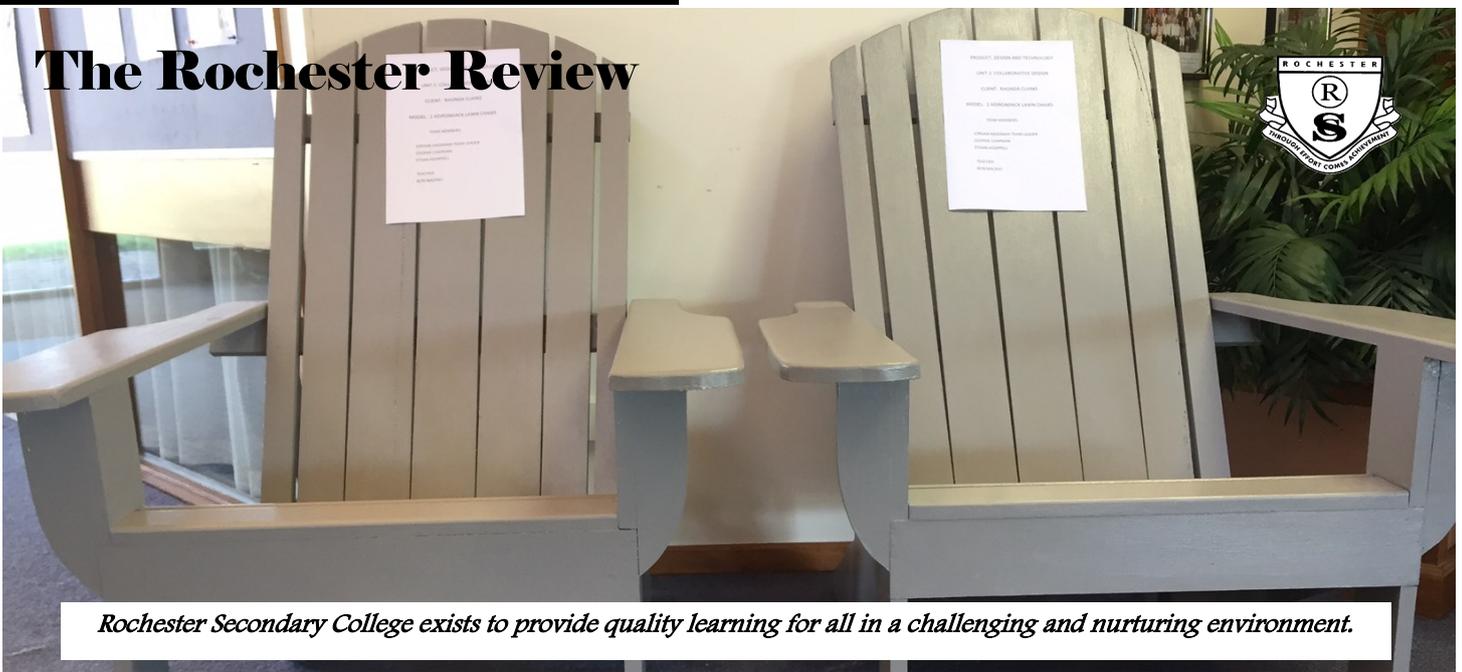


The Rochester Review



Rochester Secondary College exists to provide quality learning for all in a challenging and nurturing environment.

Principal's Report:

Our whole school community has been very saddened to hear of Taylor Marrone's current plight. I speak for our whole school community when I say our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family at this most difficult time.

Year 12 exams began yesterday with students presenting for the three hour English exam. Psychology was this morning. Biology will be tomorrow morning. The Further Maths 1 exam will be on Friday afternoon. (please note that this exam will be held back at Rochester Secondary College not the church hall).

Year 11 exams are also nearly upon us, the English exam is earlier, being on Friday October 13th whilst other exams begin Monday 23rd November. All the best to Year 11's as they finalise their course work and prepare for exams.

Next Tuesday November 3rd is a public holiday for the Melbourne Cup. Monday, November 2nd is a normal school day.

Kind regards,
Bernie Altmann, Principal

School Meetings

Nov	11th	Wednesday	Parents Club	10.00 am
Nov	26th	Thursday	School Council	7.30 pm

Important Dates

November 2015

3rd (Tue) - Melbourne Cup Holiday

5th (Thurs) - Cows Create Careers Excursion

13th (Fri) - Year 11 English Exam

20th (Fri) - Last day of Year 11 classes

23rd-25th (Mon-Wed) - Year 11 Exams

23rd-27th (Mon-Fri) - Year 10 Exam Week

26th (Thurs) - Year 11-12 Orientation Day

27th (Fri) - Year 12 Formal Ball

December 2015

1st (Tue) - Last Day Year 10 classes

2nd (Wed) - Peer Support Training

3rd (Thurs) - Year 10-11 Orientation Day

8th (Tue) - Grade 6 Orientation Day

8th (Tue) - Secondhand Uniform/Book Sale

9th-11th (Wed-Fri) - Year 8 Camp, Anglesea

11th (Fri) - Activities Day Years 9 and 7

14th (Mon) - Activity Day for Year 8's

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Around the College

VET 2016

A reminder to families of students who have selected to do a VET subject in 2016, your fee of \$650 will be due for payment on **Friday, November 6th**. If paying by cheque it should be made payable to Rochester Secondary College.

Once payment has been received and your child's place in the course has been confirmed (including final confirmation of numbers by Echuca College), any monies received will not be refunded.

If you require further information about payment please contact the College on 54841 844.

