

Randwick Boys' High School

Guiding Young Men to Success

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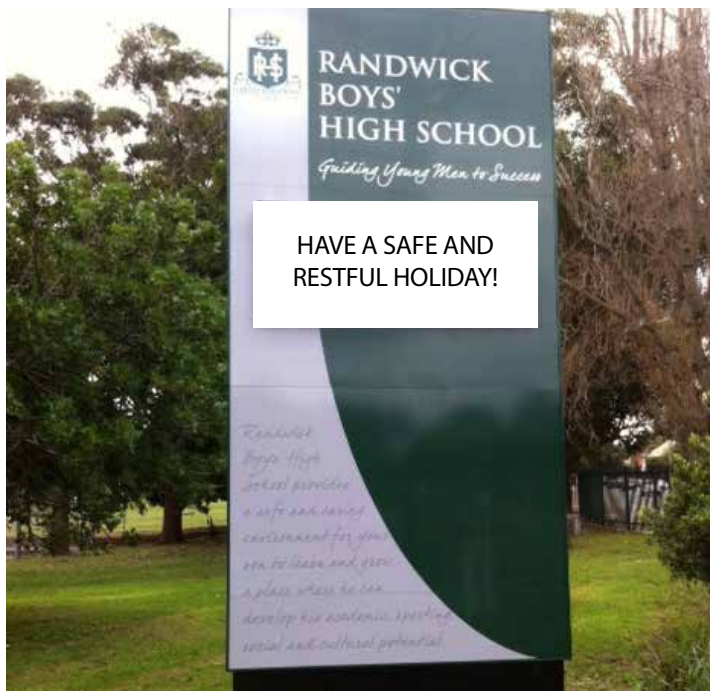
10 December 2021

Year 12 Graduation Ceremony



Annual Presentation and Sport Presentation Day





From the Principal

Safe and Happy Holiday

As this is the last newsletter of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to wish our community a safe and happy holiday. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a superb New Year! Stay safe and well! Take care over the break and enjoy time with family!



Presentation Day 2021

I would like to congratulate all students who received recognition for their academic, citizenship and sporting achievements at the Annual Presentation Day ceremony held last Friday. It was once again a modified event, with no guests. It was livestreamed and will be available on our YouTube channel, shortly. I would like to thank all staff who contributed to the success of the day, especially Therese Betros, Head Teacher Science and the entire faculty, the SAS staff for preparing awards, certificates, prizes and the program. Mr Martin for his ICT skills ensuring the livestream was a success. All other staff who contributed to the event and ensured our students were recognised for their outstanding efforts! Well done!



Year 12 Graduation

Year 12 Graduation was also held last week and was also a successful end for our Year 12 students and their families. Even though we celebrated in a modified way, we were able to send every Year 12 student off with our best wishes, presenting them with a gift from our P & C, the school and their awards etc. We also wish them well at their School Formal this evening!



2022

We start 2022 with over 700 young men in our care! Year 7 – 10 have 120 or thereabouts in each year group. Year 11 and 12 are smaller cohorts, as some in these years decide their futures lie in manual work and take up apprenticeships etc. No student “drops out” of Randwick Boys’ HS before the HSC. They move on to other things where they feel they have a future and are going to succeed. We celebrate all students and support them in whatever endeavour they wish to pursue.

2022 Swimming Carnival

The 2022 Swimming Carnival will take place very early in Term 1. This is due to availability at the Des Renford Aquatic Centre. The date of the Swimming Carnival is Thursday 3rd February (Day 3, week 1).



The start of the 2022 school year is not far away.

Staff return for two training days of Friday 28th January and Monday 31st January.

