



Richmond High School Richmond Agricultural College NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 8

17th June 2024



Commemorating Anzac Day

Each year, on April 25th, Australians pause to attend services both nationally and globally, honouring the brave individuals who have served our country during times of conflict and crisis. ANZAC Day this year fell in the school holidays and our students took time to reflect and attended services in the Hawkesbury, representing our school. Our school captains Jacinta P and Jacob E spoke on behalf of Richmond High School about the bravery and selflessness of our servicemen and women.

The services enabled our school community to honour the sacrifices of the ANZACs. Our SRC and staff extend their gratitude to the following clubs and organizations for graciously inviting us to participate in their services:

- The Richmond RSL Sub-Branch Dawn Service was held at the Richmond War Memorial. This event was attended by Nicholas C, Savannah B and David B.
- The Anzac Day Commemorative Service and breakfast was held by the Richmond Club. This event was attended by Jacinta P, Jacob E, Nicholas C, Savannah B, David B, Shiona V, Lukas C and Lucas P.



A number of students were involved in making the ceremony a success. They included the School Captains Jacob Elms and Jacinta P who delivered the Commemorative Address, Shaylea J acted as the MC introducing the speakers, Aidan M read the 'Welcome to Country', Liana B read the 'Ode of Remembrance', Ella C recited a poem and Alexander C who wore his cadet uniform and laid the wreath during the service.

The service could not have gone ahead without the assistance of the sound crew Blake A, Mitchell B, Ambrose M and Ashton P who were led by Nicholas C.



An ANZAC Day Service was held at Richmond High School for students and staff to have the opportunity as a school community, to commemorate this significant day.



Congratulations to our 2023 Dux, Karla S who was awarded a scholarship from **Community Bank North Richmond & Districts and Richmond**, supporting her as she undertakes her tertiary education.

We wish you every success with your studies, Karla!

Thank you to the **Community Bank North Richmond** for generously supporting Young People in our community.

Principal's Report

As you are all aware, Richmond High School is excited to meet our newly appointed Substantive Principal, Ms Hayley Macdonald, coming from Callaghan College. As soon as a start date is decided for Ms Macdonald, the school community will be informed. As for me, I had pre-planned some leave early in the year and my end date will be Week 8, Friday 21st of June.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for your trust, support and working with me as Relieving Principal over the last twenty months. It has been a privilege to lead such a vibrant learning community, as we improved the school together for the betterment of our youth. Mr Peter Murkins, our Substantive Deputy Principal, will be stepping into the Relieving Principal role until Ms Macdonald begins.

Since our last newsletter there has been so much student success in a wide range of learning areas across our school community. This newsletter, I have decided to let the student success speak for itself throughout the following pages. I would like to congratulate all students for their ongoing positive participation and the way you have represented our School, Richmond High School - Richmond Agricultural College, so far this year with pride. I have personally been blown away with reports from the wider community, including School Principals and staff from other schools, about the exemplary behaviour and kindness of our students.

Ms Angela Heath
RELIEVING PRINCIPAL

Deputy Principal's Report

I would firstly like to thank Ms Heath and the wonderful staff and students at Richmond High School, who have made me feel so warmly welcome these past two terms. I could not have hoped for a better place to work than RHS. Apart from the incredible school community, I have also been so impressed with the beautiful school grounds, the fantastic facilities, and the abundance of incredible wildlife! It makes a very big contrast to the city school that I have come from in Parramatta.

As the days are getting significantly cooler, now is a good time to get school jumpers and jackets out of storage and check that they still fit well.

Our uniform shop is open on Tuesdays from 8am to 12.30pm and Thursdays from 8am to 11.30am, and online ordering is also available at <https://daylightschoolwear.au/richmond>. Students may wear other layers of clothing under their uniform if these are not visible. I would like to remind students that hoodies are a banned item at school.

In the coming weeks information will be sent out to students and parents of Year 8 and Year 10, on subject selection for 2025. Year 8 students will be choosing their electives next term, and Year 10 will also be choosing their Preliminary HSC subjects early next term.

Finally, I would like to thank Ms Heath for her amazing contribution to Richmond High School during her time as Relieving Principal. Ms Heath's last day will be Friday 21st June, and we wish her all the very best on her next fabulous adventure!

