrs Banham in A1.



Learning to sing or play an instrument is a great adventure and playing or singing in a group is so much fun!

"Music can change the world because it can change people" *Bono*

Rosehill Sign ups & Auditions for SDNZ - Street Dance New Zealand

SDNZ is the Street Dance New Zealand hip hop dance competition for students.

This exciting opportunity provides our students a chance to perform street dance/ hip hop and compete against other secondary schools in our region. There will be a further chance to compete at Nationals if our SDNZ crew places this year.

We are looking for committed dancers who would like to be part of our Rosehill College SDNZ Crew. Sign ups are already underway, if you think you have 'IT' and are a passionate about performing, sign up at lunch time in the library Mon-Wed this week with Amy Duffell and Nikita Knapman-Smith.

An audition to learn and perform a short hip hop sequence will take place on Thursday 15th Feb - Day 3 & Friday 16th of Feb- Day 4, in the PAC.

Call backs or extra audition slots will take place on Monday 19th Feb in X9 if needed.

We look forward to representing Rosehill in 2018 at street dance New Zealand. Come join us.

New Staff Profiles

Sangita Devi Teacher of Food Technology



I completed my Bachelor of Education degree from University of the South Pacific and have been teaching Food Technology in various secondary schools in Fiji since year 2003. I have been acting Head of Department for last four years and have developed my leadership skills allowing me to delegate, inspire and communicate effectively. I am passionate about providing quality education to our community and feel privileged to be working with a fantastic team of committed professional teacher's at Rosehill College this year.

Being a dedicated, resourceful and caring teacher who wants all students to be successful learners, this year I am committing to ensuring I celebrate successes as much as I can with the staff, students and community members of Rosehill College.

So far I am enjoying my time at Rosehill College, especially the support and encouragement of the Technology Department staff, and I am especially looking forward to seeing our students' develop lifelong skills for future survival.



Nick James Teacher of Physical Education & Health



I have come to Rosehill College after completing my bachelors in Physical Education and Health at the University of Auckland in 2017. I have had a relaxing break between finishing University and starting at Rosehill College, exploring Europe for a few weeks, visiting places such as Paris, Rome and London to name a few. So far I have thoroughly enjoyed Rosehill, I am excited and eager to begin my teaching career here and am looking forward to a challenging but rewarding year ahead.

Shafeel Khan Teacher of Hard Materials Technology



I graduated with a Bachelor of Education degree majoring in Technology from the University of the South Pacific (USP) in Suva, Fiji in 2003. While studying at USP, I travelled to Vancouver, Canada and studied as a formal exchange student at Simon Fraser University for two academic semesters. I have taught Industrial Arts subjects including Woodwork, Metalwork, Graphics and Design at three secondary schools in Fiji for 12 years before moving to New Zealand. I completed the Teacher Education Refresh Certificate from the University of Waikato in 2015 and taught briefly as a Long Term Relieving Technology teacher at Waitaki Boys' High School in Oamaru. After that stint, I taught Hard Materials Technology and Building from Year 7 to Year 13 at Ellesmere College in Leeston, which is about a 40 to 50 minutes drive south from Christchurch.

I intend to assist the enthusiastic learners at Rosehill College to develop an appreciation for skillfully and safely transforming wood, manufactured boards and metal into useful products, which they can use at their homes. I would like to inspire students to pursue trade related vocational pathways.

Elmerie Lafaele Teacher of Science & Biology



After finishing College, I studied a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Environmental Science, at the University of Auckland and graduated in 2013. In 2014 I completed a Diploma in Secondary Teaching at Auckland University of Technology and started teaching that same year.

This year I am in my fourth year of teaching and I hope to encourage and generate interest in the Sciences among the students I teach here at Rosehill College as it can be an important subject for various career pathways. I am enjoying my time here and everyone has made me feel very welcome. I look forward to getting to know the staff, students, parents and wider community.

Deepika Gosai Teacher of English



I have come to Rosehill College after one year of teaching experience at Westmount (Auckland). I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Media Studies/Social Anthropology) in 2016, and completed my Graduate Diploma in Secondary School Teaching in 2016. I am now pursuing post graduate study, too.

Word on the street is that Rosehill College is a supportive, encouraging environment for both staff and students, and I am looking forward to seeing what the school has to offer me as a teacher, and what I can offer the school. In my spare time you can find me at the netball courts, or walking my dogs. I'm looking forward to growing as a teacher and getting to know the Rosehill College whanau.

Together we create an environment for personal excellence

Raptors

Yesterday we had an awesome afternoon with Aik from ABSL coming in for a coaches development course with our Raptors coaches: Head coach Annette and her awesome team. We cannot wait to start 2018 with all the new skills and drills they learnt. Thank you very much for coming in Aik!

Remember next Thursday 15th is the first Raptors back for 2018. Check out our Raptors Facebook page for more details

<https://www.facebook.com/RosehillRaptors/>



Rugby Gala date change.

The Rugby Gala will now be held on Tuesday 27 February, 3:30pm on the Rosehill College sports field. All boys that are wanting to play rugby for Rosehill in 2018 are asked to come along for the afternoon hosted by Counties Manukau Rugby. There will be drills, mini games and you will be put into teams.

Any coaches or managers who would like to be involved in Rosehill College rugby this year you are more than welcome to attend and those of you returning we look forward to seeing you on the 27th.

Rosehill College Swimming Sports

Swimming Sports will be held on Thursday 1 March. Signups are currently happening in tutor groups. This event is for competitive swimmers.

Upcoming signups

Many of our winter codes will be doing signups within the next 2-3 weeks. This includes any football, rugby, netball, hockey and basketball teams so please, if your child is interested, remind them to keep an eye out in the school notices or the sports notice board for more information.