Tuesday 1st February – Years 7, 11 and 12 return

Wednesday 2nd February – All students return. Annual Year 7 'clap in'

Thursday 3rd February – Swimming Carnival at Des Renford Aquatic Centre

Friday 4th February – All students in classes and engaged in their learning



Lance Raskall
Principal

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COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4

Week 11	Week A /Events
Monday 13 December	Year 12 Formal, L'Aqua, Darling Harbour
Thursday 16 December	Last day for students and teachers
Friday 17 December	Last day for Admin staff

2022

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

Week 01	Week A/Events
Friday 28 January	School resumes for all staff
Week 02	Week B/Events
Tuesday 01 February	School resumes for students in Year 7, 11 & 12 and new enrolments
Wednesday 01 February	School resumes for students in Year 8, 9 & 10 & continues for Year 7, 11 & 12
Thursday 03 February	Swimming Carnival, Des Renford Aquatic Centre, Maroubra, 9am - 2pm

Swimming Carnival



Where: Des Renford Pool, Maroubra

When: Thursday, 03 February, 9am - 2pm

\$10 for bus from and back to school or make own way to and from venue. Final payment for bus on Thursday 16 December. (This includes pool entry)

\$5 entry fee to pool for those not travelling on the bus.

All students are expected to participate.

All students over 12 years old must wear a mask.



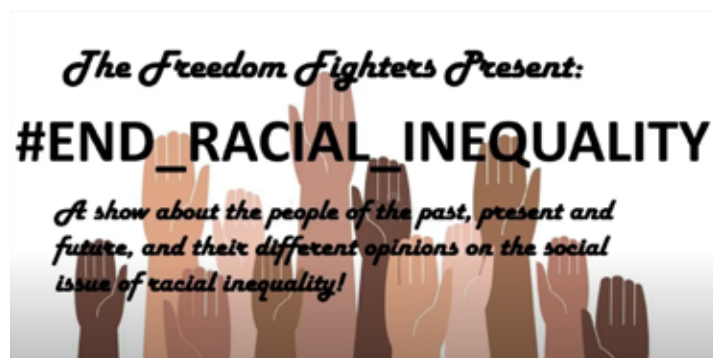


Tournament of Minds

Tournament of Minds (TOM) is a problem-solving program for teams of students from both primary and secondary years providing the opportunity to solve authentic, open-ended challenges that foster creative, divergent thinking whilst developing collaborative enterprise, excellence and teamwork.

Our school has been fortunate to have been provided with this opportunity in 2021, despite COVID restrictions. The boys were introduced to the tournament rules and regulations and asked to express interest in term 2. Then, during the learning from home period, the boys enjoyed regular zooms and sharing of ideas and questions on Google Classroom.

The boys worked in two groups of 7 students, taking on the Social Sciences and Language Literature streams for their challenges. Both teams were very enthusiastic to participate and were eager to win a place in the challenge. Out of the many schools that participated in each region, only one was chosen in each stream to progress to the national level. However, the boys have been awarded with Certificates of Participation and a special mention for having returned to the tournament after a long gap.



These boys listed below are to be commended for their achievement in the Tournament of Minds in 2021:

Year-7

Ryan Allen
Omar Waliuzzaman
Zane Mulley
Alexander Wong
Hamish Shorter



Year-9

Gabriel Ferrer
Mandrake Rosicky
Manas Joshi
Ryan Mondle
Curtis Loughman
Justin Serghis
Parham Mohammad Ebrahimzadeh Sepasgozar



Year-10

Aidan Beck

I hope to continue to facilitate and judge the tournament in the coming years. Again, well done to the two teams for their continued efforts in the tournament.

A Kounsai
AS/Computing Teacher





Randwick Boys High School P&C President Report 2021

Dear Parents and Citizens,

As we approach the end of what has been a tumultuous 2021, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the RBHS P&C to thank you all for your support, courage, and commitment in ensuring the effects of COVID-19 on our young men and boys have been minimal.

I applaud your efforts as we entered the uncharted waters of learning from home and negotiated the daily grind of case numbers and lock down, wondering when it would end.

The resilience and strength shown by our school community empowers our young people as those who are leaving take on a new path and those who are left behind continue their growth and education.

The RBHS P&C has been adversely affected by the global pandemic this year, so our opportunities to fundraise were limited.

