



Face Coverings

Victoria's Chief Health Officer has advised that everyone living in Victoria will now be required to wear a face covering when leaving home. Any face covering will be acceptable – it does not need to be a surgical mask.

At Rochester Secondary College:

- All students attending must wear a face covering during the school day, including on the way to and from school. This includes students under 12 in year 7 who are attending on-site learning.
- Teachers and education support staff will not be required to wear face coverings while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can. Teachers should wear face coverings in other areas of the school when not teaching (for example, in the staffroom, on yard duty and when providing first aid), and when travelling to and from school.
- Students or staff who have a medical condition - including problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability or a mental health condition - are not required to wear a face covering. Please contact Melissa Gould or Chris Sanders if you wish to seek an exemption from wearing a face covering under this condition.
- Parents/carers will be required to wear face coverings for school drop off and pick up or anytime they are at school grounds.

Currently we have a very limited supply of disposable masks, so we encourage families to source their own masks or face coverings. If masks display any inappropriate markings students will be asked to remove them and given a disposable mask.

Please visit the Department of Health and Human Services website for advice on wearing and fitting a mask <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/face-masks-and-coverings-covid-19>



Uniform

From Monday all students will be expected to be in full school uniform unless they have PE on that day. Students are not to wear hoodies or colored jumpers under their school shirts. We encourage students to wear the College jacket if they are cold.

The winter uniform will consist of the following items:

Girls

- Shirts: Maroon or white short or long sleeved polo shirt (emblem optional) Long sleeved T-shirt may be worn under short sleeved polo but must be in school colours (white, maroon or navy blue)
- Winter Trousers: Navy Blue
- Windcheater: Navy Blue (emblem optional)
- Rugby Top: Traditional College Rugby Top
- Polar Fleece Jacket: Navy Blue (emblem optional)
- Shell Jacket Navy Blue (please do not wear with the hood)

Boys

- Winter Trousers: Navy Blue
- Shirts: Maroon or white short or long sleeved polo shirt (emblem optional) Long sleeved T-shirt may be worn under short sleeved polo but must be in school colours (white, maroon or navy blue)
- Windcheater: Navy Blue (emblem optional)
- Rugby Top: Traditional College Rugby Top
- Polar Fleece Jacket: Navy Blue (emblem optional)
- Shell Jacket Navy Blue (please do not wear with the hood)
- Socks: White socks with shorts

All footwear is to be black shoes or runners with enclosed heel and toe. (Multi coloured trim or laces not acceptable)

- Students are encouraged to purchase an optional P.E. uniform from Sportspower.

Parsons and Sportspower of Rochester have been authorised to stock supplies of the uniform items. Other stores may stock item but it is important that if you plan to purchase at stores other than those specified above that you consult the College so that you only buy items of similar brand name, colour and style



New Mural at Rochester Secondary College

Rochester Secondary College's Year 9 Design Adventures class have created a bold new mural that visually depicts the school's values.

We invited students to design and collaboratively create the mural in response to and promotion of the values of the school.

Students designed original pictographs to represent each of the school's values - Growth, Respect, Optimism, Wellbeing and Support. They then hand cut stencils and spray-painted the pictographs in bright, mostly warm colours on top of a cool coloured, hand-painted background. The letters RSC GROWS were then stencilled over the top in the school's navy blue.

Inspiration for the mural came from the values that Rochester Secondary College represents, encourages and strives towards. *'The mural represents these values as a whole and that when practised, can help each of us to grow'* said student designer, Izzy Miriklis.

The project commenced at the end of Term 1 and was to continue after the holidays, to be finished and installed at the start of Term 2. These plans were disrupted by Coronavirus, (COVID-19), and the need for remote learning for the first 8 weeks of Term 2. As a result, the project was delayed until school-based learning resumed.



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'The COVID-19 pandemic interrupted our work and ironically, we had to rely on our school values more than ever to push through remote learning and get back to school to finish off our project. The mural now displays not only our school values but the strengths we used through isolation and remote learning.' - Isabella Miriklis.

As they undertook the collaborative painting project, each of the Design Adventures students got a chance to reflect on their remote learning experiences and how the school values helped them through such unexpected and new circumstances.

'I'm incredibly proud of the student's achievements; the way they worked together to create this celebration of our school values and the end result, which is spectacular.' Ms Meg Doller, Design Adventures teacher.

The mural has been installed, high and proud, on an exterior wall of one of the classrooms. Staff and students will be able to enjoy it immediately, and as restrictions ease, future visitors to Rochester Secondary College will be encouraged to view it for themselves.





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Get Your Denim On!!

This term our Student Representative Council has decided to support **Jeans for Genes** Day on Friday 7 August 2020.

Students will be running a denim-themed casual day, with a gold coin donation.

Please donate to this worthy cause here, so that we can **maximise** our donation.

You can also donate online at:

<https://www.myjeansforgenes.org.au/rochy-j-4-g>