

# Rosebank College

## GAZETTE



Celebrating  
140 years

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### RULE OF BENEDICT

All guests who arrive should be received as Christ,  
For he himself will say, I was a stranger and you  
took me in.

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Dear parents, students and friends of  
Rosebank,

The College is now entering the  
finalisation of assessment and reporting  
period. It is a time when we review  
thoroughly students' progress, affirm  
significant achievements and follow up  
on areas of need. The Year 12 reports  
were issued earlier this term and the  
Year 11 reports will be issued in two  
weeks time. The Year 7-10 reports will  
also follow in the weeks ahead.

These reports should form the basis  
of serious conversations with your  
children. The elements listed are a  
measure of the level of responsibility  
and ownership they are taking of their  
learning. They need to be affirmed  
when the indicators are positive  
and challenged when they have let  
themselves and the family down.

I am speaking specifically about  
real consequences that involve real  
privileges. The College and its staff  
cannot be the only ones insisting  
on a higher level of performance;  
– the expectation of excellence is  
primarily grounded in family values and  
conversations.

The reports provide a wonderfully  
rich source of validated data on  
which to discuss issues of growth and  
development, particularly the ratings  
referring to homework, participation,  
effort and behaviour. Like most of  
us, students may find that appraisal  
information is not always enjoyable  
but it is necessary to ensure that we  
are grounded and realistic about our  
performance. The data is accurate  
and should be used constructively. The  
College staff will be most happy to  
assist you.

Here is a sample of typical responses  
from students regarding reporting and  
learning reviews.

*'I think that Interviews were good. Parents could  
see how far their child has gone this year.'*

*'I think that interviews are really good because  
it builds up the child's confidence for speaking  
to their parents about their work.'*

*'I felt really nervous.' 'I felt uncomfortable doing  
it.'*

*'I think that interviews are helpful in many  
ways such as being able to share with anyone.'*

*'I think that we should have more time to  
share more work with our parents.'*

*'I thought that it was embarrassing but good.'  
'I felt funny bringing my Mum to school and  
showing her the way because I am used to her  
leading me. I liked my report, but I will aim for a  
higher standard next time. Overall I think it was  
worth it though!'*

*'I think I was honest and set some good goals.  
At first when you're going to do it you get  
nervous and you get butterflies.'*

*'I think it's worth doing interviews because it  
builds your confidence and proves that you  
know about your work.'*

*'I would be OK with interviews next year but  
only if my teacher and mother don't take up  
most of the time talking like they did this year.'*

*'I didn't like doing my interview because I found  
it embarrassing. But Mum found it a good way  
to report on how I am doing at school.'*

*'It was a bit freaky at first but it was OK at the  
end.'*

May your conversations with your  
children and the staff regarding learning  
outcomes be enriching, rewarding and  
valued by all. There is nothing we do that  
is more important than mentoring our  
young ones towards reaching their full  
potential.

**Tom Galea**  
Principal

### Around the School...



## From the Assistant Principal

### Upcoming Events Reminders

Parent – Teacher interviews for Year 11 students will be held on Monday 16 June. All parents are asked to set aside some time for these important learning conversations.

**Friday, 6 June the College will be closed.** As a gesture of appreciation and gratitude to all the staff and students who helped make our recent Open Day such a success, this day in lieu has been organised.

**Miriam Berlage**  
Assistant Principal

### Dates for the Diary

6 June	Open Day day in lieu
9 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
10 June	Yr 7 Gifted & Talented Enrichment Day
13 June	College Athletics Carnival
16 June	Yr 11 Parent Teacher Interviews
17 June	Yr 8 Geography Excursion Stage 5 Music concert

## Up-Dates from the Co-ordinator of Mission

**The spiritual life of Rosebank College continues to be truly alive and active in this Ordinary Time of the Church year.**

### Ordinary Time and the Rule of St Benedict

“Attend, my child, and listen with the ear of your heart.”

Thus begins the Rule of St Benedict which reminds us of the Old Testament quotation from Psalm 95: “If today you hear His voice, harden not your heart.” For both St Benedict and the Psalmist, this is a call to be attentive to God's speaking to us in the everyday events of our lives, especially through our relationships. It is perhaps true to assert these days that genuine listening is a lost skill. Listening to God has a direct link to obedience. The Latin phrase “ab audiere” (from which is derived the English word “obedience”) means “to listen.” When we truly listen to God and to each other, our relationships are richer in that we come to know each other and respond sincerely to each other's needs. St Benedict's wisdom is timeless because it is firmly grounded in the Person of Jesus Christ and the Scriptures. May our Rosebank College community prayer this week be that we endeavour to listen to each other so that we may respond with compassion. Amen


### World Youth Day

Not long to go now before World Youth Day is upon us! Listed here is the program of the week's events, to give you an idea of what is on offer.


