

RINGWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2 Aug** Vic. School Music Festival
 - Junior and Senior Choir 2 - 4 Aug
- 3 Aug** **"All Shook Up"** Opening Night
 - Season Run 3 - 12 August
- 14 Aug** Band Tour Auditions
 - Vic. School Music Festival
 - Stage Bands 14 - 17 Aug
- 15 Aug** Intermediate Round Robin
 - Year 10 Formal
- 21 Aug** Vic. School Music Festival
 - Concert Bands 21 Aug - 1 Sep
- 22 Aug** Year 11 Formal



PRINCIPAL TEAM

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



College Council Report July 2023

A warm welcome to all staff and families as we begin term 3. I would also like to thank Mrs Eleni Stathatos for her role in the acting Principal position while I was on leave at the end of term 2.

Learning Focus

Term three has started well with staff and students settling into the school routine. Year 12 students are fully aware that this is the final full term of their secondary school education and are working very hard. Staff have begun with a strong focus on delivering units of work which are differentiated and better cater to the range of learning needs. In professional development sessions, staff focus remains centred on building skills in differentiation and on working collaboratively with colleagues. Year 10 and 11 students have begun to gather information and research future work and study options as they make their subjects selection for the 2024 school year.

Staffing update

This term we have welcomed new staff to the College:

Ms Helene Butterworth - HR

Mr Juan Hompart - Business Manager

Mr Donovan Lawrence - Science/Junior school Coord. c

Ms Kyla Inger - Arts

Ms Chantelle Wilson - Mathematics

College Values: Respect -Resilience -Achievement

A brief reminder of our college values, as determined by students, families and staff. In this month's newsletter our focus is on RESPECT.

Respect means valuing ourselves and others as human beings and treating everyone accordingly. Being respectful of other people and ourselves and our community is an important value. Showing respect means interacting with and treating everyone as we would treat ourselves.



Year 10 Course counselling (Year 10 into year 11 2024)

Congratulations to Ms Nilly Banai, along with Mr Tony Stirling on the organisation of the recent counselling day for year 10 -11 students. On this day year 10 students along with their parents were provided with access to a one-to-one interview with trained course counsellors. This opportunity was one step in the subject selection and senior school pathway planning process for year 11 in 2024.

College camps

Welcome back to staff and students who attended the central Australia and production camps. These camps, although different in nature and purpose were very well attended and provided students with an opportunity to share positive interactions with each other outside the classroom. Thank you to our organising teams, these extra-curricular events cannot happen without you. Your dedication, time and passion are much appreciated.

Production: All Shook Up!

A reminder to families about this year's production, "ALL SHOOK UP". Rehearsal is well underway, the stage is set and all systems are go. If you have not booked your ticket, please do so via rscproduction.com.au



Attendance

School attendance is very important and directly impacts student outcomes. Missing just one day of school a week can have a significant impact on students socially, emotionally, and academically. A child who misses one day a week throughout their school years will have missed a total of three years of education. If you need support engaging your child at school, please contact your relevant year level coordinator on 9870 2002.



Thankyou
Stay warm and well.

Rosina Fotia
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS



FROM MRS STATHATOS

The term for Middle School students has begun strongly with Central Australia staff and students back and Production Camp well rehearsed and raring to perform this year's All Shook Up.

The subject selection process is running smoothly and many students are engaging with the Middle School, Senior School and Careers to explore and secure future pathways. There is a real sense of purposeful communication occurring, epitomised by the Year 10 Course counselling day which brought parents, students and staff together for the day. The mid year reports serve as a motivator to reflect and adjust and also celebrate students who have achieved outstanding results in Semester 1. Well done to all.

A huge thank you to parents/guardians for the responses on the Parent Connect survey.

An example of the data we collected is below. One question asked parents how they build their children's confidence.