Mr Peter Murkins
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Principal's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have recently achieved **Principal Awards**. They will be formally recognised soon with their awards. These awards are recognition for the pursuit of excellence through both classroom and school based extra curricular activities such as outstanding school reports, positive behaviour, participation, citizenship or class effort.

Well done to:

Chelsea C (Year 8)
Liam H (Year 7)
Skye M (Year 9)
Summah P (Year 10)
Mackenzie P x 2 (Year 11)
Liana B (Year 12)
Ruby B (Year 9)
Angel T (Year 8)
Dean S (Year 10)
Leland V (Year 8)

HAWKESBURY SHOW

Well done RHS Ag Show Team!!! It was wonderful to see our students (including Madison M in her first year), showcasing their skills at our local Hawkesbury Show. We achieved wonderful results from our Junior Sheep Handlers to our Senior Sheep Handlers, Cattle Paraders, our chickens and even our vegetables. A big thank you to Mrs Hoeflake and Mrs Rendell for encouraging, supporting and working with students leading up to this event!



Congratulations and well done to the Ag Show team expertly led by Ms Hoeflake.



THANK YOU from our P & C to the **Barry** and **Kocanda families** for their assistance with the Bunnings BBQ. We would also like to thank **Harvey Norman** for their donation of ALL the prizes for the raffle to support our Kokoda Track students and **Officeworks McGraths Hill, Coles Richmond** and **Woolworths Richmond** for their contributions.

SPOTLIGHT ON LEADERSHIP - School Captains Excursion

On Thursday 16th May, Mrs Fisher and our two School Captains, Jacinta and Jacob, took an early train to Sydney. We had been invited to visit Parliament House. The Captains were given the opportunity to take part in an open Question and Answer session, and then meet with our local NSW MPs. They then visited the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly chambers to witness MPs taking part in Question time. After lunch, we walked to Government House which is the official residence and office of Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, the 39th Governor of New South Wales. We were given a tour of the house and then enjoyed another Q & A session, this time with the Governor herself.



Mrs Fisher | Year 12 Advisor

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

Year 11 students attended the RYDA road safety program, which aligns with the Department of Education's 'Life Ready' program.

Throughout the day, students were immersed in knowledge of road rules and skill building for riding with peers.



Mrs Galea | Year 11 Advisor

SPOTLIGHT ON SKILLS



Check out our Stage 6 Marine Studies students cruising the Nepean River! They participated in the BLISS (Boating Licence in Secondary Schools) program throughout this semester and recently completed the practical

component for their logbook hours on the stunning Nepean River. Students were able to apply the knowledge they gained from the theory component to develop their skills and confidence when driving a boat!

Ms Middleton | Head Teacher Science

SPOTLIGHT ON ATTENDANCE

On Wednesday 22nd May over 280 students received their 'Cake and Shake' and Year Advisor Award in recognition of their outstanding attendance of 95% - 100% for Term 1.

Attendance matters - every day counts.



Incursion – Service NSW Year 9,10,11,12 Students Support Unit

On Thursday 9th May students in Years 9-12 from Richmond High School Support Unit were given the opportunity to attend an incursion in the Trade Training Centre. A representative from Service NSW Kaylene O'Reilly & Tester driver Paul Buckley gave a presentation to inform students about the steps involved in getting a Driver's Licence and Photo ID. All students are to be commended on the respectful manner they conducted themselves.



SPOTLIGHT ON OPPORTUNITY



NSW Rural Fire Service
Secondary School
Cadets Program.

We have had 4 action packed weeks of the NSW RFS Cadets program this term at RHS.

Our cadets have so far explored tankers, conducted hose drills, hydrant drills, visited the Hawkesbury Fire Control Centre and elected their own brigade Representatives.

Mrs Price | Special Education Teacher

AROUND THE GROUNDS

Check out our fabulous new shade sails! They're not just providing essential sun protection; they're also adding a splash of colour and fun to brighten up the Home Economics / Year 7 quad for our students.



PATHWAYS TO DREAMING

Our senior 'Pathways to Dreaming' program participants explored the Western Sydney University Hawkesbury campus. Students learnt about University pathways, scholarships, campus life and the range of student services available.

Thank you to the Student Engagement Team and the Student Ambassadors at WSU for a Deadly day.



Krystle Bradley | Aboriginal Education Officer

SPOTLIGHT ON ACHIEVEMENT

We attended the Da Murrytoola AECG Awards held at Western Sydney University, acknowledging and celebrating the success of Aboriginal students across the Hawkesbury.

