

RICHMOND RIVER HIGH CAMPUS NEWSLETTER



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Rivers MADness

Thank you to the RRHC community who attended Rivers MADness on Wednesday night. It was a great showcase of the work of the HSC students across The Rivers Secondary College. Well done to all our students who presented their work in Drama, Music, Art and Photography. The event began with a performance from The Rivers Indigenous Dance Ensemble, a great way to start. Thanks to the Hospitality students for catering and Entertainment students who did the back stage management. Thanks also to our CAPA staff for their work to make this a successful event.

Rivers MADness featured in The Northern Star today.

Deputy Principal News

Hello RRHC Community.

On Tuesday night Year 8 students were invited to attend the Subject Information Evening here at RRHC. It was so good to see so many students and Parents/Carers here keen on finding out about next year and the requirements for the students. Thank you to those Parents/Carers who attended and to staff who provided vital information to the keen students. All students over the coming week will be interviewed and a letter will be taken home by the students regarding their selections.

Congratulations to all those students who participated in Rivers MADness. It was an excellent evening and a massive thank you goes to the CAPA Staff for all their support.

The Dixon shield has been happening this week and it's great to see the Staff and students interacting in this way.

Students have been reminded about the school uniform - it is important that students wear uniform for a range of reasons. Please support us in supporting your students in wearing uniform. Students are required to bring a signed note if out of uniform.

Have a happy and safe weekend.

Luke Woodward
Deputy Principal

Relieving Deputy Principal News

What an eventful week it has been. Along with the day to day rigours of teaching and learning, there has been a great deal more going on in our school community this week.

Monday saw the annual Year 10 Diversity Day where guest speakers shared their experiences of being in a minority group including some of the day-to-day difficulties they face. They also shared some wonderful stories of how supportive people of Lismore are and how accepting we are of our diverse community.

On Tuesday Jesse Blackadder from Storyboard came to our school presenting and giving insight to Year 7 and Year 8 students on the art of writing. Jesse then ran a workshop for the Year 7 and Year 8 High Achievers classes in the Library.

On Wednesday evening I, along with a number of staff, school families and the wider community, attended the Rivers MADness at Lismore City Hall. What a fantastic night it was, showcasing our HSC talent in the creative and performing arts. The students should be very proud of their performances and artistic works, as should our CAPA staff who have helped in the artistic development of these young adults.

On Thursday afternoon the Brisbane Broncos launched the Beyond the Broncos Girls Academy Program for the Rivers Secondary College. This is a fantastic program aimed at mentoring and encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls from Years 7–12 to achieve their full potential. We are extremely fortunate to have highly experienced, dedicated and passionate local staff members also join with the Broncos team.

Finally, the annual Dixon Shield was run and won. Five days, five sports in the annual Staff-v-Student sporting challenge. The Staff took a commanding lead early in the week winning both the netball and volleyball. Wednesday saw a thrilling 2-2 draw in the football (soccer) giving the Students a sniff of a comeback and a chance to retain the Dixon shield ... However, hope was short lived as the staff defeated the students in basketball on Thursday, bringing the much sought after silverware back into the hands of the Staff.

John Eakin
Relieving Deputy Principal

Diversity Day

"On Monday Year 10 were given the brilliant opportunity to listen to and ask questions of seven individuals representing five different minority groups including: Indigenous, migrant, disability, LGBTQI and young mothers. We were given great insight into the lifestyle and cultural influences these individuals live with. It was eye-opening to be able to listen to their stories and hear about the challenges they faced in the past, and in some cases still face today. I have great empathy for individuals from these groups and what they have been through and hope that younger generations will be able to listen to their stories as well."

by Ninya Pflueger, Year 10



StoryBoard – Jesse Blackadder visits RRHC

Jesse Blackadder, an award winning author from [Storyboard](#), addressed Years 7 and 8 on Tuesday. Jesse's engaging presentation gave an insight into what has inspired some of her novels for young people. After her talk twenty-eight students from the High Achievers classes 7.1 and 8.1 were chosen to attend a writing workshop run by Jesse in the Library. The workshop allowed students to write freely with Jesse guiding and encouraging our students throughout the writing process. Thanks to the [Byron Writers Festival](#) for this school based initiative.



