

Randwick Boys' High School

Guiding Young Men to Success

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note advising this is also required for us to mark your son as “absent explained”.

Best Wishes

Lastly, this is the last bulletin for 2015. It has been an amazingly busy year. I am extremely proud of the achievements of our school. Academically, we continue to build a strong reputation; in sport, we lead this area through our commitment to elite grade sport; our young citizens continue to shine as representatives of our school community.

As we approach the end of the school year, may I extend to everyone my very best wishes for the season and my sincere hope that 2016 provides even more opportunity, reward and success for our school and community.

O Sofo
Relieving Principal



From the Principal

Presentation Day 2015

Our annual Presentation Day will be held on Friday December 11. This is our final ceremony for the year and our most important, where we recognise the achievements of our students in the past year in terms of their academic achievements, their sporting excellence and their service to the school community.



It is always a wonderful occasion to see the very best that our school has on offer and I'm looking forward to sharing in the celebration of excellence!

End of the Year and Early Leave



Inevitably, after Presentation Day, some families elect to start an early vacation. If you are planning to do so, please send a letter with your son, advising your intentions and your son's last day of school. If your family is leaving for vacation immediately after the Presentation Day ceremony on Friday, a



COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4	
Week 11	Week A/Events
Wednesday 16 December	Last day of Term 4 for students
Friday 18 December	Last day of Term 4 for all staff

2016

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1	
Week 1	Week B/Events
Wednesday 27 January	School resumes for all staff
Thursday 28 January	School resumes for students in Year 7, 11, 12 and new enrolments
Friday 29 January	School resumes for students in Year 8, 9 & 10

Full of energy and ready to go in 2016

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North Queensland Geography Excursion

On the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of December, 19 students including myself from Year 8, Ms Al- Anbagi and Ms Josevski travelled to Cairns, Queensland. During the first day of our trip we had a long and exhausting plane ride to Cairns. After that we travelled to the hotel and then to the 'Esplanade' swimming pool where we spent most of our day. Everyone enjoyed the magnificent pool and had so much fun swimming. Later that night we had pizza for dinner. The next day we visited the Daintree Rainforest and spent so much time looking at the luscious and beautiful flora and fauna in the rainforest. That evening, we had lots of pasta for dinner and went to the night markets. The 3rd day we visited the Great Barrier Reef. Plenty of people felt seasick on the way there, however all felt better once swimming in the reef. With the beautiful and amazing coral, sea animals and fishes in the reef, everyone loved it the best out of anything on the trip. On the last and final day we left the hotel for the last time and had a happy trip home back to Sydney.



Ethan Lee Chalk
8K



Congratulations to Edward Langford of Year 10

Edward has been studying Music via Distance Education. Besides being a gifted musician, Edward has also developed his talents as an independent learner.

Eddie came second in his year. He gained a Certificate of Merit and an Academic Achievement Award.

We wish him all the best with his future studies in Music.

Robert Anderson
Librarian



Year 6 Orientation Day

On the 3rd of December, Randwick Boys' High School held an Orientation Day for the incoming Year 7s of 2016. This event provided crucial knowledge for these students and it showed them what a typical high school is like. The event was organised by Ms Betros and Mr Semaan and was largely hosted by our School Captain Kevin Daley, Vice-Captain Dean Cann and the Prefect body, House Captains and SRC (Student Representative Council) members.

In the morning the parents and students arrived a bit earlier than expected but they didn't mind the wait. At 9:45 we welcomed students and parents to our school. This was followed by some speeches from our incoming Principal, Mr Raskall, our Relieving Principal Ms Sofo and the 2016 Year Advisor for Year 7 Mr Semaan. Ms Edwards delivered vital information about sport. Freddy Whalebone and Devin Zhu from Year 7 talked about their experiences at high school.

Their speeches were very informative and provided a good snapshot of what Randwick Boys' High School is like.

