



ROSTREVOR
COLLEGE



Procession of the Flags, Rostrevor College Welcome Ceremony

FROM THE **PRINCIPAL**

Dear College Community

Due to rain, our traditional Valley Opening Ceremony was moved to Purton Hall. However, the rain couldn't dampen the optimistic spirit that our new year brings. In establishing the theme for the year, I shared the following reflection with students, staff and parents:

The author, Peter Moore, in his foreword to Br Bourke's book, 'The Rostrevor Story' wrote:

"There are two Rostrevor's. One is a place made of earth and water, stone and steel. The other is a spirit consisting of aims and beliefs, traditions and achievements. The place locates the spirit; the spirit distinguishes the place."

In this 'Year of School Spirit', we are reminded that the 'Rostrevor Spirit' has a long history and we inherit the legacy of those who have gone before us. It is a living spirit, ever looking forward to create a new legacy and new achievements. It is not a ghost which is a pale reflection of the past.

Your challenge this year is to look forward, to aim high, to contribute, to seize the day, and continue to build an even greater Rostrevor.

This is a challenge that involves everyone. 'School Spirit' means we are all called to get involved and be part of building something great. As the saying goes, "Life is a journey. Don't be a passenger; get in the driver's seat and keep your eyes straight ahead." It only takes a handful of passengers, who care little for this place, to bring our spirit down.

The word 'Spirit' comes from the Latin word for breath, meaning that it is a living thing. In the context of a community, school spirit is about creating an environment where everyone has a sense of belonging, inclusion, ownership and passion. It's about supporting each other and celebrating our diversity as a source of strength. It's about taking the risk to do something new that will benefit others in the community. Those risks may not always turn out the way you expected them to, but failure to try leaves you as a 'nothing person'. Don't be a nothing person:

They do not take; they simply cannot bring themselves to give.

They will not rock the boat; but did you ever see them pull an oar!

They do not hurt you; they merely will not help you.

Whatever you do this year, do not be a nothing person. Get involved, contribute, turn up and support each other and take the risk to strive for high ideals, even if that entails the possibility of failure.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

February

Week 2

Wednesday 10

Ash Wednesday Liturgy
Middle & Senior Years Parent
Information Evening
Year 5 Camp

Thursday 11

Principal's Tour

Week 3

Tuesday 16

Junior Years Parent Information
Evening

Friday 19

Dux Assembly

Parents Welcome Evening

NEW PARENTS WELCOME

The Principal, Mr Simon Dash, warmly invites parents of new students and current Year 8 students to Welcome Drinks in The Pavilion to celebrate the start of the school year.

Date: Friday 19 February, 2016

Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Where: The Pavilion, Rostrevor College

Dress: Smart Casual

RSVP: Friday 12 February, 2016

P 8364 8354 (Development Office)

E development@rostrevor.sa.edu.au

Light refreshments provided.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2016 - THE YEAR OF SCHOOL SPIRIT



2016 Prefects, Getting into the 'Spirit' of things with a welcome BBQ for staff & students

As the author, Neil Gaiman, put it so eloquently:

"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something. So that's my wish for you, and all of us, and my wish for myself. Make new mistakes. Make glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody's ever made before. Don't freeze, don't stop, don't worry that it isn't good enough, or it isn't perfect, whatever it is: art, or love, or work or family or life. Whatever it is you're scared of doing, do it. Make your mistakes, this year and forever."

As I said earlier, school spirit is about creating an environment where everyone has a sense of belonging, inclusion, ownership and passion. This means we must stand together and work together. We are a stronger community when we are committed to the same cause. We are strong when we are willing to give our gifts to a greater purpose rather than holding them back for our own selfish ends.

You are the Red and Black army. Take pride in your school and its environment, take pride in the achievements of others and they will take pride in your achievements. Give what you have to build up an even stronger Rostrevor in 2016.

God Bless

Simon Dash
Principal



College Captain, Bradley McCarthy leads the Assembly in Prayer

STAFFING CHANGES



Frank Ranaldo
Deputy Principal

Welcome Back

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new families and welcome back to existing families.