We were so proud to have six of our deadly students recognised, receiving awards at this prestigious event.



The following students received Awards: Emily K (Academic Achievement Award), Makayla H (Creative Spirit Award), Thomas M (Sporting Excellence Award), Kaylea F (Cultural Leadership Award), Yr 9 student (Motivational Award) & Jackson H (Deadly Resilience Award).

Krystle Bradley | Aboriginal Education Officer

SORRY DAY

The National Day of Mourning is a day of remembrance and mourning in Australia, to acknowledge and honour the experiences and losses of the Stolen Generation, in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children were forcibly removed from their families and communities, under past government policies.

Today our students and families came together with the local community to support one another as we reflect and pay our respects. The trauma of past government decisions is still felt heavily in our community today.



Krystle Bradley | Aboriginal Education Officer



YOUTHFEST PERFORMANCE

"The Ricky's," a band made up of our Year 11 and 12 students, represented Richmond High School at the Hawkesbury Youth Fest, playing their debut public performance of Murder on the Dancefloor.



Well done to: Emma K on vocals, Jacinta P on guitar, Oscar G on bass, Luke P on drums and Jacob E on keys.



Thank you to Noah K, Oscar G and Adrian BM from the Year 12 VET Entertainment class for helping with the audio set up.

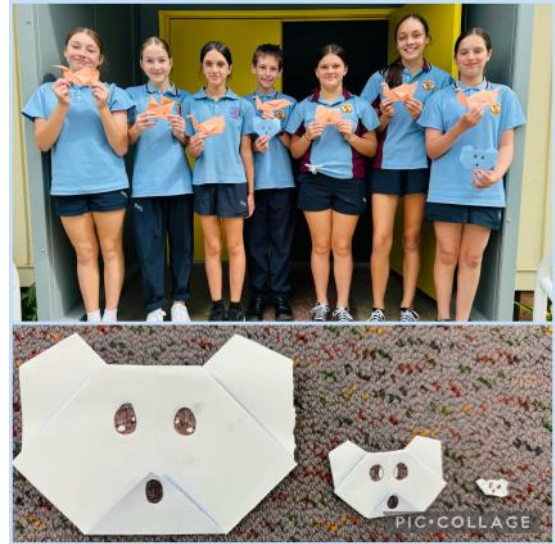
Thank you also to our dedicated CAPA teachers: Mr Turner, Ms Heydon & Ms Scopelliti for supporting the musical setup and student performance on the night.



THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

'The Resilience Project' (TRP) delivers emotionally engaging programs and provides evidence-based, practical wellbeing strategies to build resilience.

Throughout the term, students have engaged in fortnightly TRP lessons centred on resilience, strength, empathy and mindfulness. The photo below depicts a lesson focused on mindfulness with students engaging in the art of origami, creating koalas and swans.



Mrs Profilio | Head Teacher Welfare



Scientists in the making!

7R busy testing the solubility of substances in Science.



Mrs Hoeflake | Science & Ag Teacher



Spotlight on Athletics

Participation was the theme of our recent Athletics Carnival.

Congratulations to our 2024 Athletics Age Champions who were acknowledged and awarded at our recent whole school assembly. They were as follows:

	Boys	Girls
12yrs	Roy A	Tahlia C
13yrs	Mitchell T	Jacyrae B
14yrs	Ben T	Yashita M
15yrs	Aidan F	Abigail L
16hrs	Thomas M	Kaitlyn D
17+yrs	Jayden F	Amberley G

Spotlight on Swimming Reps

The NSW Combined High Schools Swimming Championships was held on Monday 13 May to Wednesday 15 May at Sydney International Aquatic Centre, Sydney Olympic Park. Congratulations and well done to Tahlia C (Yr 7) who swam in over 10 races and achieved 1st in the 12 yr old girls 100m breaststroke and 12 yr old girls 100m butterfly. Lots of PBs were achieved by Tahlia and all of our swimmers, including Oliver J (Yr 7)

in the 13B 100m Butterfly. Well done to all of the students who proudly represented Richmond High School - Richmond Agricultural College.

NSW All Schools Swimming



Tahlia C proudly represented our school in the 12 years 50 butterfly at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, achieved a personal best and came 6th in NSW. Such awesome results. Well done Tahlia!

Zone Cross Country

At Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith, 60 of our students recently competed at the Zone Cross Country.