HSC EXAM READERS AND WRITERS WANTED

We are looking for people who can act as a reader and writer for Year 12 students during Trial HSC Exams in Term 3 and HSC Exams in Term 4, on a voluntary basis. You must have a current working with children check number - <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>. Readers and writers require the following skills -

- Ability to communicate clearly in English with sufficient literacy level
- An understanding of subject(s) being examined
- Clear, legible handwriting
- Patience and sensitivity
- Understanding of the need to maintain confidentiality and ability to do so

If interested please contact Susie Hancock- Learning & Support Teacher on 6621 3456.

The Dixon Shield was on again

Each year Staff and Year 12 students compete in a number of sports to try and win the Shield. Monday it was Netball with the staff having a convincing win 18-3. The game was played in great spirit. Tuesday was Volleyball, with the Staff again being victorious 2-0. Year 12 changed their players regularly so that as many as possible could play - great sportsmanship. Wednesday it was Football (soccer) to be played. Year 12 had to settle for a two all draw after the Staff scored in the last minute to equalise. Basketball was the sport for Thursday. Unfortunately, although the Year 12 students played with a lot of spirit, they came up short against the Staff. Today's touch football saw another tie.



TRSC – Open Boys and Open Girls Hockey teams progress to the final 16 in the State

Well done to the RRHC students who are representing in TRSC Hockey teams Cassie Wilcox (Year 12), Jade Knight and Brienne Wilcox (Year 9) and Hugh Harris (Year 10) and Harry Parmenter (Year 8). Both teams will now play Sydney based teams. The girls will take on Kirrawee High School. The boys will travel by train to Sydney next week to take on their opponents. Good luck in the next round.



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The heart of secondary education for Lismore

Dear Parents and Carers

Richmond River High Campus will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on **4 September 2017**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

With this change, there is also an obligation for schools to chase up and collect any outstanding subject fees prior to 25th August 2017. To ensure a smooth rollover from one system to the next, we are re-issuing invoices with this letter and expect payments will be made promptly.

1. **EFTPOS payments:** We will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between **25 August and 5 September 2017**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before **25 August, 2017**. From **5 September 2017**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.
2. **Cash and cheque payments:** Between **25 August 2017** and **5 September 2017**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **25 August 2017**. From **5 September 2017**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.
3. **Online payments (POP):** As of **25 August 2017**, payments to our current online payment facility will cease. You will not be able to use the Department of Education's Parent Online Payment (POP) system until **Wednesday 6 September**.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact us on 6621 3456.

Regards

Ms Mary-Jane Pell

19/06/2017

CALENDAR

TERM 3

Week 7B

28 August

29 August

30 August

"Outstanding" PIP awards at Junior Assembly

Parent & Community Yarn Up 4-5.30pm

Technology HSC Marking

31 August

1 September

HSC Drama Marking

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"
(Aesop)

CANTEEN ROSTER

28 August

Help needed

29 August

Meryl Condon

30 August

Help needed

31 August

Dorothy Tan

1 September

Help needed

If you can help, please phone
Kathy Claydon on 6621 4890.



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Canteen: 6621 4890

We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wiyabal Wiyabal people and other peoples of Bundjalung Nation. We acknowledge that they are the first peoples of this land on which our school stands.

To view all current events at
Richmond River High Campus, please
refer to our Facebook page at:

[RRHC Facebook](#)

(you do not have to have an account on
Facebook to access our page)

Or alternatively go to our web site and click
on the link at the bottom of the page.

Please let us know if you have problems
accessing it.

Canteen Specials Week 7

Monday 28 August

Mustard chicken with vegetables and rice

Tuesday 29 August

Chicken or bean enchiladas with Mexican
salad - \$5 each



Thursday 31 August

Garlic beef with stir fry vegetables and noodles

Friday 1 September

Roast beef with roasted vegetables and
gravy



Large \$6 Small \$4

From the Canteen
If anyone has an abundance of
fresh fruit and would like to
donate it to our Canteen, it
would be greatly appreciated.





Attention all Parents and Carers

Our newsletter is published every Friday and is uploaded onto our website:

www.richmondri-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

and emailed to parents whom we have received their email addresses. We do not provide paper copies unless specifically requested by parents and the students need to come up to the Library to collect a paper copy at 3.15pm on Friday afternoons.

ATTENTION

LOWES

All Parents/Carers

You can now purchase school uniforms online from Lowes.

