



# GAZETTE

## From the Principal

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Dear parents, students and friends of Rosebank,

We have now passed another milestone in the life of the College. The review panel from the Board of Studies has now completed its work and communicated to us that it will be recommending to the Registration and Accreditation Committee that we be granted full registration and accreditation until 31st December 2014.

The panel is primarily a compliance agency and as such reviews numerous dimensions of the College including Proprietor and Principal responsibilities, Staff, Premises and Buildings, Curriculum, Facilities, a Safe and Supportive Environment, Discipline, Attendance, Management and Operation of the College and Educational and Financial Reporting. These are matters that we report on annually as well.

The process of review begins earlier in the year when the College submits its documents for review by an expert panel at the Board of Studies. This is followed by a visit to the College (this week) for further validation and first hand review of the above elements.

While the panel is primarily a compliance agency, we have also benefitted from a sharing of many ideas and suggestions. The panel were insightful and observant and quickly understood the spirit and heart of Rosebank College. They offered their congratulations to the College community for its excellent leadership and governance. It has displayed vision, creativity, risk taking, innovation, quality and adaptability. The college was complimented on the scope and path of development that has been evident

for many years and encourages Rosebank to continue this work. The panel expressed on many occasions congratulations for developing a caring and challenging community with an emphasis on quality teaching and learning, a broad and comprehensive curriculum, successfully managing a significant cultural shift related to the extension of co-education into Year 7, a clear learning focus, contemporary and creative learning approaches, quality student work, a serious attempt to embed the Good Samaritan and Benedictine values in the curriculum and daily practices as well as clear policies and procedures.

All faculties were congratulated for their work and approach to learning. In particular, the College integrated learning program in Yr 7 was commended for its innovation and quality. Its well conceived, holistic approach is complimented by quality outcomes, high levels of enjoyment and engagement, effective incorporation of all skills, innovative teaching/learning strategies and assessment, integration of technology, effective research skills and quality programming with a high level of differentiation to cater for a broad range of abilities. This in many ways typifies the work being done in curriculum across the whole college.

The panel completed this feedback with the comment that Rosebank is an impressive and excellent school and that their visit was enjoyable and highlighted by wonderful hospitality.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the staff and students whose work has demonstrated to the wider community the level of care and high quality of effort for which Rosebank has become known. I was once again



extremely proud to be associated with this great but humble school and I am sure that you as parents and friends of the College feel the same way.

We offer thanks to God for bringing together such a talented and committed team of women and men who make this College unique. The wisdom and guidance of Sr Clare and the Good Samaritan Sisters; the care and support of the Members; the generosity and skills of the our Directors; the tenacity, commitment, energy and innovation of our leadership team; the skill, intelligence and creativity of our staff and the huge and trusting heart, intelligence and energy of our students all play a part in assisting Rosebank in its goal to becoming the best co-educational college in NSW.

Well done team!!!

Tom Galea

## Dates for the Diary

31 August - 4 September  
Literacy & Numeracy Week

3 September  
Men Who Matter Breakfast

9 September  
Social Justice Day

11 September  
Co-Curricular Photographs

12- 13 September  
Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

14 September  
Yr 7 Vaccinations

15 September  
Stage 5 Drama Evening

21 September  
Yr 11 Assessment Block begins

22 September  
Yr 7, 8 & 9 Parent - Teacher  
Interviews

13 - 15 August  
Ski Trip

24 August  
Yr 7 ConnectED excursion

26 August  
Parent Education Night

28 August  
Yr 10 History excursion

All Hallows Parish Five Dock  
welcomes youth to an evening of  
Eucharistic adoration in preparation  
for World Youth Day (Madrid)  
following the 6pm Youth Mass.  
Musicians are particularly welcomed.

16th August 2009 - 7:45pm  
2 Halley St. Five Dock

## From the Assistant Principal

Welcome. This week we warmly welcome to the College staff our new Library Manager Ms Tracey Djurichkovic, and Ms Clare Rowe, our new Psychologist/Counsellor. We wish them both much success and happiness at Rosebank. I'd like to remind parents of some important protocols for the safety, security and convenience of all.

### Public Transport Passes

Students over the age of 16 must have a Student Concession Card in order to travel on public transport (ie outside of school time) at the student rate. Applications for these passes are available at the General Office. Without one of these passes you will have to pay the full adult fare if you are over 16.

Proof of Age card applications are also available from the General Office. These are very helpful when travelling on public transport also, as City Rail and Sydney Buses will not accept any other form of identification besides a Concession Card or Proof of Age card to verify your age.

### Mobile Phones at School

Please refer to the Procedures in the student diary (p.xv) regarding mobile phones. These should not be turned on or used during the school day. Students who do not adhere to this rule may have their phone confiscated and kept for seven days unless a parent is able to collect it personally from myself. In this case, parents are asked to contact the College before coming to collect a phone, in order to ensure that I will be available to speak with you and return the phone.

