

# Randwick Boys' High School

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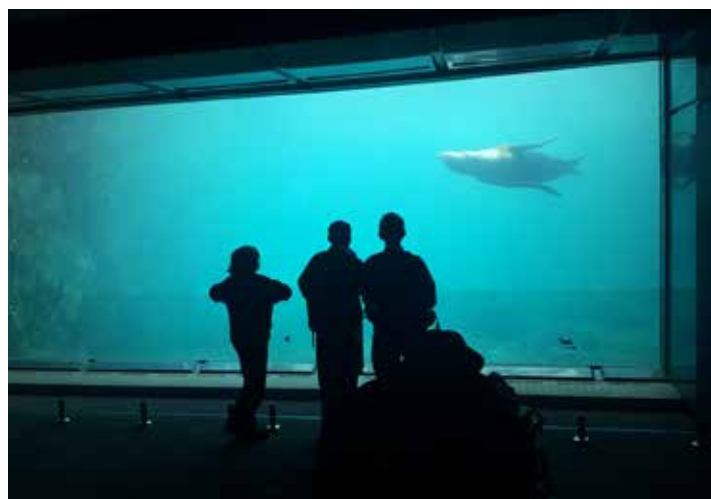
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## Taronga Zoo Excursion





## Leadership Investiture

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 10am will see our new student leaders take the 'oath of office' in an investiture in our school hall.

I would like to congratulate the new leaders and wish them well in their new roles.

I would also like to thank the outgoing leadership group, ably led by Ryan and Steines, who have done an amazing job representing all students and making improvements for all our students.



## From the Principal

Firstly, it is great to be back at Randwick Boys' high School after a period of overseas travel.

I would like to thank Mr Andrew Anderson for relieving as Principal during my absence. From all reports, Mr Anderson did an extremely good job and I would like to thank him for his efforts. Thanks to all staff and students who warmly welcomed Mr Anderson to our school. He thoroughly enjoyed his time here and had very positive comments to report when I returned. Special thanks to Mr Frougas for assisting Mr Anderson with the transition.



## School SHOW

It was very disappointing to miss the 2017 school show 'When I grow up'. From all reports, the students from Randwick Boys' HS and Randwick Girls' HS shone brightly once again. I would like to congratulate all involved – students, staff, parents, carers, friends and ex-students, for making this years' show such a success. Special 'thank you' to Ms Christine Woodward and Ms Maxine Ford for their tireless efforts in ensuring this production was such a success.



## NAPLAN Online

There is some information attached to this newsletter regarding NAPLAN Online Assessment which will take place next week. Please read and, if you need any clarification, there are some links included or contact myself.



L Raskall  
Principal





**COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3**

Week 8	Week B/Events
Monday 04 September	NAPLAN Online Schools Readiness Test Homework Centre, Library, 3:30 - 5pm
Tuesday 05 September	NAPLAN Online Schools Readiness Test
Thursday 07 September	Homework Centre, Library, 3:30 - 5pm
Friday 08 September	NAPLAN Online catch-up tests

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**Arriving at school on time**

The school would like to enlist the support of all parents and carers to ensure that students arrive at school on time before 8.50am each day.

Students are required to be at school at this time in order to attend Roll Call at 8.50am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and assembly on Wednesday. Roll Call involves the roll being marked and important daily information being provided to support students' ability to learn and engage with school. Roll Call is not an optional period – it is a compulsory part of the school day which every student is required to attend.

In terms of preparing students to assume a role in the workplace, punctuality is an important skill, critical to a young person maintaining their employment.

Administration

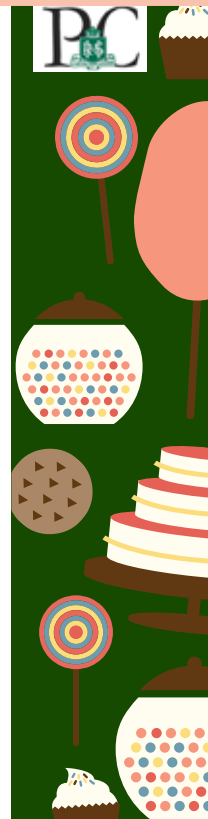
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**Attention parents**

PLEASE ensure your son brings the correct money when paying at the office as we have limited cash on the premises.



