

# Randwick Boys' High School

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## From the Principal

### Welcome to Term 2

I would like to welcome all students, parents and guardians back to Term 2.

The two week holiday period was obviously different from usual Easter breaks; however, I hope families had a break from online/distance learning. It is important for all students, including Year 12, to take a break. Students cannot study 24/7 and are not expected to do so. Taking a break and refreshing the mind and body are very important. As a school, we are obviously concerned about our students' learning but we are also concerned about their wellbeing, both physical and mental. If there is anything further that we can do to assist your son in any of these areas, particularly when it comes to mental health, please let us know.

As previously mentioned, Randwick Boys' High School, in line with the NSW Government, Department of Education and Health, is currently operating in Phase 0 of a managed return to school. Phase 0 will continue next week (Week 2 Mon 4<sup>th</sup> – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April).

From Week 3 onwards, our school, will move to Phase 1, where all students will return to school at least 1 day per week, with all students continuing online learning. Phase 1 will begin on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. At this stage, we do not know when Phase 1 will end and we progress to Phase 2. This will be determined by the NSW Government and the Department of Education, in conjunction with the Health Department. Advice will be distributed to our school community once it is finalised by these external bodies.

Early next week, you will all receive an email from our school where Phase 1 (Week 3 onwards) will be explained and what learning will look like at Randwick Boys' High School. As per Phase 1 guidelines, families can send their child/children to school one day per week. Families who need to send their child to school everyday may continue to do so and no child will be turned away. Families are encouraged to keep their child/children at home for the rest of the week wherever possible. Our initial planning will allow YEAR GROUPS to attend for one day per week.

As an example (AND THIS IS ONLY AN EXAMPLE):

Monday – Year 7

Tuesday – Year 8

Wednesday – Year 9 etc.

This will allow students to reconnect with us, their school, and also allow community social distancing guidelines to be met. We are hopeful that Year 12 students will be attending school everyday from Week 3 (TBC).

Please look out for this email and advice. It will also be posted on our website.

Just a reminder that NAPLAN is cancelled in 2020. NO student will sit the usual NAPLAN exams.

A number of events have also been cancelled:

- Annual Ski/Canberra excursion for History and PDHPE
- Half-yearly examinations
- NAPLAN

A number of events have been postponed:

- Vaccinations (see below):

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee has recommended the temporary suspension of school based immunisation programs with the exception of the Year 10 (including Year 11 catch-ups) Meningococcal ACWY vaccinations. Details to follow, once confirmed.

- High Potential and Gifted Education Program (Gifted and Talented) application process:

HPGE process usually involves an examination, interview and portfolio submission for entry in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10. At this stage, we have postponed the first stage, which is a parent information evening and examination. Obviously, there will be an avenue for students to apply for the program in 2021; however, we are unsure what the process will entail for 2021. Once we are informed of timeframes of phases etc, we can then plan accordingly and inform our wider community. Please go to our website for further information.

- After hours Homework Centre – Monday and Thursday afternoons
- Athletics Carnival

- All sport
- School SHOW (NOT cancelled but on hold, at this stage)
- All excursions
- Our thriving Music programs

The Department of Education is yet to inform schools on:

- School reports – How reporting is to be conveyed and what is included
- Parent/Teacher evenings

#### Higher School Certificate 2020

The 2020 Higher School Certificate IS going ahead. Year 12 students need to be completing their online coursework and submitting for feedback. NESA has confirmed that the HSC examinations will go ahead as usual. Major works in Visual Arts and Wood Technology will also need to be submitted and progress of these works need to be provided to staff. Mr Frougas and Ms Cassar have emailed their classes and insisted students attend school to continue with their major works in Week 2 of this term.

#### Year 12

Two major events in the life of Year 12 students, the Graduation and Formal are still going ahead, at this stage. We are hopeful these two events will not be disrupted; however, that will depend on advice from Health etc at the time they have been scheduled.

#### Upgrade

The Randwick Boys' High School/RGHS upgrade has resurfaced. On Thursday, I hosted our Director, Paul Owens, Dean Slattery, Director Assets/AMU and two new representatives from School Infrastructure. Once again, we walked the school and pointed out what we would like to see in any rebuild/refurbishment/new buildings on our site. They took photos and asked questions and have now promised to go back and develop a model for progress concerning the project. I am hopeful that our school community will be informed of a favourable proposal in the near future. As a community, we have been extremely patient and once again, I ask for your patience.

#### Thank you

Again, I would like to thank our students, staff, parents, guardians and the school community for their understanding at this time and for remaining cautious but not panicked. We will continue to navigate these difficult times together. The current situation will improve, eventually. In the meantime, we all need to play our part in 'minimising the risk'.

L Raskall  
Principal

## High Potential and Gifted Education Program 2021



Applications for Year 7 students to join our High Potential and Gifted Education Program for 2021 are open.

The test originally scheduled for Saturday 13 June 2020 has been postponed due to social distancing guidelines. The new test date will be communicated to applicants as soon as details are finalised.

For further information about our High Potential and Gifted Education Program, please contact the school on 9399 3122 or follow this link <https://randwickb-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/gifted-and-talented-program.html>

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## High Potential and Gifted Program Information Evening – POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The High Potential and Gifted Program Information Evening that was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 5 May, has been postponed due to social distancing guidelines.

Applications for Year 7 students to join our High Potential and Gifted Education Program for 2021 are now open.

To register your son, please contact the school on 9399 3122 or [randwickb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:randwickb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



Louise McNeil  
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## 2021 High Potential & Gifted Education Program Years 7, 8, 9 & 10

Our academically selective program aims to inspire and challenge high potential and gifted students in all areas of their learning.

To apply for our High Potential and Gifted Education Program please contact: 9399 3122

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