

# Directions

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



As you are no doubt aware “the Australian Government will deliver a \$14.7 billion boost” to schools over the next three financial years. Building the Education Revolution (BER) begins this year and will provide new facilities and refurbishments to every Australian school. Prime Minister Rudd’s intention is to have an immediate impact on job creation and as such it is essential that the application process is brief and that construction and maintenance work commences as soon as possible.

Regardless of any potential grants, our College will continue with its plans for the refurbishment of classrooms throughout this year and in coming years. Looking further into the future we have been considering plans for more elaborate construction projects. It is hoped that the Government’s commitment will marry well with the College’s plans and permit us to accelerate the timetable over which these improvements take place.

The College will make three applications. In each case the funding we hope to secure would be a tremendous boost for the College and would have great educational benefit for our students. The College will apply for \$200,000 to refurbish existing College buildings. We will also apply for two other larger grants that would facilitate several exciting building or renovation projects.

These grants could accelerate the planned make-over of the Primary classrooms including the erection of covered outdoor learning areas, the installation of shade structures over play spaces and possibly even the construction of new Science classrooms for Secondary students. Please join with us in prayer that the Lord would bless our applications and that the College would be granted the funds to further enhance your child’s learning on the very short term.

Ian Maynard  
PRINCIPAL

## OUTSTANDING HSC SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Spanish teacher Mrs Flavia Arapi. Mrs Arapi also teaches Spanish at Saturday School where her Year 12 Spanish students performed extraordinarily well in the 2008 NSW HSC. One of her students gained second place in the State and another third.



With her vast experience and numerous qualifications, Mrs Arapi is clearly one of the best Spanish teachers in the State. Our students are certainly in very good hands.

## PLANNING AHEAD



Identifying goals and developing plans to realise those goals are important life skills. Numeracy and mathematics are key elements of planning and budgeting which assist decision making. The Year 11 General Mathematics class recently hosted Mr Adam Carlyon, a Financial Planner from the ANZ bank who spoke to them as part of their current unit of work. Through the Financial Mathematics module students learn that they need to set goals (short, medium and long term) and then develop ways in which they can achieve those goals. With Mr Carlyon's valuable input the students are now able to plan to meet their short term goals and also put in place strategies to set targets for financial security later in life.



## REBEL SPORTS MVP NIGHT

**20% OFF**

**TUESDAY 10 MARCH**

**5PM – 8PM**

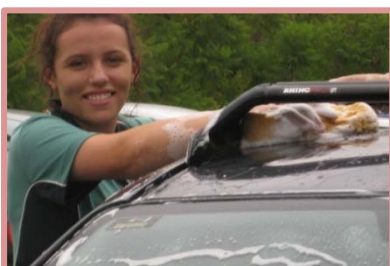
**ROUSE HILL TOWN CENTRE**



The College has arranged for Rebel Sport Rouse Hill to open its doors exclusively to all College families for another night of bargains. All purchases made on this night will receive a 20% discount and the College will receive free sporting equipment to the value of 5% of all sales. The 2008 MVP Night was very successful and we are hoping for an even bigger turn-out on this occasion.

Please remember that the Norwest Christian College Rebel Sport MVP Program rewards College families every day of the year with a discount on purchases when they shop at any Rebel Sport store. Just mention Norwest and you will receive a 5% discount and the College accumulates another 5% towards its next purchase of sporting equipment.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



The Duke of Edinburgh Award Program is being offered to Norwest students in 2009. The Award recognises four fields of activity; Service, Skills, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journeys. Each aspect provides an opportunity for students to acquire and develop skills, initiative and self-esteem which will help them become more confident members of the community. There are three levels of Award; Bronze, Silver and Gold. The minimum age is 14 and we currently have five students from Year 10 training for the Adventurous Journey part of their Silver Award.



In order to raise funds for some essential lightweight camping equipment, the students recently washed some very needy staff cars during Monday Sport!

Any students interested in participating in the Duke of Edinburgh should see Mrs Dersley for an information pack.



**SOCCER REGISTRATIONS**

Norwest Crusaders FC Incorp are currently seeking Soccer Registrations for our U6 and U15's teams.

If you are interested please contact our Registrar, Rose on 0412 266 681



**UNIFORM SHOP**

The uniform shop will only be available on Monday mornings (8-11am) and Thursday afternoons (1-4pm). If you cannot make these times, please contact the office to make an arrangement.

TERM 1 2009	
<b>TERM 1 WEEK 5A</b>	
23 Feb – 27 Feb	Year 10 Work Experience
<b>TERM 1 WEEK 6B</b>	
2 Mar	Primary Zone Swimming Carnival
3 Mar	Secondary Zone Swimming Carnival
6 Mar	Infants Water Fun Day (K – 2)
6 Mar	Prep Water Fun Day
<b>TERM 1 WEEK 7A</b>	
9 Mar	Primary CSSA State Swimming Carnival
12 Mar	Secondary CSSA State Swimming Carnival
<b>TERM 1 WEEK 8B</b>	
18 Mar	Secondary Zone Basketball