Admin



## WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO BAKE FOR OUR ELECTION DAY (9TH SEPTEMBER) CAKE STALL

We welcome all homemade (or purchased) treats!  
Cakes, muffins, slices, cupcakes, tarts, ginger bread men, biscuits....etc  
(Please no cream topping/filling)

Just drop off at the office on Friday or pop it into the cake stall near the office on Saturday 9/9 between 8am and 12pm.

We would also love your help with set up, cooking, serving, pack down.

If you can help with baking or have an hour to spare on Election Day, send us an email to [info@randwickboysspandc.org.au](mailto:info@randwickboysspandc.org.au) or give Birgit a call on 0415 145 108

Thanks!

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# RU OK? DAY

A conversation could change a life.



## The Colour Run

**When: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**Why? To raise awareness for R U OKAY Day and fundraise for The Thomas Kelly Youth Foundation**

### HOW TO REGISTER:

**Please return your Permission and Registration form to the front office by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

## Science NeuRa

As a follow-up from our Science Week excursion to NeuRA, Dr Astha Singh sent us this video, so everyone could see the activities our boys participated in during the Behind the Brains workshop.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rKJkmnJCh4>



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## Parent Survey Opens 21 August!

### The *Tell Them From Me* parent feedback survey (Term 3, 2017)

This term our school, like many others, is participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, the second part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted from 21 August until 13 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

The survey is now available for parents to complete. Please make one response per family. If you have more than one boy enrolled at RBHS, please have one student in mind while answering the survey questions.

This link will take you to the survey portal:  
<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/rbhs1p>

Or cut and paste this url to access the survey.



Nick Benson (Acting HT Well Being)  
Lance Raskall (Principal)

## The Show

Many people have said that this year's show was the BEST ONE YET! This is something we strive for every single year, and in 2017 we believe that we may have actually achieved it.



The theme, 'When I Grow Up', is a poignant one for all of us, and one that is universally relatable. The items that were represented onstage through dance, drama, singing, lighting and graphics included Peter Pan, I Am Malala, Peanuts, The Nutcracker, and the absolutely beautiful story of the Dead Poets Society.

Ms Woodward and I are insanely proud of all of our boys. The group of boys that took part was our biggest in 8 years - 37 boys (including cast and crew). This does not sound like a lot, considering there were about 200 girls in the show, but from our perspective, it felt as though there was double the number of boys, because of how heavily they were featured.



The choreographer and creative director, Alysia Jarvis, and Randwick Girls' Liaison Teacher, Kylie Fagan, both said that they felt this year's boys were the best group they had ever worked with - including throughout all those years of Rock Eisteddfod. The boys were dedicated, competent, committed and easy to work with, making this experience truly worthwhile, memorable (and fun!) for Ms Woodward and myself.

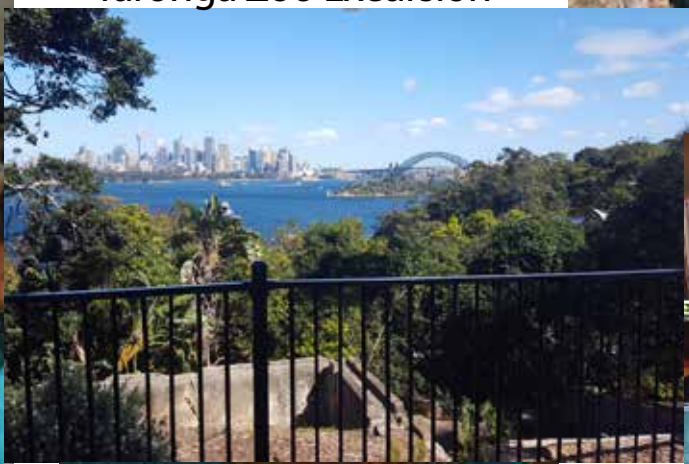
Thank you to the boys, their parents and carers, our principal Mr Raskall, relieving principal Mr Anderson, and the rest of the staff for the support we received throughout the year.



