



Richmond High School Richmond Agricultural College NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 9

28th March 2024

WELCOME BACK 2024

Today we held our first whole school assembly for 2024 - a sea of blue (Yr 7-10) and white uniforms (Yr 11-12)! It was great to see all students at Richmond High proud in their school uniform. At this assembly we established school expectations and celebrated the return to school for 2024.



TO SCHOOL FOR 2024

8:35am School day commences

10:45am Recess

1:15pm Lunch



**BYOD PROGRAM @ RHS
PACKED FOR LEARNING IN 2024**



**LAPTOP AND
CHARGER EVERY DAY!**



Richmond Rotary 20th Sam Pearce Memorial Scholarship awarded to Viktoriia Butenko



SCHOOL REPRESENTATION

Year 11 students Amberley G and Savannah B, along with Vice Captain Nicholas C, proudly represented Richmond High School at the Lions Youth of the Year ceremony. Participants had to answer two improv questions:

What makes the Hawkesbury unique to its neighbouring council areas? and
Aside from climate change, what are two challenges their generation will face over the next ten years?

Their chosen topics were unique and they all spoke convincingly.

Amberley spoke about Australian Native Bees, Savannah the benefits of physical exercise and Nicholas the problem with F1.



Principal's Report

Firstly, I would like to welcome all our Year 7 students, all new students 8-12 and families to the Richmond Agricultural College learning community. So far this Year 7 have wasted no time settling with the help of our very successful peer support program lead by our Head Teacher Welfare Mrs Profilio. Around the school It has been wonderful to visit Year 7 classes as they learnt how to use a Bunsen burner in Science, became familiar with our TAS facilities and have begun to put learning goals in place for the 2024 school year. I encourage all Year 7 students to continue to engage in school life and uphold our school values of being respectful, safe, positive learners as you progress. It was wonderful to meet so many parents at our Year 7 BBQ. I very much look forward to reconnecting with you again and all parents and careers at our annual Parent Teacher Evening in week 11 of this term.

From the Principal's perspective Term 1 has involved celebrating with lots of student success in a variety of areas including leadership, academics, creative arts and sporting. In student Leadership we had three of our students represent our school at Lions Youth of the Year Awards where they presented their ideas for the future on topics that they are passionate about.

We have inducted our SRC members for 2024 at one of our first assemblies and I meet with our Senior Leaders for a morning tea to hand them their official school jackets and celebrate their leadership roles.



In academics Viktoriia Butenko received her Rotary Scholarship prize at our annual Rotary dinner where Sue Veigel, Viktoriia's HSC Visual Arts Teacher, talked about the process that was taken to create a Major Project such as this one at the highest standard.



Viktoriia's major project will be exhibited in Cowra as a part of the HSC Art express regional gallery tour.



This term also we have at assembly given out PISA (testing) awards to Year 11 students, we celebrated numeracy across our school at our annual PI Day and Year 9 was asked to give Mr Brown and myself feedback regarding their schooling experience and ways that we can improve student engagement. Students have also attended university showcase events, careers opportunities and participated in work experience so far this year.

In week 5 we had external Principals and their Instructional Rounds Teams come into our school and observe lessons across all faculties.

The general feedback about our learning community was that Richmond High School had a very strong positive learning culture, led by staff who demonstrated excellent student teacher relationships. In all lessons students were witnessed engaged in their learning. Our next steps will be outlined in our school improvement plan as our teaching team looks at ways we can further improve student engagement with their learning through action research.

In sporting events this term we started with an exceptional swimming carnival run by Mr Ryan and our PDHPE faculty. Mr Ryan also organised our Zone Swimming carnival where many of our students were successful for regional competition.



I would like to congratulate Shantae C, Akshaya M, Tahlia C and Alyssa H for being selected for State in the U12 girls 4 x 50 freestyle swimming relay. This is awesome news! Tahlia qualified for several events and was awarded age champion at both Zone & Sydney West. Well done girls.