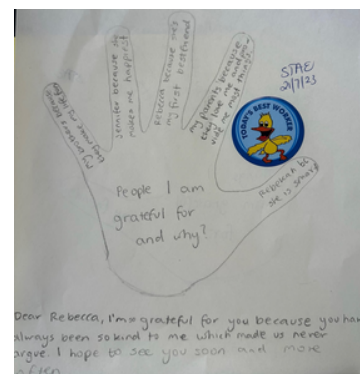
Parents:

- encourage their children to have a go and do their personal best
- praise their efforts and outcomes
- give their children responsibilities and support them to try new things
- are there to discuss things like overcoming adversity and offer advice
- draw comparisons with other activities in their children's lives eg sport
- help them work through solutions



Such information will be used by leadership teams in conjunction with further survey data in the coming weeks to strengthen our support programs for 2024.

Gratitude was the focus of this week's Bounce sessions with different year levels participating in different activities. Year 8 students were asked to express what they are grateful for and to whom they are grateful. Here is one response which exemplifies how engaged students were on the task.



A heavy calendar of sport, music, debating, clubs is on the cards this term and all students are invited to be involved. The newest club is Lego club on Wednesday lunchtime for collaboration, focus and social connection. Information about clubs and activities can be found on the College's 'Daily Dispatch.'

Eleni Stathatos
Assistant Principal



From Mr Stirling

Year 10 Student Course Counselling Day

Year 10 students were involved in the course counselling day on Thursday 20 July. The students attended with their parent/carer to consider study options and subjects for Year 11 in 2024.

It was great to see so many parents/carers taking up the opportunity to be part of this important process. Senior School options at the college include the VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education), VCE-Vocational Major, VET (Vocational Education and Training) and School-based apprenticeships and traineeships.



Thank you to our course counsellors Ms Hetherington, Ms Fong, Ms Hilet, Ms Price, Ms Lamb, Ms Mahoney, Mr Morley, Ms Lee, Ms Horton, Ms Mahler, Ms Collier, Mr Yeap and Ms Moore. These staff members participated in training sessions to prepare for the course counselling day to ensure students received accurate information and sound guidance. Deb Toone from Head Start was also available on the day to provide information and guidance to students considering completing an apprenticeship or traineeship alongside their senior secondary education.

Special thanks to our Careers and Pathways team Ms Banai, Ms Miriklis and Ms Mock for helping to plan and conduct the course counselling day. Ms Banai's and Ms Miriklis' expert knowledge and experience were invaluable on the day.



Student uniform update

The following student uniform policy amendments were passed by School Council and came into effect at the beginning of Term 3:

- One nose piercing permitted- clear or discreet stud allowed; no sleepers.
- Jewellery to be removed as required for safety reasons in the classroom or during sport.

A reminder that students are not permitted to mix the daily college uniform with PE uniform items.

Road safety around schools

The Maroondah City Council recently sent the following reminders for the college to distribute to the college community about Safety around schools, A road safety initiative:

Speed zones, pedestrian crossings and parking restrictions around schools are there to improve the movement of traffic during peak times and maximise safety for children and all road users. Parents/carers can help by obeying road rules and allowing enough time to drop off and pick up of your child.

Tips around schools:

1. Obey all traffic control signs and the directions of school crossing supervisors.
2. Plan with your child as to when and where they can be picked up or dropped off safely. Find locations where it is safe to get out of the car and cross the road.
3. Where available, always cross at a supervised school crossing even if it is further away.
4. Never call children from across the road.

Tony Stirling

Acting Assistant Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

FACILITIES

The term break presented an outstanding opportunity to undertake some significant works around the College.

Recent Works

- Canteen Extraction Hood/Stainless Steel panels
- Hall/Stage lighting
- 500s East retaining wall installation
- Auto Ceiling/Stainless Steel bench installation
- Rms 1-10 LED light replacement
- Glaxo purchases-3rd robot, Industrial Dish Washer, Commercial Fryer, Flammable Cupboard, Projector and Screen
- Air Conditioner services

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- Room inspections
- Asbestos inspections
- Test/Tag
- Exit/Emergency lights
- Hoist service

STEM Centre

The builders are back on deck and making excellent progress. We hope to reach 'lock up' in the next few weeks. Currently we have bricklayers, roofers, plasterers, electricians and plumbers on site-It's all happening!



Chris Salisbury
Facilities Manager

Heritage and Alumni Group

An important message for parents of students currently in Years 10 and 11 at RSC.

