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Principal's Message



Parent and Community Engagement for Student Learning
Parents, carers and other family members have a significant influence on a student's success at school. The more parents and carers engage in learning, the greater the chance that their children are engaged, motivated and confident learners.

This late-afternoon session is designed to be attended by parents/carers and community members. Professor Adrian Piccoli, the Director of the Gonski Institute for Education will be leading this session and will talk on the topic:

Too much parental involvement with schools or not enough? How the pressures of the 21st century are changing the roles of parents.

This session will be followed by a Q & A with Professor Piccoli.

When: Wednesday 18 September 2019 5:30pm-7:00pm
Where: Richmond River High Campus
Lake Street, North Lismore
Cost: Free - Refreshments provided

I have seen this speaker and the talk is **really** worthwhile! Look forward to seeing you there.

Mary-Jane Pell, Principal

Sally Ford NSW VET Teacher/ Trainer of the Year

Congratulations to Sally Ford our Head Teacher TAS for winning the 2019 NSW VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year! This is a wonderful acknowledgement of all the great work Sally does with teachers and students not just at RRHC but also with other schools in our region and across the state. Fantastic effort Sally and congratulations from the Richmond River High Community, we are so pleased your amazing skills have been recognised with this award.

Mary-Jane Pell
Principal



RRHC Half Day Race Day

Thursday September 19 is a Public Holiday in Lismore from 12pm due to the Lismore Cup. RRHC will be non-operational from 12pm with a bell ringing at 11:50am for students to exit the school. The Canteen will be open for the morning and Recess only. Students attending school on Thursday 19 will need to arrange transport home at 12pm. School buses will only run the normal school hours from 3:15pm.

Deputy Principal's News

Hello RRHC Community

RUOK? Day was an awesome day with staff wearing yellow shirts promoting RUOK? Day. Staff and students enjoyed a BBQ, sporting activities, music and drawing, bringing our school community together. Thank you to our Wellbeing strategic direction staff for their organisation of this great day.

We will soon be providing Year 8 students with a copy of their elective choices for 2019. Classes are based on student choice so it is vital that school and home are on the same page regarding requirements for student's studies next year, including their elective choices, required equipment and the associated subject fees.

Year 11 will be completing their Preliminary Examinations over the next two weeks. Students need to make sure they have completed all assessment tasks and are prepared for their examinations. We encourage them to take the time to discuss with teachers their strengths and weaknesses to set themselves up for a successful HSC year.

The Dixon Cup competition between staff and Year 12 students has begun this week and will wrap up in Week 10. It has been great to see staff and students enjoying some friendly rivalry.

Parents and Carers are reminded that it is important to explain all absences for their child. Students are expected to be at school every day unless they are ill. You are able to explain absences through the Sentral parent portal or phone the school directly.

It is the time of year when we undertake the Tell Them From Me Survey. Students received notes yesterday regarding this and if you are opting out of the survey the notes need to be returned by next Tuesday 17 of September. We will also be in contact via email and SMS for parents to complete their surveys. This is an anonymous survey providing valuable information for students, parents and staff.

"Wellness is not a 'medical fix' but a way of living - a lifestyle sensitive and responsive to all the dimensions of body, mind, and spirit, an approach to life we each design to achieve our highest potential for well-being now and forever." (Greg Anderson)

Have a happy and safe weekend.

Luke Woodward
Deputy Principal



From the Community Liaison Officer (CLO)

Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, suggests to us *"It is ok to celebrate success but it is far more important to learn from failure."*

He also tells us that all we learn from success is that we can not lose. Failure can be our greatest teacher. By reflecting on our efforts as we go through life we can continuously improve and be open to new ways of doing things. And so we help our kids to deal with failure successfully. Our kids are the ones who will take responsibility for the failures of our generations. More power to them I say. It is them who will care for me in my old age. It is them who will clean the Pacific Ocean of our rubbish. It is them who will protect our clean air and our water. May they learn from our errors and make the world a better place. May our efforts as parents and carers be to support our young people to truly reflect on the world they have inherited. We can be open to our failures and help our kids to always rise one more time than they fall down.

It is our belief in them and their ability to make a difference that will make the difference for them.

Enjoy your kids.

Anne Bowden

Community Liaison Officer (CLO)

Aurora College – Niamh attends Da Vinci Decathlon

Recently Niamh took an opportunity provided by Aurora College and participated in the Da Vinci Decathlon at Armidale. The Year 9 Aurora group were placed 2nd overall, after finishing 1st in General Knowledge, Science, and English, 2nd in Code Breaking and 3rd in Poetry. The da Vinci Decathlon is an academic competition designed to challenge and stimulate the minds of school students. Well done, Niamh.



