



## Information for Parents and Year 10 Students

- Stage 6 Course Selections
- HSC market night June 5
- Year 10 half-yearly exams
- Parent Teacher meetings June 26

### Stage 6 course selection for the Preliminary (2009) and Higher School Certificate (2010) Courses

Year 10 students need to begin to consider their plans for 2009 and beyond.

#### What sort of academic qualification do you want?

- ✓ HSC + UAI
- ✓ HSC + UAI + VET
- ✓ HSC
- ✓ HSC + VET + TAFE

#### Choosing Your Courses

"The best advice for students is to choose those courses in which they are interested, perform well and which provide a suitable background for their future careers." Professor George Cooney – BOS

#### Gathering course information

During week 5 of term 2 year 10 students will meet with Head Teachers of courses to begin gathering information about the courses offered for the Higher School Certificate.

#### Year 10-Higher School Certificate Market Night - Thursday 5 June at 6pm

For parents and students, in the college gymnasium. Limited parking will be available in the college car park.

Parents and Year 10 students will receive information about:

- the mandatory Board of Studies requirements for the award of the Higher School Certificate,
- the UAI (University Admissions Index) and how it relates to course selection
- the process and timeline for HSC course selection at RBSC

Board of Studies requirements and related information will be presented by our Board of Studies Liaison Officer, Ms Kim Owens. Representatives from the VET in Schools Directorate will be available to discuss VET courses. Head Teachers and class teachers will provide information about individual courses and answer any questions. All faculties will set up booths with course specific information.

#### Don't be trapped by poor choices!

There will be a FINAL DATE for course selection. After this date students CANNOT change courses. Make sure that when you select your courses you have all the information that you need to make the best decision. The main factors to consider are:

- ✓ Your abilities – what courses in Year 10 are you good at?
- ✓ Your interests – what types of courses are you really interested in?
- ✓ Your career choices – what are your goals for the future?



A limited number on sale for \$6 at the HSC MARKET NIGHT

## Year 10 Exams

### Year 10 Exams – Mandatory Courses

PERIOD	Thursday 12th June	Friday 13th June
Roll call 9:00-9:10	In the hall Students sitting in hall in classes fill out attendance slips In the hall	In the hall Students sitting in hall in classes fill out attendance slips In the hall
1 9:10 – 10:02	ENGLISH EXAM = 1 ½ Hours 5 MINS READING START 9:10 FINISH 10:45	MATHS EXAM = 1 ½ hours 5 MINS READING START 9:10 FINISH 10:45
2 10:02 10:54	ENGLISH EXAM	MATHS EXAM
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3 11:24- 12:16	SCIENCE EXAM = 1 ½ hours 5 MINS READING START 11:30 FINISH 1:05	HSIE EXAM = 1 ½ hours 5 MINS READING START 11:30 FINISH 1:05
4 12:16 – 1:08	SCIENCE EXAM	HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY EXAM
Lunch		
5	NORMAL LESSONS	NORMAL LESSONS
6	NORMAL LESSONS	NORMAL LESSONS

### Exam Rules and Expectations

- ◆ Students must be at school by 8.45 am
- ◆ You must follow the day-to-day rules of the school, including WEARING FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM.
- ◆ Rules and procedures for the examinations will follow the 2008 RBSC School Certificate Assessment Policy (see website).
- ◆ Students must complete an attendance slip for each exam.
- ◆ If you are **absent from the exam** you must present a **doctor's certificate** to the course Head Teacher to verify illness. Failure to supply a certificate will result in a **zero mark**. Students who have a certificate for the absence will do their exam as soon as possible when they return.
- ◆ Students who are late will not be given extra time to complete exams.
- ◆ All equipment must be supplied by students – **NO BORROWING** – will be allowed. (This includes calculators, white out, pens, staplers etc.)
- ◆ There must be **complete silence in the HALL** during the exam
- ◆ **Mobile phones will not be allowed in the exam room**
- ◆ Students WILL NOT leave the exam room until the conclusion of the examination time.