We successfully held our first ever online fundraiser, a Mother's Day Raffle, which provided us greater insight for future fundraising activities.

The school book packs were another great success and an initiative we will continue with in 2022.

The P&C Executive and Members continue to work in collaboration with others in the community and I take this opportunity to thank Dr Majorie O'Neill Member for Coogee, the NSW Teachers Federation Representatives, and Senior Executive of the Department of Education; as we continue to lobby for a new school build, better conditions for the teachers and spaces for our young people to develop and further their education.

Whilst this has been a challenging year, we have however also had success in providing greater learning experiences and outcomes for our young people.

The P&C was successful in securing grant funding for Pro-methean ActivPanels, a boost of

\$50k for the supply of technology resources.

We launched the Future Skills Student Recognition program which

is part of our Game Changer Program and it has been incredibly successful, providing further opportunity for students to be recognised for their great work.

Throughout the year most of our meetings were held via Zoom and we extend our thanks and gratitude to Mr Raskall and his team for contributing to our meetings, providing succinct information on opportunities and matters directly affecting our school community.

As we farewell the school year, I would like to acknowledge and give thanks to the amazing people who I get to work with and as they are volunteers giving up their time to assist and promote the engagement of the P&C within our community, their efforts should be applauded, and congratulations bestowed upon them for the great achievements of the year.

So thank you to our Executive: Leanne Bergan, Suzy Forrester, Philip Booth, Helena Whalebone for all your hard work and energy. I would also like to thank our Fundraising Sub-Committee and Gardening Sub-Committee for their efforts and energy, albeit restricted by the pandemic.

To our Year 12 graduates, we wish you all the best in your future endeavours and look forward to welcoming you back as "Old Boys", always a part of the fabric that is Randwick Boys' High School.

I wish you all a safe and festive holiday season and look forward to catching up in 2022.

Kindest regards,

Jason Bates
President





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NEWS



Randwick Boys' High School P&C is a group of parents, carers, staff & community members who work together to provide opportunities for all students at RBHS. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month during school term at 7pm. During Covid-19 restrictions, meetings will be held via Zoom. All welcome!



COMING UP...

- Have a great Xmas & New Year!
- 15 Feb 22 - P&C meeting
- 15 Mar 22 - P&C AGM

RBHS P&C Assoc

BSB: 633-000

A/C: 185 282 738



2021 Office Bearers

President: Jason Bates

V. President: Leanne Bergan

V. President: Philip Booth

Secretary: Suzy Forrester

Treasurer: Helena Whalebone

LOYALTY PARTNERS:

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ELECTION DAY BBQ

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported our Election Day fundraising BBQ. Special shout out to The Bay Bakehouse, Maroubra and to our volunteers: Richard, Ethan, Liam, Rufus, Indhi, Joshua and Adem (SRC), Jason Bates, Philip Booth, Helena Whalebone, Suzy Forrester, Dacre England, Katja Klikauer, Michelle Bradley and Sarah Brill. Awesome work!

YEAR 12 MEMENTO

Congratulations to all Year 12 students who have now completed their HSC!

After consulting our school leaders, P&C purchased a coffee mug for students as a memento of their time at RBHS. We hope they enjoy the gift!



JOINT E-PETITION

Please sign and share our joint e-petition calling for fairer funding of public schools and support for teachers. We need 20,000 signatures!



We acknowledge and pay respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.





NEWS




Clr Christina Curry, Janine Beck & Matt Thistlethwaite MP

KINGSFORD SMITH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to **Janine Beck** who was nominated for the Kingsford Smith Community Service Awards for her outstanding work on the Game Changer Program, Wellbeing initiatives & STEM engagement. Janine has been an outstanding volunteer in our organisation. Her passion and progressive vision for education is inspiring. Janine created and implemented a Game Changer student recognition program focusing on some of the future skills our students will need in the 21st century: active communicator, creative thinker, critical thinker, resilient spirit and thoughtful citizen. This is now well embedded as a school program with many wonderful nominations from teachers each week.