12 students qualified for the upcoming Sydney West Cross Country. Tahlia C - 2nd, Shantae C - 7th, Maddison R - 10th, Asha S - 7th, Shiona V - 8th, Savannah B - 9th, Roy A - 4th, Maddox S - 10th, Darcy K - 7th, Nick C - 6th, Josh F - 9th & Alasdair L (m/cat).

Well done to all of the students who proudly represented Richmond High School and the Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Education at Zone Cross Country and best of luck to our Sydney West Cross Country competitors.



SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

Congratulations to Conor M (Yr 11) who was invited to Spain for 3 months by the Real Oviedo Professional Football Club.

Conor was selected to represent the Elite Football Academy and train with the Real Oviedo Club as part of an International program.

Conor is now safely in Spain and all settled in. He has reported that the town he is staying in is amazing and he is eager to learn the language as not many people speak English there.

Sporting success and an opportunity of a lifetime - Well done, Conor!



WestWords Writing Competition

Liam G recently entered and won the local portion of the WestWords Writing Competition, 13-15 yr old age group. As a result Liam received \$100 and publication of his work will be placed in the 2024 Living Stories anthology: Over the line ...? Liam's entry now goes on to compete for Overall Winner in the final round of judging. Well done Liam and good luck!

UNIFORM - BE IN IT!

Winter is here! It is important that students have appropriate uniform items to keep them warm during the cold weather.

School jackets and jumpers are readily available from the school's uniform shop. Plain jumpers and jackets (without hoods) in the school colours of Navy or Maroon, are also accepted.

Students were reminded of winter uniform expectations at a recent whole school assembly and were encouraged to arrange with their parent / carer appropriate items as needed. For your convenience, please find attached the price list from our Daylight Uniform Shop. Any students requiring support with uniform items should speak with their Year Advisor.



Richmond High School UNIFORM SHOP – Price List Prices effective 1st March 2024

ITEM	PRICE
GIRLS	
Senior Girls Blouse	\$40.00
Junior Skirt	\$50.00
Senior Skirt	\$40.00
Junior Skorts	\$55.00
Girls Slacks	\$45.00
BOYS	
Senior Boys Shirt	\$38.00
Boys Shorts Elastic Waist	\$30.00
Boys Trousers Elastic Waist	\$40.00
UNISEX	
Softshell Jacket	\$75.00
Junior Round Neck Sloppy Joe	\$42.00
Senior Round Neck Sloppy Joe	\$42.00
Junior Everyday Polo	\$40.00
Senior Everyday Polo	\$40.00
SPORTS	
Sports Microfibre Jacket	\$70.00
Girls Sports Shorts	\$30.00
Boys Sports Shorts	\$30.00
Trackpants	\$45.00
Sports Polo	\$40.00
OTHER	
Reusable Tote Bag	\$1.00

Tuesday 8:00am-12:30pm & Thursday 8:00am-11:30am – closed during school holidays.
Shop phone number: 0493 271 815 (only switched-on during shop hours)
Purchase online: <https://daylightsportswear.com/richmond> pick up from uniform shop.
WE ACCEPT MASTERCARD, VISA, EFTPOS, AND CASH – NO CHEQUE PAYMENTS
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SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY



Our School Cross Country was another fantastic event ran for all students across our school/college.



SPOTLIGHT ON AG

Our Ag Team are super excited to welcome “Uber” to the school farm.

Uber comes to us as part of the Greater Sydney Schools Cattle Competition (GSSCC).



Cheep, Cheep.... Baby Chickens!

This term Year 7 have been learning about baby chickens while Year 8 have been immersed in chicken production.



Ms Hoeflake
| Ag Teacher

GREATER WESTERN CAREERS MARKET

We had many students fortunate enough to attend the Greater Western Sydney Careers Market. This Careers Market offers students the chance to explore and speak with the professionals from Universities, Registered Training Organisations, Apprenticeship Centres, Group Training Organisations, Private Colleges, Professional Associations and Employers about further education and/or career options available to them. The event provides a fantastic opportunity for students to seek, that all important career and further education advice, from a wide variety of exhibitors and industry experts. This enables them to make informed choices.



