Higher School Certificate 2010 Highlights

On behalf of the staff, we would like to congratulate all Year 12 students on their HSC and ATAR results. All the teachers are so proud to see that their students not only performed well but were genuinely happy with their marks. We look forward in seeing what the class of 2009 can achieve in the future.

All the best and congratulations!

Pictured above. The Year Advisers Ms Stern and Mr Manganaro with some of the Year 12 students who gained outstanding ATARS.

At the end of the school year Rose Bay Secondary College was able to contact some of the students and found out their ATARs.

Well done Class of 2010!!

99.4 Tracey Jiang, 98.4 Elizabeth Bukhshteyn, 92.7 Jack Ray, 94.0 Michelle Tye, 87.3 Jeff Libermann, 87.3 Ada Lo, 84.0 Monty Krochmal, 83.6 James Lolada, 84.1 Rosemary Gallaher

Pictured above. Tracey Jiang. One of the top all-round students in NSW. She scored above 90, Band 6 in all five subjects. She gained an ATAR of 99.4.

Pictured right. Sarah Lugay achieved band 6’s across all her subjects for the School Certificate. Well done!!
Farewell........from Ms Lofts

It is with great sadness I leave Rose Bay Secondary College to take up Principalship at Marsden High School. The immense collegiality between staff, the bright, authentic and individual students and the ever supportive parent body, you have been a pleasure to work with and I shall miss you all. I came to Rose Bay in 2007 with my family from Ulladulla High, my, I have learnt so much about learning, teaching and life in the city.

Throughout my time at Rose Bay I have seen great changes, who would have ever believed 4 years ago that almost every lesson in Year 9 & 10 at Rose Bay would contain a collaborative online session delivered by our enthusiastic staff to an informed creative group of initiative students. Our school has been a leading light in the integration of quality teaching with technology, where both teachers and students have embraced the changes with gusto, thank you to all for trusting the innovations that have come with the wave of digital learning.

The view from our school has also seen changed, in just 4 short years the trees on the oval are now established, no longer is the oval baron, but the large shrubs have created a shield from the sun and the garden is blooming. Our college corridors have evolved into places of pride, reflecting the wonderful learning that takes place in our classrooms, level 7 Geography, history & Vis. Arts are testimony to this.

There is so many wonderful people I would like to thank for their relentless support of the school and myself. However, not to forget someone, I want to thank you all my colleagues, parents, canteen ladies and students for your support. Year 9, I wish you all the best for your School Certificate, I have high expectations you will achieve outstanding results. To my ever energetic Year 11 students who never cease to keep me surprised by your achievements. The very best for your HSC, I will be keeping a close eye on your progress. Stick to your learning plan and goals you created for success.

And last, but not least the 2010 year 7 students, the teachers at swim school told me, that you are the very best group they have ever had at swim school it makes me extremely proud. You are a fantastic group of year 7 students and I wish you the best in Year 8 2011. Take good care of your parents who will be your ongoing supports.

Finally, “Au Revoir”, ‘we make our future by the best use of the present’.

Kindest regards,

Mrs. Denise Lofts.
THE SUPPORT CLASS MUSIC CONCERT

On Tuesday, the 14th of December, the Support Class performed at their end of year music concert in front of 100 guests. The students practised all of term 4 during their music lessons with Ms Ranger. Each student selected their favourite song, and learned the words and actions.

During the concert, Mr Linton played the ukulele to assist Laura with her song ‘Hey soul sister’, Ms Fetherston was a great dancing queen for William’s ABBA song, and selected year 11 students were excellent back up singers.

After the concert, family, friends and staff enjoyed cake and tea in the support class. Well done to all students for a fantastic performance.

