RINGWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER











UPCOMING EVENTS

29 Aug Division Athletics 30 Aug PUPIL FREE DAY

- Teacher Professional Practice Day

6 Sep Student Reports Published

Parent Student Teacher Bookings Open

14 Sep 1.15 End of Term

3.00 pm Parent Student Teacher Interviews on-site

7.30 pm Gala Evening

15 Aug 10.00 am Parent Student Teacher Interviews online

Term 3 Holidays: 16 September - 1 October 2023 School Resumes Monday 2 October 2023

PRINCIPAL TEAM

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



VALE Julie Hughes

Julie was a well-liked and respected colleague who spent 14 years as Assistant Principal at Ringwood Secondary College, 2002-2016. Julie will be remembered for her kindness, sympathetic ear, love of coffee and cake, supporting her colleagues and overseeing programs that brought out the best in students. Her passing was sudden and we give our condolences to her beloved family and friends.

VALE Andrew Jacobs

Andrew, an integral member of the Instrumental Music team at Ringwood Secondary and in neighbouring schools over many many years. He will be remembered for his talent, passion, energy and inclusiveness. His colleagues and students will remember his commitment, enthusiasm and contagious love of music. His passing was sudden and we give our condolences to his family and friends.

Andrew was one of our longest serving instrumental music teachers not only at our college but also in the government school system.

We are not sure of his commencement date, but he was here well before Rosemary Kenna arriving in 1996.

Besides teaching many generations of oboists and bassoonist Andrew has taken many concert bands over the years at the college and on Band Tour.

It is not only our school that has been greatly impacted by Andrew's passing but multiple schools. Andrew was the double reed specialist for the government system, teaching also at many schools over the years.

Andrew was also a talented oboist who played with many ensembles in Melbourne with the most recent being Melbourne Opera's Ring Cycle held in Bendigo earlier this year.

Europa

We have also farewelled Europa, one of our therapy dogs who passed after a short illness.

Learning Focus

Term three progress reports are currently being completed by staff. These provide families with a snapshot of their child's progress during semester two. In class, students are completing the first set of Assessment Tasks for this semester. Staff continue to work in faculty teams to further develop their capacity to deliver units of work which meet the learning needs of all students. Senior students, particularly year 12 are refining their study routines in the lead up to end of semester assessments.

The opportunity to celebrate student success has also been realised with academic awards ceremonies held for students in years 7-10. Families have been invited in acknowledge and celebrate their child's achievements during semester one. Congratulations to all award recipients.

College values: Respect- Resilience- Achievement Resilience: Encouraging resilience in yourself and in others

Resilience means being able to adapt and bounce back from setbacks and misfortunes. It is important that we all acknowledge that at times things do not go as we have planned or imagined. We must be reminded to take a positive perspective on situations and view challenges as learning opportunities and to remain focussed on things we can control and not dwell on those we cannot change.

Teacher Professional Practice Day - Wednesday August 30- Pupil free day

In line with the VGSA, staff will have a teacher professional practice day on Wednesday August 30. No students will be on site on this day. Staff will take the day to focus on planning, preparation, assessment of student learning, collaboration, curriculum development, relevant professional development and peer observation including feedback and reflection.

Production

Congratulations to Gaynor Borlase and the whole production team on the success of this year's production "ALL Shook Up". Positive feedback and emails of praise have come from far and wide for this year's outstanding RSC productions. Now for the junior school production...

Premiers Awards

Congratulations to Isabel Kenworthy who received her Premiers award handed to her by the Minister for Education for a perfect score in VCE Food Studies in 2022.



Workforce Planning and Subject selection.

Planning for the 2024 school year is well underway. The first few steps of this long process have begun with staff submitting their intentions regarding time fractions and leave for the coming year. Students have begun to submit their subject preferences for the upcoming school year. These selections form the basis of decisions regarding which subject will and will not run in 2024.

Attendance

Missing one day a fortnight is the same as missing 4 whole weeks of school a year. Being at school is your most important task for young people. Regular attence builds habits that young people will take into adulthood. While it might not seem obvious, when students come to school, they are learning about more than just Maths and English. They're learning all sorts of skills like working in teams and meeting deadlines that will help in adulthood.

Being at school every day also means students are involved in their own learning, interacting with other students and teachers and are a part of environment that is motivating and stimulating.

There is also a lot of evidence that shows that young people who attend school more frequently have better outcomes after school too. This means they earn more money, have better job prospects, are less likely to misuse drugs and alcohol and are generally healthier.

If you need support getting your child/ren to school, please contact us on 9870 2002.