Mrs Gibbs | Transition Advisor



Penrith Youth Art Competition 2024 Runners Up Art Entries

Four outstanding pieces of art were carefully chosen by us based on their merit, though they narrowly missed the final selection. Nevertheless, their artwork proudly made the Portfolio Display at the Penrith Lewers Regional Gallery. Runner ups were:

Andrea R (Yr 10): Persimmons
Caitlin I (Yr 10): Teal Green Paint blob
Oscar G (Yr 12): Landscape with Church
Zahra M (Yr 8): Arched Window with Australiana



Finalist Art Entries

Recently we were invited to choose a limited number of Art students from Richmond High School to enter the Penrith Youth Art Competition, where the theme was "Colour", and how it inspires our life. Four of our students made the top 12 finalists from over 120 Art entries, and they were invited to the opening of the Art exhibition at The Penrith Lewers Regional Gallery, where they received a Highly Commended Certificate. Their Artwork will be proudly displayed in the exhibition for 2 months.

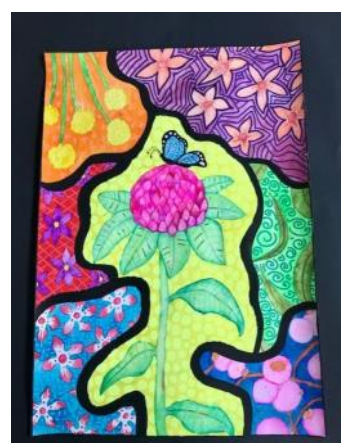
Congratulations to Richmond High School's four finalists:

Evie H (Yr 10): Favourite things
Grace T (Yr 10): Floral
Willow S (Yr 9): Purple Paint blob
Hayley I (Yr 12, 2023): Backyard Party

Adding to this, there is also an ARTEXPRESS exhibition in the same Gallery, showcasing some of the top HSC Art students Artworks from last year (2023). Both exhibitions will run until mid July, and it is well worth the visit, especially as there is a great Café and Gallery shop.



Ms Veigel | Visual Arts
Teacher




UP TO DATE DETAILS

Have your contact details changed? It is vital that we have your up to date contact details in case of an emergency.

Please email the school on richmond-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or attend the Front Office in person as soon as possible if there have been any changes to your contact details.

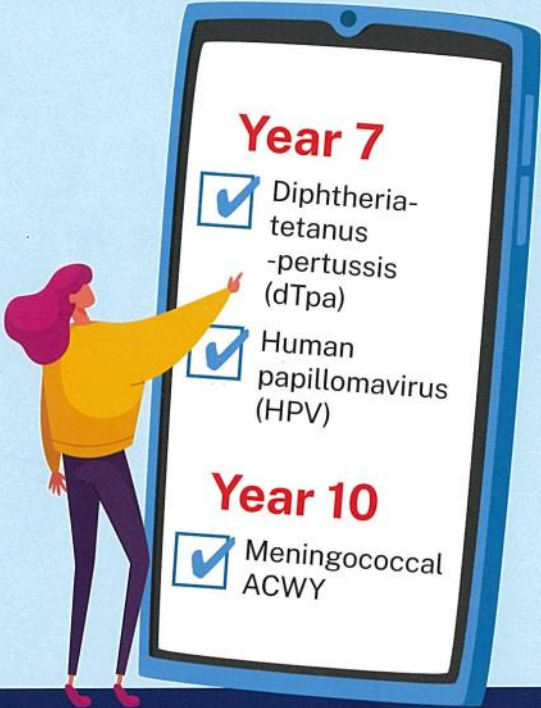
YEAR 7 AND YEAR 10 VACCINATIONS

Year 10 vaccinations will be held on Tuesday 2nd July. For any Year 7 students who missed out on getting their vaccinations earlier in the term, parents/carers **MUST** provide consent online and then your child will also be given their vaccinations on this date. Please see attached the QR code to scan in order to give your consent now!



Is your child in year 7 or year 10?

**Provide your consent for routine
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**Scan the QR code to
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IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

When students are LATE

Students who arrive late to school (after 8:35am) **MUST** immediately report to the Front Office where they will be signed in via our staff.

When students are ABSENT

Parents/carers please contact the front office by phone or email as soon as possible to advise that your child is absent and the reason.

When students are SICK

Parents/carers if your child is sick for more than 3 consecutive days a **Medical Certificate MUST** be supplied.

Each day SMS messages are sent to parents/carers of any students who are not present in their Home Room, signed in late at the Front Office with no reason for their lateness and for any student who is absent where a reason hasn't been provided.

These messages need to be responded to as soon as possible in order to explain your child's absence.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation with the attendance of your child.

