Dear Parents/Caregivers,

In 2011 the NSW Government announced the abolition of the School Certificate, a credential that had existed since 1965. It also announced that, for students choosing to leave school before the completion of their HSC, they will receive a broader, cumulative record of achievement; the NSW Record of School Achievement (RoSA). The term ‘school leaver’ refers to students who are leaving school to undertake employment or further training. It does not refer to students who are transferring to another school.

RoSA will:

- be a record of achievement for students who leave school prior to receiving their HSC report results of moderated, school based assessment, not external tests (i.e. past School Certificate exams)
- be available when a student leaves school any time after they complete Year 10
- be cumulative and recognise a student’s achievements until the point they leave school
- show a result for all courses completed in Year 10 and Year 11
- be able to be reliably compared between students across NSW
- be comprehensive and offer the ability to record a student’s extracurricular achievements.

Students who leave school prior to the HSC will have the opportunity to take an online literacy and numeracy test. For Year 10, these tests will be held on the 27 November 2012. This measure will provide participating students with a current supplementary assessment of these key skills.

Students Online opened for Year 10 students on the 26-10-12. Students can activate their account using the email address provided to the Board by the school. Students Online is at: http://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/.

Provided the school is informed prior to the 30 November 2012 of their intention to leave at the end of this school year, students will be issued with a Record of School Achievement. Credentials will arrive by 14 December 2012.

For further information please visit: www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/rosa/

K Smith
Principal
Students leaving school at the completion of Year 10 2012 must complete the following information and return to Mr Edge by the 14 November 2012.

Name of Student………………………………………………

Please Tick
  o  leaving school to undertake employment
  o  leaving school to undertake further training e.g. TAFE

School leavers may also elect to sit for the new Literacy and Numeracy tests, which will be held on the 27 November 2012. Please indicate if you would like to sit for these tests.
  o  Yes
  o  No

Signature Parent/Caregiver…………………………………Date……………………….