We have had a very busy start to the 2016 academic year. In welcoming everybody to the Year of School Spirit, we hope that all students have set their goals and established their own positive habits both at school and home.

Already we have had a number of wonderful celebrations such as the Welcome Ceremony, and the Prefects' Investiture this morning. These celebrations have been full of energy, wonderful messages and extensive involvement from staff and students.

Our Welcome Ceremony continues to be a highlight for many families. It is wonderful to be able to welcome our new students into our community via a Year 12 Guard of Honour, led by a bagpiper.

At the Welcome Ceremony, we also welcomed the following new academic staff:

- Deputy Director of Boarding, Mr David Walker, joins the Boarding team this year and is eager to immerse himself in Boarding life and the wider College community. Prior to joining us, David taught Outdoor Education at Prince Alfred College's Scotts Creek campus near Morgan and Health & Physical Education at John Pirie Secondary School, Port Pirie. David will also teach Year 10 Outdoor Education. He is an outdoor and sporting enthusiast who is very keen to engage with our Boarders in this field.

- Late last year, Ms Sandra Mitchell informed us that she would be leaving Rostrevor and she did so with a heavy heart. We will miss her vibrant personality. Mr Christopher Windle replaces her as VET and Careers Coordinator. Christopher joins us from SA Health where he worked as a 'Return to Work Consultant', assisting staff transition to alternative employment. Prior to this, he worked in a similar role as a consultant for a number of smaller organisations. He has worked across a number of industries including Health, Defence, Higher Education, Aviation and Engineering. Christopher was born and raised in Adelaide; having studied at St Michael's College

in the western suburb for most of his primary and secondary schooling but is excited to join the Rostrevor College community. Mr Windle comes to us with much knowledge and experience in the areas of Vocational and Career Education.

- Year 5/6 Teacher, Mr Michael Monda returns to Rostrevor this year as a graduate teacher, having himself graduated from Rostrevor College in 2011, recently completing his Bachelor of Education. Michael is very excited about re-joining the diverse and caring community that is Rostrevor College. He has undertaken many teaching practicums as part of his Bachelor of Education at a range of schools including St Peter's College, Norwood Morialta and Mawson Lakes Primary School as a classroom teacher, and as a senior school specialist Italian and English teacher.

We also welcome a number of non-teaching staff who have been appointed as a result of some internal restructuring:

- Ms Sandra Mestros, Personal Assistant to Mr Dash, comes to us on secondment for 2016 from St Paul's College where she worked as the Enrolment Officer. Sandra has extensive work experience including Personal Assistant, Paralegal, IT Administrator, Medical Receptionist and she also ran her own template development business for a number of years. After volunteering many hours at St Francis of Assisi School, Newton where her 3 children have attended, her interests turned to working in the Education Sector.

- Mr Peter Romeo is our new Accountant and returns to Rostrevor after graduating in 2003. Peter graduated from Rostrevor College in 2003 and attended the University of Adelaide to complete a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Accounting. Prior to returning to the College he worked for two locally operated public practice accounting firms, NRM Johnson and BCFR

Chartered Accountants. He is excited for the opportunity to return to the College in his capacity as an employee. Peter is the brother of Rev Fr Michael Romeo (class of 2001) who was ordained in 2014 and has celebrated a number of significant Masses at Rostrevor.

- Old scholar, Henry Critchley, (Class of 2012) has taken up a position in the Development Office. In his time away Henry has studied a Media Degree at the University of Adelaide, which he will be finishing part time this year.

- Mr Andrew Osborn joins us as Facilities Operations Manager for Spotless Management newly appointed in 2016 at Rostrevor College managing grounds, maintenance, catering (Boarding House, Canteen, and Functions) and cleaning. Prior to this, he worked as an Operations Manager in various roles for a number of large and small organisations local and internationally. He was born in Naracoorte SA and raised in Adelaide and has lived in the local area for most of his life and is excited to be appointed to Rostrevor College. Mr Osborn and the dedicated Spotless team look forward to working alongside the Rostrevor College community to uphold the exceptional standards set and required in creating an exceptional learning environment.