You can read and see more about the swimming in our Sports Report. Other sporting events that students have represented our school in include Triathlons, Marathons, Equestrian events and knockout competitions in Netball, Cricket, Soccer and Touch football to name a few. I encourage all students to participate in sport as the educational research shows if young people do, their mental health is improved.

Ms Angela Heath
Relieving Principal

HEADSPACE HAWKESBURY OPENING

In exciting news for all of our youth across the Hawkesbury, Headspace Hawkesbury has been opened, positioned behind Coles in Richmond.

I would like to congratulate Jacinta Payne who has been an ambassador for this space.



Jacinta represented our school and youth at the opening of this space by cutting the cake and talking with distinguished guests on the day about youth issues in our broader community.

SENIOR EXECUTIVE STAFFING UPDATE

At the end of 2023 we had some significant staffing changes in our Senior Executive team where Mr Bellavia took a permanent Deputy Principal role at Campbelltown performing Arts and Mrs Jeffery returned to Katoomba High School. I would like to thank them both for their work in 2023. This year we welcome our newly Substantive Deputy Principal Mr Peter Murkins who joins us from Arthur Phillip High School with many years' experiences replacing Mr Phil Gordan who accepted a position at Dunheved High School in term 4.

Due to the creation of two Mental Health support classes, we qualified for a Deputy Principal Inclusion with Mrs Jessica McAlary from Cambridge Park successful in gaining this position. Mrs McAlary also comes with a wealth of experience and has been quick to form positive relationships with students, staff and families.

Last week Mr Cliff Ralph officially retired. We thank him for his work at Richmond High School throughout the years and wish him all the best in this retirement. As a result, the principal position will be advertised in the coming weeks.

I hope all families have a lovely easter long weekend, I look forward to what unfolds in the last two weeks of Term 1, 2024.

Deputy Principal's Report

I have enjoyed my first 8 weeks at Richmond High School and have enjoyed meeting and getting to know lots of friendly students, parents and staff.

I have really enjoyed visiting classrooms, particularly Year 7 and seeing the great things that are happening in there. The school is very lucky to have amazing teachers and staff!

I am very happy to be saying goodbye to the very warm weather and as the temperature starts to cool down, students need to be wearing our school jumper and/or jacket. It is important that students wear their uniform and they are reminded that hoodies are not permitted for safety reasons.

I would like to thank Mrs Pedersen and staff from the HIVE for their organisation and running of NAPLAN that occurred in Weeks 7 and 8. The data from these tests is useful to identify student's strengths and areas where they may need additional support. Teachers use this data to support the students in their classrooms.

Enjoy the rest of the term!

Mr Jessica McAlary
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:

Shaylea Jakobsson (Year 9)
Skye McKinnon (Year 9)
Alexander Chapman (Year 9)
Sophia Pattison (Year 11)
Jacinta Payne x 3 (Year 12)
Adithya Abhilash (Year 9)
Elizabeth Jim George (Year 9)

Banned Items Reminder

At Richmond High School and Richmond Agricultural College, we pride ourselves on providing learning environments that are safe for all students. Parents and Carers I thank you in advance for supporting our school policies. Please see below a visual about what these items are.



BANNED ITEMS AT RICHMOND HS

Our PBL Behaviour Expectations Matrix states: *"I leave banned items at home".*
Definition of BANNED means: "not allowed"; "prohibited" or "forbidden".

Marker Pens (including Sharpies)		Hoodies, Oodies & Blankets	
Water Balloons & Water Pistols		Aerosol Cans	
Rubber Bands		Vaporisers (Vapes)	
Take-away food purchased during school hours and brought to school		Lighters & Matches	
Bulk amounts of soft drink intended for re-sale		Cigarettes	
Energy Drinks		Alcohol	
Speakers		Illegal Substances (drugs)	
Scooters / Skateboards or similar items		Weapons (including imitations, eg. cap guns)	

SWIMMING CARNIVAL SUCCESS

On Friday 10th February we held our annual Swimming Carnival.