By Ms Kim Shakenovsky
Farewell........

from Paul Bollard

I remember my first year of teaching in Nowra in 1973. The only direction given to me by the Principal was “Leave the girls alone.” I was trained to teach history and economics but was given mostly English classes. My Head Teacher left me alone spending much of his time in his office reading the paper. The Maths teachers were very involved in card games and often would go to class, set them work and then return to the game in the staff room. Some of the teachers ran a caning competition, putting money in at the beginning of the term with the teacher with the most “hits” winning the money. The most successful teacher would lurk outside scripture lessons and burst in with his cane if he considered the class was making too much noise. He once stopped a bus going to sport, lined the boys up on the side of the road for a quick beating. A teacher at the school would go up to Pelligrini’s in Sydney to buy some new canes at the start of the school year. Most of the teachers were at least middle aged, wore safari suits and couldn’t understand why I didn’t want to spend the rest of my life in Nowra. Change wasn’t high on their agendas and their most common advice was to keep the students busy and quiet. As only a beginner teacher I wasn’t allowed to cane but advised to do it unofficially. I did it once and vowed to never do it again. The initial staff function was held at the local creek and only male teachers were invited. I resigned after a year and then worked in London and other schools in Sydney.

I came to Dover Heights in the late 1980s as a careers adviser. I thought that a high school in such an expensive suburb would be full of well behaved aspiring children. The school had just been formed by the amalgamation of Dover Heights Boys and Dover Heights Girls after a protracted industrial dispute and suffered a serious ongoing decline in enrolments which was only reversed when Kerry Bromhead became principal in 1998. My faith and that of many others in both the DET and the Teachers Federation suffered a severe blow when Rose Bay Secondary College was created by amalgamating Dover Heights and Vaucluse High Schools but the position of principal was filled by seniority and Kerry Bromhead was transferred as principal to Killarney Heights High School, which she transformed into one of the most successful comprehensive high schools in the state.

I think that I can honestly say that I looked forward to coming to work every day. I have been very fortunate. My job as careers adviser lacked the excitement enjoyed by class room teachers but I found that my position allowed me a great deal of flexibility and could often feel that I had achieved something positive for students. To see students, who failed to have much success at school, take part in something that lifted their spirits or gave them a new angle on life was very satisfying.

The primary purpose of a state school is to try to give every student, as much as possible, an equal start in life. I believe that the teachers and other staff at Rose Bay Secondary College are trying very hard to achieve that aim, despite significant obstacles. As I go off to my retirement I’d like to thank everyone for all the happy memories.

Signing off........Paul Bollard
Presentation Night
Year 7 Surf School
Year 10 Preparation Program
SPECIAL PRIZE LIST 2010

Rose Bay Rotary Prize for Qualities of Service, Dependability & Leadership
– presented by Mr Steven Hayes - School Council President.

JEROMAIA DETTO and VIVIENNE TYE

Rose Bay Secondary College Prize for Outstanding School Service
– presented by Mr Steven Hayes

KERBY LOFTS and OLEETA FODGEN

The Council of the Municipality of Woollahra Prize for Service to the Community
– presented by Mr Steven Hayes

CASSANDRA WATSON and VANESSA SHAFLENDER

The Waverley Council Prize for Performing Arts
– presented by Ms Sally Betts – Mayor of Waverley

FLOYD ROBINSON

The Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment
– presented by Ms Sally Betts - Mayor of Waverley

DAVID POSNIAK

Rose Bay Secondary College Best All Rounder Award
– presented by Ms Guttman- Jones - Councillor - Waverley Council

KERBY LOFTS

Rose Bay Secondary College Prize for Effort
– presented by Ms Guttman –Jones – Councillor – Waverley Council

PEERADA CHOMSUWAN, MAYA FIRSTMAN, MARK GRAHAM

The Peter Weir Prize for Year 12 Film Production
– presented by Ms Rachelle Schonberger - Principal BJE

JOSH LAWSON, WILLIAM QUINN

Robert Anderson Memorial Art Award
– presented by Ms Rachelle Schonberger

KELLY HARDAKER

School Service Awards for Music
– presented by Ms Gabrielle Munro – President RBSC P&C Association

VIVIENNE TYE

MAX GARNER-TUCKER

JACK RAY

ROSEMARY GALLAHER

NATASHA HEYWARD

PETUNIA HUANG

FLOYD ROBINSON

N.S.W. Vocational Education Excellence Award
–Presented by Ms Gabrielle Munro

ISABELLE MEYER

Continued Contribution to School Sport
– presented by Ms Gabrielle Munro

MONTY KROCHMAL

Rose Bay Secondary College Athletics Age Champions
– presented by Mr Peter Debnam Member for Vaucluse

