



# Richmond High School Richmond Agricultural College NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 8

2nd December 2024

## 100% ATTENDANCE!!!

We are incredibly proud to acknowledge the outstanding accomplishment of Year 12 student Michael Kondratenko, who has successfully completed 13 years of schooling with an impeccable record of 100% attendance! This remarkable feat is a testament to Michael's unwavering commitment, resilience, and dedication to his education. In recognition of his exceptional achievement, Michael was honoured with a prestigious award from the NSW Department of Education, presented by Executive Director Tim McCallum during the graduation ceremony. Michael's dedication has also captured the attention of major media outlets, including ABC News and the Sydney Morning Herald. Michael's accomplishment stands as a shining example of what can be achieved through perseverance and a strong commitment to learning. We commend Michael on this extraordinary milestone. Congratulations, Michael - your achievement is truly remarkable.



Believe in yourselves, and keep aiming high - your future is limitless!



## YEAR 12 GRADUATION

On the 25<sup>th</sup> September we celebrated an incredible milestone as our Year 12 students officially completed 13 years of schooling and graduated in style! Caps in the air, hearts full of hope, and dreams on the horizon.

The Richmond High community couldn't be prouder of your hard work, resilience, and dedication. As you step into this new chapter, know that the best is yet to come!





## Principal's Report

As we approach the end of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the warm welcome I have received when I joined Richmond High School at the beginning of the Term. It has been a privilege to be part of such a vibrant and supportive community and I have already met many students and their families.

This term has been particularly significant for our Year 12 students, as they completed their HSC exams and celebrated their achievements at the Year 12 formal. Seeing our students embrace this milestone with such joy and pride was lovely to see, and I commend them for their hard work and dedication throughout their schooling. We wish them all the best for their futures as they complete this chapter of their life. Many thanks to their Year Advisor Mrs Christine Fisher and all staff who helped them reach this milestone.



On Remembrance Day, our School Leaders Conor Mc, Amberley G, Bay-lee K, Andrew S and Savannah B represented us at the Richmond War Memorial Remembrance Day Ceremony.



The following Monday, we came together as a school community to honour and reflect on the sacrifices made by so many. It was a poignant reminder of the importance of remembrance, and I thank all who participated in our commemorative activities. I also would like to thank the HSIE staff who are instrumental in these important remembrance events.

This term, we also hosted our QUEST enrichment evening, with Ms Papdi supporting our students to showcase their incredible talent and hard work. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their achievements and encourage lifelong learning and curiosity.



As we prepare for the transition of our Year 6 students into Year 7, I am excited about welcoming them into our high school community. The Year 6-7 transition program has been thoughtfully designed to ensure that our new students feel supported and ready for the next chapter in their educational journey. Many thanks to our Learning and Support Team, particularly Ms Laura Pederson and Ms Tammy Wright who will be the Year 7 Advisor in 2025.

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our Year 10 and Year 11 students, who will receive their NESA grades at the end of the year. Their commitment to academic achievement has set a strong foundation for their future studies and the school aims to grow this achievement each year. Year 11 students have also started their HSC preparation this term, with the new interim reports being distributed soon. These reports are designed to give parents a quick snapshot of how your child has begun their HSC journey and to highlight any areas of support that may be required.

Looking ahead over the following weeks, we have the Year 10 formal and Presentation Day on the horizon.

These events are significant milestones in our students' journeys, and I am excited to celebrate their achievements with the entire school community.

As we plan for 2025, please remember that the school year will commence for all students on Thursday February the 6th. I would also like to remind all families about our uniform policy for the upcoming year. Ensuring that our students are dressed in the appropriate school uniform not only promotes a sense of belonging but also reflects our pride in our school.

Richmond High School has a long and proud history in the Richmond community, and we look forward to re-igniting the pride of the community. Uniform is just one of the ways we will do this - many more old and new traditions will be built upon over the coming years and I look forward to working with the P and C to reinvigorate ways for past and present parents to support the school.

Thank you once again for your support and engagement throughout the year. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday season, and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school in the new year.

**Ms Hayley Macdonald**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## 2025 SCHOOL LEADERS

We are proud to introduce the 2025 Student Leadership Team!

### 2025 School Leaders



#### Captains

Conor McN & Amberley G



#### Vice Captains

Bay-lee K, Andrew S & Savannah B

**School Captains:** Conor McN and Amberley G

**Vice Captains:** Savannah B, Andrew S, and Bay-Lee K

In a special moment at the recent Year 12 Graduation Ceremony, our 2024 Student Leadership Team passed the torch by presenting badges to our new leaders.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the 2024 Student Leaders for their dedication and outstanding contribution to Richmond High School.

### SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

A huge congratulations to our fabulous Hospitality staff - Ms Vaz, Ms Parsons and Ms Busfield along with our amazing students who catered and hosted 77 guests for the Rotary Club of Richmond NSW Hawkesbury High Schools Art Awards held on Monday 9th September, in the Trade Training Centre at Richmond High. The event was a fantastic success.

The members of the Rotary Club of Richmond and their guests were full of praise for the delicious cuisine and top-notch service provided.





## 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:

**Izabelle W** (Year 10), **Sophia P** (Year 11), **Isaiah S** (Year 12), **Layla B** (Year 7), **Brodie C** (Year 8), **Zahra M** (Year 8), **Shantae-Rose B** (Year 9), **Kiyana J** (Year 9), **Skye Mc** (Year 9), **Sahaana S K** (Year 9), **Alyssa V E** (Year 9) x 2, **Bryce C** (Year 7), **Liam H** (Year 7), **Spike P** (Year 7), **Rachel G** (Year 9), **Austin K** (Year 10), **Chelsea N** (Year 10), **Joshua F** (Year 12), **Ruby DC** (Year 7), **Isabella E** (Year 7), **Harper S** (Year 7) x 2, **Alexander C** (Year 9), **Shaylee F** (Year 8), **Benjamin J** (Year 8) x 3, **Kiyana J** (Year 9), **Shiona V** (Year 9) x 3, **Coby H** (Year 7), **Brodie C** (Year 8), **Summer V** (Year 10), **Cody C-H** (Year 8), **Levi D** (Year 8)

### CELEBRATING ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the students who achieved 95+% attendance in Term 3!

Over 250 students enjoyed a well deserved "Cake and Shake" celebration to recognise their commitment.

Attendance Matters: attending school every day helps build strong habits, friendships, and lifelong skills. Every day counts toward a brighter future, so let's keep up the momentum for Term 4!



Mrs  
Profilio  
& Mrs  
Galea |  
HTs



## SPOTLIGHT ON QUEST

The Quest Enrichment Showcase was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> November and what a wonderful evening it was, filled with uniqueness and creativity! The room was buzzing with excitement as our Quest students proudly displayed their completed projects, showcasing their hard work, innovation, and passion.

Special congratulations to the talented students who presented their projects so confidently:

Year 8 - Kelsey M & Hannah S, Piper S, Jessica T, Issie C, Des H & Alex D

Year 9 - Alex C, Addison G, Ashley C, Sahaana SK & Svetlana S

Year 10 - Chelsea N, Millie HM, Brianna C, Kaitlyn D, Caitlyn I & Gabrielle B

A big shoutout to Mrs Papdi for her guidance and support of our students throughout their Quest Enrichment journey.

Thank you to our school community for coming out to support the event - what a fantastic celebration of learning and achievement!



## Junior Geography Trivia Competition

At the commencement of this term, a select group of students were invited to participate in the 2024 Junior Geography Trivia Competition held by the Western Sydney Social Sciences Teachers Association. The trivia

competition saw approximately 180 students across the state compete in teams testing their knowledge covering topics such as landscapes and landforms, endangered species, flags, currencies, maps and world leaders.



Students who attended had a great time and one of the RHS students even won a prize during the true or false question rounds. Congratulations to the students who competed on the day.

**Ms Garcia | Head Teacher HSIE**

## SPOTLIGHT ON FOOD TECH

Paddock to Plate in Action!

Our Year 7 Food Technology students have been busy in the kitchen, using fresh ingredients they've grown themselves in Agriculture to create a delicious Chicken Stir Fry!



This hands-on experience brings the concept of "paddock to plate" to life, showing students the full journey of their food from planting to cooking.

Well done, Year 7 – it looks delicious!

**Mrs Parsons | Head Teacher TAS**



### SPOTLIGHT ON BRONZE DUKE OF ED

Our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students embarked on an overnight Adventurous Journey to Kedumba Valley, Blue Mountains!

They tackled challenging trails, strengthened teamwork, and embraced the great outdoors with enthusiasm and determination.

This experience is just one of many that helps our students grow in confidence, leadership, and self-reliance.



**Mr Butler & Ms MacCormick | Duke of Ed Staff**

### SPOTLIGHT ON SILVER DUKE OF ED

Last week four of our Year 10 students completed their Silver Adventurous Journey for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The challenge saw them kayaking from Windsor to Cattai and back, covering significant stretches of the river while transporting all their gear, tents, and food inside their kayaks.

Congratulations to these adventurous students on their impressive achievement!