Janine also helped initiate World Teacher Day recognition and more recently, worked with the School's Wellbeing Team on some engaging "Wellbeing Wednesday" initiatives during lockdown. While creating a STEM grant idea, Janine built some incredibly valuable relationships with key university staff, Inspiring Australia, ANSTO, the new Randwick health precinct, Lendlease and other providers who are now very keen to collaborate with Randwick Boys' High School, providing extraordinary opportunities for our students into the future.





\$40

P&C


*items may vary from picture and are not to scale

P&C Book Packs!

Our book packs are the perfect way to get organised for the 2022 school year *and* support a P&C fundraiser!

Book Packs contain all of the exercise books & stationery items on the Year 7 & 8 school list.

Book Packs are now available from the school office





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RBHS Swimming Carnival 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As part of the Randwick Boys' High School Sport Program, your son has been invited to attend and participate in the annual RBHS School Swimming Carnival. Please see information below. This valuable and worthwhile sporting event is an integral part of the sporting calendar and we request your son's involvement.

Date: Thursday 3rd February 2022

Venue: Des Renford Aquatic Centre, Maroubra, NSW

Cost: \$10 for bus & pool entry payable to the office by no later than Thursday 16th December 2021. Alternatively, students can make their own way to the venue and pay a \$5 entry fee collected at the pool.

Departure: Bus departs promptly at 8:50am from school, if making your own way, ensure you arrive at the pool before 9am

Bus Return: To school at approximately 2:30pm, students will be dismissed upon return.

For those students who have paid to go via bus, this bus will depart from school promptly at 8:50am and return at approximately 2:30pm. **Please note that if payment has not been made by Thursday 16th December** (the final school day of 2021), **your son will not be able to travel by hired bus organised by the school.** Following the NSW Health guidelines, **ALL STUDENTS OVER THE AGE OF 12 MUST WEAR A MARK WHILST TRAVELLING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT.** Also, **all parents and staff need to sign in upon entry using the QR code at the venue.**

It is also recommended that students bring food for the day, a water bottle, sunscreen and a hat. Drink breaks will be provided throughout the day and the canteen will be also be open to purchase food. Please do not bring valuables e.g. phone, tablets, large sums of money etc. **Students are responsible for regularly applying sunscreen, wearing protective clothing and hat throughout the day.**

There will be an opportunity for students to swim in a non-competitive environment. The 'turtle lane' will open at certain stages to promote students who attend, encourage participation in the water under teacher supervision. Please sign the permission slip below, if you give your son permission to attend this sporting event and hand it in to the school office with the required fee.

Phil Noreika
RBHS Sports Coordinator

In relation to any proposed water or swimming activities, I advise that my child is a:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strong Swimmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weak to Average Swimmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Swimmer
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Please tick one

☐ I **consent** to my child participating in the identified water / swimming activities.

☐ I **do not consent** to my child participating in the identified water / swimming activities.

Please tick one

I advise that my child requires the following flotation device to assist him in the water:

I undertake to provide this device so that my child can participate in the excursion. I understand there will be a structured non-competitive swimming segment 'turtle lane', to increase participation and encourage students to be active in the water during the carnival.

I give permission for my son to attend the **Randwick Boys' High School Swimming Carnival 2022.**

Student's Name: _____ Year: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Digital Learning Tools for Literacy Workshops

Workshops to introduce & orientate students to literacy support tools embedded in Microsoft Office 365 software programs commenced this week in the Independent Learning Centre. Focus of the workshops are two digital reading and writing tools.

- Immersive Reader: Text to Speech for reading support
- Dictate: Speech to Text for writing support

Skilled use of digital literacy tools will enhance student accessibility to & engagement with their current secondary education program, as well as future post-school tertiary studies, employment & workplace training courses.

All NSW DOE students have free access to Microsoft Office 365 software via the Student Portal for use on school, home & mobile devices connected to the internet.

