



25 May 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Caregiver(s)

RE: NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK – FRIDAY 27 MAY TO FRIDAY 3 JUNE 2022

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for National Reconciliation Week are the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively. We will also acknowledge National Sorry Day on Wednesday 26 May to provide a chance to focus on healing and pursue reconciliation in Australian society.

The National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, “Be Brave. Make Change.” is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to *Be Brave* and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can *Make Change* for the benefit of all Australians.

At Rostrevor College we are acknowledging National Reconciliation Week with a range of events and activities:

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| Friday 27 May | Communication to students about the commencement of National Reconciliation Week 2022 and planned activities. |
| Monday 30 May | Boarders’ National Reconciliation Week Breakfast. Video Message during Pastoral Care – Acknowledgement of Country and significance of National Reconciliation Week and theme for 2022. |
| Tuesday 31 May | House presentations during Pastoral Care. |
| Wednesday 1 June | House presentations during Pastoral Care. National Reconciliation Week celebration in the Valley with First Nations music display and BBQ. Sausages \$2 and soft drinks \$2. First XI Soccer Indigenous Round Rostrevor College vs Mercedes College at 4:00pm (Campbelltown) |
| Thursday 2 June | House presentations during Pastoral Care. |
| Friday 3 June | Extended Pastoral Care – Video presentation for Extended Pastoral Care including an explanation of the names associated with Mabo. MABO Day Football match at lunch time after Smoking Ceremony. House Colours Day – gold coin donation for Edmund Rice Camps. |
| Saturday 4 June | First XVIII Football Indigenous Round Rostrevor College vs St Peters College – Big Memorial Oval at 2:15pm First V Basketball Indigenous Round Rostrevor College vs St Peters College at 10:30am – St Peter’s College |

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and all First Nations peoples.

Kind regards



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