

Randwick Boys' High School

Guiding Young Men to Success

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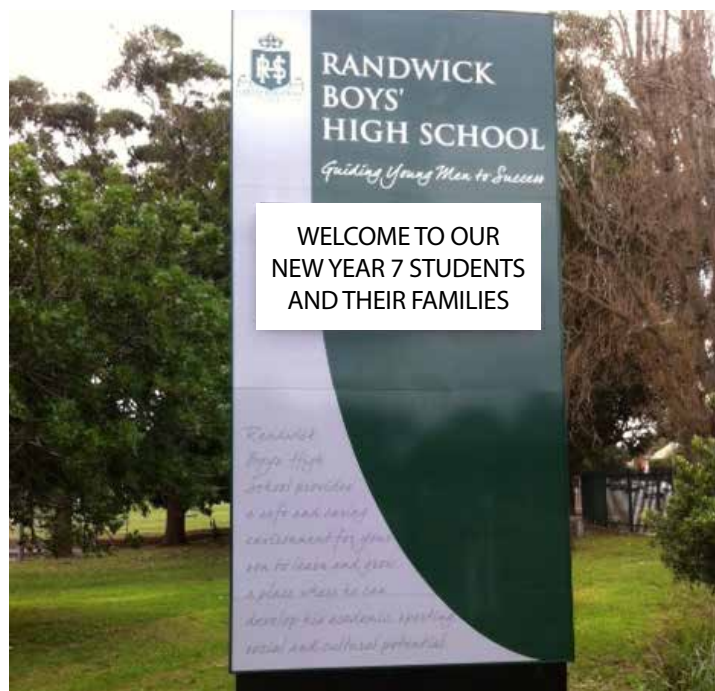
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Welcome Year 7 students





From the Principal

Welcome

I would like to welcome all staff, students and parents to the 2018 school year. I trust everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday period. Students need to be engaged in their learning from Day 1, 2018. Success is a habit and being committed to learning starts immediately and is then easier to maintain. Progressing from one year group to the next is not guaranteed and certain requirements, both at school level and with NESA, need to be achieved. I implore all students to do their best in every classroom activity, piece of homework, assignment, assessment and exam as well as extending those efforts to all the co-curricular activities on offer at our amazing school. I have reminded Year 7 to 'get involved' in ALL co-curricular activities, as they may have talents in areas they have never experienced. I extend that invitation to all students in all Year groups!



A special welcome to all Year 7 students and parents. You are now a part of our school community and our boys are now "Randwick Boys". It is a badge of honour that we encourage them to wear with pride and to uphold our strong traditions and positive reputation in the school and wider community at all times.

I would like to extend a welcome to all new students and parents in other year groups as well. You have chosen a fantastic learning environment, one that is constantly improving. Welcome!



Year 12 – (All) Class of 2017

Our outgoing Year 12 students visited Randwick Boys' High School on the last day of Term 4, 2017, to share their ATAR results that they had received that morning. A great number of students were very excited and proud to share their ATAR'S with staff and their classmates. Over 83% of the class of 2017 were thrilled to share the news that they had been offered placements at various universities across Australia. We are extremely proud of our Year 12 students and their amazing successes not just in the HSC but as fine young men! Well done to the class of 2017.



Uniform

It is wonderful to see all students wearing our uniform proudly from day 1. It is vital that all students wear Black leather, lace up shoes for many reasons, including safety in the Science Labs and TAS workshops.

I must admit that it is disappointing that our uniform provider 'LOWES at Eastgardens' have underestimated the number of Randwick Boys' High School students looking to purchase new uniforms for the 2018 school year. I attended the shop on Wednesday afternoon and have met with our contact at Lowes and they have assured me that all orders will be provided in 1 week. If you need any part of our school uniform, please contact them directly or order online. The online order can also be completed by staff in the store.



Lockers

We are investigating the number of student lockers that we have in the school in 2018. Traditionally, we have had enough for demand. This year, many more students are looking at 'renting' a locker. If demand does exceed numbers, we will purchase more lockers. Please be patient if you have requested a locker.



Upcoming events

Swimming Carnival – Thursday 8th February (see details in notes that your son has been provided).