This year the H&A committee is again offering two scholarships, each valued at \$500, to assist parents who are finding it difficult for their child to complete their VCE studies at RSC without financial assistance. If your student is commencing either Year 11 or Year 12 at RSC in 2024 and has had good results in previous years, you may be eligible for this support, subject to interview.

There are advantages for students who complete VCE, who will have greater educational and employment opportunities. This scholarship money can be used to offset the costs of fees, elective subjects, or additional materials for the student's chosen VCE course at RSC. The scholarship money may be split over both years if preferred.

Applications will close on Friday 20th October 2023 (Term 4, Week 2). If this scholarship could assist you, apply for your Scholarship Application Form from RSC by calling the college on 9870 2002 during office hours.

As there are two scholarships offered each year, representatives of the Heritage Committee will interview potential eligible students, following the application form being received at RSC by the due date. The successful applicants, commencing VCE in either Year 11 or in Year 12 in 2024, will be notified before the end the 2023 school year.

Interviews may be held either at the college or on-line, depending on the interviewers at that time. All applicants will be notified of the results.

This assistance was made possible by the generous donations of past students of this college who created this fund to assist students in financial hardship complete their VCE in these very difficult times. Your donation to this fund will help this committee continue this assistance for other VCE students in the future.

To support this worthwhile fund, you can make your donation by contacting the college on 9870 2002 during working hours for details, or by direct funds transfer to the account shown below: -

BSB: 633 000, Account No: 155 450 539, Ref: RSC Scholarship Fund.

Your support for this fund will be greatly appreciated.

Barry Ring – Convenor
RSC Heritage and Alumni Group

SUB SCHOOLS

JUNIOR SCHOOL



The Junior School awards ceremony was conducted on Thursday 27th July from 2.00 – 2.30 pm. Approximately 70 students were recognised for their academic achievements during semester 1.

It was held in the RT building with parents in attendance. Our student leaders lead the event and the Junior School choir also performed.

Please find a list of student award recipients and choir members.

Year 7:

Ethan	Bailey	Jude
Calista	Imogen	Haylee
Zachary	Thomas	Shiloh
Grainne	May Yan	Neha
Emi	Daisy	Marli
Nathan	Isaac	Lexie
Zachary	Alex	Summer

Year 8:

Davina	Madeline	Amir
Sarah	Ella	Matilda
Cristine	Luke	Ethan
Luke	Kaiya	Eloisa
Matilda	Talia	Zoe
Joshua	Terence	Adelaide
Shabbir	Cara	Madelyn
Tanvi	Abhya	Niene
Toby	Sarah	Ngoc
Brodie	Caleb	Serina
Eshita	Arpasorn	Aditi
Prithika	Harrison	Molly
Trevin	Oscar	Elliot
Elyn	Aeon	

Choir Members:

Georgia, Ella, Lucy, Ava, Izabelle, Billie, Seth, Chloe, Tully, Adelaide, Tanvi, Alex, Abigail, Joe, Mabel, Serina, Syesha, Starr and Amelia.

Kathryn Mahoney

Junior Sub School Leader



MIDDLE SCHOOL

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA 2023

by Chloe Year 10

On the 6th of July we all woke up before dawn, ready to leave for a 12-day trip to the Northern Territory. Most of us have not spent more than a few days away from our families camping and some of us had never even slept in a tent before. For others it was an area we knew nothing about. The first few days we all made lots of mistakes, I lost my drink bottle in the first 5 hours of being at Uluru, but we all worked it out in the end.



We got to watch the sunset at Uluru on the first day, which was just splendid. In the morning, we got up early to do a walk at Kata Tjuta, it was the first hike of the trip and a good way to fully get into camping in the Outback. The red dirt was a sight to see. The cultural centre at Uluru taught us all so much about indigenous culture and a few people got souvenirs for their family.

The first pack up of the camp was very interesting, getting up before the sun and learning how to pack down the tents. A lot of people needed help to learn how to pack up the tents, the teachers were amazing with this. I was just happy that I could help other people out.

A major highlight of the trip was Kings Canyon. We did the rim walk in the afternoon of the 3rd day. Most people would call this one of their favourites. The hike took around 3-4 hours and the Garden of Eden halfway through the walk was a lovely place to see.