**Ms Dilley | Science Teacher / DOE**



## SPOTLIGHT ON DRAMA

Every Tuesday afternoon throughout Term 3 our Drama Group welcomed students from Years 7 to Year 11 to participate in improvisation, scripted and performance activities.

The instant camaraderie of this group has been an absolute joy to witness. Looking forward to continue creating and performing (and laughing!) this term!



**Ms Papdi | Drama Teacher**

## HART Youth's Drama Showcase

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October Jasmine, Isabella, Charlize, Izabelle, Izzy and Mrs Papdi took the stage for HART Youth's Drama Showcase.

While Mrs Papdi ran Drama games in between each act, the fabulous Year 7 group were on the bill as the closing performance for the evening. They presented an energetic excerpt from 'Heathers The Musical', including both dramatic and dance elements.

A huge congratulations to the girls for their dedication to rehearsal and confidence on stage as they stepped out of their comfort zone. You were absolutely amazing!



HART Youth's next talent showcase will take place at the Windsor Function Centre on Wednesday 27th of November. Any talent is welcome to take part in this event.

**Mrs Papdi | Drama Teacher**

## THEATRE EXCURSION

A shoutout to our Richmond High elective Music students, Emma K, Ashton P, Izabelle W, and Alyssa I, who had the opportunity to attend Sydney Theatre Company's groundbreaking production of Dracula!



They were absolutely inspired by the innovative cine-theatre technology that brought this phenomenal one-woman show to life - truly a visionary experience in the world of theatrical performance!

What an unforgettable journey into the future of theatre!

**Ms Scopelliti | Music Teacher**

## HACKATHON SUCCESS

Richmond High School proudly participated in the Secondary School Hackathon, a project organised by the Centre of Excellence in partnership with Reconstruction NSW, focused on flood awareness, preparedness, and safety in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley.

Held at the Western Sydney University Hawkesbury campus, the Hackathon brought together schools from across the region. Students worked in teams to design a marketing campaign addressing the critical real-world challenge of community preparedness and safety in flood-prone areas, particularly in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley.



Over two intense days, teams collaborated with experts in meteorology, hydrology, communications, and policy-making to create and present their innovative campaigns to government and industry specialists.

A big congratulations to the two amazing teams who represented Richmond High School! Your dedication, creativity, and ability to think under pressure showcased outstanding problem-solving and communication skills.

Thank you for representing our school with such pride and for contributing to this important initiative.



**Ms Garcia | Head Teacher HSIE**

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Every year, at the 11th minute of the 11th hour on the 11th of November, communities around the globe unite to pay tribute to the brave soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in battle. This day serves as a moment for reflection, gratitude, and respect for those who gave their lives to protect their nations and maintain peace. Our 2025 School Leaders – Savannah, Amberley, Bay-lee, Conor, and Andrew – proudly represented Richmond High School at the Richmond War Memorial Remembrance Day Ceremony Monday 11th November. They delivered a heartfelt speech on the theme of remembrance and laid a wreath on behalf of our school. We extend our gratitude to the Richmond RSL Sub-Branch for organising this meaningful event.

During our whole school assembly we paused for one minute of silence to honour Remembrance Day. We are incredibly proud of our school community for the respect and gratitude shown today. Lest We Forget.



**Ms Garcia | Head Teacher HSIE**

## SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR REHEARSAL

Our talented students from the school choir had an incredible experience rehearsing at The Salvation Army Sydney Congress Hall in preparation for the Schools Spectacular concert!

We're so proud of their hard work and can't wait to see them shine on the big stage!



**Mr Turner & Ms Scopelliti | Music Teachers**



## SPOTLIGHT ON AG

The closing ceremony for the Greater Sydney Schools Cattle Competition was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> September. Richmond High School did fabulously well.

Each school was designated a topic to speak about at the Ceremony and Richmond's was: 'building confidence and mentorship'. We had our senior members Kieren C and Adam J present and they spoke fabulously well.



The results were as follows:

- 3rd best presented steer - Adam J
- 3rd junior non-speaking judge- Zara L
- 4th senior speaking judge - Freya M
- 4th senior novice parader - Ben R
- 2nd senior experienced parader - Kieren C
- 5th beef appraisal (team event)
- 2nd In carcass
- 2nd in weight gain



Overall result: 5th out of 12 schools. Well done to all involved!

**Mrs Hoeflake | Agriculture Teacher**

## SPOTLIGHT ON AG

Stage 5 Ag Students Take on Shearing!