Rosina Fotia

Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS



From Mrs Stathatos

How the weeks in the term have flown! We are at the beginning of week 8 and with the September holidays around the corner, it is satisfying to see that each year level is making progress academically and socially.

This has been exemplified by the social events at Years 10 and 11, the Awards Afternoon for the Junior and Middle schools and the cultural events like the Bake Sale from the Philanthropy Committee, the Stand Out Wear it Purple day from the Wellbeing team, the almighty School Production, 'All Shook Up,' Instrumental Music events and performances and interschool sport competitions.



Of course, teaching and learning in all classes continues and reflections on the positive learning behaviours are emphasised so that students focus their attentions on their learning growth and achievement. A reminder that the Positive Learning Behaviours set the standard of how we teach and learn and the expectation is that students display them consistently across all classes.

Eleni Stathatos

Assistant Principal



From Ms Fedrizzi

As shown in our annual Production, consistent quality performance under pressure is challenging but ultimately exciting. When we observe ourselves carefully and kindly, and reflect on the things that help or hinder our learning, we take control of our goals and really see improvement.

This is precisely what the progress reports and parent-student-teacher interviews endeavour to do. In the build-up to the Parent-Student-Teacher interviews, it is useful for students to use the progress reports to genuinely observe themselves and identify one key aspect to focus for improvement. The positive learning behaviours are valuable references here because they are not just about academic success but about learning habits. We encourage all students and parents to take the opportunity to either attend the face to face interviews at the school from 3.00 pm to 7:00 pm on Thursday 14th September or on-line from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on 15th September. The bookings will open on September 7th so look out for the Compass News Feed.

Staff professional learning continues to delve into differentiation with staff in term 3 documenting newly designed activities and classroom experiences that build toward assessments so that staff can more accurately identify our students' knowledge and skills. Foundation House continues their work with us and on Tuesday 22nd August, presented their third session about how to teach and manage content with greater sensitivity.

Foundation House are an organisation that support survivors of torture and trauma and their pragmatic advice helps Ringwood as a community to connect and enable all of our students to flourish.

As a school, we are looking to improve our approach to assessment and reporting. We have conducted surveys and discussions with students, and on Tuesday 29th August at 5:00 pm is your chance to be part of the WebEx on-line discussion through our Parent Connect session for term 3. (see below for the log in or go to Compass News Feed) This discussion will identify the ways we can better connect with home to support the learning growth of all students. In term 4 we will bring the details together in a new reporting and assessment approach that will be communicated to all families and implemented in 2024.

I would like to acknowledge the dedication and work of Jenn Collier, Jason Kilby and Jim Norman, in this leading this process.

Parent connect on Tuesday 29th August - Reviewing Assessment and Reporting

Meeting link:

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Meeting number:

2651 459 3139

Meeting password:

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Join from a video or application
Dial 26514593139@eduvic.webex.com
You can also dial 210.4.202.4 and enter your meeting number.

Join by phone +61-3-8593-9167 Australia Toll (Melbourne) Access code: 26514593139

Agatha FedrizziAssistant Principal



From Mr Stirling Student Leadership

The college offers a substantial student leadership program to ensure student voice and agency at the college and to develop the leadership skills of students that will be so vital for the future in areas such as the community, industry and government.

Student leadership opportunities are available in a wide range of portfolios, including:

- · Head and deputy college prefects
- · Year level leaders
- · Prefects and year level leaders for Chaplaincy, Cultural Diversity, Environment, House, Music, Performing Arts, Philanthropy, Sport, Visual Arts, and Wellbeing.

The college's Student Leadership Coordinator, Catherine Menz, has been busy organising the application and selection processes for our 2024 student leaders. Leadership applications for current Years 7 to 10 students have been launched and are due on September 1st. Students wishing to develop their leadership skills and get involved in a wide range of college projects are encouraged to apply.

The Year 12 Prefect positions at Ringwood Secondary College are connected to long-standing traditions, honour and privilege. This year has produced significant interest with a large number of students applying to serve during their last year of secondary school in 2024. Prefect applications were launched at a Year 11 assembly with applications being submitted by 3rd August. All prefect applications required a teacher recommendation, and it has been tremendous to see such a large number of high-quality applicants with leadership potential wanting to contribute more to their peers and to their college.

Year 11 Formal

It was great to see so many of our Year 11 students attend the Year 11 Formal held at Bramleigh Estate, Warrandyte on Tuesday 22 August. It was a fantastic fun filled night where our students got the chance to dress up for a formal event to connect and celebrate as a year level community. Special thanks to Leah Pritchard (Director of Admissions and Marketing), our Year 11 student organising committee members, Ms Lamb and Ms Ingham-Dowsing (Year 11 Co-ordinators) for their work in organising and hosting the event.