At Alice Springs we got to visit Simpson's Gap and eat kangaroo tail, as well as learn about bush tucker. One day we had Rex the Snake Man come and visit us. It was so cool to meet the snakes and lizards that he brought. Some people were really scared, but we were all so proud that everyone tried to give them a hold. Rex was really fun, and we learnt about how Crocodiles will 'Hunt Us and Kill us!'

On day 6, halfway through the trip, we had to do the big 11-hour drive from Alice Springs up to Daly Waters. We woke up at 3:30am. We finally arrived at Daly Waters at around 4:30pm, ready for our Pub dinners and our first night sleeping under the stars. The Daly Waters pub has so much personality it was definitely a big highlight for most of the people on the camp.

Throughout the trip we got to go on 3 cruises, one at Kathrine, one at Yellow Waters in Kakadu and the final one on the way to Darwin, which was a Jumping croc cruise. We were all very happy that we got to see a croc on every single trip. I learnt so much from the tour guides, I would absolutely recommend guided tours.



Once finally getting to the Top End, we got to swim for the first time. Mataranka Hot Springs was the first which was a very fun stop while driving to Kathrine, and then at the pools at the campsites. It must have been a bit crazy for the public to see all these kids rocking up to the pool. On the second last day we drove a few hours to Litchfield National Park and got to swim in Florence Falls. It was so nice and peaceful, and perfect place to be. It was definitely one of my personal highlights, and a great way to end the trip.

Ubirr rock was a night I will never forget. The sun setting over the open plains of Kakadu was wonderful, and the walk up to the rock had so much rock art to see. It was so cool to see the change in rock art throughout the trip due to the materials and animals that the Indigenous people had access to.

While it was a really sad day going home, we were all a little excited to go home. Homesickness had started a few days before, so it was a mix of both. It was the latest wakeup of the trip, and it was supposed to be a relaxing day. Unfortunately, it didn't really go to plan with delays and finally a cancelled flight. We finally got back to Ringwood at 11.15pm and were soon back in our own homes shortly after. I thoroughly enjoyed the trip and would highly recommend it to anyone.

SENIOR SCHOOL



With Term 3 well and truly underway, there is currently lots going on for VCE students. This week, Year 11 students were presented with information relating to their 2024 subject selections.

We encouraged students to discuss their selections with parents/carers, prior to inputting these selections. 2024 Subject selection input will take place soon during a Bounce lesson later in August.

The student leadership process has also begun for Year 11 students, as the College progresses towards the appointment of its 2024 Student Prefects later this year. All students with leadership qualities and aspirations are encouraged to apply.

Year 12 students have now entered the final full term of their schooling. Whilst that brings great excitement, the importance to prioritise and manage their time effectively has never been as prominent as now!

Last week, students were presented with recommendations of required hours that should be completed as study within each subject, along with specific types of study techniques that that will be most effective for students. We hope to see students implementing these to enable achievement and success in their class work and assessments. Term 3 is also a great time for students to connect with peers and form peer study groups. This would be helpful for students to work with and support each other throughout this term leading into the VCAA exam period.

Valedictory tickets became available this week for Year 12 students and their families. Please look to organise these promptly to secure your table.

With the College production of 'All Shook Up' hosting their opening show next week, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of many senior students and staff and wish them well for all upcoming performances. We encourage all members of the school community to get along to and show your support to all involved.

Matt Tucker

Senior Sub School Leader

YR 11 VCE-VM CLASSES

Well done to the yr 11 VCE-VM students who are supporting The Base 4 kids – a non-profit organisation that helps the needy youth in Ringwood. Students delivered hygiene packs, organised a food drive, volunteering at the food truck, fundraising for this organisation etc. This is part of their community project. Excellent work everyone.

Voula Margellis

VCE-VM PDS Teacher



BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Alyssa (Year 12) who was accepted into the Mentoring Women Program run by the Department of Treasury and Finance. This program provides High School students with mentoring around topical Economic Issues, as well as Career Advice.

Alyssa is currently studying Year 12 Economics and Year 12 Business Management. She is also Deputy Head Prefect and Philanthropy Prefect. She is to be congratulated on applying for and being accepted into this program. It started last week and will run until December.