M Ford  
The Show Musical Director



# Taronga Zoo Excursion





# AROUND THE GROUNDS

## Summer sport 2017/18 – Round 1

SPORT	OPPONENT	SCORE	
		RBHS	Other
Basketball 1s	Asquith	53	29
Basketball 2s	Asquith	45	22
Basketball 15s	Asquith	55	22
Basketball 14s	Bye		
Cricket 2	No match		
Cricket 15	No match		
Futsal 1s	Asquith	1	3
Futsal 2s	Asquith	3	10
Futsal 15 As	Asquith	1	7
Futsal 15 Bs	Asquith	4	2
Oztag 1s (2 <sup>nd</sup> grade)	North Sydney	11	4
Oztag 15 As	Homebush	3	7
Oztag 15 Bs	Homebush	12	6
Tennis 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Homebush	6	0
Tennis 14s	Homebush	5	1
Volleyball 1s	Asquith	2	1
Volleyball 2s	Asquith	0	2
Volleyball 15s	Asquith	1	2
Volleyball 14s	Asquith	WIN	forfeit
Waterpolo 1	Homebush	1	6
Waterpolo 15s	Homebush	3	3

## RBHS' season start on fire!

Kicking off the first round of grade sport competition, many of our teams came away with the win. Clean sweeps for all divisions in basketball, they must have brought the heat home with them on their interesting journey back to school. A special mention to a 'cool, calm and collected' coach Mr Halliwell for handling a potentially difficult situation.



Please remember to check the sports notice board every Monday throughout the season to follow the draw fixture. Good luck to all

## RBHS Coogee Beach 'Boot Camp'



Both senior classes in Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation were put through their paces, being pushed to their limits during an early morning fitness session on the sand of Coogee Beach. Our boys experienced a variety of fitness options, that are readily available to them without having to purchase a gym membership.



The 'boot camp' consisted of a combination of traditional gruelling activities, initiative games, team building exercises and individual aspects. A special mention to Ethan Elliott and Daniel Alterator who managed to RUN up the Coogee 'killer stairs' without having to rest.



## Student Athlete Boot Camp

### Basketball 15s K.O 'final 8 - Central Venue Day'

The under 15s basketball boys have been convincing winners throughout the early stages of the Sydney North knock out competition, defeating Cherrybrook Technology High School and Lisarow High School. Progressing to the 'final 8' central venue carnival held at Scholastic Sports Stadium, our boys fought hard in both games, coming away with one win against Mosman High School. The team showed character by being gracious in defeat and playing hard to the final whistle against a well-drilled Pennant Hills side.



## SPORTS QUOTE OF THE WEEK



P Noreika  
Sport Coordinator

To our wonderful sponsors,  
thank you for believing in  
our journey and supporting  
the show for 2017.