The sun was shining, students were dressed in house colours and participation rates were high!



Our winning house this year was:

GROSE!

Followed by:

Evans

Phillip

Macquarie



A special CONGRATULATIONS to Year 7 student Tahlia C who broke 3 x long standing records on the day!



WELL DONE to our 2024 Swimming Age Champions:

12 Years: Noah K & Tahlia C

13 Years: Oliver J & Mackenzie G

14 Years: Ethan K & Hannah S

15 Years: Lukas C & Shiona V

16 Years: Troy G & Caitlin I

17+ Years: Solomon L & Amberley G

Download from
your App Store:



SchoolEnews

Once downloaded
then search for
'Richmond High
School'




SAFE

RESPECTFUL

LEARNER

School Opal Card:

Students!

Please ensure you Tap On and Tap Off!



YEAR 7 WELCOME BBQ

Thank you to all of the families who attended our annual Year 7 Welcome BBQ this afternoon. Students were able to introduce their parents and carers to their class teachers, strengthen school-home connections and share their learning experiences since transitioning to high school. Well done to our SRC students who cooked a delicious BBQ and provided service with a smile to all.



Students also took advantage of the beautiful Hyde Park, as well as a visit to St Mary's Cathedral.

**Ms Bow |
History Teacher**

EXPLORING HISTORY

Year 11 and 12 Ancient History classes recently took a trip to the Golden Age of Egypt, exploring the Ramses II exhibition at the Australian Museum to support their Stage 6 Egyptian studies. Artefacts on display included sarcophagi, mummified animal remains, royal masks and intricate jewellery.



RHS Uniform Options



JUNIORS

Blue RHS Polo Shirt
Navy RHS Sports Shorts
Maroon RHS Sloppy Joe
RHS Microfibre Jacket
Navy RHS Sports Trackpants
Navy RHS Soft Shell Jacket

GIRLS

RHS check skirt/skorts
Navy socks

BOYS

Grey Shorts/Trousers

SENIORS

White RHS Seniors Shirt/Polo Shirt
Navy RHS Sports Shorts
Navy RHS Sloppy Joe
RHS Microfibre Jacket
Navy RHS Sports Trackpants
Navy RHS Soft Shell Jacket

GIRLS

Navy Skirt/Skorts/Socks

BOYS

Grey Shorts/Trousers



JNR & SNR SPORTS

Blue & Maroon RHS Sports Polo Shirt
Navy RHS Sports Shorts
Navy RHS Sports Trackpants
Navy RHS Soft Shell Jacket
RHS Microfibre Jacket
RHS Sloppy Joe

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

Year 11 Food Technology students learnt precision cutting as part of their first practical lesson.

Their julienne vegetables were prepared on Thursday ready to go into their Curry Chicken Noodle stir fry today!



Mrs Parsons | Head Teacher TAS

Year 11 Hospitality students have been working hard on their practical skills in their sandwiches unit. Keep an eye out for more of their amazing efforts!



Miss Werner | TAS Teacher

Year 11 Hospitality students successfully catered their very first function today. They did an amazing job and learnt some valuable new work ready skills.

Service with a smile at Richmond High!



Miss Werner | Hospitality Teacher

Our Year 11 Hospitality students tried their hand at making focaccia art. Check out their wonderful creations... they tasted as good as they looked!



Miss Werner | TAS teacher



PEER SUPPORT

Our Peer Support program for 2024 is now completed! Facilitated by our wonderful Year 11 and 12 Peer Support leaders, groups meet for weekly sessions over the course of Term 1.

We hope our Year 7 students enjoy this opportunity to learn more about high school, develop relationships and explore topics related to wellbeing.

Mrs Profilio | Head Teacher Welfare



MOBILITY PROGRAM - Stage 6 Support Unit

On Wednesdays during Weeks 2-6 of Term 1, selected students from Stage 6 participated in the Support Unit Travel Training program. Students travelled by bus and train to Windsor and Blacktown where they visited Blacktown TAFE, Windsor Library and The Hawkesbury Regional Museum.