After the speeches, session two began and that was when the students got into their allocated groups and had a quick recess outside the hall with their prefect and SRC buddies followed by an extensive tour of the school. After their tour everyone congregated in the library where they were entertained with a second talk given by Year 7 students Jordan Denyer and Joshua Hillard. Boo-Jay Salakas then delivered some interesting information about "The Show" and showed some highlights from this year's production on the big screen. The boys were suitably impressed! By now we were all fairly hungry. We went to the A-block and enjoyed the barbecue lunch which was capably prepared by our GA, Mr Petrovic and the Year 9 SRC students and volunteers, Dennis Zub, Minwoo Yoo, Asher McNally and I. Soon after that, we escorted Year 6 back to the hall to collect their "Showbags".

In my opinion the Orientation Day was a great success. Everybody had a role to play, and played it well. There was a lot of kindness and hard work shown by the prefects, SRC, sports captains and the organising teachers.

The Parent Information Night was ably chaired by Dean Cann. On the night lots of parents came along with their children to learn more about Randwick Boys' High School. Speakers included Mr Raskall, Mr Semaan, P&C representative Mrs Skleparis and Year 12 student and house captain Hamish Evans. Hamish was there to talk about his experiences at high school from Year 7 to Year 12. His speech was very interesting and at times quite humorous; I think the parents also found his talk helpful and reassuring. After the night was over I went around with a friend to get some feedback from the parents and their comments were all positive. They found the night to be well-organised, helpful and very informative. Mr Raskall also gave me some positive feedback about how fantastic the evening was. He was pleased to see a good number of parents and Year 6 students there and he also congratulated Mr Semaan on his great work. Overall, in my opinion, the events of the day and evening were a great experience for the our school community.

Marcus Mailata
Year 9 SRC



Year 10 Commerce Excursion

The HSIE faculty departed from normal school activities on Monday 16 November when Ms Marie Harris and Mr Tim Davis Frank met thirty Year 10 students outside the NSW State Parliament at 9:30am. The students and teachers were provided with a personal introduction to the workings of the parliament, including being joined by the state member for Coogee, and an ex-Randwick Boys' High School student, Mr Bruce Notley-Smith MP. The discussions in the hallowed halls rubbed off on the young men seated around the green and red leather seats of the legislative chambers. The students role-played a debate between the political parties over the writing of a new law. At the end of the program the picture of the students standing with their Member of Parliament showed a comfortable group of intelligent democrats, smiles filled with courageous, productive, political energy.



After the empowerment of being welcomed into the highest offices of legislature, the young men enjoyed lunch with the executives and CEOs in Martin Place, before entering the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA). Again, with enthusiasm and respect, the students were introduced to the workings of the RBA and the practical action taken at the bank to help manage the Australian economy. All of the information had been covered in class, but to see the facts and figures explained by the professionals pulling the levers turned the theory into actuality.



A fantastic day of empowerment, engagement and excitement. More travels and investigations with these organisations await the Commerce, Business Studies, Legal Studies and Economics students in the years to come.

T Davis Frank
Social Science Teacher

Year 9 Commerce Excursion



Tuesday morning, the keenest Year 9 Commerce students jumped on a school bus from Randwick to discover the world of law and order that they had been learning about in class. The morning involved a detailed history of the progression and evolution of laws in NSW at the Justice and Police Museum at Circular Quay. In the original police station and courthouse dating back from the mid-1800s, the students read the charge sheets; sighted the weaponry; debated how the changing social values forced changes in the laws; dissected the development of pathology; and acted out the roles of lawyers, witnesses, convicted person and court sergeant. In ninety minutes, the history, present and future of legal processes were impressed upon the budding Randwick Boys' High School lawyers, judges and citizens.



Following the role-play, the students walked through the beautiful Hyde Park to the Downing Centre District and Local Courts. In small, incredibly well-behaved and respectful groups, the young men entered the courts and witnessed the actualisation of the legal system. The impact on the lives of those involved was not lost on the students who absorbed the power and significance of the court, with wide eyes and open ears. After bowing out of the courts, we shared a meal in the park and then caught the school bus back to school, inspired and humbled. A brilliant day with a brilliantly behaved group of students!