### Student Attendance

If your son or daughter is unable to attend school, you are asked to telephone the General Office by 930am on the morning of their absence. It is important for safety reasons that we know that there is a valid reason for a student's absence. Your cooperation with this request is very much appreciated.

### Miriam Berlage

## Year 10 InspirED Excerpt

### Perceptions of Beauty by Mareta Akari, Year 10

When I saw "la jeune martyre" by Paul Delaroché, I wondered if others saw it just the same. Vivid colours of passionate greens and blues, the aching depiction of God's own messenger, a perfect depiction of beauty.

Beauty is in most cases automatically thought of by the average person as the aesthetic quality of someone or something. In fact, beauty in our day and age is rather a cultural idea based on commercialisation and the media.

Fernando Pessoa explained that exclaiming one's beauty is simply a gratification to show one's love for another or simply for the use of complimenting and gaining one's own benefit. In fact, when we look back on Fernando's words, it makes more sense than our own idea of beauty. Fernando's idea of beauty challenges what commercials and media tell us to believe beauty really is, some supernatural entity which stirs an uninterrupted pleasure for oneself. When in fact, beauty is rather our own cultural use for gaining benefit for ourselves in every environment.

If we understand the world as bare beginnings, or in scientific theory, that we emerged gradually without pre-existent knowledge, then how did we form beauty? How did we pick what was beautiful and what was not? Imagine we were all born without the bias of our outside world, without the bias of commercialisation. Who would be beautiful anymore?

## From the Coordinator of Mission

*As members of the Rosebank College community,  
we are called to...  
Listen compassionately and respond wisely to others.*

### **INNER CITY IMMERSION:** Social Justice in action

Last week I reported on the experiences of five Year 11 students who had undertaken an inner city immersion program during the recent school holidays. This week, one of the participants, Aleesha Paz, offers her perspective of the immersion experience.

*The City Immersion served as a reality check and reminder to all the student and teacher participants to be grateful for the safe and comfortable lives we lead. Witnessing a homeless man lying at the steps of a Church in Kings Cross, sneaking an eight year old boy a second plate of hot food at a soup kitchen and sharing a laugh with an intellectually disabled person all kindled strong emotions and effected a personal paradigm shift in the way we looked at people.*

*The reason the outreach program was so confronting, was because we visited places we knew well and viewed them through a different lens. At the soup kitchens of Ozanam and Exodus at Parramatta and Ashfield, we saw many stereotypical homeless people, but met so many more respectable men, women and children who looked like any other person who walks past us on the street. The fact that people are struggling economically to the extent that they are homeless very literally on our streets was what shocked us the most.*

*When we arrived Sunday afternoon at St Scholastica's we spent a few hours choosing our rooms, exploring the grounds and meeting the other students. Over the week, we all developed friendships with the people in our site groups and grew closer within our school group. Being able to share an experience and reflect on it later was a way that we were able to become comfortable with each other.*

*Our site group consisted of one person from each school and together we visited three different sites over different days. The sites included: Matt Talbot, a hostel for men and a unisex learning centre; Emmaus, a home and day care centre for the ageing and intellectually disabled; Exodus, a soup kitchen in Ashfield. Within our site groups we also undertook planned challenges, including the \$10 dinner challenge and the paper bag game where we simulated an hour of a child's day of hard work in a developing country making paper bags to survive.*

*The City Immersion was a great experience for seeing a different side to our city and for meeting new people, whether they be students from other Good Samaritan schools or people living with drug addictions, extreme financial problems or mental disabilities.*

**Aleesha Paz (Year 11 student)**



### **MISSION AS CENTRAL TO THE LIFE OF ROSEBANK COLLEGE**

In terms of mission, service to other and outreach, term three has a very full and ambitious agenda. Over the next few weeks, the following activities will give life and substance to our commitment to the Catholic and Benedictine foundation of our school:

The newly-appointed Student Leaders will have a planning day on 18 August in which they seek to organise and implement key initiatives over the next twelve months;

A Social Justice Day on 9 September will focus on responding to the call to “feed the hungry, clothe the naked and visit the sick”; this will be done through the celebration of Eucharist and listening to guest speakers.