We welcome all of our new staff to the Rostrevor College community. It is wonderful to see so many old scholars return to Rostrevor.

To all our new staff we are excited to have you join our team, and know that you will enjoy working at Rostrevor.

God Bless

Frank Ranaldo



Back Row (L-R): Michael Monda ('11) - JY Academic Staff, Henry Critchley ('12) - Development Office, Christopher Windle - VET & Careers Coordinator Front Row (L-R): David Walker - Deputy Director of Boarding, Sandra Mestros - Acting PA to the Principal, Peter Romeo ('03) - Accountant



2015 SACE BOARD RESULTS

To all members of our Rostrevor family

I am extremely proud of the 2015 cohort of Rostrevor Year 12 students for their efforts and accomplishments, and of course our teachers who have helped to guide and foster such outstanding results.

It is great to see that 30% of our students have achieved an ATAR score of 90 and above. Equally pleasing was the fact that 58% of our students achieved ATAR scores of 80 and above. Both these results are the best for Rostrevor since records began in 2005.

Particular congratulations to our 2015 Dux, Isaac Nakone who achieved 99.95. Isaac also received a Governor's Commendation Award. He was closely followed by our Proxime Accessit, Darcy Pisani who achieved 99.35. Overall our students achieved 16 merits across a wide spread of subjects, including Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Psychology, English, Accounting, Scientific Studies, Research Project and Physical Education.

Our students have continued to improve in other areas which is very pleasing. For example 99% of all subject scores were either A, B or C, with a 28% achievement of A's and 71% achievement of A's and B's.

It is also excellent to note that 12 students who completed full Certificate III's in Vocational Education & Training as part of their senior secondary studies at Rostrevor have had their VET results recognised as Stage 2 ATAR accredited subjects.

At Rostrevor College we encourage and inspire our boys to achieve their personal best as we believe it's the best measure of success. Particularly in this 'Year of Opportunities' the level of dedication that our Year 12 cohort has demonstrated towards their studies is outstanding and has been reflected in their results. We wish all our students the very best for the future and thank them for continuing to advance Rostrevor College's strong academic reputation.

God bless

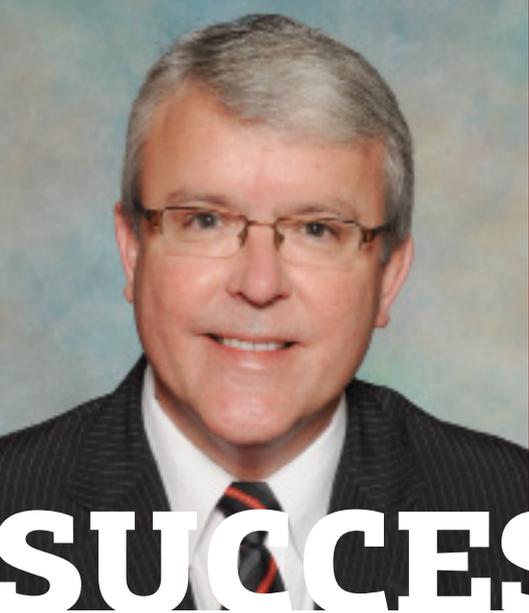
Simon Dash

PALMA MERENTI

The reward to the one who earns it

ATAR above 90

Isaac Nakone	99.95	Lachlan Highett	95.5
Darcy Pisani	99.35	David Sangermano	95.3
Crescenzo Di Iulio	99.25	Peter Parente	95.0
Chris Saji	99.1	Mark De Lisio	94.7
Domenico Barbaro	98.8	Harry Simpson	94.6
Sami Elmasri	98.45	Gareth Surian	94.6
Jack Kayias	98.4	Aiden Sapio	94.4
Vincent Barbaro	98.2	Justin McInerney	94.0
Thomas Godi	98.1	Darcy Nitschke	94.0
Anthony Perugini	97.9	Don Tran	93.35
Alexander Johnson	97.55	Isaac Handley	92.5
Rory MacDonald	97.3	Theodoros Pezos	92.5
Jon Bishop	96.9	Jonghoo Sung	92.5
Benjamin Jonas	96.5	Tom Hollis	91.95
Eamon Orr	96.5	Liam Civitarese	90.6
Genaro Demarco	96.4	Angus Slack	90.45
Angus Szajer	96.4	Jon-Luke Casalbore	90.15
Patrick Thomas	96.4		



SUCCESS

Congratulations to our 2015 graduates and their teachers for another successful year.