Meet the Teacher and Year 7 ‘Welcome BBQ’ – Tuesday 27th February from 5pm.

Open Night – Tuesday 6th March (details to follow)



Finally, have a great Term 1 and I look forward to seeing many of our parents at the first P & C meeting of the year, Tuesday 20th February in our staff common room at 7pm.



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Principal

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| COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1 | |
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| Week 2 | Week A/Events |
| Thursday 08 February | Swimming Carnival, Des Renford Pool, Maroubra |
| Friday 09 February | Excursion: Yr 11, Visual Arts, Art Gallery NSW, 11:15am - 3:15pm |

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Swimming Carnival



Where: Des Renford Pool, Maroubra
When: Thursday, 08 February, 9am - 2:30pm

\$10 for bus from and back to school or make own way to and from venue. Final payment for bus on Tuesday 06 February.

\$5 entry fee to pool for all.

All students are expected to participate.



Early Leavers from School

From time to time, students are required by their parents to leave school early. On all occasions, we require written authorisation from parents to be able to approve this. This is especially important on sport afternoons (Wednesdays) when large numbers of students are off site at different venues.

Students should bring their parental letters to the Deputy to get signed. Letters are then taken to the rolls office where the early leave is logged on our system.

Administration

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P&C Welcome



The P&C would like to welcome all new and returning families. I am sure you have noticed our brand new basketball courts. The refurbishment was partly financed through a local government grant that the P&C secured. Our special thanks goes to our local state member Bruce Notley-Smith.

We are looking forward to another productive year and invite you all to come along to our meetings on every third Tuesday of the month to find out how you can make a contribution to your son's learning environment.

Upcoming key dates:

13th February, 6:30pm to 8pm: Keith Whelan 'The Grants Guy' will speak about available corporate and government grants

20th February, 7pm: P&C meeting

27th February, from 5pm: Teacher Meet & Greet with P&C BBQ

For more info, please email info@randwickboyspandc.org.au.

Birgit Schickinger
P&C President

Year 7 welcome and parent morning tea





Year 7 clap-in





Dear School Community,

From next year, your Parents and Citizens' Association is introducing a **voluntary, annual contribution**.

We realize that most parents with children in high school are extremely time poor, have busy working and social lives and can't always contribute as much time to fundraising events as they would like to. We understand.

The P&C at Randwick Boys' High School has a say in school matters. We offer our views on school planning, sit on merit selection panels for classroom and executive positions and provide an open and inclusive forum to all existing and new families. We are active in the community with our wonderful student leaders at the forefront. Because we care.

We will still cook sausages on the BBQ and enjoy Trivia nights etc, but we believe it is the right time to introduce another way of supporting us and our school. Randwick Boys' High School offers our sons a quality education, however we all have a chance to contribute if we want to offer our sons even more than that.

A major basketball court upgrade is about to start - one example of a project that is co-funded by the P&C. Soon, we will investigate air conditioning in the hall, another co-funded effort. The focus of our fundraising for the next couple of years will be the installation of a state-of-the-art STEAM room or Maker Space, complete with laser cutter, 3D printer, robotics etc. STEAM subjects like Science, Maths and Technology have always been a stronghold at Randwick Boys' High School - we want to lift the standard to 21st Century learning - but we would like to ask for your support.

The P&C contribution is **annual and voluntary**. We appreciate every little bit and would like to thank you in advance.

Our **suggestion** is an **annual P&C contribution** of

- \$50 for one son
- \$70 for two sons
- \$90 for three sons

Of course you are **welcome to pay more or less** than the suggested amount.

You will see the **P&C contribution as an item on your son's invoice** early in Term 1 next year.

If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to contact us on info@randwickboyspandc.org.au.

The P&C and all Randwick Boys' students thank you for your generous support.

Birgit Schickinger
P&C President

Lance Raskall
Principal

Notification of night work – Randwick

In planning for Tomorrow's Sydney we are building a new light rail line to provide modern, reliable and sustainable public transport that will transform services from Circular Quay and the CBD, to Kingsford and Randwick via Surry Hills, Moore Park and Kensington.

