



ROSETTA HIGH SCHOOL



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Your say

What do you think of the Rosetta High School and Claremont High School merger?

IMAGINE a school with a new performing arts centre with a theatre to seat 400 people, a new science area and an administration block that takes advantage of fabulous water views.

Imagine redeveloped languages, art, creativity, media and design areas — and, after a long wait, a new library plus refurbishments for two other classroom blocks.

Well, stop imagining because it's about to happen with the merging of Claremont and Rosetta High Schools on the Rosetta site.

Rosetta High School principal Graham Speight has clarified the two main reasons for the merger.

"The buildings of both schools are old and tired and neither school could attract the funds for a re-build in their own right," Mr Speight said.

Claremont High School principal Angela Bird agrees.

"This merger will bring together the best knowledge about teaching and learning to create a new school," Ms Bird said.

"A new name, new logo and



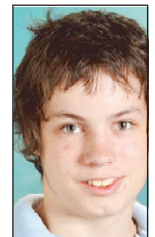
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Students from Rosetta and Claremont High Schools have been sharing ideas and plan for the merger. Pictured are student leaders Brad Absolom, Rhys Quarrell, Ashlee Horton, Bonnie Cowan and Natalie Wood.



Lana Castle
Grade 10

Students still attending the new school are very lucky and will have better opportunities in the next four years.



Jesse Cocker
Grade 9

Having more people to mix with is great and I am looking forward to the Performing Arts Centre being built.



Liam Liderth
Grade 8

It will be great to get new equipment and resources in the three new, remodelled and extended science labs.



Danielle Stokes
Grade 7

I have some concerns. I think that the canteen line will be huge. They might have to get grades to take it in turns.

new uniform, among other innovations, will provide a fresh start and exciting new beginning."

When the renovations are completed, a "Big Picture" school will be established on a different site. Big Picture Schools educate one student at a time with a personalised

program that caters for individual students' long term career goals and future aspirations.

Big Picture schools are small personalised learning communities where students help create their own curriculum to reflect and expand their own interests. The con-

cept started in the US in 1995 and allows students the freedom to pursue specific projects such as work placements while working within the Tasmanian Curriculum Framework.

There will be an application and interview process for entry to the Big Picture

school from students who are already enrolled at Rosetta High or Claremont High.

It is predicted that 110 students will be involved in the Big Picture school and about 700 will attend the merged school on the Rosetta site.

KRISTEN GATTY

School lends helping hand to bushfire victims

ROSETTA High School has lent a helping hand to a school in bushfire-ravaged country Victoria.

The school has a relationship with Yea High School which began last November when staff and student representatives from Yea visited Rosetta.

Two Rosetta students were inspired to make a difference when they learned of the

devastation of Yea and surrounds in February.

Makahla Bowerman and Louise Pullen organised an "It's All About Yellow" casual clothes day to raise money for Yea High School, a secondary college of 350 students 100km north-east of Melbourne.

Rosetta students and staff donated gold coins or bought yellow flowers, yellow cupcakes or had their hair

sprayed yellow raising \$2200.

The Rotary Club of Glenorchy matched funds after Makahla and Louise spoke at a meeting about their project.

The club encouraged the girls to present the money in person and contributed to the travel expenses of the student leaders, who were accompanied by a staff representative.

Yea High School principal John O'Meara showed the

trio around the bushfire affected areas on May 21.

"The devastation is real, but the kindness and generosity of the Australian people is helping locals re-build," Makahla said.

"Seeing Australian flags flying at everyone's homes was a sad reminder of what occurred, but it also shows how much the community love their country," she said.

As a thank you gift, Yea High students gave us a toy bear as a reminder of what our support meant to them.

On the bear, they had written: "Dear Rosetta High School, Thank you so much for your support during these difficult times. We value your kindness. Thank you, Yea High School Leadership Group."

KATELIN JONES

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