



June 2017

Dear Parent(s)/Caregiver(s) and Year 10 Students

As the end of semester draws near, our Year 10 students embark on either the **Pathways to Post Secondary Program** or **Work Experience Program**. Both are innovative programs which expose our students to real life situations in the world of work or tertiary studies. Students have nominated for *one* of the programs offered from Tuesday 27 June to Thursday 29 June inclusive. Attendance is compulsory for all Year 10 students.

Pathways to Post Secondary Program

Students choosing this Program are expected to attend all sessions on each day as part of their Personal Learning Plan assessment requirement. The Program is as follows:

Tuesday 27 June: Flinders University – Students will travel by bus from the College to Flinders University

The day's activities include:

- Campus tour and presentation on the Digital Media Industry;
- Activities co-ordinated by the University's staff and students;
- Information regarding the Personal Learning Plan;
- Future course options offered by Flinders University;
- Visit to Tonsley Campus to explore Electronics and Engineering.

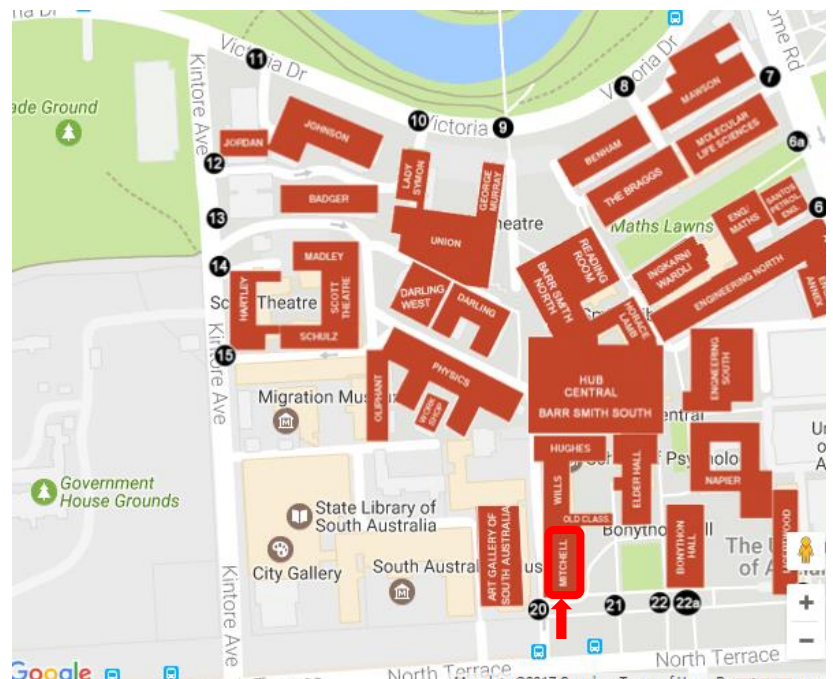
Wednesday 28 June: Adelaide University – Students are required to make their own way via public transport for a 9.30am sharp start, meeting at the Mitchell Building, North Terrace (near the Art Gallery – refer to map).

The day's activities will include:

- Learning to use public transport; making their own way to an 'adult' environment promotes resilience and independence. This is all part of the learning experience about the world of work and part of their assignment for the Personal Learning Plan;
- Campus tour.

Students must provide their own recess. This visit will conclude at 11.30am, after which time College staff will escort students back to Rostrevor on school buses.

The afternoon session includes Portfolio Writing, Passport to Safety and Australian Taxation Office information.



Thursday 29 June: University of South Australia: City West Campus (West Terrace end of the city) – Students are again required to make their own way via public transport for a 9.15am sharp start, meeting on North Terrace.

The day's activities include:

- Campus Tour by University staff and current students;
- Course presentation;
- MyCareer Match.

Students must provide their own recess. This visit will conclude at 11.30am, after which time College staff will escort students back to Rostrevor on school buses.

The afternoon session includes Portfolio Writing and Personal Learning Plan Assessment.

Work Experience Program

Students are invited into an adult environment and have the opportunity to receive some workplace training; they will be assessed on their skills throughout the Program. Students Workplace Learning Agreement Forms have been processed and signed off by Mr Messer and/or Mr Ranaldo.

Workplace Providers will receive a package which will include the following:

- Workplace Provider Information Booklet;
- Work Safety and Health Checklist (to be completed by workplace providers and returned to Mrs DeConno-Coward as soon as possible);
- Student Evaluation Sheet (completed by Workplace Providers and returned to the College at the conclusion of Work Experience).

An information session for students has been held during Personal Learning Plan classes to finalise preparation for their placement.

Rostrevor College appreciates your support of the Pathways to Post Secondary and Work Experience Programs. Extensive planning has been undertaken by both University and College staff to ensure that students are exposed to valuable learning experiences. Both programs offer your son the opportunity to examine and reflect on his interests and skills and to develop these further to gain entry into appropriate courses of study at University or the vocational pathways. No longer does one just 'pick a career'; one chooses a career based on what he/she enjoys, what he/she is passionate about and how skills will be transferable in the world we work and live in.

Please encourage your son to engage in all activities. At the conclusion of each day, ask what excited him and what he learnt. This is the time for planning and exploration, so don't get frustrated if he comes away still confused about his options. There is plenty of time and always another option!

Student Absence

If your son is unable to attend on any of these days due to illness, please contact me direct on 8364 8223.

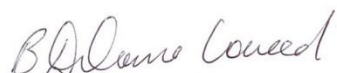
A doctor's certificate will be required for any absences. Further, arrangements will be made for students to make up lost sessions.

SACE Information Evening for Parents

Our **SACE Information Evening** will be held on **Wednesday 9 August commencing at 7.00pm.**

Representatives from Adelaide University, Flinders University and the University of South Australia have kindly offered their services during the evening. Please take the time to embrace this opportunity and support your son in his educational journey. Students are not required to attend this event.

Yours faithfully



Belinda DeConno-Coward
Careers & Vocational Education Co-ordinator