Our Stage 5 Agriculture class had an incredible hands-on experience, joining in to shear Mum, our oldest ewe. A huge thank you to Joshua Messina for sharing his expertise and guiding our students through the process.

It's moments like these that make learning in Ag so rewarding - practical skills, teamwork, and unforgettable memories!



**Mrs Hoeflake | Ag Teacher**

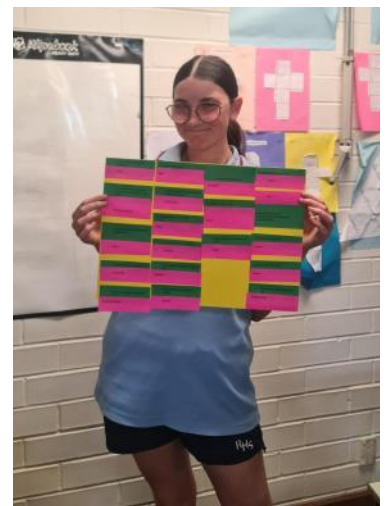
## SPOTLIGHT ON MATHS

Our 7H students tackled some tricky angles in a fun, hands-on group activity!

Together, they worked through definitions, identified different angle types and sizes, and put their heads together to solve problems like pros!

Not only did they build on their mathematical knowledge, but their teamwork was commendable!

**Ms Kinsey | Head Teacher Maths**





## SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 12

All things Year 12!

Cohort Breakfast: Year 12 students and staff enjoyed a relaxed atmosphere to connect and reflect.



Movie Theme Dress up: Year 12 (and staff!) got into the spirit with some very impressive dress ups!



Whole School Assembly: Final assembly for our Year 12 cohort.



## UNLOCKED & ESCAPED

Our Year 12 2025 students had an exciting and challenging experience at Scram Escape Rooms, Parramatta!

Our students worked together to solve puzzles, build team spirit, and develop key life skills like problem-solving, teamwork, and resilience.

These important skills will be invaluable as they embark on their HSC journey this term. Well done, Year 12!



**Mrs Galea |**  
**Year Advisor**  
**Mrs Parsons |**  
**Year Supervisor**







## TEXTILES

This semester, Year 8 Technology Mandatory students have diligently honed their sewing skills and techniques, developing precision and creativity in their craftsmanship. As part of their journey, they explored the exciting world of textiles by designing and creating personalized projects. Through these creative solutions, students reflected on their passions and interests, transforming ideas into unique and meaningful designs.



Their work not only demonstrates technical skill but also highlights the importance of individuality and self-expression in design. The unit has been a testament to their creativity, problem-solving abilities, and dedication to mastering new techniques.

## CAFS

This term, Year 11 Community and Family Studies students embarked on their Independent Research Project (IRP), a pivotal component of their studies. To support their research journey, students visited Hawkesbury Library, where they collaborated with

knowledgeable library staff to identify and access valuable secondary resources. The experience provided an opportunity to refine research skills, critically evaluate information, and deepen their understanding of their chosen topics. With guidance and access to extensive resources, students are well-prepared to



create insightful and comprehensive projects that reflect their academic dedication and curiosity.



Their efforts mark an exciting step toward developing independent inquiry and research capabilities that will serve them throughout their studies and beyond.

## CHILD STUDIES

In their exploration of young children's nutrition, play, and overall development, students in Child Studies have actively engaged in practical applications to bring theory to life. Through hands-on cooking activities, they examined the importance of balanced meals and how nutrition impacts a child's growth and well-being.

Additionally, students delved into the role of physical activity in child development by participating in exercise-based activities designed to promote motor skills, coordination, and healthy habits in young children.



This immersive approach has not only enriched their understanding of childhood development but also

equipped them with valuable, real-world skills to support and nurture young children effectively.

### Food Technology and Hospitality

This term, our Food Technology students have truly excelled in developing their food preparation skills, showcasing creativity and teamwork in the kitchen.

Our Year 7 students embraced the "paddock to plate" philosophy, exploring the journey of food from the farm to their tables while learning about sustainable practices.



Meanwhile, our Stage 5 Food Technology students took centre stage by creating their own fusion pie recipes,



blending flavours from diverse cuisines, to craft unique dishes that tantalised the taste buds. From a smoked brisket to a sweet Pai Siamu

- a Tongan dessert Jam pie, these innovative creations reflect their growing culinary talents and understanding of global flavours.



Additionally, our Hospitality students had the fantastic opportunity to cater for a Rotary dinner, impressing guests with their professionalism and exquisite menu choices.



We are incredibly proud of all our students' achievements and can't wait to see what they whip up next!