Premier's VCE Awards

The annual Premier's VCE Awards recognises students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). More than 1000 guests attended the prestigious ceremony, where Victoria's top-performing 2022 VCE students were recognised for their outstanding academic results.

The college congratulates the following two students from the Class of 2022 for being recognised for outstanding academic achievement in 2022:

- ·Shion K for English and Legal Studies
- ·Isabel K for Food Studies

Tony Stirling

Acting Assistant Principal

Heritage and Alumni Group Science Week 2023

Each year RSC recognises Science Week. Unfortunately, the pandemic prevented that for the past three years. This year, the Heritage and Alumni Group shared in Science Week, by inducting into the Science Hall of Excellence, a past student who has made his mark in his career.

This was an opportunity for Year 12 Science students to hear directly from a former student who set his goals in the science field. This student is Brett Cole, who completed Year 12 in 1992. During his time at RSC, science was his passion, but in Year 12 he had no plans for his future career, until he was encouraged to apply for a university position by his Year 12 Co-ordinator and teacher.

He attended university, where he completed many studies over many years, with qualifications in biological, chemical and physical hazards in the workplace, toxicology, contamination control, air quality control, micro-biology contamination of lakes, effluent contamination, medical waste management and microbiological hazard situations that have all required his skills.





FROM THE OFFICE

He is a Doctor of Philosophy - PhD, Public Health, and also has other industry qualifications, and currently holds executive positions in organisations associated with health, medicine, and biosafety issues.

Brett told his Year 12 audience that he owes a lot to Mrs Jenny Ward, who urged him to go to university. He said he was so thankful for her persistence that has resulted in him being a high-achiever in his chosen science-related endeavours.

He was awarded a certificate by Mr Kain Gardner, science teacher; his name will be added to the RSC Science Hall of Excellence Honour Board.

This committee has seen many RSC students who have had rewarding careers and added to the four halls as reminders of their contributions to Australian industry.

Barry Ring - Convenor

RSC Heritage and Alumni Group

TABLE TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONS



On the 9th of August our senior girls made their way to MSAC to compete in the State Table Tennis Finals which turned out to be a very successful day! The girls played with great spirit & worked well for the doubles. Only dropping a couple sets for the entire state finals is a huge achievement!

Jai EdwardsSports Intern

RINGWOOD TRAINING

WorldSkills Australian National Championships

The WorldSkills Australia National Championships held 17, 18 & 19 August at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

A total of 470 young Australians have battled it out in Melbourne across 55 skills areas over three days for the chance to be named the country's top tradespeople, apprentices, and trainees.

The competition saw the best trainees and apprentices go head-to-head in high-pressure skills competition, Ringwood Training had five competitors compete in Sheetmetal & VETis Metal & Engineering. Ed H, Josh B and Clayton W (former RSC student) competed in the Sheetmetal category, with Clayton taking Gold medal as best Sheetmetal tradesperson in the country. Justin W and Nathan V competed in VETis Metal and Engineering category, with Justin taking Bronze medal.

Also involved, in addition to the competitors at the event, Shayne van der Heide as a Welding Judge and David Wilson as Metals Trades Convenor and Sheetmetal Judge.

The WorldSkills Australia National Championships are held every two years. The top Australian performers – the Skillaroos – will now compete against 82 member countries for the title of the world's most skilled country at the 2024 International Competition in France. Unfortunately Clayton will not get the chance to represent Australia as a Skillaroo as Sheetmetal is not currently a trade category at International level of competition.

Well done to all the RT team involved and Congratulations to Clayton and Justin.





Clayton W, Gold Medallist & Justin W, Bronze Medallist

Team Ringwood Training L-R Josh B, David Wilson, Clayton W, Justin W, Ed H, Shayne van der Heide Absent Nathan V

Shayne van der Heide Centre Manager

SUB SCHOOLS

MIDDLE SCHOOL



We have had a fantastic month in the Middle School, with two big events occurring over the last few weeks. Firstly we had our Year 10 Formal which was held at Cathies Lane and was such an awesome night full of dancing, photo booth fun and some very sharp and well dressed students.





Year 10 Formal:

A huge well done to all of the members of our Formal Committee who put in lots of work with Ms Pritchard and Mr Yeap to organise a great evening. Also a big well done to all of the students who attended as the behaviour was exemplary!