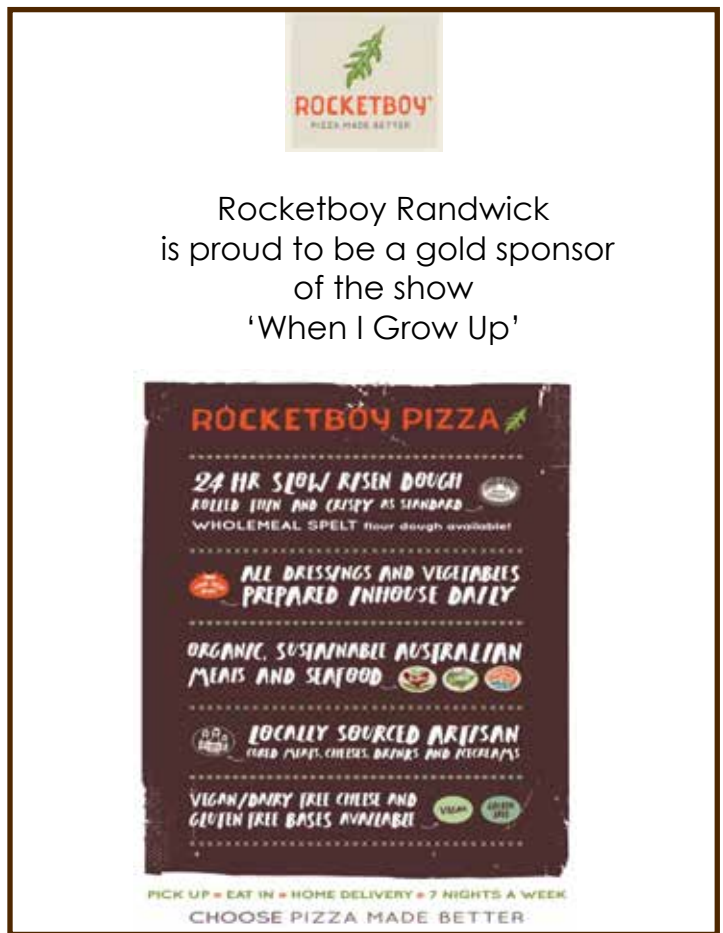
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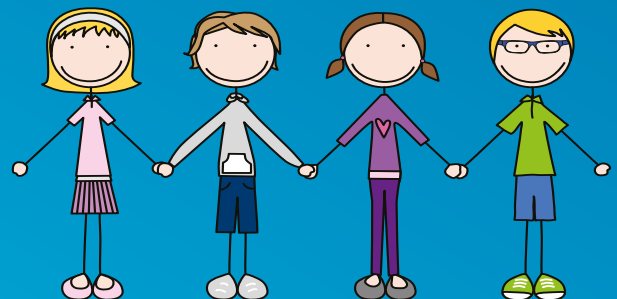


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# WHEN I GROW UP



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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Randwick Boys' High School prides itself on the opportunities it provides to all of its students to reach their potential, to understand their worlds and to reflect on their experiences.

**R U Okay Day** is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September. This year we are raising funds for the *Thomas Kelly Youth Foundation*.

The aim of the *Thomas Kelly Youth Foundation* is to foster behavioural change in young people in order to create a safer and healthier community. The initiative is all about looking after yourself, your family and even strangers. The Thomas Kelly Youth Foundation also launched the **Stay Kind** initiative this year, in memory of Stuart Kelly, who can be remembered for his continued support and kindness to his brother, Thomas. We believe that R U OKAY Day is an ideal opportunity to raise funds for this important foundation.

It is our responsibility to seek permission for your child to participate in the **School Colour Fun Run**.

All measures have been taken to ensure that this event is safe for all students. There will be various colour powder stations throughout the course as students complete laps of the school oval being blast with colour!

The volunteers will do their best to throw the powder at the torso, however wind and other factors can cause the powder to protrude on the face. For this reason, included in the cost of registration is a pair of protective sunglasses.

The colour powder used in the event is non-toxic, biodegradable and environmentally friendly consisting of 98% corn starch and 2% food colouring. It will likely washout of your son's clothing, however we recommend that your son brings to school a white shirt that you don't mind being coloured. That's what the event is all about! Based on the toxicology profiles of the powders used, their concentrations in the formulation and the mode of use of the products poses a low level of toxicology risk. The product is considered safe for use.

For those parents and guardians who consent for their child to participate in the event, DON'T FORGET to bring a white shirt and a towel to school before the event.

Get ready for a **BLAST OF COLOUR** and thanks in advance for your support! Happy fundraising!