30%
of our cohort achieved an ATAR score of 90 or above

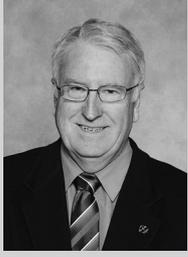
99%
of all subject scores were either A, B or C

16 merits achieved in Mathematics, English, Business, Sciences and Physical Education

28%
achievement of A's



Dux of the College
Recipient of Governor's Commendation Award
Isaac Nakone, ATAR 99.95



Br John Ahern
Assistant Principal
Religious Identity
and Mission



Geoff Aufderheide
Director - Junior Campus

This year the Lenten season starts early in the school year as Easter is at the end of March. The season of lent began in the early Church partly as a response to the preparation of candidates who wished to join and who then were always received into the Church at Easter. The time of preparation involved an intense period of forty days which included a time of repentance for past sins and culminated in their reception of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

The forty days related to Jesus's time spent in the desert for the same time preparing for his baptism in the Jordan River. Over time, this became the time in which all Christians are encouraged to prepare for the great feast of Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. We are encouraged to receive the ashes on our foreheads as a sign of our desire to repent and turn back to God. It has also become a tradition to adopt a practical way to show this. When I was young we often gave up something and sometimes donated the money saved to Project Compassion. It is equally as good to do something positive for someone to express our desire to change. We will celebrate Ash Wednesday with a ceremony in the Valley at 9am to enable the College community to receive the Ashes.

During Lent, each House and PC Class will collect money for Project Compassion. This is a practical way to show solidarity with poorer people in our world. The theme for this year is, 'learning more, creating change.' As Pope Francis says, "Education is an act of hope", so this year Project Compassion celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

So let us all set out on our journey towards Easter with renewed hearts.

Br John Ahern

It is a pleasure to welcome you all to the return of school in the Junior Campus for the 2016 academic year. Classes have spent the week focusing on building positive relationships and learning the processes and procedures that will support learning and teaching throughout the year. Much hard work has been done by staff to ensure classrooms are welcoming environments and teaching programs have been written to ensure we challenge the boys to work to their true potential and, in doing so, they achieve their personal best.

Another new face is Ms Kate Parrish, our new Administration and Personal Assistant to the Director - Junior Campus, who comes to us having worked in various administrative roles within the Australian Defence Force and Private Practice. Kate is thoroughly enjoying the connections she continues to make with parents, staff and students and she will be a fantastic addition to our team in the Junior Years. Kate's email address is: kparrish@rostrevor.sa.edu.au and she will be based in the Junior Campus Front Office.

Kate replaces Mrs Meegan Roberts, who has moved 'down the road' to take up an

administrative role in our Middle / Senior Office. Meegan has been the Administrator in the Junior Years for the past 10 years and I take this opportunity to personally and publicly thank her for the work she has done and the care she has provided to members of our community. It is a relief to know she is just a phone call away if we need her!

Today all boys in the Junior Campus will be involved in a visit by a 'Monster Truck' that will be parked in our drop off and pick up zone. Next week our Year 5 students, along with our Year 6 student leaders, will head off to our annual Aldinga Camp to involve themselves in various beach and safety activities. We will also be seeking out our Student Representative Committee members from each of our Year 1 to Year 6 classes in coming weeks. We've certainly hit the ground running.

God Bless to all for the year ahead.