Louise Seccombe

Aurora College Coordinator

ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

Term 3 Week 9 and Week 10

Year 7

Maths 'Probability' - 23.9.19 (Wk 10)

Year 8

TAS 'Mobile Phone Design' - **20.9.19 (Wk 9)**

Year 9

Drama 'Greek Theatre Performance'
- **19.9.19 (Wk 9)**

CAPA 'Clay Sculpture and Review' - **19.9.19 (Wk 9)**

Maths 'In Class Test - Open Book' - **25.9.19 (Wk 10)**

Year 10

Food Tech. 'New Pastry' final submission
- **20.9.19 (Wk 9)**

Maths 5.3 'Topic Test' - **25.9.19 (Wk 10)**

Year 11

Visual Arts 'Artist as a Social Critic' - **16.9.19 (Wk 9)**

CAPA 'Mixed Media in Clay' - **16.9.19 (Wk 9)**

Std. English 'Yearly Exam - Close Study of Text'
due in Exams

Year 12

Student success

Nikiesha and Sharmeeeka represent TRSC in Baseball at State semi-final.

On Wednesday the Open Girls Baseball team played in the State semi-final. The girls' team started strongly but the experience in the field of the Woollooware team was the difference and unfortunately the team was defeated. Well done girls on representing in Baseball to such a high standard. Thank you to the organisers for providing this opportunity.

PDHPE Faculty



Dubbo Sheep Show – RRHC wins award

RRHC win Australian Wood Industry award recognising teams for educational outcomes being achieved, fantastic effort by our students and Mrs Ford for providing these opportunities for our students. Richmond River's Agriculture classes prepared our seven wethers for the Rabobank School Wether Challenge in Dubbo again this year. All of the wethers for the competition were sourced from one line of sheep from Egelabra Merino Stud and were picked up from Dubbo earlier this year.

Approximately 30 schools from across NSW, made up 60 show teams of approximately 200 students who presented 200 wethers in the challenge this year. There were many activities for the students to be involved in throughout the days of competition including parading, shearing, condition scoring, fat scanning, junior judging, wool classing, etc. We were fortunate this year to receive a lesson around junior judging for sheep from an industry expert and be able to watch other Merino judging events that were taking place.

Students also had the opportunity to speak to many Merino breeders and industry representatives from sheep feed, equipment and chemicals companies throughout the challenge. Our students have come home with the new feed ration that we are going to try next year.

Overall Richmond River has greatly improved our results from last year with one of our teams being selected to 'stay on the mat'. This means that they were judged to be one of the best teams in our section of the competition. Our students were commended for doing such a fine job in preparing the wethers in a Northern Rivers environment to such a high standard.

On our way home we stayed overnight at UNE Agriculture. We visited their research feedlot and the animal science facilities. Thank you to Sally Sterlitz for organising this.

I would like to thank our junior show team who travelled to Dubbo with me for the way that they behaved, presented themselves and represented our school throughout the trip. Congratulations to all of you. I would also like to also thank Ben Watts from Bralca for organising this event for schools to compete in and Egelabra Merino Stud, Warren for providing all of the sheep given to schools for the duration of this competition. The drought is devastating in these communities and the generosity, encouragement and support shown to our students throughout this challenge was overwhelming.

Sally Ford

Head Teacher TAS



Bring Your Own Devices Reminder

Please note that phones are not BYO devices at RRHC and as such are not permitted to be connected to the RRHC WiFi. Our Technical Support Officer can monitor which devices are attached to the RRHC WiFi and students can expect Mr Redden to interview them if their phone connects to the internet. This interview is simply a reminder around RRHC expectations. If after an interview with Mr Redden a student's phone is detected again they will have an interview with a DP regarding continued disobedience.

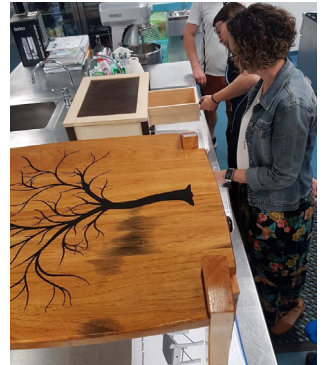
Belinda Marr

Deputy Principal

Year 12 – Industrial Technology Timber

Well done to our three Year 12 students who had their Major Works marked recently. Works included a small table made of silky oak and rosewood with a laser cut tree design filled with resin. Two jewellery boxes one made of figured walnut and maple and the other a wenge and veneered box. Fantastic effort resulting quality projects.