It is free delivery for orders over \$100 and you can exchange sizes at the shop if needed. The website is -

www.lowesschoolwear.com.au

HSC Tips and Advice at Lismore City Library

Thursday 24 August	4.30pm - PDHPE Tips for planning for the exam and structuring responses. 5.45pm - Biology
Thursday 31 August	4.30pm - Ancient History Core (Pompeii & Herculaneum) 5.45pm - English
Thursday 7 September	4.30pm - Legal Studies

Assistance with your exam preparation from HSC markers.

- Free 1-hour sessions.
- Questions answered.
- Pizza served!



Richmond Tweed Regional Library
Connect. Discover. Escape.

Lismore Library
02 6621 2464
110 Magellan Street
Lismore NSW 2480




Variety Heart Scholarships are now open!

Variety provides Scholarships to children with an existing talent living with disabilities, chronic illness, geographic isolation and/or financial hardship, to achieve their full potential and to follow their dreams. Scholarships are awarded up to the value of \$5K in areas of Education, Sports and the Arts.

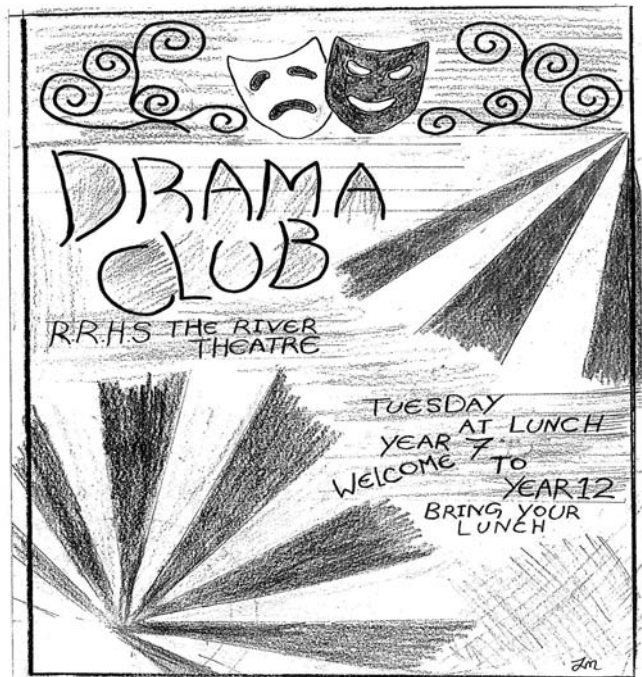
Eligibility

- ♥ Be Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents
- ♥ Live in NSW or ACT
- ♥ Aged between 6 to 18 years
- ♥ Demonstrate an existing talent in one of these areas; The Arts, Sport or Education

How to apply?

- ♥ Apply on our website – variety.org.au/nsw before 27th August 2017

For more info - please get in touch by emailing grants@variety.org.au or call 02 9819 1000

Be inspired.

Become inspiring.



BIG IDEAS FORUM 2017

Do you have a **big idea** that could change the world?

Now is your opportunity to work with some of Australia's top researchers and experience how they develop an idea into something that can shape the future and make the world a better place.

Your ten students and teachers from across Australia will be given the chance to share their big idea and spend a week at the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) working alongside some of Australia's best researchers.

Simply submit a video message telling us about your big idea at www.ansto.gov.au/bigideas

Applications close
20 August 2017


Forum dates
6-9 November 2017

Inclusions ✈️ 🍽️ 🏠
All flights, accommodation and meals

More information ⓘ
www.ansto.gov.au/bigideas

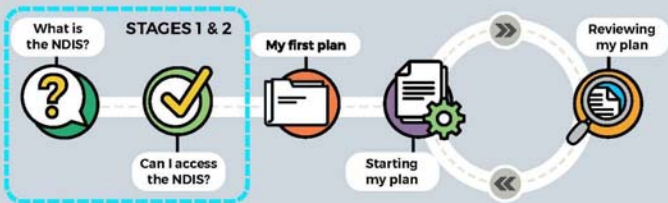


www.ansto.gov.au



Education

SUPPORTING FAMILIES TO UNDERSTAND AND ACCESS THE NDIS



Schools can support families at each stage of the NDIS pathway. This fact sheet focuses on the first two stages.