KERBY LOFTS, MANDY LIM
Rose Bay Secondary College Swimming Age Champions
-presented by Mr Peter Debnam
KERBY LOFTS, NATASHA HEYWARD

Rose Bay Secondary College Student Council Representatives
-presented by Ms Denise Lofts – College Deputy Principal

ALEXANDER DAWES   JEROMAIA DETTO
OLEETA FODGEN   ILAN GODIN
NATASHA HEYWARD   MONTY KROCHMAL
KERBY LOFTS   JACK PRIEST
ISABELLE QUARRY   TESS THIRUP
VIVIENNE TYE   CASSANDRA WATSON

The University of New South Wales Scholarship of Academic Excellence
-presented by Mr Gavin Patterson School Ed. Director
TRACY JIANG

Rose Bay Secondary College Dux Award -
Highest Aggregate in 2009 Higher School Certificate
-presented by Mr Gavin Patterson
NAM KHAHN VU

Yr 12 Honour Awards
-presented by Mr Gavin Patterson
PEERADA CHOMSUWAN
MAYA FIRSTMAN
PETUNIA HUANG
TRACY JIANG
JAMES LAOLADA
AMANDA LIM
CARMEL JOHAN
MELISSA MORGENSTERN
MARTA SANTOS-MARIZ

Rose Bay Secondary College Medals
-presented by Jim Linton College Principal
This is the highest honour that a student at Rose Bay Secondary College can be awarded. It acknowledges consistent application, commitment to the school and achievement of personal best.

ELIZABETH BUKHSHTEYN
ALEXANDER DAWES
JEROMAIA DETTO
OLEETA FODGEN
NATASHA HEYWARD
MANDY LIM
EMILY LIVITS
ADA LO
ISABELLE QUARRY
VANESSA SHAFLENDER
VIVIENNE TYE
CASSANDRA WATSON
TIAHN WETZLER
Careers

J'aime bien la couleur violette, c'est très joli. J'adore lire, parce que c'est éducatif et intéressant. Mais je n'aime pas trop les leçons d'art. Je trouve que c'est ennuyeux. Je déteste le foie gras. Le gout est horrible.

Mais, j'adore la France, par ce qu'il y a beaucoup d'histoire et de culture.

C'est un pays magnifique et formidable.

College Les Mimosas ~ Mandelieu la Napoule

The school I have chosen is College Les Mimosas in the South of France. It is situated west of Cannes, in the suburb of Mandelieu, which is about a twenty minute drive from the Old Port of Cannes. Officially opened in 2002, it's a college which is a junior school for 11 – 15 year olds. The school year in France starts in September so I would be in 4e which is for 13 – 14 year olds. The school day starts at 8:15 am and finishes at 3:05 pm.

The college has 21 classrooms; in addition there are also classrooms for science; technology and multi-media; music; art; a gymnasium and dining area. Being close to the sea, there is a sailing club, so you can sail near the beautiful chateau at Mandelieu la Napoule. The school has large grounds with basketball courts. I like how the school is quite spacious and amongst farmland - there's a beautiful old French house overlooking the school, as pictured below. The students of this school also go on trips; in 2007 the Italian Club went to Rome.

The online school magazine, Vectoria, is interactive. I like how the college encourages participation and feedback from all the students. My article about being an exchange student from Australia would be in this magazine.

Bonjour tout le monde!


By Valeska Detto Year 7
Premier’s Reading Challenge 2010

The Premier’s Reading Challenge celebration luncheon was held on the 3rd December. Students who completed the challenge officially were provided with their Honour Rolls and the PRC supplement which lists new books added to the reading list for 2011. The library already has a number of these titles in the collection and will endeavour to purchase as many as possible from the 2011 New Books Reading List. If your child would like to participate in the Challenge in Years 8 or 9 please ask them to see their English teacher or the Librarian. I look forward to extending students in Years 8 and 9 by encouraging them to read in different genres and to increasingly read more complex texts. In the age of byte size information we need to ensure students have the opportunity and time to engage with stimulating and imaginative narratives that open their open their worlds and their minds. Students who enjoy thought provoking non-fiction can find titles on the PRC list or ask the librarian to suggest some good reads.