Standard work hours are Monday to Friday 6am to 6pm and Saturday 8am to 5pm. This notification is for approved work that falls outside the standard working hours. This work will be carried out on the below dates and times to minimise disruption to traffic and to maintain the safety of construction work, residents, businesses and the general public.

Details of work activities

Work will take place at the following locations and times:

- **High Street, between Avoca Street and Wansey Road, nearby streets and cross-streets**
Thursday 1 February to Wednesday 28 February 2018, 6pm to 5am.

Work will generally occur Sunday to Thursday nights, and from 8am to 5pm on Sundays. Work may occur on Fridays and Saturdays nights where required. Impacted stakeholders will be notified.

Activities involve geotechnical investigations (surveying and potholing), utility investigation, protection and relocation, heritage work, vegetation works (including tree protection, trimming, mulching, relocation and removal of trees and shrubs), movement of ground fill, excavation and ground stabilisation work, trenching, concrete pours, pavement work (includes asphaltting, footpath and pedestrian crossing relocation, line marking and removal, median strip removal, kerb and gutter work), overhead wiring installation, road reinstatement, track construction, stormwater installation, pile foundation installation, track work (includes rail preparation work, concrete pouring, rail delivery, rail/track installation, surveying, welding, saw cutting and surface finishing), setting up traffic signals and signage.

Please note: Work may also take place on nearby streets and cross streets including Botany Street, Eurimbla Avenue, Hospital Road, Blenheim Street, Clara Street, Wansey Road, Belmore Road and Avoca Street for a distance of up to 50m from High Street. Work may also occur up to 200m west on High Street from Wansey Road.

You may experience some noise and vibration during this work. High noise activities such as saw cutting and jackhammering will not take place for more than two consecutive nights at the same area (weather and traffic permitting). Mitigation measures such as noise blankets will be used to minimise impacts as much as possible.

Equipment and vehicles used for this work may include radar detection and survey equipment, concrete trucks and pumps, concrete vibrators, flood lights, vacuum excavation trucks, coring and drilling machines, excavators, cranes, saw cutters, road grinders, tipper trucks, elevated work platforms, winches, generators, hand tools, water carts, semi-trailers, chainsaws, street sweepers, spray seal trucks, lighting towers, traffic signage, barriers and traffic control vehicles.

Traffic and pedestrian changes

For the latest information on traffic conditions, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Some side street parking may be temporarily removed at night work where required for these works.

Work will involve some lane and footpath closures and minor diversions under traffic management. Some minor traffic delays may be experienced. Where required, traffic control will be in place to direct motorists and pedestrians safely around the operations. Access for emergency services and local residents will be maintained at all times.

Contact information

- 24-hour Construction Response Line for urgent enquiries or complaints: **1800 775 465**
- General project enquiries: **1800 684 490 or projects@transport.nsw.gov.au**
- Current construction notifications: www.sydneylightrail.com.au

To receive regular project updates, please provide your contact details to SLRCommunity@acciona.com.au



This document contains important information about public transport projects in your area. If you require the services of an interpreter, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask them to call Transport Projects on (02) 9200 0200. The interpreter will then assist you with translation.

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Promotion—In cases where boys do not qualify for promotion, it is necessary for them to repeat the year in order to learn the groundwork which has been missed. This is not necessarily a mark of disgrace and both parents and pupils should look on a repetition as a second chance which will provide an excellent opportunity to secure a good foundation for future development.

Decisions on repeating are reached only after most thorough consideration, and it is felt that attempts by parents to have these decisions modified are not in the interests of the boys concerned.

Where the position is not clear, the pupil is placed on probation. This means that he will be temporarily promoted for a period of about six weeks, after which time a review will be taken and the decision made.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Regular attendance at school is not only compulsory by law up to the age of 15, but also a condition of the granting of the Intermediate Certificate and of the School Certificate. No pupil whose attendance is irregular can make satisfactory progress in the school.

On returning to school after an unavoidable absence, the pupil must furnish to his class patron a signed and dated note from his parent or guardian specifying the reason for the absence and indicating the period of absence covered by the note.

A note will normally be sent to the parent or guardian after a pupil has been absent for more than two days without explanation, indicating the period of absence and asking for the reason. In their own and their children's interests, parents are requested to attend promptly to these matters and to avoid authorising avoidable absences from school.

