



ROWVILLE SECONDARY COLLEGE

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Opportunities for All

WELCOME

This term we welcomed Yoichi Kageyama from Japan. Yoichi has commenced a new intensive English program in October which will take him into January 2012. He will begin Year 11 in February next year. He is pictured with his host and ICC adviser.



Amin Muhamed, also from Vietnam, received the Year 7-10 award for international students. Throughout the year, Amin has shown a strong commitment to all that he does and at the same time is always humble and polite. Teachers use phrases like “his commitment to learning is excellent”, “he is enthusiastic and cooperative” and “listens attentively in class” when describing his approach to his studies. In official reports he has been rated as “above expected level” in a number of areas.

His consistency and fine approach is demonstrated by him being the recipient of this award last year as well. We wish Amin well with his further studies and welcome the opportunity to assist and support him in all ways that we can as he too works towards his aim of becoming a pharmacist.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AWARDS

International students were well represented at this year’s Presentation Evening. Of the seven Year 11 students who received Academic Achievements, two were international students – Kie Ishihara (Japan) and Tran Anh Nhat (Calvin - Vietnam). These awards were based on overall Year 11 results.

Calvin also received the International VCE Student of the Year, for his impressive work ethic and desire to achieve his very best. He is committed and well organised and has always been prepared to seek advice and to act on it to improve his understanding and the quality of what he does.

While studying a full Year 11 program with us, Calvin has also undertaken Year 12 Vietnamese on Saturday mornings. He will maximise the number of Year 12 studies that will count towards his final score at the end of next year. After completing VCE, Calvin has a goal of studying Pharmacy.

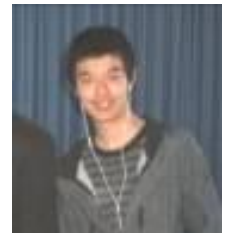
We congratulate Calvin on receiving this award and wish him every success as he continues his studies with us. He is not only an excellent role model for other international students but for local students as well.



2011 GRADUATES

We celebrate the completion of study and achievements of our five, Year 12 students. We will watch the progress and futures of these students with interest and pride.

- Chen Zhe – Jackie (China)
- Han Qian Yao – Yoyo (China)
- Ma Chun – Andy (China)
- Ngo Ngoc Nhi – Mandy (Vietnam)
- Ren Zhenghang – John (China)



They have made the following reflections on their time with us:

When the school has free dress days, people exaggerate make up and make a lot of fun for us. We take photos. It’s a great memory. (Yoyo)

The relationship between teachers and students is more like friends. I feel confident in communicating with teachers, which is very helpful for my studies. (Yoyo)

Students who will be continuing their studies into next year should create a realistic goal so that they could have a push or motivation. Students returning to Year 12 should strive hard and manage and use their time properly in order to maximise their usage of time. As they say, “If you can’t excel with talent, triumph with effort”.

"Fellow students please do not be shy to ask teachers for help if you encounter any problems. If you do not help yourself, nobody can help you. So strive hard and study smart. I have faith that you can all do it." (Mandy)

Thank you to teachers, families and hosts and all other supporters who have been these experiences possible. Best wishes to all students.

YEAR 10 FORMAL



International and local students from both campuses joined together for the annual Year 10 formal, enjoying music, dancing and good fun.

HA WINS TENNIS TOURNAMENT



Year 7 student, Park Ha (South Korea) has continued his strong interest and tennis training program. He has participated in a four day tournament in Hobart, winning the Under 16 competition against others from all over the country.

His goals are to be a tennis professional and hopefully win the Australian Open.

PETER JOHN JOINS EASTERN RANGES



It is now confirmed that Peter John Meyer has joined the Eastern Ranges Under 16 Australian Rules Football (AFL) Academy. This is following a series of training/skill assessment sessions. Peter John says that local friends encouraged him to try AFL in school and local teams. He likes the

physical aspects of the game, along with its pace and the skills involved. He can push himself and work hard to improve his skills and overall fitness. Being an Australian sport, he feels included. He has no particular dreams or plans for the future, but rather will take it one step at a time.

WELCOME BACK 'RYU'

In September we were pleased to welcome 2010 graduate, Ryunosuke Takano, back to the school. During a short visit to Melbourne, he included a visit to the school in his plan of meeting his friends and host family (who he stayed with for the whole time). Ryu is now studying at Tamagawa University in Tokyo, training as a primary school teacher.

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Ryu's Melbourne experience began when he was 14 years old and took part in a two week English language program. During this period he visited Rowville and decided that this was the school for him. He joined us in April 2008 and graduated at the end of 2010.



When asked what advice he could give to current and prospective students to have an enjoyable experience, Ryu said "students need to take their time to get used to being a student in a new country, school and home, continue to look for and enjoy your favourite things, take opportunities to be involved in the total school and community life and study hard! All of these things will make for a better overseas life. Kicking a soccer ball helped my communication with other people. I stayed with the same club for two years and got to know people well and they got to know me."

JAPANESE GRADUATES

Later in September there was a further opportunity to meet Ryunosuke and other Japanese graduates from our school. Over a series of Education Fairs with ICC in Nagoya, Osaka and Tokyo it was possible to meet parents of current students (Yoshihiko Masuda and Takuro Kagami), future student (Yoichi Kageyama) and prospective students. Ryunosuke was a capable and engaging interpreter at the Tokyo fair. He capably carried out this role in a friendly and professional manner and proved to be fine



representative of our school. He was able to give first hand accounts of his homestay and soccer club.

At the end of the fairs, an alumni event was held for around 70 graduates of Victorian government schools in Tokyo. In addition to Ryu, past students Marin Moriwaki and Tomoyo Kobayashi attended. It was a great opportunity to meet them again and get updates what they are now doing.