**Ms Tracey Parsons | Head Teacher TAS**



## SPOTLIGHT ON SUPPORT

Late in Term 3, students from the Support Unit Travel Program had a fantastic couple of weeks filled with learning and fun!

During Week 8, students travelled by bus and train to Penrith, where they practiced essential money and budgeting skills while shopping for items and purchasing lunch. They also worked on reading train timetables and using their OPAL cards - important skills for independent travel!

In Week 9 last term, the Travel students were joined by their friends from Class 6X for an exciting and social game of Bowling at Zone Bowling Blacktown.



## SUPPORT UNIT EXCURSIONS

Students from our Support Unit Travel Program and Stage 4R took a step back in time and visited The Australians Pioneer Village in Wilberforce.

Students experienced what life was like in Australia during the 18th Century. They explored old-time buildings like a

classroom, blacksmith shop, bank, and even a jail - where Ms. Bunt got locked in the pillory!

Students got hands-on with some cool activities, including:

Churning butter

Washing, drying and ironing clothes

Pumping water

Learning to spin wool on a spinning wheel

And to top it off, they tasted some delicious damper with their homemade butter!

The action-packed day ended with a hayride across the village, which everyone agreed was the highlight of the trip!





### Stage S6R & S5R - Take on Sea Life Sydney!

Our Geography students from Stage S6R and S5R had an amazing day exploring Sea Life Sydney! They took the new Metro train, and once there, were captivated by the incredible sharks and adorable penguins.



After their underwater adventure, students and staff enjoyed a relaxing picnic in the beautiful Tumbalong Park.

A huge thank you to Mrs Farley for organising such a fun and educational day!

experience, giving our students a deeper understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal culture!



**Ms Price | Support Teacher**

### SPOTLIGHT ON AG

Exciting new arrivals in the Ag Plot in October! Spring has well and truly sprung, and it's a busy time in the Ag Plot with our new additions.



Say hello to our adorable baby chickens and two Suffolk sheep with their cute lambs.

### Connecting with Culture at Muru Mittigar!

Our Support Unit Travel students, along with students from Stage 4X, embarked on an exciting visit to Muru Mittigar in Rouse Hill!

Our students had an amazing time learning about Aboriginal culture, history, and traditions. They explored fascinating traditional artefacts, had a go at boomerang throwing, and created their own beautiful pieces of Aboriginal artwork. A big thank you to Muru Mittigar for this enriching



If you're interested in Agriculture, now's the perfect time to join the Ag Show Team! We meet every Wednesday after school from 3:00pm - 4:30pm in the Ag Plot.





## SPOTLIGHT ON WORK SKILLS

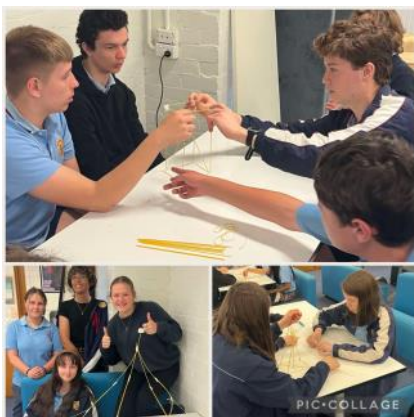
A group of Stage 6 Support students had the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the workplace, exploring different career options and practicing the skills needed for life after school!

From practical retail experience in a supermarket to learning the ropes of outdoor landscaping, these students have taken a big step toward building their confidence to be workplace ready!



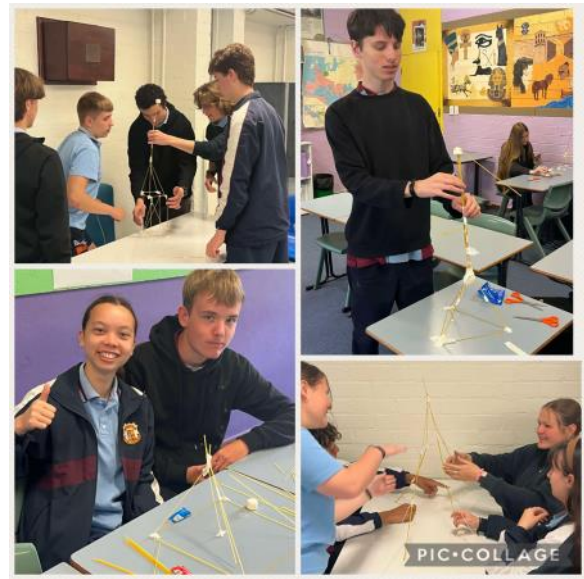
**Ms Lal | Support Unit Teacher**

## SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING



As part of their end of term activity in the Study Skills course, our Year 10 students put their collaborative and communication skills to the test!