Please complete the consent form on the back of this letter and return the form along with your **\$15 Registration Fee** to the front office or online [www.randwickb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school](http://www.randwickb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school) and select the 'Make Payment' option, no later than **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 2017**.

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Andrew  
Relieving Principal

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Leah Pappin  
Head Teacher Well-Being





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## SCHOOL COLOUR FUN RUN - PARENT CONSENT AND REGISTRATION FORM

I, give my son / s ..... from to participate in the School Colour Fun Run in order to raise funds for the *Thomas Kelly Youth Foundation*.

I understand my son will need to bring a white t-shirt and towel for the event.

I have discussed appropriate and safe behaviour with my son in relation to this event.

**Parent Signature:** ..... **Date:** .....

### Student Registration:

<u>Student Name:</u>	<u>Year:</u>	<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>House</u>





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## 2017 RBHS NAPLAN Online Readiness Test

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

From 2018, NAPLAN will be undertaken by students online. It is a requirement for all schools to complete an online 'Readiness' test to ensure that schools can efficiently run NAPLAN next year. Year 7 and 9 students will be involved in the Readiness Test, and will attempt a writing test and 'omnibus' test involving a combination of language conventions, reading and numeracy.

It is important to know that the results from these tests will not be recorded; the test is only required to test Randwick Boys' High School's capacity to run the online NAPLAN tests.

Please see the attached information from NESA for further clarification.

The schedule of the RBHS readiness tests is as follows:

Date/Period	Test
Monday 4/9 Periods 1 and 2	Yr 7 Writing
Monday 4/9 Periods 5 and 6	Yr 9 Writing
Tuesday 5/9 Periods 1 and 2	Yr 7 Omnibus
Tuesday 5/9 Periods 3 and 4	Yr 9 Omnibus
Friday Periods 1 and 2	Catch up tests

Students are requested to bring with them a set of headphones to the test if at all possible as students will need to hear aspects of the examination being read.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated support with this issue. If you require additional information, please contact me by telephone on (02) 9399 3122.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Emma Payne

Head Teacher English

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# Fact sheet for parents and carers

**The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.**

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## What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

### Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

### Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging\*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

\* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

## NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

**NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.**

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

## For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>



## Frequently asked questions

### Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

### How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

### How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment\* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

*\* Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.*

### When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

### How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

### Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.





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# ***Tell Them From Me* parentsurvey** **Frequently Asked Questions (parents and carers)**

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

## **1. What is the Partners in Learning parent survey?**

The Partners in Learning parent survey is part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys on student engagement. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school.

The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the parent point of view at the school and system levels. The focus of this NSW survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

## **2. What kind of questions will the survey ask?**

The survey questions aim at understanding parents' perspectives on their child's experience at school, including teaching, communication and the school's support of learning and behaviour. The survey also aims to understand parents' perspectives on activities and practices at home related to their child's learning.

The survey will ask parents questions about:

Parents feel welcome	Parents are informed	Parents support learning at home	Parents participation at school
School supports positive behaviour	Safety	Inclusion	School supports learning

## **3. How have schools been selected to take part?**

The survey is open to all NSW government schools at no cost to them. Your school has decided to participate.

## **4. How will taking part in this survey benefit my child's school?**

The parent survey provides school principals and school leaders with parents' perspectives on their school as well as learning at home. Communication between parents and staff, activities and practices at home, and parent views on the school's support of learning and behaviour help build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements.

Data collected from the survey responses are quickly compiled into reports for school leaders. Principals can then use this information to help them identify emerging issues and plan for school improvement.

## **5. How does the parent survey relate to the student survey?**

The parent survey is complementary to the *Tell Them From Me* student survey that your child may have been asked to complete. These surveys are offered (along with a teacher survey) to ensure schools can capture the views of students, teachers and parents.