Geoff Aufderheide



Valley Ceremony, Last Year's Ash Wednesday Ceremony

STUDY HABITS



Kerry Hodkinson
Director - Teaching and Learning

Parenting 'expert' Michael Grose in his Parenting Ideas newsletter recommends five strategies to develop effective study skills that will assist your son throughout this year:

Here are 5 ways to develop healthy, strong study skills that will serve your young person well this year and throughout their lives.

1. Establish a thorough homework process

Doing homework is one thing, but there are many steps in the process before handing an assignment in. Encourage your young person to:

Write down an assignment when it's given orally

Ask the teacher clarifying questions if he doesn't understand anything

Use a planner or some other organiser to plan his time

Place his homework in a designated place as soon as it's finished.

2. Establish a Study Zone at home

Choose a consistent study or homework space that's conducive to working. Some young people need absolute quiet when doing homework, while others work better with soft music. Contrary to the opinions of many teens, studies consistently show that loud music and/or TV are highly distracting to students. Keep work and sleep spaces separate.

3. Establish a regular study time

The establishment of a consistent and specific time to do homework has been linked to academic success. Help your young person work out the best time for him to crack the books; before or after dinner, or both. Encourage your young person to take regular breaks to keep their brain alert. Every hour or whenever he feels frustrated or angry he should get up and walk around, get a snack and let his brain recover.

4. Establish a way to stay organised

Getting organised reduces stress levels and improves the chance of success. Consider a colour-coding system to keep assignments organised by selecting a single colour for each class (like science or history). Use that colour for that subject's folder, highlighters, sticky notes, etc. The colours will not only keep your teen organised but will also enhance his recall of the subject.

5. Establish good time management skills

The best way to help your young person organise their time is to use a large wall calendar so they can jot down study, leisure, family and other activities. The visual nature of the wall calendar will enable you as a parent to help them stay on track as well.

Kerry Hodkinson



Celebrating 50 Years in 2016

TERM 1 ~ 2016 COLLEGE TOURS

At Kildare we nurture your daughter's potential in a challenging and inspiring environment. Book a tour to come and see first hand our dedication to your daughter's education.

Saturday	13 Feb	11am-12 noon
Tuesday	23 Feb	6pm - 7pm
Thursday	25 Feb	9.30am - 10.30am
Saturday	19 March	11am-12 noon
Tuesday	5 April	9.30-10.30am & 6-7pm

SCHOLARSHIPS

Kildare College is committed to offering an outstanding education for girls. That is why we provide a range of scholarships including Academic Excellence and Arts Scholarships.

Applications for 2017 scholarships close Friday 17 June 2016.

For more information or to request a prospectus please call 8369 9999 or email us at secretary@kildare.catholic.edu.au



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Parent Welcome Evening

for New Parents and Year 8 Parents

Friday 19 February, 2016 Pavilion, Rostrevor College
Enquiries: development Office 8364 8354 or development@rostrrevor.sa.edu.au

CO-CURRICULAR NEWS



Jeff Fischer
Co-ordinator of
Co-curricular
Activities

Welcome back to all students, parents and staff to the start of another year of Co-Curricular Activities.

Rostrevor enjoys a strong co-curricular tradition and a proud reputation in the SAAS competition. The boys are provided with an excellent range of activities to be involved in, and I would encourage all boys to take advantage of these opportunities.

I feel it is appropriate that at this stage of the year to outline a number of the expectations of the College in regards to the co-curricular program.

Sport Program: Middle and Senior Years sporting competitions begin in Week 2. The program will be made available to coaches and passed on to students as they become available. As many schools have not yet finalised their teams for the season, a final draw for the whole term cannot yet be provided. However I will make it available to all parents and students as soon as it is received from the association.

Away venues: When your sons has a scheduled away match, he is required to seek a map to the ground which will be available on-line from the College website under 'co-curricular'. Schools do not always play on their actual grounds; therefore, it is important to check where the match is being played. I will endeavor to make these maps available by Wednesday of the upcoming weekend at the latest but am reliant upon the opposing school to forward this information.

