

# RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL

**NEWSLETTER**  
**WEEK 11 • TERM 1 • 2025**

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A large, leafy tree with a thick trunk and many green leaves stands in front of a modern school building. The building has large windows and a flat roof. The scene is set outdoors on a sunny day, with green grass in the foreground.

# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Term One has been a whirlwind of activity here at Richmond High School and students have been actively engaged in many different areas of the school.

I would like to thank our dedicated and committed staff who have been working hard all term to provide quality lessons in every classroom along with a variety of wellbeing and extra-curricular activities. Their enthusiasm for making Richmond High School a place where students will thrive has brought some wonderful changes to our school culture.

This year Richmond High will continue work on the Department of Education's priority Explicit Teaching, to ensure that students are experiencing explicit instruction and high-quality guided learning experiences that allow them to independently complete rich and meaningful tasks. This work will continue over the next two years and is deeply embedded into our 2025 school plan.

Outside the classroom there have been many success stories as students engage and participate in school life. We have many sporting, cultural and creative activities that students can be involved with here at Richmond High School and I encourage them to do so as the year progresses.

We look forward to working with your children again in Term 2 and I wish you all a great holiday period.

**Kind regards,  
Hayley**



# HARMONY DAY



Harmony Day is celebrated every year on the 21st of March, & promotes inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for all cultural backgrounds. This term, Richmond High School came together to celebrate Harmony Day, with students wearing orange or cultural clothing. SRC students provided an amazing BBQ for lunch, with special mention to Fraser Leckie who cooked over 500 snags. Well done to all who got involved and joined in celebrating inclusiveness and diversity.





# MEDIEVAL HISTORY INCURSION

This term, our Year 7 & 8 students were given a unique opportunity to enhance their understanding of medieval history through an engaging & hands-on workshop provided by James Adams Historic Enterprises.

Students were able to interact with a wide range of authentic medieval replicas of weapons, shields, armour & clothing.

The experience was a valuable addition to their history curriculum and helped to deepen their appreciation for the complexities of the past.





# LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



We are excited to share that our school captains recently attended the Leadership Conference at the NSW Parliament House, where they had the opportunity to engage with prominent leaders in our community. During the event, the captains participated in a meet and greet with local MP Robyn Preston, gaining valuable insights into the world of politics and leadership. They also attended an informative session with the Governor of NSW, Margaret Beazley AC QC, where they learned about the role of the Governor and the importance of civic responsibility. This experience was both educational and inspiring, providing our captains with the knowledge and motivation to become effective leaders in our school and beyond.





# YEAR 11 RYDA EXCURSION

This month, students participated in the RYDA (Road Youth Driver Awareness) road safety excursion, a valuable program designed to educate young drivers and pedestrians about the importance of road safety. The event included a series of interactive workshops and practical demonstrations, which covered topics such as safe driving practices, the dangers of distractions, and the importance of seat belts. Students engaged in hands-on activities, including simulations and discussions, to better understand the potential risks on the road and how to stay safe. The excursion provided essential knowledge and skills, equipping participants with the tools they need to make informed decisions as they begin their journeys on the road. The experience was both educational and empowering, fostering a deeper awareness of road safety in our community.



# YEAR 5&6 OPEN NIGHT



Richmond High School would like to thank all the parents and guardians who attended our Year 5/6 Open Night. It was a wonderful evening, and we are thrilled by the support and enthusiasm shown by our school community.

The night provided a valuable opportunity for future students to explore our school grounds, experience the range of facilities available, and learn about the exciting opportunities that await them in high school.





# BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The Richmond High Boys Volleyball team recently faced Mitchell High in a home-game. After a nailbiting 2nd set the boys ultimately lost the match, but succeeded in putting on a great display of skill and excitement.



# KARI PROGRAM



Each week, selected students attend the KARI Program. The program supports Aboriginal students in strengthening their cultural identity through a variety of meaningful cultural activities. These experiences have contributed to improved student attendance and increased participation in whole-school events.

The KARI Program also offers tailored mentoring to address each student's specific needs and goals. It is designed to build confidence and readiness for employment, while providing opportunities to engage in cultural experiences that foster personal growth and resilience.



# POLICE TALK

Year 8 and 9 students had the opportunity to attend informative talks presented by local police officer Glenn Clark. The sessions provided students with practical advice and real-world knowledge, aimed at raising awareness around important issues related to youth crime and safety.



# NGIYANI PROGRAM



This term, the Aboriginal Education team ran the Ngiyani Program, which supports young students with disability to realise and achieve their post-school aspirations. Students from Years 9 to 12 took part in a range of activities, including team challenges and mock interviews, all while strengthening their connection to First Nations culture.