'Finger Print Me'

On Tuesday this week, the Year 9 and 10 students were privileged to listen to Peter Coronica representing the 'Finger Print Me Youth Employment Academy.' 'Finger Print Me' aims to help young people think about their future and provide advice on pathways towards the jobs or courses which would suit them specifically.

In his first presentation, Peter spoke about the importance of part-time work and the skills which can be built in a casual or volunteer job. His presentation on CVs, Resumes and Interviews gave great tips to students about first impressions and selling yourself confidently to employers. Students were also involved in a session on the Perils and Positives of Social Media, which was certainly enlightening.

The presentations complemented the Careers classes at school really well and gave our Middle school students a lot to think about. Students said that the information was really interesting and the tips really valuable. They asked many questions about possible pathways and about approaching employers. All feedback was extremely positive.

Thanks must go to our Rochester Secondary College Parents' Club who fully funded this excellent experience for our Year 9 and 10 students.

Year 10 Work Experience

Over the last week twenty-five students took part in a week of Work Experience in a career field that was of interest to them.

Placements were in areas such as retail, nursing, teaching, electrical, computers, farming, veterinary, hospitality, surveying, equine and physiotherapy. Employers from local businesses and from Bendigo to Echuca have our thanks for being involved in this worthwhile program.

Students were required to take the initiative to source and make initial contact with potential placements, and without exception they did this in a most competent manner. In the following weeks the students will receive an evaluation form from their work placement and these will highlight the strengths and weaknesses exhibited throughout the week, valuable feedback to take on board.

Geoff Pymer, Year 10 Work Experience Coordinator

LMR Year 7 Cricket

On Monday 26th October, Rochester's Year 7 boys cricket team travelled to Strathfieldsaye to contest the regional finals.

Bowling first Rochester contained Bendigo South East to 98 runs for their 20 overs with Grant Fuller 2-17, Nathan Kay 2-27 and Adam McPhee 2-23 the main wicket takers.

Rochester's run chase was steady with Spencer Cleary 18 runs and Charlie Ryan an explosive 51 runs setting up the mechanics for a win. Unfortunately, the boys then snatched defeat from the jaws of victory losing 6 for 14 and finishing at 9-86.

Congratulations to the boys for the manner in which they conducted themselves.

St Joseph's Cross Country

Mr Altmann started the inaugural St Joseph's cross-country race from the St Joseph's school on Tuesday 27th October. Excited students readied themselves at the starting line, for the school's race of the year.

Spirits ran high as they blazed through the bush, pushing themselves to achieve their very best. It was a brilliant day, without a cloud in the sky. The running track proved challenging but equally fun. The sun glinting off the river bed as they ran their way up the hills. Helpful Year 11 students from the Rochester Secondary College manned the check points making sure nobody got lost. The race finished back at St Joes, then everyone enjoyed a delicious barbecue.

Everyone who participated in the day had heaps of fun!

Boys

1st Place: Darby Wileman
2nd Place: Luke Dimovski
3rd Place: Max Ward

Girls

1st Place: Elizabeth Ingram
2nd Place: Ella Kerlin
3rd Place: Tanzin Myers



Community News

Lockington 2016 Deb Ball

Expressions of interest are now sought for girls who would like to participate in the May 2016 Lockington Deb Ball.

If insufficient numbers of girls are interested it is possible that the ball may become biannual, so any interested girls in years 10 and 11 are asked to contact the numbers below by 14th November, 2015.

Phone Rachel Baker 0428 368 231 or Louise Murray 0428 865 338.

Rochester Lawn Tennis Club

Junior Doubles Tournament will be held on Sunday 29th November. 8.30 am registrations for a 9.00a m start.

\$10 entry held at the Rochester Lawn Tennis courts.

Open to all juniors 16 & under playing junior tennis.

Entries to Lisa Myers 0408 371 837 or Simone Palmer 0417 336 404 by 27th November, 2015.

Lost

Lost a Year 12 text book "No Sugar" from the Rochester Secondary College. If found please return to the office.

Salvation Army Rochester Youth Group

On Friday 30th October for all Secondary students the Youth Group will be holding a "Mind Bending Games Night" from 7.30 pm -9.00 pm at the Salvation Army Hall. Students must register to attend and be signed in and out by a parent/guardian.

Phone: 54841 364 or 0458 600 495 to register.



"Times of Change"

6th March - 13th March

The second Annual Rochester Mural Festival will be held in March 2016. Local secondary students are offered the opportunity to participate in the student section at the festival.

The theme for the 2016 Festival is "Times of Change"

Boards for the murals will be supplied to student artists and will measure 420mm high and 960mm wide. (landscape format).

There is no restriction on the paint colours for students. Paint can be rolled, sprayed or painted with a brush. Students may work in teams of two.

Entry into the student section of the Mural Festival will be through pre selection from submitted design sketch accompanying the official entry form. Finalists will be chosen by a panel of judges appointed by the Mural Festival Event Team. Their decision will be based on the following criteria:

- Response to Mural Festival theme "Times of Change"
- Originality
- Technique

1st PRIZE - Student Mural \$100

A professional and well respected judging panel will decide the winning Rochester Mural, their decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The membership of the judging panel is confidential until the final day.

JUDGES HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARD - AU \$50.00

For further information and Entry forms please contact

Sharon Heme
C/O Rochester Secondary College
Rochester, Victoria. 3561.
Ph. 54841844.

Applications close 12 December 2015



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For further information contact: 54841 072

Signature: *Sharon Rodgers, Principal* 0458 600 495

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