Using only limited items, they built spaghetti towers that challenged their patience and teamwork.



A fun and creative way to close out the term, showcasing the power of problem-solving and perseverance!

**Ms Bow | Head Teacher Instructional Leader**

Year 11 Ancient History students dove deep into ancient societies and showcased their incredible creativity and investigative skills!

As part of their assessment, students researched and crafted their own 'artefacts' that represented various aspects of ancient civilisations.



These impressive pieces were then displayed in a museum-style exhibition, where their peers had the chance to evaluate them based on specific criteria.



**Ms Bow | Ancient History Teacher**





### Richmond High v Hawkesbury High Girls Rugby League

Our girls Rugby League team versed Hawkesbury High recently where they played a close game, losing 6-14. It was our first game of the year and a good trial for the competitions term 1 next year.



### Tahlia C representing our schools in athletics!

Tahlia C represented her schools proudly in athletics recently at both CHS and All Schools and her results are as follows:

On the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of September, Tahlia ran as part of the Sydney West team, running in the 200m heat with a personal best and placed 10<sup>th</sup>. In the 800m heat Tahlia placed 8<sup>th</sup> to make the final and came 2nd overall!



Tahlia ran the 1500m and the 800m at All Schools. She was the only student representing from the school and finished 6<sup>th</sup> place overall in both events.



### YEAR 12 FORMAL

The Year 12 Formal was held on 13<sup>th</sup> November at The Orchard, Penrith. The students and staff turned out in their finest and all had a magnificent time. They enjoyed excellent food, the photobooth and photographer and then finished by dancing the night away.



Thank you to everyone in attendance for making this such a special evening.





## CAPA Choir Shines at Schools Spectacular!

After months of dedicated rehearsals, our talented CAPA Choir students are thrilled that show week for the Schools Spectacular has finally arrived!

The students will soon take the stage as part of a breathtaking mass choir of nearly 3,000 students and teachers from NSW Public Schools. With an incredible repertoire, including Seize the Day, Under the Sea, and an energetic ABBA medley (Waterloo, Mamma Mia, Dancing Queen), complete with disco props and dance moves, their performance promises to be unforgettable.



Over four 3-hour shows, our students will showcase their hard work, passion, and talent in what truly is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. This phenomenal event will be televised later this year on Channel 7, so stay tuned!

Congratulations to our students (Jacob K-B, Liam R-H, Aidan M, Rylee M, Leilani P, Izabelle W, Arwen P, Cara F, Zaria B and Summer F) and teachers for being part of this extraordinary celebration of music and performance!

**Mr Turner & Ms Scopelliti | Music Teachers**

## Rotary Senior Art Competition 2024

Each year the Richmond Rotary Club kindly donate some big prize money to encourage our budding Visual Arts students, (top prize is \$700), and every year our Year 9-12 students are eager to submit their best

drawings and paintings.

We had over 40 entries from Richmond High School students, and the competition was between local schools in the Hawkesbury. Students and families were invited to a wonderful dinner in the TTC, put together by Viv Vaz and the Year 11 Hospitality team.

Congratulations to the following RHS students:

Grace T Year 10 achieved "Runner Up" (2nd place), with prize money of \$400.

Oscar G Year 12 achieved "Encouragement Award" (3rd place), with prize money of \$200.



Richmond Rotary Club are always more than generous with their donations, support of local community and encouragement of our students, and we look forward to next year's competition.





## Stage 6 Support students visit to Parliament House

Our Stage 6 Support students visited Parliament House Sydney to view question time. Our students were lucky to be able to sit in on both the upper and lower House.

The excursion also included a visit to The Barracks and a picnic lunch in Hyde Park.

A fantastic experience for all involved, blending education with fun!



**Mrs Farley | Support Teacher**

## SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE

7R have been busy in Science, creating and bringing ecosystems to life with their hands-on models!



**Mrs Hoeflake | Science Teacher**

## WELL-FAIR DAY FUN

What an incredible day! The sun was shining yellow, and so were we - celebrating wellbeing, connection, and support for RU OK Day at our Well-Fair Day!

From fun activities and tasty treats to uplifting conversations, the energy was high, and the smiles were contagious.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who came out and supported this special event. Together, we're building a stronger, more connected community.

Stay bright, stay connected, and remember—every day is a great day to ask, "Are you OK?"

What a show! Our R U OK? concert was absolutely jam-packed with variety and talent, topped off with an entertaining performance from our incredible Year 12 cohort!