T Davis Frank
Social Science Teacher

Congratulations

Yuri Edovin in Year 7 won the Maroubra Art Show First Prize in the 13-16 year bracket. Well done to another budding artist!

M Olsen
HT HCAP



Randwick Boys' High School Yearbook

The Yearbook For you Only \$10

2015



School students tap into opal school

New in 2016 School OPAL Cards

RBHS students who already have a bus or rail pass WON'T NEED TO APPLY for the School OPAL Card.

New School OPAL cards will be sent to our school and given out to students in 2016.

An Application is Needed if the Student:

- has not had a bus or rail pass before
- is changing addresses
- is changing schools

How to Apply

Step 1
Complete the application on-line on transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2
Print, sign and date the completed application then submit it to our school for endorsement.

Step 3
RBHS will send the application to Transport for NSW. The School OPAL Card will be sent to the address provided on the application

TAFE Courses

Ultimo TAFE is offering a course to people who would like to return to the workforce and want to improve their skills and confidence.

Regards,
Sylvia Nichols

Head Teacher – English & Communication

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Learning and Support for Students with a Disability

Parent and Teacher Online Survey

A survey of learning and support for students with a disability in government schools is currently being conducted by the Audit Office of NSW.

The survey aims to obtain feedback from families of students with a disability and teachers on their experiences in the NSW public school system.

To obtain feedback two online surveys have been developed, one for parents & carers of students with a disability, the other for teachers. Responses will be aggregated to develop State-wide findings.

The surveys are confidential and may be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.audit.nsw.gov.au/publications/learning-and-support-for-students-with-a-disability-survey/studentsdisabilitysurvey>



It will take 15-20 minutes to complete and close at 5 pm Friday 18 December 2015.

G Burke
Learning and Support Teacher



Randwick Boys High School
Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours

2014 - 2015

DECEMBER 2014

WEDNESDAY	3. DEC (ORIENTATION DAY / NIGHT)	7.30am – 4.00pm 6.00pm – 9.00pm
THURSDAY	4. DEC	7.30 am – 4.00pm
THURSDAY	11. DEC	7.30 am – 4.00pm

JANUARY 2015

WEDNESDAY	21. JAN	8.00am – 3.00pm
THURSDAY	22. JAN	8.00am – 3.00pm
FRIDAY	23. JAN	8.00am – 3.00pm
TUESDAY	27. JAN	8.00am – 3.00pm
WEDNESDAY	28. JAN	8.00am – 4.00pm

THEN EVERY THURSDAY 7.30am – 4.00pm
During School Terms

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Summer Season Rd 12

SPORT	OPPONENT	SCORE	
		RBHS	Other
Volleyball 2		2	6
Basketball 1	Ashfield	60	26
Basketball 2	Ashfield	24	32
Basketball 15	Ashfield	38	32
Basketball 14	Ashfield	41	20
Futsal 1 Green	Ashfield	2	4
Futsal 1 White	Ashfield	0	0
Futsal 15 Green	Ashfield	6	2
Futsal 15 White	Ashfield	4	2
Oztag 1	Ashfield	6	9
Oztag 15 A	Ashfield	9	5
Oztag 15 B	Ashfield	5	7
Waterpolo 1	Ashfield	BYE	BYE
Waterpolo 15	Ashfield	BYE	BYE
Waterpolo 14	Nth Sydney	2	9
Cricket 2	Epping	4/84	5/83
Cricket 15	Epping A's	4/33	4/135
Cricket 14 B	Epping	7/63	4/65
Baseball 1 (Development Squad)	Nth Sydney	0	10

Man of the Match Tally

The Man of the Match Tally for the Summer season will now go silent until the presentation day at the end of 2016.