Ms Price & Ms Fauvette



Blind Taste Testing in Stage 5 Commerce

As part of the Consumer and Financial Decisions Unit, Commerce students tasted brand name and generic brand versions of 3 different food and drink items. Students made judgement calls on which they liked better without the added bias of the packaging.

This was an activity to get the class to start thinking about the tactics that companies use to persuade us to buy one product over another despite massive price differences (even over 300% in the case of the Coca Cola).



Mrs Micallef | HSIE Teacher

HIGH FIVE FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Richmond High School hosted close to 200 Year 6 students from our local feeder Primary schools. Students experienced a range of practical 'mini lessons' from a variety of subjects including Food Technology, Industrial Arts (Wood), Drama, Sport and Language.

Our SRC students: Arwen, Lucas, Paige, Shaylea, Zaria, Aidan, Lukas and Tyler were wonderful ambassadors of our school, organising and leading groups of visiting staff and students to their various mini lessons.

Thank you to everyone involved - an enjoyable experience for all!

Mrs Wright | Year 7 2024 Advisor





SPORTING SUCCESS

Our boys' Touch Football team put on a scintillating performance, thrashing Girraween High School in the 1st round of the CHS knockout competition. RHS won 10 - 6! Congratulations to our team and a big thank you to Mr Ryan for officiating the game.



Mr Joseph | PDHPE Teacher

SPORTING SUCCESS

On Monday the Richmond High School open girls netball team travelled to Katoomba High School for the first round of the knockout Macquarie Cup. A skilful and competitive performance by our players saw Richmond come away with a convincing 36-7 win! Congratulations to all of the girls in the team, we now move on to Round 2 of this competition.



Ms Bezzina and Ms Lawford | Coaches

Interschools Equestrian

Two photos of Asha and Kalina representing Richmond High at recent interschools. They had a great day!



NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship nominations are now open!

Do you have a motivated young person in your service who needs financial and personal assistance to reach their educational and/or training goals?

Nominations are open for young people around Australia, aged 16 to 21, who are determined to engage in education for the duration of the program.

What will the recipient receive?

- \$6,000 towards any education or training course
- Staff support from the Scholarships team
- Community mentor support
- Networking opportunities

Help a young person achieve their dreams!

Applications close 4pm Friday 17 May 2024.

For more information, please email the Scholarships team.

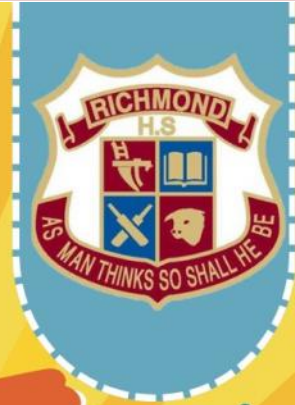
scholarships@youthoffthestreets.com.au

WWW.YOUTHOFFTHESTREETS.COM.AU

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Website:
youthoffthestreets.com.au/get-support/national-scholarship-program

Or contact the team:
 Phone: 0491 222 312



Flying fox

Orienteering

YEAR 7 CAMP

*Raft
building*

Archery

Crate climb

*And so much
more....*

**GET READY FOR A
GREAT ADVENTURE!**

MAY 6 - MAY 8
CCC CAMPS - CENTRAL COAST

ALL IMPORTANT INFO ON PERMISSION NOTE
\$50 DEPOSIT DUE MARCH 10
FULL PAYMENT DUE APRIL 20



COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

Introducing ACA – People Outdoors! The Australian Camps Association is bringing its People Outdoors program to New South Wales this year! For more than 30 years the People Outdoors program has been providing supported camps for kids, teens and adults living with disability in Victoria and it's exciting that it's coming to NSW in 2024. The first Kids and Teens Camp will be held Friday 5 – Sunday 7 April 2024 at Camp Yarramundi, Yarramundi NSW.