We also had some lucky raffle winners walk away with awesome prizes, plus a special treat - personalised R U OK? messages from none other than Guy Sebastian and Delta Goodrem!

A huge thank you to all the performers and everyone involved for providing a captivated audience with an unforgettable showcase this morning!





# RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL PC 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: [hello@rhs.pandc.net.au](mailto:hello@rhs.pandc.net.au)**

## COMMITTEE

### **President**

Darin McLean

### **Vice President**

Karen Worrell (temporary)

### **Secretary**

Jody Warren

### **Treasurer**

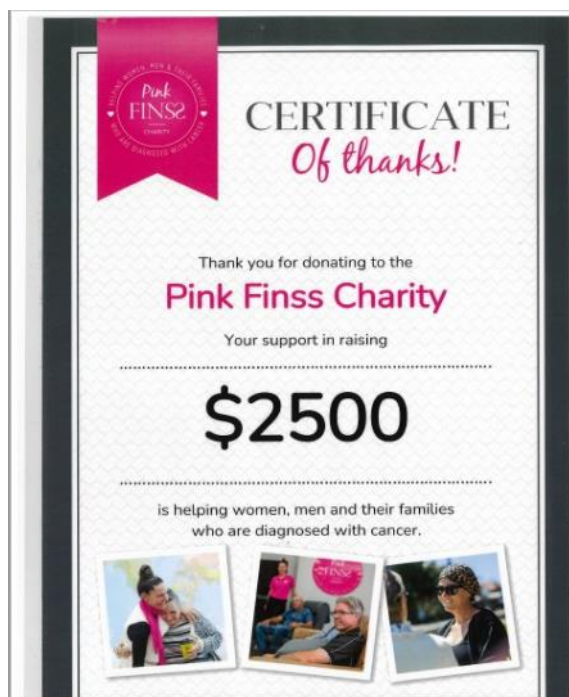
Alicia McLean

## SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNITY

Thank you, Richmond High School community! Our Pink Day fundraiser at the end of Term 2 raised an incredible \$2500 for the local **Pink Finss Charity**.

We received a beautiful certificate from Pink Finss, acknowledging our contribution (pic below).

Thank you to all students, staff, and families who made this event such a success - your generosity and support have made a real difference for people in our community battling cancer.



# PLAY FOOTBALL

**Live, train and play locally, BPFC!**

**Come and join a team, or bring your friends and form your own team. All Abilities Welcome.**



**ONLINE REGISTRATIONS OPEN EARLY JANUARY**

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**[www.blighparkfc.com.au](http://www.blighparkfc.com.au)**



## Students Shine at STEM CPP Showcase

Nine of our talented students recently attended the STEM Community Partnerships Program (STEM CPP) Showcase, where they joined peers from schools across Penrith, the Blue Mountains, and the Hawkesbury to present innovative solutions to pressing community challenges. Their projects tackled issues such as biodiversity conservation, transport efficiency, and affordable housing.

The showcase provided a platform for students to share their ideas with a diverse audience, including fellow students, community members, representatives from the Department of Education, TAFE NSW, CSIRO, local councils, and industry experts. Congratulations to our students for their creativity and dedication to shaping a better future!



**Ms Dilley | Science Teacher**

## SCHOOL BYTES

In the very fast paced world we live in, we understand the need for you, our parents/carers, to have the ability to receive and respond to communication at a time that best suits your needs.

As a result, we are excited to announce our school will be engaging the services of School Bytes who offer a simplified digital system for communicating with parents and carers.

- \* You do not have to sign up or register with School Bytes.
- \* You do not have to download an app however, there is one available.
- \* You do need to ensure your email address and contact details up to date, you don't want to miss critical information being sent to you.
- \* Monitor your inbox for communication we send to you.
- \* Respond to digital correspondence received via email or complete the online digital form and submit.
- \* Ensure emails sent to you from [noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education](mailto:noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education) are not marked as spam/junk in your email system.

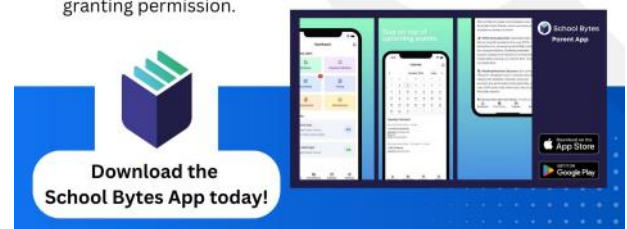
Changes you can expect are outlined in the infographic below.