### **CONVIVIO**

As a follow-up to World Youth Day '08, the Archdiocese of Sydney has organised an on-going opportunity for the youth of Sydney to meet. This type of gathering is known as “Convivio” and, as the name suggests, it seeks to offer opportunities for youth to enter into conversation with other like-minded youth. One of its main aims is to encourage the youth of Sydney in strengthening their faith. Also, those students interested in preparing for full participation in World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain, will find that the Convivio gatherings are opportunities for connecting with like-minded young people. Convivio's next congress will be held on the weekend of 4 to 6 September at Bethlehem College, Ashfield. Students and parents interested in Covivio can visit the following website:

[www.convivio.org/sydney](http://www.convivio.org/sydney)

### **BLESSED MARY MACKILLOP**

Saturday, 8 August marked the 100th anniversary of the death of Blessed Mary Mackillop. Blessed Mary Mackillop is well on the way to being proclaimed as Australia's first saint. This significant occasion was marked last Wednesday with a Mass celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral. Rosebank College was represented by the College Captains, Emily Tresidder and Lucas Habib, who were accompanied by Year 9 student, Jacinta Chidiac and Year 7 students Rosemary Bavaro and Christian Decosta. These five student representatives were excellent ambassadors for the College and are to be congratulated for their reverence and respectfulness. We pray to Blessed Mother Mary Mackillop for the spiritual well-being of our College community.

**Angelo Gattone**

# Co-Curricular News

Sports results from previous week

Comp	Team	Versus	Result	Player of the match
MCCS	1st XI Football	St Patrick's	W2-0	Gabriella Giunta
MCCS	Int Football	Terra Sancta	W5-0	Sarah Cardillo
MCCS	Jnr Football	Terra Sancta	L4-1	Eda Arslan
MCCS	1st V Basketball	St Patrick's	L44-7	Annika Maclellan
MCCS	Int Basketball	Catherine McAuley	L 22-12	Alex Carroll
MCCS	Jnr Basketball	Catherine McAuley	W28-12	Angela Kiriczenko
MLC	Water Polo	Tara	L12-2	Ashlee Cairns
Futsal	Rosebank Dream	Domremy	W8-1	Cassandra Coccione
Futsal	Rosebank One's	Domremy	D2-2	Laura Gonzalez
Futsal	Rosebank Hotties	Domremy	W6-0	Jana Kiriazidis
Futsal	Rosebank Kittens	Domremy	L6-2	Carla Dolfo
IWSNA	Rosebank Ravens	Haberfield	L16-10	Rebecca Childs
IWSNA	Rosebank Raiders	Haberfield	L30-19	Jodie Gad
IWSNA	Rosebank Rockets	Ashbury	W21-1	Elena Canalicchio
IWSNA	Rosebank Rangers	Bye	-	-

Congratulations to all our IWSNA Netball teams who concluded their season on the weekend. It has been a good season for all involved, and a great learning experience for some of the teams. Good luck to our senior team who will be competing in the semi-finals this weekend.

All students competing in the CGSSSA Athletics carnival should now be aware of their place in the team. Could all notes please be returned promptly. The Santa Sabina invitational basketball and volleyball sides need to be finalised by next Tuesday – 18th of August. Any interested students are to see Mr. McDonald.

**Reminder** – The Co-curricular Presentation Evening is fast approaching – please leave the 9th of September free if you have represented the College in the last year.

Cocurricular photos will also be taking place on the 11th of September.

## Year 7 InspirED Excerpt

Discovery by Levi Vitale, Year 7

The last day of school had finally come and all day James was thinking about what he could do with the six weeks of free time he had. The day was taking forever to end and James had started twitching with anticipation as his fifth period was drawing to a close. He was counting down the minutes and as it got closer, the seconds. Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one. The ringing of the school bell sounded and cheers erupted from the classrooms. The day was over and so was the school year. Everyone rushed to their lockers and grabbed their bags. They didn't care about homeroom, and neither did the teachers, they just left, all sprinting for the main gate. Out they ran, like prisoners escaping from jail, in a stampede of students all pushing and shoving to get out. James, however, did not get caught up in all this, opting to take a back exit that he had found while exploring his school, curious to find places others didn't know about, such as this one.

That afternoon, he got home and decided against playing sport, video games, watching TV or, like the nerds, studying a mountain of dictionaries, atlases, encyclopaedias, or any other factual scientific book they could get their hands on. No, he had a much different hobby: he went and explored his backyard ....

The next morning at six o'clock, when his alarm went off, James leapt out of bed and with the utmost speed, was out the door with his bike, riding off to the abandoned part of the river bank. He had left a note for his mother that read:

Dear mum

Gone off to the western part of the river bank, don't worry about me. I'll be home by 12 at the latest.

James probably didn't need to leave a letter because she always slept in that long, but you never knew, miracles did happen.....

After another hour of exploring, James decided to stop for lunch and as he had just settled down, the clouds came and blocked out most of the sun, except a small shard of light beaming down on one particular spot on the river. James got up, curious to see what was happening. He went to the edge of the river and looked in. There, right where the light was shining, he saw a coin and as he scooped it out of the water, the clouds cleared away. There had to be some scientific explanation to what had just happened, but because he wasn't one of those nerds who studied books until their brain was too heavy for their necks to support their heads, he came to the conclusion of a fluke. James examined the coin, and again because he wasn't one of those nerds, he had no idea what was on it, and with his discovery, he rushed home to examine it further.