Andrew Clark
TAS Teacher



Year 9 – Visual Arts

Year 9 Visual Arts have been working with Defiant a local public art project from Beyond Empathy. Defiant's aim is to begin a conversation between young people and their broader community through art, supporting better wellbeing outcomes for our young people. We worked with local artists from Defiant to create this awesome 'Paste Up' in our Netball quad. The students learned so much through this process and are keen to create more works like this around the school.

Rebecca Simpson
Visual Arts Teacher



Year 9 - Bell Shakespeare Production

This week students in Year 9 were treated to a performance from the Bell Shakespeare Theatre Company's education arm, The Players. They performed 'Words, Words, Words', the show unpacked the language and themes in several of Shakespeare's plays, including Romeo and Juliet which Year 9 has been studying. As per usual from The Players the production was dynamic, fast moving and accessible for students.

Ms Willoughby
English Teacher



From the PDHPE Faculty

Last week Hunter, Caitlin, Natalia, Alinta, Cooper and Jessica travelled to Sydney for the three day state CHS Athletics Carnival.

Caitlin finished with a gold medal for her efforts in the 12-15 MC Javelin event and will now represent NSW CHS at NSW All Schools Carnival.

Other results include:

Caitlin - 9th MC 12-15 years girls Long Jump, 5th MC 12-15 years girls Shot Put, 4th MC 12-15 years girls Discus.

Hunter - 11th MC 12-15 years boys 200m, 8th MC 12-15 years boys Long Jump.

Natalia - 11th 12 years girls 800m, 9th 12 years girls 100m, 6th 12 years girls 200m.

Alinta - 13th 17+ years girls Triple Jump.

Cooper - 4th 13 years boys High Jump.

Jessica - 12th 14 years girls 90m Hurdles, 9th, 14 years girls Long Jump, 19th 14 years girls Shot Put, 10th open age girls Pentathlon.

Congratulations to our six students who not only represented our school but our zone and region as well. A fantastic achievement.

John Eakin

PDHPE Teacher



Quad Bike Course

Year 11 Primary Industries students have completed a Quad Bike course at Wollongbar TAFE as part of their Primary Industries course. The students completed a theory-based safety and risk assessment component before they were able to participate in practical activities. These activities included loading and unloading the quad bike safely onto a trailer, manoeuvring the bike safely around an obstacle course, safe control of the bike on slopes and hills.

All students completed the course and were deemed competent at an introduction level. Students are to be commended on their behaviour during this course and how they represented our school while at Wollongbar TAFE.

Sally Ford

HT TAS



HSC EXAM READERS AND WRITERS - URGENTLY REQUIRED

Can you

- communicate clearly in English
- read well
- write clearly
- be patient and sensitive
- maintain confidentiality

We require volunteers who can act as a reader and writer for Year 12 students during HSC exams starting on Thursday 17 October until Thursday 31 October. You must have a current working with children check number - go to the following website - <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>.

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



The Department of Education is offering a sports day for students with disabilities. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a range of individual and team sports. Information will be available on the day for students wanting to continue in their new sport. On the day, school staff will receive professional development on activities that could be utilised at school.

When:

Monday, 16th September, 2019

Venue: Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre
Pacific Parade, Lennox Head

Time: 9:30am registration
Sports finish at 1:30pm

Cost: \$6 per student

Closing date: Friday, 30th August, 2019.



Please note – places are limited. Complete the attached entry form and return to Belinda O'Connell, School Sport Unit by email at Belinda.OConnell3@det.nsw.edu.au

OUR SCHOOL HAS SUBSCRIBED TO AN ONLINE & INTERACTIVE STUDY SKILLS HANDBOOK

To access the handbook, go to
www.studyskillshandbook.com.au
and login as a subscriber with these details:

USERNAME:

RRHC

PASSWORD:

88success

This password is only for use by Richmond River High Campus students and parents.



THE RIVERS
SECONDARY COLLEGE



Breakfast Club is back
Monday-Friday 8.30-8.50am
Chill Out Room
All welcome
No charge



Failing doesn't make you a failure.
C'mon, keep going xoxo



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

CALENDAR

Term 3 Week 9A

Year 11 Yearly Exams Week

16 September

17 September

Boys Futsal - Under 14s and Under 16s

Year 12 SLR Gymnastics

18 September

19 September

20 September

Girls Futsal - Under 14s and Under 16s

Term 3 Week 10B

Year 11 Yearly Exams Week

23 September

24 September

Year 12 SLR Gymnastics

25 September

26 September

27 September

Year 12 Farewell Breakfast

Year 12 Assembly

Last day of Term 3

School resumes Monday 14 October

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"When you take risks you learn that there will be times when you succeed and there will be times when you fail, and both are equally important" - Ellen DeGeneres



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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.