PREFECTS

At the end of each year a number of senior boys, selected by their fellow-students and the staff, are appointed as prefects. They are invested with authority to assist the staff in the supervision of other pupils outside the classroom. The prefects wear special badges and are expected to take a considerable measure of responsibility for the tone and good order of the school.

In order to train promising boys for these positions, and to assist in the ultimate selection, groups of boys are appointed for limited periods during the year as supervisors to assist the prefects in their work.

GUIDANCE

The choosing of a suitable vocation is one of the most important and difficult problems that concern all parents and pupils. The importance of a correct decision cannot be over-emphasised. To assist in arriving at a wise decision, a qualified teacher is appointed Careers Adviser. This teacher, in conjunction with the staff, attempts to assess the potentialities of each individual pupil, and makes recommendations accordingly.

In addition, experienced vocational guidance testers visit the school each year and, after a series of tests, make their findings available to parents.

Finally, a district School Counsellor is in attendance at the school one day per week to advise pupils and parents where special difficulties are encountered in the planning or carrying out of the boy's school course.

SCHOOL RULES

Instructions to New Pupils

Familiarise yourself with the following rules, which are formulated for your guidance and protection. Ignorance of the rules is no excuse. Please co-operate by observing them at all times.

1. Be punctual at all times. Late boys must report to the Secretaries and have their names recorded.

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2. Movement to and from classrooms must be quiet and orderly. Outside paths are to be used as much as possible. No class is to enter the gymnasium or the Library except under the supervision of a teacher, and no boy is to enter these places without a teacher's permission.

3. Tables and chairs must be arranged in the proper fashion at all times.

4. Misconduct on buses will result in confiscation of passes by traffic officials. Strong official action will be taken where warranted.

5. School uniform is obligatory. Dress and hair-styles in bad taste will not be tolerated. Please conform to the simple requirements.

6. Pupils are to remain on school premises during school hours, unless they have a lunch pass. These may be obtained from the Deputy-Principal either for a single day or for use throughout the year, on production of a note from the parent giving full particulars.

7. Use only those parts of the buildings and grounds which you are told to use. You are supervised by teachers and prefects for your own protection. You must obey their instructions.

8. Litter must not be left in or around the school. *Each pupil will be held personally responsible for any litter near him at any time.*

9. First-class toilet conveniences are provided. These are to be kept clean and tidy and pupils are not to linger in or near them.

10. All boys must attend religious instruction at the time set for their particular denomination. Boys exempted at the request of their parents must study.

11. All boys require white shorts and singlet for P.E. and athletics practice. They are required to use the showers after strenuous exercise.

12. Bicycles ridden to school must be left in the bicycle shed and should be safely locked. Loss of bicycles or parts are your personal responsibility. Don't linger near the bicycle shed longer than is necessary. No bicycle is to be ridden in the school grounds.

13. No boy is permitted to be in classrooms before school commences nor during recess or lunch periods. Guard against theft—carry your valuables with you. Do not eat in school, except as provided in Rule 15.

14. Lockers may be used only on entering or leaving the building on the way to or from classes.
15. Corridors are to be used only when entering or leaving classrooms, and in wet weather during recess and lunch-time.

16. Between lesson-periods, when no teacher is present, you must be engaged in private study and maintain order and silence.

ASSEMBLIES

General assemblies are held regularly on Thursdays after morning recess, and at other times as required. Five blasts on the siren signal a General Assembly. Otherwise three blasts are given to signal the resumption of classes, and pupils proceed as follows:

Classes going to "F" or "G" Blocks assemble on concrete area at entrance to these Blocks.

Classes going to "A", "B" or "C" Blocks assemble between "A" and "C" Blocks.

Other classes proceed directly to rooms.

CONDUCT

A high standard of conduct is expected and demanded of pupils of Randwick High School. Pupils who are restless in class, disorderly in the playground or badly behaved while travelling to and from school have their names recorded, and repetition of an offence leads to appropriate punishment. Such pupils may find eventually that a reference will be refused or an adverse report made to the authorities when the time comes to face the School or Higher School Certificate Examination. Parents are urged to co-operate with the school by impressing upon their children that bad conduct at school is a very poor advertisement for the culprit's home training.

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