**OUR SCHOOL IS NOW USING SCHOOL BYTES FOR PERMISSIONS & PAYMENTS**

### Changes you can expect:

- Online forms including permission notes, will be sent directly via School Bytes with a link enclosed. Select the link to open the secure online form.
- Emails will be sent to you from: [noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education](mailto:noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education).
- The online form will have information about the activity with a section for a digital signature (either with a mouse or your finger) prior to submitting.
- If the activity involves a cost, there will be a make online payment button on the form, which will allow you to pay securely, quickly and easily via credit or debit card after granting permission.







## DECEMBER 2024 TRADING HOURS



OPEN HOURS FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP IN DECEMBER 2024

LAST TRADING DAY TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CLOSED	CLOSED	ORIENTATION DAY EXTENDED HOURS 8AM - 2PM	CLOSED	NORMAL TRADING HOURS 8AM - 11:30AM	CLOSED	CLOSED
CLOSED	CLOSED	NORMAL TRADING HOURS 8AM - 12:30PM	CLOSED	NORMAL TRADING HOURS 8AM - 11:30AM	CLOSED	CLOSED
CLOSED	CLOSED	NORMAL TRADING HOURS 8AM - 12:30PM LAST TRADING DAY	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

ONLINE ORDERING AVAILABLE

<https://daylightschoolwear.au/richmond/>

Online ordering available through the below link.

<https://daylightschoolwear.au/richmond/>

You will be notified by the Uniform Shop when your order is ready for collection.

Return to Normal Trading Hours from Thursday 8th February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CLOSED	CLOSED	SAM - 12:30PM	CLOSED	SAM - 11:30AM	CLOSED	CLOSED



## JANUARY 2025 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS



Open hours for the Uniform Shop in January 2025  
ONLINE ORDERING AVAILABLE VIA THE BELOW LINK

<https://daylightschoolwear.au/richmond/>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE ONLINE - PRIORITY SERVICE WALK INS WELCOME ALSO <a href="https://daylightschoolwear.au/richmond/booking">https://daylightschoolwear.au/richmond/booking</a>						
CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS 8AM - 1PM	SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS 8AM - 2PM	CLOSED
CLOSED	CLOSED	SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS 8AM - 1PM	SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS 8AM - 2PM	SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS 8AM - 1PM	SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS 8AM - 2PM	CLOSED
CLOSED	SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS 8AM - 2PM	SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS 8AM - 1PM	SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS 8AM - 1PM	NORMAL TRADING HOURS 8AM - 11:30AM	CLOSED	CLOSED

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CLOSED	CLOSED	SAM - 12:30PM	CLOSED	SAM - 11:30AM	CLOSED	CLOSED

## UNIFORM SHOP COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Please be advised all communication through Daylight Uniform Shops and Customers will **NOW** be via **EMAIL** moving forward.

You can still visit the uniform shop during the standard trading hours listed below.

See details below on how to contact your uniform shop.

### Email:

[richmond@daylightcorp.com](mailto:richmond@daylightcorp.com)

<https://www.daylightschoolwear.au/richmond>

### Standard Trading Hours

Tuesday 8am - 12:30pm

Thursday 8am - 11:30am

\*\* Shop open during school terms only

<https://www.daylightschoolwear.au/richmond>



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

IN THE RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL  
UNIFORM SHOP

During January 2025  
Back to School  
period

MORE  
INFO

Volunteering is a great way for parents and carers to get involved and be a part of our school community.

If you are interested in finding out more, please visit our shop, or drop us an email at [richmond@daylightcorp.com](mailto:richmond@daylightcorp.com)



Can You Help? Want Credit Toward Uniform Items? Daylight Schoolwear are looking for volunteers to help out at the Richmond High School Uniform Shop during the Back-to-School holiday period in January 2025! This is a great opportunity to get involved in our school community and earn credits towards uniform items! If you're interested or want to learn more, please reach out to us at: [richmond@daylightcorp.com](mailto:richmond@daylightcorp.com) or visit the shop! Your support makes a difference!



Transport for NSW

# School Student Travel



## School student travel information for parents and students

### School Travel Passes

Applications are now open for 2025 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their School Opal card at their nominated postal address from mid-January 2025.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

### Terms of Use

Students using School Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

This includes travel within the approved times between 6.30am and 7.00pm from Monday to Friday on school days only. Students must use their Child/Youth Opal card for any travel outside these times.

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

Mail sent from the Stakeholder Liaison Team, Customers Systems and Operations.



Further information can be found at [transport.nsw.info/school-travel](https://transport.nsw.info/school-travel)

Enquiries can be submitted at [transport.nsw.info/passages-concessions-feedback](https://transport.nsw.info/passages-concessions-feedback)