School Opal Card:

Students!

Please ensure you Tap On and Tap Off!

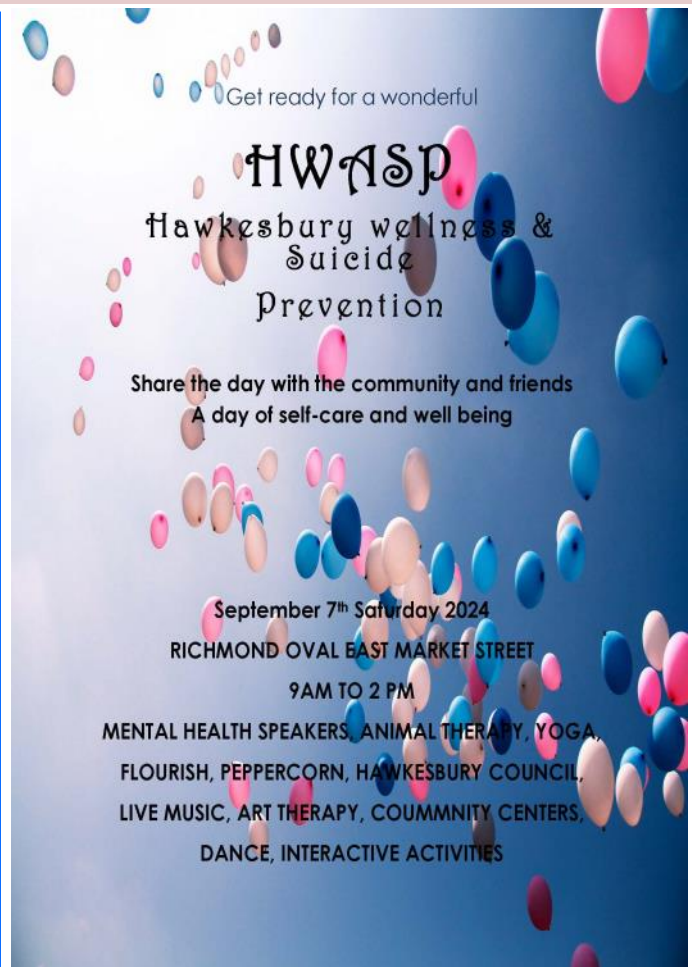


DAYLIGHT SCHOOLWEAR UNIFORM SHOP CLOSURE

The Uniform Shop will be closed the last week of this term (Term 2) - Tuesday 2nd & Thursday 4th July.

It will re-open the first week of Term 3. The opening hours week 1 will be 8am-11.30am both Tuesday 23rd & Thursday 25th July. The normal operating hours of 8am-12.30pm on Tuesdays & 8am-11.30am on Thursdays will resume from week 2 of Term 3.

Sorry for any inconvenience.



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LIVE PERFORMANCES

STALLS

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Windsor St, Richmond

When:
Sunday 7th July 2024
10am - 3pm

For more information contact:
Merana Aboriginal Association for the Hawkesbury Inc.
Phone: 02 4588 5144 OR Email: admin@merana.org.au



RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL P&C NOTICEBOARD

The P&C committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month with the exception of school holidays.

6.30pm in the Common Room (via Front Office)

Follow our Facebook page for updates:

Richmond High School NSW P&C Association

New members are always welcome!

Email: richmondhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

COMMITTEE

President
Darin McLean

Vice President
Karen Worrell (temporary)

Secretary
Jody Warren

Treasurer
Alicia McLean

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As you see the bus approaching, raise your hand to signal the bus driver to stop.



Remember to Signal the Bus Driver

Busways urges all passengers to remain vigilant and attentive at bus stops. When your bus approaches, take a moment to lift your hand and signal the driver for pickup. By doing so, you not only facilitate a timely departure but also help to contribute towards a safer and more streamlined transit experience for all.

Next time you're waiting at the bus stop, remember to look up and signal the driver as your bus is approaching. Clearly raise your hand until you see the bus indicate it is pulling over.

Please keep our students safe: In the interest of our students' safety, we request that parents **DO NOT** use the staff carpark as a drop off or pick up zone for their children. The entrance/exit to our school is **ONE WAY** and has a high level of student and staff pedestrian activity in the morning and afternoons. Please utilise the designated areas on Lennox St, West Market St or Castlereagh Rd to **drop off** or **pick up** your children.




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