For more detail on each of the surveys, see the survey website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

## **6. What do I need to do to participate in the survey?**

The survey typically takes 15 minutes and is conducted entirely online through a secure website operated by the survey developers, *The Learning Bar*. You will be provided with a link to complete the survey at home or your school may make computers available so that you can complete the survey during school hours.

## 7. Do I need to participate?

No, participation in the survey is optional. Whilst your responses are very much appreciated, if during the survey, you feel uncomfortable, you can stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

## 8. Will the school be able to identify me or my child from my responses?

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual parents or students from parent responses. To protect parent anonymity, schools will be provided with a single username and password for the school prior to the start of the survey period. This username and password will then be distributed to parents. Data suppression rules are applied to the school reporting tools where there are fewer than five responses.

## 9. What sort of analysis will be done of the survey data?

Once the surveys are completed, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days. School leaders can use the data to better understand the experiences and views of parents at their school.

CESE will undertake state-wide analysis of the survey data in conjunction with existing student data held by the department, including performance data. The results will help all schools better understand the relationship between parents and students' engagement, students' wellbeing, effective teaching and student learning. Results from CESE's analysis of this data will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes. This supports the department's continuing focus on quality teaching and leadership. The data will be retained for future analysis to help us better understand the nature of student engagement and wellbeing over time.

## 10. When will the Partners in Learning survey happen?

The surveys will be conducted in all participating schools between Monday 21st August (Week 6, Term 3) and Friday 13th October 2017 (Week 1, Term 4).

### What is CESE?

The Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) is part of the Department of Education.

CESE has been established to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of education in New South Wales.

CESE will identify and share what works, creating new opportunities to improve teaching and learning across all of education.

More information about CESE is available at: [www.cese.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cese.nsw.gov.au)

### What is *The Learning Bar*?

*The Learning Bar* specialises in research-based design and facilitation of student assessments and survey solutions for both primary and secondary students. The in-house research team led by the President, Dr J Douglas Willms, undertakes extensive projects used in the school system to effect national policy. It is against this research that the survey, *Tell Them From Me*, has become the largest national school survey in Canada, used in nine of the ten provinces. More than 4,500 schools and 3.5 million Canadian students have participated in the survey over the last twelve years.

Dr Willms holds the Canada Research Chair in Literacy and Human Development and played a lead role in the development of questions on student engagement for the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

More information about *The Learning Bar* is available at: [www.thelearningbar.com](http://www.thelearningbar.com)

If you have any questions about the parent survey, please contact CESE via email: [TTFM@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:TTFM@det.nsw.edu.au) or by telephone: 9561 8056 / 9561 8370.





## Free Effective Parenting Course



This **five** week course is facilitated by experienced clinicians specializing in adolescent development and behavior. The course will assist parents to build stronger parent-child relationships and better manage and understand their adolescent's behavior. **This is a skills building and educational program only.** Places book out well in advance as we prefer to keep spaces limited.

"This course is one of the MOST beneficial things we have done as parents- everyone should be taught these strategies/knowledge. Totally needed in the community"

"Both facilitators were extremely knowledgeable and generous with their information. It was great to have practical experience to reinforce the theory. I thought the content was pitched correctly to the target audience. Great service and felt privileged to have access to it"

"Absolutely life changing for me! Already recommended it to a few people"

### TOPIC AREAS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Understanding your child - adolescent development
- ✓ Reflecting on your parenting - the impact of various parenting styles
- ✓ Setting limits and boundaries that stick
- ✓ Effective communication and conflict resolution strategies
- ✓ Practical strategies for building resilience in your children
- ✓ Special topics: alcohol and other drugs, sex, mental health and enhancing internal regulation

### WAYS/BONDI BEACH

63A Wairoa Ave North Bondi

**DATE:** Mondays from Monday Nov 13th -  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of December

**TIME:** 6PM - 8PM

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E. [daniel@ways.org.au](mailto:daniel@ways.org.au)

Please call and speak to Daniel or Michal to register or to enquire