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Opportunities for All

PREMIERS AWARD WINNERS

Two Year 12 graduates from 2010 have received these prestigious awards. Sam Kothari and Brandon Li Wan Po accepted their awards for Economics and Music (VCE VET) respectively. The awards are made to the top five students in each subject across the state. Sam and Brandon are pictured with their teachers and Acting Principal.



WELCOME

This term we have welcome three new students to the college, while also having three students join mainstream classes from intensive language study.



Liu Yining (Megan) has joined us as a temporary student from China. She has taken the opportunity of studying with us for four weeks, while visiting family. Megan's first impressions were:

I saw ... the library of the school on the first day. It is much larger than the one at my school in China.

I heard ... everyone speaking English. I could not understand what most of them were talking about.

I felt ... really cold, because it is summer now in China. So far people here are kind and friendly. Someone told me where my classroom was and someone else helped me open my locker. They are really nice to me.

I touched ... the desk in the Visual Art room. It was rough and difficult to draw on.

I smelt ... my lunch. It smelt delicious, maybe just because I was hungry.

I learned ... Actually I did not learn anything from Maths or Science, maybe a little bit, but only a little bit. It is hard for me to understand what the teacher is talking about; they talked in detail and used language that I did not know. But I learnt some English words. It is difficult to refuse learning when all the people around you are speaking English.

I remember ... the code of my locker. It is short, so it is easy to remember.

Although I do not speak English, people here are really nice to me. They are kind and friendly. So maybe it is not that bad that I do not speak English.



Gloria Yi Salinas Lim (left, pictured with friend Suzie) is our first international student from Spain. She too is with us temporarily and has undertaken the challenges of

Year 12 study for six weeks. Among her reflection on her time at Rowville, Gloria has commented ...

Academically speaking, I was surprised when it came to the teachers. All of mine were great, and I could I would definitely love to take some of them back home. The commitment the teachers have to their students is fantastic. They not only teach them but they help them as much as they can, they make life easier and they try to get from them their best academic results.

But for me the most important thing is not all that I have learned in the classroom, but what I have learned out of it. I have been able to know about your lifestyle her in Australia and once again how different it is from mine in Spain. I have learned that what people of my age do on the other side of the world first hand.



Yu Lu is from Beijing and has begun her study of intensive English in preparation for Years 10-12. She has been well supported by other students and her host family.

COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A number of our students have added to their study experience by taking up opportunities to be involved in a range or sporting and other pursuits.

Yoshihiko Masuda, Japan, is a keen sportsman. Arriving in Australia with a strong football (soccer), he currently plays for local club Knox Churches and also for J Uniting FC.



Baseball has been a long term passion of **Yuto Sadamoto** (Japan). He joined a team, Knox Baseball Club, soon after arrival in April 2010 and also plays in the summer competition for other clubs.

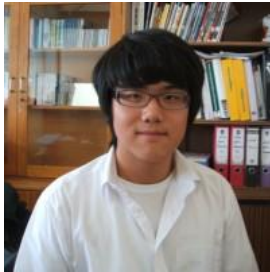


The 2011 school musical production *Fame*, has provided **Kong Dai Youn** (Kevin, South Korea) with an

opportunity to increase his school participation. Kevin says that he has had a small role this year, but wants a lead role in 2012! He has been enthusiastic and active from the early tryouts right through to the four day season. Kevin says that he counts all of the students in the production as friends, explaining that we have helped each other for six months to make a good performance. He also feels that being part of

the production has helped his acceptance at school and he appreciates the encouragement he has received to audition for a role. He advises other students to *“Go for it. It is very enjoyable. Try your best. I enjoyed everything in Fame. A great memory was going on the Fame Camp. Fame gave me courage and joy and showed me how to participate with others.*

Another school activity that Kevin has chosen to be involved in is the annual school trip to Central Australia. He says



The trip involved challenges. I still remember the Uluru rock. I climbed it and it was really enjoyable. As well as being challenging, the trip was fun and gave me will power.

Peter John Meyer (South Africa) has taken up a very Australian experience! He plays Australian Rules Football with a local team and has been invited to try out for representative club Eastern Ranges, in a higher level competition.

Yoshiki Shimazaki (Japan) is taking tennis lessons with host sister in preparation for the summer season competition.

FAME – THE MUSICAL

The 2011 school production of *FAME* has had a highly successful season of four shows. It has been described as ‘an excellent and professional performance’, ‘strong cast produced an amazing show enjoyed by over 1500 people’, ‘full of energy and amazing talent’ and ‘the show was amazing and we look forward to next year’s production’.

As indicated above, international student Kevin Kong was part of the cast. A number of international students also attended the performance as audience members. Among comments they made were:

The production was very good. All the actors seemed happy. Takuro, Japan

Really good, wonderful. I would like to take part too in the future. Monika, Cambodia

Great. I saw my friend, a local student, in the play. I could understand the language. It was so different to a play in China. It is fantastic that students can dance, sing and act in a play like this. Bernie, China

SPORT NEWS

Domenic Kurosik is now the second Rowville Sports Academy student this year to receive a two year contract at an English Premier League Football team. Domenic, who is at the young age of 14, will leave Australia with his family bound for England, after being signed to Stoke City on a youth contract. He says that the Sports Academy assisted him to become a better player, through training with coaches teaching him new skills and techniques and keeping his fitness up. He will join fellow RSA team

mate Peter Skapetis, who is signed to EPL team Birmingham City.

The college has reached an agreement with US-Aust Management Pty Ltd, to develop a Health and Fitness Centre. It is envisaged that this facility will incorporate a weights room, circuit area, cardio facilities, work out class, and spin room together with changing, administration and childcare facilities. Like RSC's other partnerships, this arrangement will provide facilities for our Sports Academy and mainstream students during the school day and will be utilised by the wider community after school hours.

RECEPTION BY GOVERNOR

Each year the Governor of Victoria hosts a welcome event for newly arrived students. This year, four students attended as representatives of the school.



Sun Fei (Bernie, China) has said *“It was a wonderful party after the speeches with a clown show. I met new people, was able to see Government House and know that I can*

speak in English as well as native speakers”. Monika Sorn (Cambodia) says she was able to speak with students from different schools.

AUTHOR VISIT

Year 9 and 10 students have recently attended a talk by children’s author Andy Fusillo. Their responses to the talk included

He told us to follow our dreams, no matter what other people say. He also told us to listen to older people; they have fantastic stories to tell. We should all have a goal that will lead us to our success. Sun Fei

The presentation was very enjoyable. I enjoy writing stories and I learned a lot from the speech. He was very creative and funny; everybody was laughing, including me. The most helpful thing he said, was that he told us how he wrote his stories. This will help me a lot with my novels. Kong Dai Youn

He wanted to tell us about being a teenager at school and that we should think about what we want to do in the future. When he was at school he said reading and writing was boring. Monika

I really liked the presentation. It was funny and interesting. He really changed my view about reading and writing and taught me to start growing up a bit more and live my life more seriously. Attapoom

The message from Archie was that if you like to do something now, just keep doing it in the future. You will be successful, no matter if others put you down. Nhan

He is funny and smart. He told us how important it is to think about the future. Takuro

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