The Winter season Man of the Match Tally will commence at the start of the Winter season in April.

Congratulations to all athletes and especially those students vying for awards at the 2016 Presentation Day ceremony.



NSW PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE 2015

As the year draws to a close, a final congratulation to all 347,000 students and staff who participated in this year's Sporting Challenge.



Certificates have been despatched across NSW and should now be in schools and offices. Sincere thanks to school staff who helped make the 2015 Challenge such a success

Now is the time to start planning your Sporting Challenge for 2016.

From Around the Grounds

2014/2015 Sports Awards 11th December 2015



The 2014-2015 Sports Awards are fast approaching with a number of athletes vying for Sportsman of the Year 2015 and Best and Fairest 2015. The awards up for presentation on the 11th of December are:

- 2014/2015 Best and Fairest Summer Sports
- 2015 Best and Fairest Winter Sports
- 2015 CHS, NSW All School, Zone Representatives
- RBHS Best and Fairest Snr 2015
- RBHS Best and Fairest Jnr 2015
- NSW Premier Sport Challenge Medal
- 2015 Randwick Boys' High School Blue
- The Show 2015 Merit Awards

These awards will celebrate the achievements of students from the 2014/2015 summer competition and the 2015 winter competition.



Year 10 student James Moloney attended the Australian All Schools (long jump) in Melbourne this week.

RBHS Student - Corey Spiteri Ranked Number 1 in Australia in U15 Fencing

- Corey Spiteri represented the NSW A U15 team and were Gold Australian Team Champions
- NSW U17s 'A' Teams Gold Champions
- Australian Team Champions, NSW U 20s 'A' Team 5th
- State individual, National U15, silver medal finished the year ranked 1st in Australia 2015
- State individual National U17, bronze medal finished the year ranked 4th in Australia 2015
- State individual National U20 bronze medal finished the year ranked 10th in Australia 2015
- State individual National U23 finished the year Ranked 18th 2015
- State Individual in Opens finished the year ranked 25th 2015



Corey now leaves for Europe touring with the U20 and will participate in the U17 cadet competitions from January 4th until 3rd February. We wish Corey the very best in his upcoming competition.

RBHS Northwest Metropolitan Zone Finals Contenders

With only 2 more rounds in the summer regular season the following Randwick Boys' High School teams are vying for finals contention.

Cricket 2nd	2
Basketball 1st	3
Waterpolo 1st	2
Waterpolo 15	3
Futsal 1st Grade	3
Futsal 15B	2
Futsal 15A	4
Oztag 1st	4
Oztag 15 A	2
Oztag 15 B	2

Scott Dyson Represents NSW CHS Water Polo 1sts

Year 9 student Scott Dyson has been asked to represent the NSW CHS Water Polo team 1sts, quite an honour for the 15 year old.



Nivek Tanner CHS Cricket Squad

Congratulations to Nivek Tanner who made the U15s CHS cricket squad for February.



The final edition of the 2015 Newsletter again highlights opportunities for schools, teachers and students to be involved in school sport.

Many successes and improved outcomes have been achieved in 2015 within – the School Swimming and Water Safety Program, the Premier's Sporting Challenge, the Representative School Sport Pathway and the Pacific School Games, the School Sport Unit Teacher Professional Learning programs and programs for students with additional needs.

Much of this success occurs due to dedicated teachers and parents like you in ensuring quality sporting and physical activity opportunities are provided for staff and students. A BIG THANK YOU. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to working with you again in 2016.

P Brown
Sport Coordinator



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Classes resume week starting Monday 1 February 2016

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Transport for NSW



Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who's eligible?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:

- Years K-2 (Infants) there's no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?

Most students or parents won't need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student's school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.

However, a new application is required if:

- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student's personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply

Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.

Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant's email address is required.

If the student doesn't qualify for free travel

They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more

For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.



2016 Year 7–10 Book Packs Have Arrived !!!!!



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