So, if you or someone you know is living with disability and would like to experience camp, then please reach out to the team at ACA – People Outdoors on 03 9863 6824 or visit – www.peopleoutdoors.org.au



BOOK TODAY!

DISABILITY CAMPS COMING TO NSW!

INAUGURAL NSW CAMPS 2024

Venue: Camp Yarramundi, Yarramundi NSW

KIDS AND TEENS CAMP	ADULTS CAMP
Friday 5 – Sunday 7th April 2024	Friday 28 – Sunday 30th June 2024

Call 03 9863 6824 to book today!

PLEASE CONTACT US TODAY IF YOU REQUIRE A QUOTE FOR YOUR NDIS PLAN

PEOPLE OUTDOORS - EXPERTS AT PROVIDING OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY

Discover The Great Outdoors **Meet New Friends** **Adventure For All**

Scan to Complete our Referral Form to join us on camp.

PEOPLE OUTDOORS - EXPERTS AT PROVIDING OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY

www.peopleoutdoors.org.au **03 9863 6824** **peopleoutdoors@auscamps.asn.au**



ALL ABILITIES NETBALL

PENRITH SATURDAYS 2024

MORE INFO ABOVE

For more information and to register your interest <https://form.jotform.com/232541850374051>

Sydney Needs Foster Carers

In our community, there are children and young people facing challenges, unable to reside with their families. There is a pressing need for foster carers in NSW, and individuals like you can make a difference.

Foster care isn't always a long-term commitment. There is also a need for short-term, respite and crisis carers. Whether you can offer long-term support and stability or assist during emergencies, every act of care is valuable and impactful.

We'll be with you at every step

Start the conversation today on
1800 084 954 or visit
www.challengecommunity.org.au



Learn More



CHALLENGE
Community Services

Foster Care

Learning Difficulties Coalition of NSW Inc.

PARENT TALK

BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT AND PARENTING TIPS

for kids with ADHD and
learning difficulties

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH
7.30PM - 8.15PM



**ZOOM
WEBINAR**

PRESENTER: ANDREW GREENFIELD

CHILD AND EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST / LDC VICE-PRESIDENT

With a focus on positive behaviour support and nurturing mental well-being in children, this parent talk will offer invaluable guidance and strategies for navigating the challenges of parenting children and adolescents with neurodevelopmental disorders including ADHD and learning difficulties. Andrew will discuss parenting styles and how to make your instructions and parenting as effective as possible. The parent talk will be interactive and questions and interaction will be encouraged.

REGISTER ONLINE OR CONTACT THE OFFICE

FREE

02 9806 9960



info@ldc.org.au



www.ldc.org.au



Safe Steps to Solo Driving



Youthsafe is excited to announce its latest online safety training initiative, "Safer Steps to Solo Driving". Still in prototype form it has been developed, with investment from a Transport for NSW's Community Road Safety Grant, to support the progress of young learner drivers becoming low risk solo drivers.



NO PARKING

No waiting. You have two minutes to drop-off or pick-up and must stay within three metres of your vehicle.

If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and return when there is space.

Penalties from \$215

Demerit points: 2



BUS ZONE

You must not stop or park in a Bus Zone for any reason unless you are driving a public bus.

You can only park in a Bus Zone if it is timed and you are parking there outside of those times.

Penalties from \$387

Demerit points: 2



Current as at 1 October 2023
and subject to change
For more information visit:
Offences on NSW Roads

SCHOOL ZONES & PARKING RULES PENALTIES & DEMERIT POINTS



Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need you to take extra care when driving and parking around School Zones.



hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au



NO STOPPING

You must not stop in a No Stopping Zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space).

Penalties from \$387

Demerit points: 2



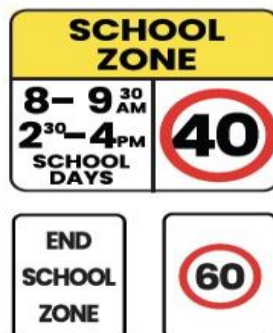
PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

You must not stop on or within 20 metres before or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing, unless signage is in place allowing you to park there. Do not let your children in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping Zone.

