



Good behaviour is a winner

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The carrot works better than the stick – and for Rosehill College students the chance to win a laptop works better than the threat of a detention.

That is the idea behind the Positive Behaviours for Learning programme, a scheme to get students to behave in school launched this year by the Education Ministry.

Rosehill College has chosen the values of respect, responsibility and caring because they are likely to translate to happier and higher-achieving students.

The school had the simple idea of rewarding students with a sticker on a card when they displayed that behaviour.

Ten stickers puts the student in a draw to spin the Wheel of Fortune with the chance to win a range of prizes from pens through to speakers, iPods and a grand prize of a laptop, all provided through sponsors.

In the latest draw 17-year-old Paavan Kumar was one of the lucky ones, spinning the wheel and walking away with an iPod.

He gained his stickers through acts of kindness such as helping other students with their chemistry. He says the scheme “encourages better behaviour” and there is excitement in the student body when the prize draw rolls around.

Coach Tonya Cowlshaw says the scheme is about encouraging students to “do the right thing” and it seems to be working.

Just 45 students had their names in the draw in the first semester but in the latest draw there were more than 400, she says.

What is Positive Behaviour for Learning?

■ A school-wide programme focused on improving academic and behaviour outcomes for students by making positive behaviour in school the norm.

■ The focus is on preventing problem behaviour, developing students’ social

skills, reinforcing desired behaviour, consistently addressing and reducing inappropriate behaviour.

■ The Education Ministry contributes \$10,000 to each participating school per year for the first three years.

■ Leadership training is provided.

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Spin and win: Rosehill College Year 12 student Paavan Kumar, 17, takes a spin on the school's Wheel of Fortune. Photo: DUBBY HENRY