Expectations: The College continues to adopt the policy that students play for the school as their; first priority, if the activity is offered by the school. Students are free to participate in activities outside of the College, as long as they do not interfere with their involvement in the College Co-curricular Program. Students who have nominated for an activity are expected to attend all training sessions and games. Our nominations to SAAS are based on the number of students who select each activity; therefore, it is inappropriate for a student to decide that he no longer wishes to do the activity or would prefer to do another, without the approval of the Head of Co-curricular.

Student Availability: Students are expected to make themselves available for all matches indicated in the program. Where a student does require exemption from a weekend fixture, he should ask his coach as early as possible and by the Wednesday preceding the game at the latest. If an unexpected illness or problem occurs on Friday night or Saturday morning, students must get a message to their coach to avoid consequences. All teachers are contactable via email and contact with outside coaches such as old scholars and parents should be discussed at training or games.

Uniforms: The College expects all students to be dressed appropriately for the activity they are undertaking. It is the parents responsibility to ensure that their son/s have and wear the correct

uniform for both practice and matches. If you have any questions about what is expected, please contact the Uniform Shop.

Communication: Our Co-Curricular Program is very extensive and occasionally things will not go entirely to plan. Please contact me if a problem arises and we can work to resolve the issue before it becomes a major concern. I will be equally happy to hear from you when things go well. I look forward to meeting many parents at Rostrevor on Saturday and I hope that you enjoy watching your son's team play and take the opportunity to meet his coach and other parents. Good luck to all students involved in co-curricular activities this year. Always give your best effort, and enjoy your involvement in the program.

Cancellations: Middle and Senior Years training will be cancelled if the forecast temperature is 38 degrees or greater. Junior Years training will be cancelled if the forecast temperature is 35 degrees or greater.

Weekend games will be cancelled on the Friday if the forecast temperature is 38 degrees or greater.

If your son, be he a current or old scholar, has made any significant achievement in an **activity** outside of the College, please pass this on to me via email to jfischer@rostrevor.sa.edu.au or by phone, so that I can include his achievements in the weekly newsletter.

Jeff Fischer

DATE CHANGE

Junior Years Father / Male Mentor & Son Night is scheduled for Friday 26 February 2016

This is a special occasion to promote engagement between fathers/mentors and sons/boys

Visit the College website for further details...

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT

The College is seeking Expressions of Interest for members to join the PR & Marketing committee.

EoI forms can be downloaded from the College website: <http://www.rostrevor.sa.edu.au/college-board.html>

For further information please contact the Principal's Office on 8364 8301.

NOTICES

UNIFORM SHOP

During Term 1 the Uniform Shop will be trialling the following opening hours in an effort to better assist parents

Opening times for Uniform shop for term 1 will be:

Tuesday 8am – 12noon

Thursday 1pm – 6pm.



Welcome Ceremony, The College Community gathers in the Hall for the first time this year



Prefects, Deputy Head Steven Oh speaks at the Welcome Assembly



Welcome morning tea in Equity Hub



Br. John Ahern's Opening Prayer, Introducing to the community the Year of Mercy



Boarders Welcome Dinner, Pavilion



Prefects, hosting staff and students for a BBQ lunch in the Valley



Parents meet new Deputy Director of Boarding David Walker (Right)

TERM DATES 2016

Term 1

Tuesday 02 February to Friday 15 April

Good Friday, 25 March
Easter Saturday, 26 March
Easter Sunday, 27 March
Easter Monday, 28 March
Adelaide Cup Day, 14 March

Term 2

Tuesday 03 May to Friday 08 July

Queen's Birthday/Volunteer's Day, 13 June

Term 3

Tuesday 26 July to Friday 30th September

Labour Day, 03 October

Term 4

Tuesday 18 October to Friday 09 December

Do you have exciting news about a current student or Old Scholar? We'd love to celebrate these achievements with you and the Rostrevor Community.

Contact us with your story:
news@rosvor.sa.edu.au

For sporting achievements, please contact Jeff Fischer:
jfischer@rosvor.sa.edu.au

A CATHOLIC ALL BOYS' DAY & BOARDING COLLEGE IN THE EDMUND RICE TRADITION
Reception to Year 12