**Students who do not comply with the school and exam rules (including uniform) will be placed on after school detention, Monday June 16 from 3.20 - 4.20 in A519. Persistent disruption may result in removal from the exam room**

### Year 10 Exams – Elective Courses

Some elective courses will hold exams in week 8 as per assessment schedules. Class teachers will inform the students of the day and period that the exam will be taken.

**Parent/ teacher meetings** for year 10 will be held on June 26.

**Year 10 written reports** will be mailed out at the end of this term

## Useful Websites

### Board of Studies NSW : [www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au)

Syllabuses, HSC & SC statistics, past HSC papers, important dates,

### Universities & Admissions Centre: [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

2008 UAI cut-offs

How the UAI is determined, including scaling

Links to admissions centres in other states and territories

Links to all NSW and ACT universities

Course search

### HSC on line : [www.hsc.csu.edu.au](http://www.hsc.csu.edu.au)

information about HSC subjects

study & examination assistance

2008 planner

knowledge resources

## Opportunities to Gain more Experience and Information

Year 10 students have opportunities to take part in activities which will help them make good decisions about their futures.

### Work Experience

This is a great opportunity for students to find out more about what work is like and also look at a particular occupation closely.

Work experience can take place at any time during the year.

Participating students will miss classes and must catch up on missed work.

To arrange students must get a form from Mr Bollard and arrange for the employer to complete. It must also be completed by a parent and approved by the school.

Please contact Mr Bollard if you have any questions:

Tel: 93010321

Email: [Paul.bollard@education.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Paul.bollard@education.nsw.gov.au)

### Careers Events

- Wednesday June 4. Events Management Symposium, Ultimo TAFE College
- Tuesday June 10 Sports Expo, Matraville Sports HS
- Thursday June 19 Retail, Hair, Beauty & Floristry Event
- Monday June 23 Apprenticeship & Employment Day
- Tuesday June 17 Marine Careers Forum Careers with a marine focus, National Maritime Museum 10am -4pm
- Friday Aug 22 Careers In Sport Expo ,St Marys Cathedral College

To take part in these events get a permission note from from Mr Bollard and return.



## Career Voyage 2008

Career Voyage is a computer based career guidance program designed for both young people and adults. It looks at a student's likes and dislikes and develops for each student a report which includes career interest groups that may suit the student and a list of 40 job suggestions.

The program is widely used in universities, TAFE colleges and some other schools.

It is particularly useful for students who may have few ideas about their future. It also may suggest jobs not previously considered and may also help students choose subjects for Years 11 and 12.

Students should make an appointment with Mr Bollard to do Career Voyage. It takes about 40 minutes to complete.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008

The Event Merchandise Group (EMG) has the official merchandise licence for World Youth Day 2008 celebrations from Tuesday 4th July to Wednesday 23rd July and is looking for young people to fill the following positions:

- Retail Sales
- Food & Beverage Sales
- Program Sales
- Warehousing & Stock replenishment

Outlet venues will be situated at Barangaroo, Randwick, Hyde Park, Darling Harbour, Opera House and The Domain.

Those successful applicants will receive:

- Pay rates in line with the Shop Employee's Award,
- Pre-role training including customer service and OH&S,
- Certificate of Participation
- Access to WYD08 events.

EMG group are looking for young people 16 years and above, with a "can do" attitude, excellent communication skills, able to work in a fast moving team environment; young people with retail experience will be preferred.

Interested applicants should apply online at [www.eventmerchandisegroup.com/wyd08staff](http://www.eventmerchandisegroup.com/wyd08staff)

## Tax File Numbers

The college can assist students apply for tax file numbers.

Forms are available from Mr Bollard. From this year students, who were born in Australia, must supply details from their birth certificates.

Overseas born students must supply passport or Australian citizenship details.

Application forms will not be accepted without these details.



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## Style your Career with WRAPS



NSW WRAPS

Sydney Local Community Partnership

invite you to style your career pathway into a successful future

at the

## NSW WRAPS Careers Day

**Date:**

**Venue:**

**Time:**

Up-to-date industry information, hands-on activities and real experiences in Hairdressing, Retail, Floristry, Funeral Services and Beauty

Who will be there?



Job Guide 2008 available now from Mr Bollard