Cathy Menz

Student Leadership Coordinator

AROUND THE SCHOOL

STATE CROSS COUNTRY 2023

On Thursday 13th of July we had 8 students represent Ringwood Secondary at the State Cross Country Championships up at Yarra Valley Racecourse. Each student made their own way to the course, and took it upon themselves to warm up and prepare the best they could for what was going to be a tough run on a muddy track.

I would like to congratulate every student who gave it their absolute all on the track, running some awesome times. Well done to the following students who competed:

- 13yr Boys: Harrison (68th – 13.09)
- 13yr Girls: Belle (70th – 15.14)
- 14yr Boys: Finn (49th – 12.40)
- 14yr Girls: Rebekah (7th – 13.46)
- 14yr Girls: Lucy (45th – 15.04)
- 16yr Boys: Jay (63rd – 20.01)
- 16yr Girls: Natalie (11th – 13.33)
- 17-20 Girls: Ellie (58th – 15.37)

Massive effort getting to state let alone running 3km and 5km on a hard course. All students should be very proud of their performance.

Massive thankyou to Mr Ingleton for organising and Mrs Alder who came along to help and support our students.

Jai Edwards

Sports intern



MONASH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

RECIPIENTS



Congratulations to our selected year 10 students Caitlyn, Emily, and Victoria for being named Monash Scholars Program recipients by Monash University.

The Monash Scholars Program brings together like-minded young scholars and offers them an exclusive opportunity to engage with Monash University throughout their VCE journey, as well as access to a variety of program and events that will help them succeed in high school and experience life as a university student.

Congratulations and we hope you enjoy the program.

Nilly Banai

Careers Coordinator

2023 PRODUCTION 'ALL SHOOK UP'

Production Camp was held this week to add finishing touches to what is going to be an amazing season of 'ALL SHOOK UP'.



Bedford Rd Closures

We hope you're looking forward to lacing up your 'Blue Suede Shoes' for this year's RSC Production, 'All Shook Up'!

This is a courtesy message to inform you that the Bedford Rd Level Crossing Removal will impact shows on Weekend 2.

If you hold a ticket for a show on any of the following dates, please see the attached PDF detailing planned traffic interruptions and parking information:

- **Thursday, August 10th**
- **Friday, 11th August**
- **Saturday, 12th August**

For any further queries, please contact Karen Carden in the front office at kcarden@ringwoodsc.vic.edu.au.

Thursday, 10th August

Road Closures

- Bedford Rd Level Crossing closed
- Rosewarne Ln closed (no parking)
- Dublin Rd Level Crossing closed

Access Bedford Rd from Canterbury Rd



Parking Options

- Hill St (on school grounds, limited spaces)
- Timed parking on Bedford Rd, Hill St, Odette Ct, Sherwood Ave, ~~Marwick St~~, Tooronga Rd, Myrtle Ave, Campbell St, and Lena Grove (read signage carefully for specific times)

Please make sure you plan ahead and arrive early

Friday, 11th August and Saturday, 12th August

Road Closures

- Bedford Rd Level Crossing closed
- Dublin Rd Level Crossing is open to only one lane of traffic

Access Bedford Rd from Canterbury Rd



Parking Options

- Rosewarne Ln (next to school grounds, limited spaces)
- Hill St (on school grounds, limited spaces)
- Timed parking on Bedford Rd, Hill St, Odette Ct, Sherwood Ave, ~~Marwick St~~, Tooronga Rd, Myrtle Ave, Campbell St, and Lena Grove (read signage carefully for specific times)

Please make sure you plan ahead and arrive early

Last chance to get hold of some of the best tickets in Ringwood - do yourself a favour and come along and see our amazing students get 'All Shook Up' in this years fabulous RSC production.

Tickets available, just follow this link to get some great seats - <https://www.trybooking.com/CIIYI>

Gaynor Borlase

Director of Performing Arts

CONNECTED PARENTING SEMINAR

Tintern Grammar warmly invites parents of your school community to a free parenting seminar by The Resilience Project to be held on Monday 7 August at 6:30pm at Tintern Grammar.