- Tuesday 15 July: Opening Mass celebrated by Cardinal George Pell (held on harbour foreshore at Barangaroo).  
Followed by a concert.
- Wednesday 16 July: Catechetical session in the morning.  
Youth Festival events in the city in the afternoon and evening.
- Thursday 17 July: Catechetical session in the morning.  
Arrival and welcome of the Pope in the afternoon (in the city).  
Youth Festival events in the city in the afternoon and evening.
- Friday 18 July: Catechetical session in the morning.  
Stations of the Cross (through the streets of the city).  
Youth Festival events in the city in the afternoon and evening.
- Saturday 19 July: Pilgrimage walk to Randwick race course.  
Prayerful vigil with the Pope in the evening.  
Overnight sleep out “under the stars” (!!)
- Sunday 20 July: Closing Mass with Pope Benedict.

Of course, the most important thing on offer is the opportunity to experience Christ's presence in a powerful way through a gathering together of the Universal Church's youth. Be part of it!

**Angelo Gattone**  
Co-ordinator of Mission



**Cybersafety**  
**Serious Issues of Global Citizens**



*An information night for parents, teachers and anyone who wants to combat cyberbullying and the inappropriate use of technology*

**Wednesday 18 June, 7.30 – 9.00pm**  
**Catholic Education Office**  
**33 Banks Ave, Daceyville**

*Presenters include:*

**Senior Constable Peter Northey,**  
School Liaison Officer, NSW Police &  
**Mary Bancks**  
ER Adviser in Technology, Teaching and Learning K-12

*Topics include:*

- the reality of the Digital Education Revolution
- some of the dangers for students using technology for social interaction
- the criminal repercussions of using technology inappropriately

Registration is essential.

**For more information please contact:**  
ER Parent/Community Adviser  
Email: [grainne.norton@ceosyd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:grainne.norton@ceosyd.catholic.edu.au)  
Phone: (02) 8344 3000 Fax: (02) 8344 3097

See Ms. McAloon or log on to [www.careercentral.com.au](http://www.careercentral.com.au)

## Apprenticeship and Employment Day

Hosted by Sydney LCP at Australian Technology Park on Monday 23 June, this day offers an opportunity for students to find out all about apprenticeships, traineeships, employment in engineering, childcare, automotive, sport, retail, business, building and construction; students can participate in mock interviews and demonstrations. Interested students see Ms. McAloon to arrange attendance.

## Resume Preparation and Interview Skills Training

Canada Bay Council will be helping school leavers and students to face the job market with confidence. The training session will be held from 6 – 7pm on 10 June at Concord Library, 60 Flavelle Street, Concord. Ring 99116210 to book.

## Whitehouse Institute of Design Open Day

An invitation is extended to students interested in Fashion and Interior Design, Styling and Creative Direction to attend the Whitehouse Institute exhibition (free entry) from 10 am – 3.30 pm on 15-16 August at Level 3, 55 Liverpool Street, Sydney. For more information please contact 9267 8799 or email [enquiry@whitehouse-design.edu.au](mailto:enquiry@whitehouse-design.edu.au)

## USYDYr 10 Info Evenings

The University of Sydney will hold Yr 10 subject selection and university information evenings on June 10 and 12 to assist Yr 10 students and parents with decisions about their future. Online Registrations will be available from mid-May.

## UTS Accounting Co-op Scholarships Program

The University of Technology Sydney offers an accelerated B Accounting program for talented students. On time UTS BAcc Applications close 11 June. Scholarships worth up to \$40,500 awarded to each successful applicant.

## KPMG Cadetships

KPMG offer accountancy cadetships to school leavers in their Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane offices. Sydney Info Session: 11 June. RSVP required.

## Think Education Group: 2009 Scholarships

Billy Blue College of Design and William Blue College of Hospitality and Tourism both offer generous scholarships worth more than \$32,000. Applications close 5 September (WB); 3 October (BB).

## Ever Wonder What A Chartered Accountant Does?

Find out at the 2008 Meet the Business Leader Evening for Year 10 and 11 high school students who are interested in an accounting career. SYDNEY (5 August). Registrations essential.

## Macquarie Engineering/ICT Info Evening

Engineering and ICT at Macquarie University will be holding an Information Evening on 18 June for Yr 9-12 students considering undergraduate Engineering and ICT courses at the University. Registrations close 11 June.

## Open Day St Patrick's Business College

St Pat's offers one year Diploma courses in Business, Marketing, Hospitality and Events Management, presentation begins at 11am on Sunday 15 June, Cnr. Devonshire and Riley Street, Surry Hills. See [www.stpatsbuscol.com.au](http://www.stpatsbuscol.com.au) for more info.

## World Stage Beckons Acting Talent

The world stage beckons for Charles Sturt University students who are successfully pursuing international acting ambitions honing their skills for bigger audiences after completing undergraduate studies in Acting and Theatre Design...

## UTS Scholarship Information Evening

Each year, a number of scholarships worth up to \$48,000 are offered to talented Year 12 students applying for the Bachelor of Engineering/Diploma in Engineering Practice at the University of Technology Sydney. Information Evening: 19 June.