Congratulations to Lauren Ayscough, Kaito Massey, Tristan McBride-Dowie and Genevieve Yeoh who received their Gold Certificates this year commending them on four years of successful participation in the Challenge. Library prizes for PRC reading achievement were also awarded to Valeska Detto, Amanda Spencer, Gislayne De Araujo, Elena Rubleva, Jamie Jones, Gulian Gitto, Matthew Murray, David Tsor, Thomas Hughes, Megan Stern, Brandon Saputra, Genevieve Yeoh, Teehana Balakumar, Loizoz Loizou, Davinia He and Zoe Skalkos.

It was a real treat to have pizzas and a movie with students to celebrate their reading success and library staff would like to thank parents and carers for supporting our efforts to encourage students to read.

Presentation Evening Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students for their exemplary library practice and reading practices.

The Bob Bellear Memorial Library Prize for Outstanding Library Practice: Max Ryck.

Max Ryck, as library monitor, used his information literacy skills to assist with major library projects which support the teaching and learning programs of the school. In his role he demonstrated initiative and problem solving abilities to help improve our systems. We thank him for his work and for always striving to improve.

The Bob Bellear Memorial Library Prize for Outstanding Personal Reading:

* Vicky Chen
* Jett Wayne
* Ariella Traurig
* Dane Charnas-Niven

Thank you to all our wonderful library monitors who have helped enormously this year. We hope to see you back in 2011 to mentor our new Yr 7 students and continue your outstanding work.

We would like to wish everyone happy and safe holidays.

See you in 2011!

Ms Efthimiou  Teacher Librarian
Ms de Graaf Library Assistant
Ms Maddocks Library Assistant
Ms Freeman Library Assistant
RBSC MUSIC NIGHT 2010
On the 26th of November, Year 10 students from Rose Bay Secondary College went on an annual excursion to Sydney University. After a tour of the historic grounds, we were ushered into one of the large lecture theaters where our guides gave us an informative talk about the endless possibilities in courses and career opportunities. We also learnt about the social and interactive events that the university has on offer.

A further tour of the grounds revealed many beautiful structures including one called the Transient Building which was built solely by women during World War Two. Many of the other “old world” buildings reminded us of the Harry Potter films. Our guides informed us that once a year they even stage a mock game of Quiddich.

Later, a tour of the Macleay Museum proved a real eye opener, with a huge collection of insects that was assembled in the 18th century by Alexander Macleay. Other exhibits included giant spiders, birds, crabs and the first map of NSW.

All in all, our visit was a very pleasant and informative one. Our time at the university not only gave us the opportunity to ponder our future, but showed us the great variety of career paths open to us.
Miss Fiakos was a student teacher here at Rose Bay Secondary. Majoring in English and History, and being supervised by Ms Ayscough, she stayed here for four weeks. We interviewed her on her last day here at Rose Bay Secondary College.

Miss Fiakos has studied for four years at the University of New South Wales. She studied English and History because she realised that these were her strengths. After these four years she organised to do her hands-on experience here at Rose Bay Secondary College. She says that the kids here are interesting but have a problem with their behaviour.

When she is finished with her studies, Miss Fiakos plans to travel overseas. She plans to do this to self reflect on herself. She thinks this kind of education is better University education because instead of this you need a good foundation and travel sets you up with good morals.

She has already been to three schools as a student teacher. She considers single sex schools are easier to teach because there aren’t as many varied opinions between girls and boys. From all of the schools she has been to Miss Fiakos thinks Rose Bay was definitely the best. She has learnt many things at RBSC such as, classroom management skills and establishing a rapport between students. She says she started teaching because of the fulfilling feeling she gets from teaching kids and finally seeing the end product of her effects and she is rewarded throughout her career.

We hope that she has a happy and satisfying career!

By Roger Szmitt, Peter Lewis, Julius Attwood, Greg Chernishov & Yune Cho