How schools can support families to understand and access the NDIS

- Promote awareness of the NDIS among parents, carers and the school community
- Explain how to contact the NDIS by phone, **online contact form** or **NDIS customer service centre**
- Refer families who may meet NDIS eligibility requirements to the **NDIS access checklist**
- Refer families whose child aged 0-6 years has a developmental delay to an **NDIS Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) partner**
- On request, provide copies of existing assessments, reports, plans or other information on a child's disability to support an NDIS access request. Schools are not required to complete new reports for the NDIS

- Schools may, but are not required to, support families to complete an NDIS access request form
- Support families who have urgent support needs to contact the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)
- Refer families to appropriate support services such as:
 - Ability Links NSW** – links people with disability, their families and carers in the community
 - My Choice Matters** – builds the capacity of people with disability and their families to access services and take part in the community
 - EnableNSW** – provides services and equipment to people with disability or chronic health conditions

Fact sheets on other stages of the NDIS pathway are available on the **Disability, Learning & Support website**.

MORE INFORMATION

NDIS
1800 800 110
www.ndis.gov.au

Ability Links NSW
www.abilitylinksnsw.org.au

My Choice Matters
1800 144 653
www.mychoicematters.org.au

EnableNSW
1800 362 253
enable.health.nsw.gov.au

Disability, Learning & Support
disability.support@det.nsw.edu.au

NDIS Coordinators for NSW Public Schools
Macquarie Park: Fran Tinley
Tamworth: Tracey Winfer
Ultimo: TBA
Wagga Wagga: Wendy English & Calliea Cool

Need someone to talk to?

CALL:

Kids HELPLINE 1800 551 800

Lismore HEADSPACE 6625 0200

Mental Health Line 1800 011 511

Beyond Blue 1300 789 978



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Digital Portraiture Award 2017

Entries now open!

National Portrait Gallery

Calling all digital artists!
Entries for the Digital Portraiture Award 2017 are now open.
There's \$25,000 worth of prizes to be won so check out our DPA site for all the info, previous finalists vids and to submit your

entry: <https://dpa.portrait.gov.au/>

Get your skates on, entries close on 17 September!



Are you an eligible Young Carer?

- Do you provide care and support to a family member or friend with an illness, disability, mental health illness, is frail aged or has an alcohol or other drug problem?
- Will you be aged 12-25 years in 2018?
- Are you currently studying or wishing to return to study or training?
- Not in receipt of another bursary or scholarship
- A permanent resident or Australian citizen

You may be eligible to apply for a young carer bursary

About the Bursaries

- 333 bursaries will be granted in 2018.
- Each bursary is \$3,000.
- The money can be spent on whatever helps you with your education or training.

How do you apply for a 2018 bursary?

Applications open online from 27 July and close on 7 September 2017. Just click 'Apply now'.

Further information

youngcarers.net.au/young-carer-bursary-program
or

1800 756 238



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LET'S TALK

A conversation with prominent Australians from the fields of media/business/sport discussing what's next...

Peter Fitzsimons
Journalist/Author/Ex-Wallaby

Tim Costello
Chief Advocate, World Vision Australia

Nathan Hauritz
Ex-Australian Test Cricketer

Nathan Parker
ADF / 2017 Invictus Games competitor

TRINITY SPORTS CENTRE, LISMORE
Monday 4th September 6.30pm. Canapes will be served & Cash Bar available
\$50 adults/\$25 students. Tickets: [online TryBooking.com](http://online.TryBooking.com)

TICKETS: Lismore: Lismore Timezone, Lismore Vet Clinic Ballina: Budget Eyewear, Yellow Brick Road
Casino: Arum, The Clydesdale Motel and Steakhouse Lennox: Elders Real Estate
Byron Bay: Byron Coastal Real Estate, Byron Bay Golf Club

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Parent and Community Yarn Up

Lynn Buchanan and the Aboriginal Education team of RRHS would love to invite you to a Yarn Up. We would like to hear what you have to say and ask for your feedback on our school.

Date: Wednesday the 30th of August (Week 7, Term 3)

Time: Starting at 4.00pm till 5.30pm

Where: Richmond River High Campus, Lake St, Lismore. The Yarn Up will be held In the Aboriginal Resource room.

Snacks, juice, tea and coffee will be provided and everyone is welcome!

If you would like more information, please contact:



Lyn Buchanan (Acting Aboriginal Education Officer)
Paula Moverley (Aboriginal Education Coordinator)
Dean Marshall (Norta Norta Tutor & English Teacher)
Phone: 6621 3456
Email: lynette.buchanan@det.nsw.edu.au

*We acknowledge and respect the Wijabal Wiyabal People and other Peoples of the Bundjalung Nation, who are the traditional custodians of the land on which we learn and work together.
We commit to building strong relationships, respect and opportunities for all Aboriginal people in our community.*