# CAREERS NEWS

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### WORK EXPERIENCE

The **Richmond High School work experience program** has been designed for students with a genuine interest in exploring industries and jobs of interest with the aim of helping students make decisions about future careers. Students must be 14 years or older to participate in work experience.

The Department of Education Student Placement Record must be completed by students, parents and host employers before approval is granted.

Please see Mrs Bennet or Mrs Gibbs in the Office of Opportunities to obtain the required documents or ask any questions.

### TIPS FOR FINDING WORK EXPERIENCE...

- Make a list of **possible employers** or local businesses that you can contact to ask for work experience.
- Write down what you would **like to say** or how you might ask the employer.
- Consider how you might **get to and from** work experience.
- Look at your **Assessment Booklet** to find the best times to go to work. Work experience will not be approved during assessment periods.
- Get the **Work Experience Pack** from the Office of Opportunities and have a read.
- Consider what **equipment or clothing** you might need for work.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY CAREERS MARKET - YEAR 10

**21st May - Term 2 Week 4**

Year 10 are invited to the GWS Careers Market held at Cambridge Park to discover post school destinations from Universities, Apprenticeships, TAFE and much more.

**Permission note and payment via SchoolBytes \$20**

#### WHITE CARD TRAINING COURSE

**23rd May - Term 2 Week 4**

General Induction Card course for students interested in entering into a career in Construction or Entertainment.

**Permission note and payment via SchoolBytes \$100**

#### WESTERN SYDNEY CAREERS EXPO - The Dome, Homebush (Year 11 and 12 Only)

**27th June - Term 2 Week 9**

Year 11 and 12 are invited to the Western Sydney Careers Expo held at The Dome, Sydney Olympic Park to discover post school destinations from Universities, Apprenticeships, TAFE and much more.

**Permission note and payment via SchoolBytes \$25.**

**PAYMENTS CLOSE LAST DAY OF TERM 1**

"The future depends on what you do today."

Mahatma Gandhi



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### AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MUSIC WORKSHOPS

**Holiday Workshop – Songwriting, Sydney**  
**Organisation:** Australian Institute of Music  
**Location:** AIM Sydney Campus  
**Date:** April 14, 2025

Created for students in Years 9-12, AIM's new high school music workshops provide incredible opportunities to explore songwriting, mentored by AIM's own accomplished musicians and educators.

This songwriting workshop is essential for any high school students curious about writing songs and performing and is a golden opportunity to work with incredibly accomplished songwriters. Join us these school holidays and discover the songwriter and performer you were born to become.

[Find out more and register](#)

### EXPERIENCE MACQUARIE

Experience Macquarie Days

**Organisation:** Macquarie University  
**Location:** Macquarie Wallumattagal Campus  
**Date:** April 15 to April 16, 2025

Make the most of the April school holidays by spending 'a day in the life' of a uni student! Our Experience Macquarie Days give you the opportunity to attend information sessions and interactive workshops, tour our state-of-the-art facilities and learning spaces, and explore our campus with a Macquarie student guide. You'll have the flexibility to structure your day around your interests – the choice is yours.

Whether you're certain about your future path or you're still exploring your options, these taster days will give you a feel for university life, connect you with students just like you, and maybe even get you thinking about fields of study that you're yet to consider.

[Find out more and register](#)

### DISCOVER LAW, CRIMINOLOGY AND HUMAN RIGHTS @ ACU

Discover Law, Criminology and Human Rights at ACU Blacktown

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University  
**Location:** ACU Blacktown Campus  
**Date:** April 14, 2025

All rise! Aspiring lawyers, criminologists, and human rights advocates, it's time to sharpen your analytical skills and discover the excitement of the courtroom. Join us for interactive workshops designed to give you a taste of what it's like to study law, criminology, and human rights at ACU. Dive into hands-on sessions where you'll test your courtroom strategies, unravel criminal cases, and explore the critical thinking skills needed to succeed in these fast-paced fields. Plus, engage in a dynamic and interactive human rights session, preparing you with valuable insights into the complexities of human rights law and the importance of advocacy.

Whether you're interested in the legal system, criminology, or human rights, this event will give you an exciting taste of your future career path.

[Find out more and register](#)

### EXPERIENCE UTS DAY

Experience UTS Day

**Organisation:** University of Technology Sydney  
**Location:** UTS City Campus  
**Date:** April 16, 2025

Experience UTS Day is on this April school holidays! Hosted on campus, choose your workshops and experience UTS.

[Find out more and register](#)

### BIG DAY IN PARRAMATTA

**Organisation:** ACS Foundation  
**Location:** WSU Parramatta City Campus  
**Date:** May 28, 2025

Join us at Parramatta CBD Campus Western Sydney University for BiG Day In Parramatta – hear from organisations including Microsoft, Google, Westpac, Wisetech Global & more to come about where a STEM career can take you.

[Find out more and register](#)





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