SUB SCHOOLS





Year 10:

– Ahyun M, Ari H, Ben S, Bridget P, Bridgitte B, Carmel T, Chay D, Chelsea Q, Cleazza L, Emily D, Jessica J, Jessica K, Cindy L, Jovanna K, Kiri R, Kirsten L, Lily K, Masha Y, Melissa T, Natalie B, Olivia B, Shanaye K, Stephanie C, Susannah M, Angelita S and Will V.

We held our Awards Afternoon where students across Year 9 and 10 were able to show our school value of Achievement with a high number of Distinctions or High Distinctions across their subjects. It was also fantastic to see so many family members attend the event and then to have some afternoon tea with them all as a celebration was great. Well done to all and we look forward to seeing more of our students work to be part of this event for Semester 2!

Middle School Awards

We also want to again say a big Congratulations to all of our award winners from Semester 1 in Middle School. Year 9:

– Paige A, Hayley B, Macy D, Nika F, Wulfric G, Chesney G, Liam G, Arwen H, Owen H, Arie J, Isabelle K, Ashlee M, Eryn M, Abbey R, Linkin S, Jenny S, Chloe S, Miranda S, Ozana T, Miranda W, Josh W and Keith Y.



Finally to all our students from Middle School who are soon to be representing the school at Division Athletics we wish you all the best of luck with your events!

Rhett Jordon

Middle School Leader

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Thank you to everyone who have supported staff and students alike during this very sad and difficult time with the tragic loss of our much beloved and respected double reed teacher and Symphonic Band conductor, Andrew Jacobs, in a fatal car accident over 2 weeks ago.

Andrew was a long serving member of our department, joining it in the mid 1990's, teaching many generations of oboe and bassoon students and conducting multiple ensembles, not only at our college but at many other state schools such as Blackburn High School, Glen Waverley, McKinnon, and Wantirna Secondary Colleges. He was also a freelance oboist and performed regularly with Melbourne Opera, with his most recent performance being the Ring Cycle in Bendigo earlier this year.

His impact on the wider community was evident at his funeral last Thursday at St Pauls Cathedral which was filled to capacity with friends, colleagues, students, exstudents, and musicians.



As mentioned by many throughout the past 2 weeks and at the funeral, Andrew was a kind, gentle and generous person, and he will be greatly missed by us all.

As a mark of respect, our Symphonic Band has decided to go through with their performance at the Victorian Schools Music Festival this Monday and will dedicate their performance to Andrew. This group of students have shown so much strength and compassion for each other over this difficult time.

Throughout this last month most ensembles have been performing at the Victorian Schools Music Festival with final performances happening this week with Symphonic Band on Monday 28 August, Intermediate Concert Band Friday 1 September and Training Band next term.

Results to date are:

Silver Shield: Symphony Orchestra, Senior Strings, Junior Stage Band

Gold Shield: Junior Choir, Intermediate Stage Band and Training Stage Band

Platinum Shield and selected the most outstanding band in the whole festival for stage bands: Senior Stage Band

You can hear all our ensembles at our upcoming Gala Concert on Thursday 14 September, 7.30pm at Camberwell Boys Grammar Performing Arts Centre, 55 Mont Albert Road, Canterbury. Ticket costs are Prices are \$25 Adult and \$15 Concession and can be purchased via the following TryBooking link: https://www.trybooking.com/1105359

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to hear what our ensembles have achieved during this year.

We will be commencing our 2024 ensembles in term 4.

Band Tour auditions were also held during last week and students will be notified of their success this week. Rehearsals will commence next Tuesday 4 September. Please keep an eye out for emails.

Ms Janine Pero

Director of Instrumental Music

'ALL SHOOK UP - SHOOK UP RINGWOOD!



Ringwood Secondary College is a truly unique community that fosters the talent and passion of the exceptional students and staff. This unique group of diverse individuals have been drawn together by a shared passion for musical theatre and performing arts education. It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2023 season of 'All Shook Up'. This production has been a real challenge for our cast, many of whom have not done a senior school production at RSC before. As for the production team, we've many new faces and old(er) faces in new roles. For myself, stepping into the role of Director of Performing Arts and Producer of the RSC Productions, it has been a huge year of professional development and learning as well as leading the team in their new positions.