To view The Rivers Secondary College SMORE newsletter go to

<https://www.smore.com/1n9qd>

Canteen Specials Week 9

Monday 16 September

Tandoori chicken rice and salad

- Small \$5, Large \$7

Tuesday 17 September

Pasta buffet - Small \$5, Large \$7



Thursday 19 September

Canteen not operating at lunch - Half day Race Day

Friday 20 September

Hoisin beef or Vegetable stir fry

- Small \$5, Large \$7



FROM THE CANTEEN

Volunteers

We are always seeking volunteers to assist in the Canteen. If you can donate a day to assist on a daily, weekly or monthly basis, please phone 6621 4890.



Year 11 Yearly Examination Timetable Term 3 Weeks 9-10 2019

	Session 1: 8.50am - 11.00am	Session 2: 12.50pm - 3.00pm
Mon A D1 16 Sep	English Advanced-45 mins English Standard-45 mins	
Tue A D2 17 Sep	Ancient History-2 hours Construction-1 hour 30 mins Drama-1 hour 30 mins	PDHPE-2 hours
Wed A D3 18 Sep	Mathematics Extension1-1 hour 30 mins Photography-1 hour 30 mins English Extension1-1 hour Entertainment-2 hours	Hospitality-1 hour 30mins Ceramics-1 hour 30mins Dance-2 hours Metal & Engineering-2 hours
Thu A D4 19 Sep	Mathematics Advanced-2 hours Mathematics Standard-2 hours	
Fri A D5 20 Sep	Community & Family Studies-2 hours Food Technology-1 hour 30 mins Physics-2 hours Software Design & Development-1 hour 30 mins	Visual Arts-1 hour 30 mins Music1-1 hour 30 mins Primary Industries-1 hour
Mon B D6 23 Sep	Earth & Environmental Science-2 hours	SLR-1 hour
Tue B D7 24 Sep	Legal Studies-2 hours Agriculture-1 hour 30 mins Design & Technology-1 hour Engineering Studies-2 hours Japanese-2 hours Industrial Technology-1 hour 30 mins Society & Culture-2 hours	
Wed B D8 25 Sep	Music Prac All Day	Music Prac All Day
Thu B D9 26 Sep	Biology-2 hours	

Note:

All exams in MPU except:

- **Music1** in Room 19 and **Music1 Prac** in River Theatre
- **Special Provisions:** Readers/Writers in Library; Small Group Supervision in Staff Common Room

Students doing courses at another campus sit all exams at Richmond River High Campus

TAFE as normal on Wednesdays

Richmond River High School – Examination Rules and Instructions

1. **It is the students responsibility to familiarise themselves with the examination timetable and arrive 10 minutes BEFORE the examination period starts.**
2. The exams are regular school days and as such students should be in school uniform.
3. Students are not expected to be at school at times other than when they have an exam.
4. Students are to enter the room at the direction of the supervising teacher. Students are to promptly follow all directions of the supervising teacher.
5. Exam conditions apply as soon as students enter and until students are out of the examination venue. Exam conditions mean the following:
 - No talking
 - No noise
 - No communication; No turning around
 - No distraction to other students; No looking at other students work
 - No moving from seat unless instructed to do so by the supervising teacher
6. Some exams finish before others, please ensure you leave the venue as quietly as possible.
7. Except in an emergency, no student will be allowed to leave the examination room during the scheduled time of the exam.
8. If you need to go to the toilet during the exam, place your hand up and wait for teacher advice.
No one will be allowed to the toilet in the last TEN minutes of an exam.
9. Students may only have access to materials during the exam allowed by the examiner. Students will not be allowed to borrow or share material or equipment during the exam.
10. You must not bring any of the following into the examination room:
 - **Mobile phones are not permitted under any circumstances**
 - Any electronic device (except a calculator where permitted). This includes NO tablets, iPads, music players or electronic dictionaries
 - Paper or any printed or written material
 - Dictionaries, except where permitted in language exams
 - Correction fluid
11. You should write in pen, preferably black, and bring an adequate supply of pens to each exam.
You may wish to bring highlighters, pencils, ruler and a pencil sharpener.
12. You may bring in a bottle of water.
13. All equipment you bring may be subject to inspection.
14. When the exam time has finished students must cease work immediately.
15. Cheating of any type will result in the student's paper being cancelled.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in a penalty and may result in the cancellation of student's exam paper.