## Weekly Careers News

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

### UOW Management Cadetships

The University of Wollongong offers Management Cadetships to talented HSC students interested in combining work with study. Cadets work in a number of areas across the University giving them a professional edge. Applications open August.

### Engineer your way to the top

The RTA is offering cadetships for students enrolling in the B Engineering, Diploma in Engineering Practice at UTS and the B Engineering (Civil Engineering) at UOW. As a cadet you will gain practical engineering experience, work with industry leaders and have the chance to work on major road and bridge projects while you study. To apply go to [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/careers](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/careers). Applications close 18 September 2009.

### Uni Trek - Discover Engineering and IT

Sydney Uni will be hosting a Year 12 information night on 23 September for prospective engineering and IT students in the PNR Building. Come and meet Dr Karl at 5.30 pm who will be welcoming you on the night, listen to mini lectures on admission processes, subject selection, bridging courses, UAI/ATAR changes and much more. Register on [www.eng.usyd.edu.au](http://www.eng.usyd.edu.au), see the website for map/directions or phone 93512131 for more information.

### Get hands-on experience with an RTA traineeship

The RTA is recruiting for traineeships commencing in January 2010. As a trainee you will have the chance to get involved in a variety of projects, work with leaders in the industry and have the flexibility to complete your study. 12 positions are identified for Aboriginal candidates. To apply visit [www.skillsroad.com.au/RTA](http://www.skillsroad.com.au/RTA) or phone 1300177599. Applications close 18 September 2009.

### ADF Scholarships 2010

A Defence Technical Scholarship worth up to \$3000 is a fantastic opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students who are interested in pursuing an ADF technical trade career after completing Year 12. Applications close 14 August.

### HTN Chef Scholarship

Studying hospitality for the HSC? Each year HTN offers students in NSW/ACT the opportunity to secure a one week financially-supported culinary adventure with a leading industry partner! Applications close 14 August.

### ICMS Open Day / Scholarships

The International College of Management Sydney prepares students for careers in the hospitality, tourism, event, retail and property industries. Open Day: 15 August. Scholarships valued at \$33 000 are available. Applications close 16 October.

### Access and Support Forum

26 August 6 – 8 pm Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club - This is a free event for students and parents outlining the types of programs, resources and support available to school leavers with mild to moderate disability to help access education and employment. Register with Daniela Anderson by 19 August on 94887505 or email [Daniela.anderson@northwestben.com.au](mailto:Daniela.anderson@northwestben.com.au)

### Medicine Info Evening

Sydney Bond University invites students, parents/carers to the MBBS Information Evening in Sydney on 2 September. Online Registration required.

### ADFA Applications

The ADF has fantastic opportunities for you to work towards a degree while you earn a great salary and receive military and leadership training, either at the university of your choice or the Australian Defence Force Academy. ADFA applications close 31 August

### Early Entry at UOW

The Early Entry program at the University of Wollongong allows current Year 12 students the chance to apply and be selected for entry into their chosen degree before sitting the HSC. Applications for Law degrees close 28/8; all other faculties close 18/9.

### Yr 11 Preliminary Exam Preparation Workshops

Alpha Omega Education offers Yr 11 Preliminary Exam Preparation Workshops in Sydney from 22 August – 14 September to assist students in achieving their full potential in the Year

11 Yearly Examinations. Register online.

### Metro Screen's Multicultural Mentorship Program

Students from a multicultural background, keen to pursue a career in writing and/or film and media are invited to put their story to film with professional industry mentoring and resources. Applications close 7 September.

### Liberal Arts at Campion

Campion College offers a Liberal Arts degree underpinned by a grounding in the Catholic faith. FEE HELP / Scholarships available. Direct applications for admission required by 30 September or late fee applies. Open Day: 22 August.

### MyFuture Student Video Competition

Explore career ideas by producing a short video about an occupation that interests you. Finalists will have their videos aired on the Crew TV program, broadcast across Australia on SBS Television. Winners will receive a share of the \$5000 prize pool. See the competition website [www.thecrew.net.au](http://www.thecrew.net.au), entries close on 30 September.

### Teacher Education Scholarships

Teacher Education Scholarships are available to talented students in NSW/ACT wanting to teach Maths, Science or English (secondary) or Spec Ed. (Primary / Secondary). Indigenous Scholarships - primary OR any secondary subject area. Applications close 2/10

### Auto Apprenticeships MTA

Apprenticeships Plus offers a wide range of auto apprenticeships and traineeships in the following areas: Light Vehicle, Heavy Vehicle, Motor Cycle, Paint and Panel, Marine, Auto Electrical, Car Detailing. Recruiting now for many positions...

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