We welcomed Deborah Zhang as our new Production Manager, Lauren Rowe stepped into the role of Director, Jess Duffy came on board as our Assistant Director and Choreographer, Sherryn Folan laced up her boots as our Costume Coordinator and Elise Fredricksen joined our wonderful band - lead by the return of the dream team Dane Sorenson as Musical Director (Band) and his trusty side kick Declan Trounson as Assistant Musical Director

Early Term 1 auditions were held, which were highly energised, and with the focus of inclusivity we formed our wonderful cast. They were introduced to the complexity of the score while launching themselves into learning the harmonies from our brilliant Vocal Director Vicki Quinn. We invited family and friends of the cast to join us at our production launch night and barbeque at the end of the term to embolden that community feel once again for RSC Productions.



Term 2 saw the show come to life with scenes being blocked, choreography learnt and the splitting of our ensemble into two groups - Rock ensemble and Roll ensemble - to allow for more focused time and space on our stage and so students really get the chance to shine. The cast have worked together, made friendships across ages, and have combined to form a strong and hardworking ensemble who have spent much time laughing and learning. The cast have approached rehearsals with great energy and positively interacting with each other every step of the way. I congratulate each member of the cast on their enthusiasm and commitment to this program.















It was all engines revving in Term 3 when we headed off to camp at Mt Evelyn Discovery Camp and we saw the show really come together. This is an invaluable part of the process, which makes RSC's production such a welloiled machine and provides excellent focus and comradery for our cast and band. Returning from camp we started to marry all the different aspects that brought with them a new challenge at every rehearsal. We started to use and find our bearings around our creative set, which was designed and built by the artistic David Godfrey. It is great when we get to bring in our studentled Stage Crew overseen by some wonderful staff - Sam Asbury, James Moors and Claire Travers - and Tech Crew lead by the invaluable and irreplaceable Corey Lucas-Evans and how they provide opportunities and education for students who prefer to be off stage but are just as important in our production family.









































Our 8 wonderful performances were well enjoyed by all our audiences who left singing Elvis songs and with a spring in their 'Blue Suede Shoes!!

For me, by far the most important and heart-warming aspect has been how many more new students we have been able to include into our RSC production community. Out of a cast of 80, more than 50% have never done a full school production at RSC before with 10% having never done any kind of production. We also are graduating a group of year 12 students who have been so immersed in our production programs since they were in year 7 and it has been a true privilege to see how much they have grown as performers, leaders, and people. The pride I have for knowing them and having been involved in their education is unparalleled. All the production community wish them well with their conclusion of their VCE.

Gaynor BorlaseDirector of Performing Arts

'ALL SHOOK UP - ALUMNI EVENING!

Our first ever Alumni night was a success with a full audience and around 40 familiar faces popping in for the pre-show event in the library. It was lovely to catch up with staff and students from previous productions and see what everyone is up to now. They also provided a very energetic and supportive audience. Who can you spot in our photo from the night and who are you going to convince to come along with you next year?

















Gaynor BorlaseDirector of Performing Arts

AROUND THE SCHOOL

UPCOMING SEMINARS

Just a reminder for parents and families of some of the great parenting resources and seminars in the community that you can subscribe to via Anglicare Victoria. Anglicare Victoria have a termly newsletter with many programs on a range of topics to help families deal with some of the complex issues that we can face.

Here the link their website: https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/ourservices/family-and-parentingsupport/parentzone/

Talking Teens and Vaping

An online workshop for parents or adolescents 12 to 18 years.

In this workshop we will:

- · Provide Information about what e-cigarettes and vaping are and the effects of their use
- the effects of their use.

 Explore reasons why adolescents
 maybe attracted to vaping

 Provide strategies for parents to
 discuss vaping and other
 substance use with your teenager
 Discuss how to establish healthy
 agreements in your family

Date: Monday 28th August, 2023.

Time: 7:00 to 9:00pm (2 hour workshop).

Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au (Bookings essential).

Registration: Click here to book

Please Note: this workshop is interactive so you will be visible to other participants. You will need to log in on a devise with video and audio in order to participate.

PARENT*ZONE*

Below is an example of a seminar that is coming up in a couple of weeks, please check out this up incoming event that can be booked via this link:

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Thankyou

Adam Bryant

Chaplain (Mon, Wed, Thurs)



Parent Information Webinar

Consent, Cyberbullying, Sexting and the Law

Tuesday 12 September 7pm-8.30pm Online Zoom event

Suitable for all parents, carers and anyone supporting young people.

- The session, presented by Eastern Community Legal Centre, will cover a range of topics including: Introduction to Community Legal Centres and how young people can access logal services * The legal definition of consent, including rules around age and consent, and how the law has recently changed to an Affirmative Consent model
- Cyberbullying and Sexting impact, lega consequences and how to seek support
- How to support young people around these

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