## Enrolled Nurse Intakes

Applications are now open for the NSW Public Hospital Enrolled Nurse Courses that commence September 2008 / February 2009 / April 2009. Applications close 23 June.

## Up For A Challenge?

The National Computer Science School and the School of IT at the University of Sydney invite Computer Studies students in Yrs 9-12 to participate in the 2008 NCSS Programming Challenge from 28 July. No programming experience required!

Please see Ms. McAloon, Careers Advisor, for more information on any of the above notices or visit [www.careercentral.edu.au](http://www.careercentral.edu.au) Parents and teachers can also register online at Career Central. To open a user account, click 'registered' and follow the prompts.



**NETBALL** Rosebank College's 13/2 netball team, the *Rosebank Rollers*, urgently requires extra team members! The team plays at Cintra Park each Saturday at 9.30am and trains at the College on Tuesdays from 3.30-4.30pm. If you are turning, or have turned, 12 or 13 yrs of age this year and are interested in joining this team, please see Ms Laing at the College ASAP.

## Rosebank's BookRoom Needs Your Help!



The BookRoom provides textbooks for your children. All new books need to be covered and used books need some maintenance care. We need help with these tasks. If you can assist, even for just a few hours, this will benefit all the students. Morning tea is provided and the bookroom is a friendly place to be. For more information please contact: Carol Benfield on Ph: 9713 3107.

## Heard about .... Rosebank's Debaters?

We're averaging three or four wins out of six every Friday night – against schools like Loreto Kiribilli, Nagle, Gilroy, Woolwich and de la Salle Ashfield.

Without wishing to boast, we're doing well.

Year 10 are currently undefeated; and Year 11 look set to go through to the quarter finals also. One or two other teams carrying a loss from early engagements are unlucky to have been eliminated.

The CSDA competition is broad. Some teams we've met are formidable debaters but the girls have spoken confidently, improved their skills and enjoyed the social interaction and the personal challenge.

The Teams:

Yr 7: Emilia Suryak, Jasmine Crnogorac, Andrea Farinha, Isabella Robinson, Jade Hannaford

Yr 8: Vanessa Tomasello, Meredith Apps, Leonie Khoury, Jennifer Campbell

Yr 9: Mareta Akari, Tivoli Conway, Janet Adam, Jessica Kho

Yr 10: Madeline Enright, Lisa Minchella, Laura Rojas, Gemma McTegg.

Yr 11: Katee Turner, Deanna Jabaji, Hannah Forwood, Maria Teresa Turchi

Yr 12: Kate Angus, Eliza Berlage, Clare McTegg, Olivia Grey

The Coaches:

Ms Berlage, Ms Peruzzi, Ms Tracy, Mr Dixon, Ms Oh, and Mr Dix

The Adjudicators:

Some of the above, Mr Murphy and Ms Bain and an ex-student whose services over the last five years have been exemplary

Mrs Goodenough has generously presided over the allocation of chair and timekeeper duties – in which she has been assisted by the Co-curricular group. Supper, transport, cheers and condolences have been handled by loyal parents.

Our thanks to all.

The Coaches.

## School Community Service News

We would like to pay tribute to the students of Rosebank College who have been a blessing in the organisation of the Debating Competition.

These students have either been chairing, time-keeping, meeting and greeting or assisting with the hospitality that has been provided at Rosebank College throughout the CSDA Competition. Some of the students are not debaters but they have volunteered to help for a few hours each Friday evening and we wish to acknowledge our appreciation of their fine efforts. They are a credit to the Rosebank Community and we thank them most sincerely.

Year 12: Sheralee Clark, Phillip Di Paola, Adriana Petralia, Kesaia Takau & Vanessa Cook.

Year 11: Oksana Lutak

Year 10: Stephanie Youssef, Amanda Boumelhem

Year 9: Sarah Angus, Roslyn De Pasquale, Sarah Saya, Laura Palazzolo.

### The Debating Society.



Absent from photo: Oksana Lutak and Sarah Angus

## Italian Bilingual School

Over the past four weeks, ten Year 5 students from the Italian Bilingual School have been learning about the effects of global warming on the Great Barrier Reef as part of their HSIE unit investigating the impact of tourism and recreation on this vital part of Australia's coastline.

As part of the research process, the students have been learning how to evaluate websites, how to avoid plagiarism, and best practices in using the internet as a search tool.

This is the first program to be undertaken between Rosebank College and the Italian Bilingual School since announcing the formation of an educational alliance to expand opportunities for language and cultural exchange between Rosebank and IBS.



IBS students using the library resources

## Rosebank College Annual Ski Trip



### 2007 Ski Trip

Rosebank College is once again holding its annual ski trip for the fourth time at Perisher snowfields from 7–10 August. The ski trip is open to all students (skiers and snowboarders) in Years 9-11, from beginners to more experienced students. Spaces are limited and will be given to the first students to submit their deposit **ALONG WITH** their permission forms. Deposits/permission forms will be accepted between Friday 30 June and Friday 13 June.

Don't miss out!!

Please contact Ms Marina Laing at the College if you have any further queries.