Penalties from \$514

Demerit points: 2

SPEEDING



The speed limit in a School Zone is 40km/h. School Zones are in force on all days which are not a weekend, a public holiday or a publicly notified school holiday for government schools. School Zone days include development days / student free days.

Penalties from \$225

Demerit points: 2

DOUBLE PARKING

You must not stop on the road alongside a car that is parked at any time.

Penalties from \$387

Demerit points: 2

FOOTPATH, DRIVEWAY OR NATURE STRIP

You must not stop across a driveway, footpath or nature strip for any reason.

Penalties from \$387

Demerit points: 2

U TURNS

U turns are illegal on or near pedestrian crossings and across double white lines.

Penalties from \$387

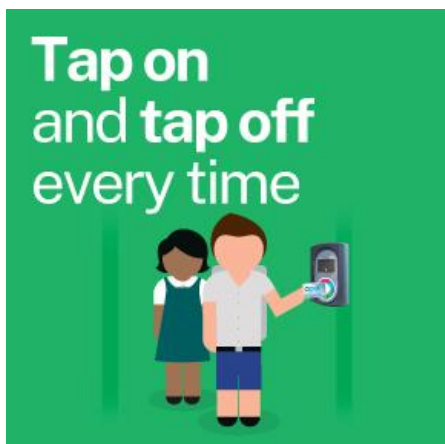
Demerit points: 3



Primary schools can now book Busways' free [Bus Safety Education](#) sessions in 2024 (Term 1 to 3). Click on [this](#) link to book now or read our promotion arriving 8 February.



Students are to tap on and tap off every time they travel on a bus .



Did you know, last year 60% of complaints about vaping on buses were about school students vaping? Vaping is now banned on NSW public transport!

INFORMATION LINKS FOR SCHOOL BUS SERVICES

*** Timetable information - [busways.com.au](#) or [transportnsw.info](#)

*** Opal card applications - [School Student Travel Scheme](#)

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

More information can be found on our website and facebook page, details below.




Find us on 

Register and pay online Bligh Park Football Club

www.blighparkfc.com.au

RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL P&C NOTICEBOARD

P&C MEETINGS



TUESDAY
MARCH 12TH – AGM
APRIL 9TH
MAY 14TH
JUNE 11TH
AUGUST 13TH
SEPTEMBER 10TH
OCTOBER 15TH
NOVEMBER 12TH
2024

 RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL COMMON ROOM
 **6PM**
 ALL WELCOME!



COMMITTEE

President

Darin McLean

Vice President

Karen Worrell (temporary)

Secretary

Jody Warren

Treasurer

Vacant

Held in the Common Room (via Front Office) *Follow our Facebook page for updates: Richmond High School NSW P&C Association*

New members always welcome! Email: richmondhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

WE NEED YOU! U16 | U17 | U19 | BE A HAWK IN 2024



INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION:

- ✦ TRAINING SHIRT
- ✦ POLO SHIRT
- ✦ GAME DAY SHORTS
- ✦ SOCKS
- ✦ INSURANCE

Register HERE:



Please contact for information:

U16's	Jay Little	0401 853 811
U17's	Steve Talbot	0405 872 935
U19's	Steve Allen	0439 988 765

www.hawkesburyhawks.com.au



We need You! U12 & U16 GIRLS FOR OUR TEAMS



**REGISTRATION FOR GIRLS IN
OUR ALL GIRLS TEAMS
IS JUST \$100**

AND INCLUDES:

- ✦ TRAINING SHIRT
- ✦ POLO SHIRT
- ✦ GAME DAY SHORTS
- ✦ SOCKS
- ✦ INSURANCE

Register HERE:



Please contact Kathy 0412 414 142 for more information.

www.hawkesburyhawks.com.au

