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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to let you know the arrangements for the beginning of the 2020 school year at Rosehill, which will be a little different to what you have experienced previously.

In 2020 we will be introducing a staggered start for students, details of which can be found at the bottom of this letter.

The purpose of the staggered start is to provide each year level with a **formal induction day**, during which students are introduced to the expectations, policies and procedures pertinent to their level. In addition, on this day the **Progressive Achievement Test (PAT) testing**, which has previously taken place during the term, will run for some year levels.

We anticipate the benefits of this dedicated induction day will be manifold: each year level cohort will receive the information and support they require to begin the new academic year on a strong and positive footing; students will reacquaint with our School Wide Positive Behaviours Support (SWPBS) framework and the importance of our school values of respect, initiative and learning for their own and others' wellbeing and engagement; students will reconnect with their peers, teachers and coordinators prior to the resumption of formal classes; students will receive their 2020 school planner/diary and be shown how to use this to organise their academic year; PAT testing will occur early and no longer interrupt learning time during the term; and teachers will have the most up to date learning data for their students from the very beginning of the year and will be able to plan their teaching programs accordingly.

Please familiarise yourself with the details below. We know that you join us in wanting the very best outcomes from school for your child(ren) and I cannot stress enough the importance of ensuring they attend on the day(s) specified and do not miss out on the program their peers will be receiving.

Please note that students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will need to bring their **charged laptop** to school on their allocated days, and that **bus services will run** on these days.

## Schedule for starting the 2020 school year

Date	Students in attendance	Students not required
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Public Holiday	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff resume. No students in attendance.	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 12 students begin Year 12 Study Camp Year 11 students in attendance for VCE Induction Day Year 10 students in attendance for Senior School Induction Day and PAT testing (laptops required)	Year 9, 8, 7
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 12 students at Year 12 Study Camp Year 11 students in attendance. Formal classes begin. Year 9 students in attendance for Induction Day and PAT testing (laptops required)	Year 10, 8, 7
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 12 students at Year 12 Study Camp Year 11 students in attendance. Formal classes continue. Year 8 students in attendance for Induction Day and PAT testing (laptops required) Year 7 students in attendance for Induction Day	Year 10, 9
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	All students (7 – 12) in attendance.	

If you have any questions about these arrangements or require clarification about the details, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school email (<a href="mailto:rosehill.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au">rosehill.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>) or by calling the general office on 9337 2488.

We look forward to 2020 being a very positive year for your child at Rosehill.

Yours sincerely,

**Frances Snow** 

**Assistant Principal**