Enquiries may be directed to Geoffrey Burke at the school.



Immersive Reader

LEARNING
Tools

Microsoft

Making it
easier to read
and write.



Dictate

Dr Geoffrey Burke

Learning & Support Team




Randwick City Library
 a sense of community



Visit our website for more information:
www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/library/SRC
 Enquiries: 9093 6400



10 December 2021

Community Update – repairing the wastewater system and road closure at Rainbow Street, Randwick

Sydney Water's delivery partner, interflow, is working in your area to repair an existing wastewater pipe and maintenance hole, in the roadway at Rainbow Street, Randwick.

The work will commence on Monday 3 January 2022 and continue until Monday 31 January 2022, weather permitting. Work hours will be 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday and 8 am to 1 pm on Saturday's, if required.

So we can complete this work safely, a full road closure of Rainbow Street between Botany and Avoca Streets, Randwick will occur. Traffic management and detours will be in place to safely escort motorists and pedestrians around the work area.

The bus stop in front of Rainbow Street Public School will be relocated to Botany Street, Randwick while the work is in progress.

This wastewater system repair work involves:

- setting up the work area on Rainbow Street (see map below)
- installing a temporary bypass facility, powered by a small generator, to divert wastewater flow around the pipe being repaired. This will operate 24 hours seven days while the work is in progress.
- repair of wastewater pipe and maintenance hole
- removal of equipment and restoration of the work area in consultation with Randwick Council



Work Area Rainbow Street Closure Area (resident access only)

Bus stop relocation Detour between Botany Street and Avoca Street

Sydney Water Corporation ABN 49 776 225 038

1 Smith St Parramatta 2150 | PO Box 399 Parramatta 2124 | DX 14 Sydney | T 13 20 92 | sydneywater.com.au

Follow us on:



What you need to know

We know our work can be disruptive, so we'll make every effort to reduce any impact this work may have on you. You may experience:

Smell



Due to the nature of our work, there may be smells coming from the site. This is normal.

Parking



Parking in the surrounds may be limited as a result of the road closures.

Traffic



Refer to above advice regarding road closures and traffic management.

Noise



There will be some noisy works due to heavy machinery. This can include saw cutters and rock breaking machines. Some residents may also Noise from the diesel bypass generator. We will have controls in place to minimise the impact of this as much as possible

Thank you for your cooperation, patience and understanding during this essential work.

To know more, please call our Community Relations Team on 1800 233 076 or email community.sydney@interflow.com.au

For other Sydney Water repairs or faults, please call 13 20 90 (24 hours). For billing and general enquiries, call 13 20 92.

Yours sincerely

Tony Cilieg
Project Coordinator

Interpreter Service 13 14 50

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إذا كنت تحتاج إلى مترجم، يرجى الاتصال بالرقم أعلاه.

如果您需要傳譯員的協助，請致電以上的號碼。

Αν χρειάζεστε διερμηνέα, τηλεφωνήστε στον παραπάνω αριθμό.

Se vi serve un interprete, telefonate al numero indicato sopra.

통역사가 필요하시면 위의 번호로 전화하십시오.

Nếu quý vị cần thông dịch viên, hãy gọi đến số trên đây.

2022 GERRIC Student Programs

January Online Learning

12-14 Jan 9:00am - 3:00pm Online

Interested in supporting students?

Join us. Limited spaces remaining, follow the QR code for more information and to register urgently



Dear parents/carers,

We are excited to confirm that GERRIC Student Programs will be running online from 12-14 January 2022.

Registrations are now open for both our junior and secondary programs.

Please visit our website [here](#) to secure your ticket now.

Feel free to get in touch with any further questions. We look forward to seeing you online soon.

Best regards,
UNSW Professional Learning Team

Expand your mind in a fun & challenging setting

Our GERRIC for Gifted Students program is offered to gifted and talented students (generally students who are capable of performing in the top 10% of their age-peers) in years 3-10 at Australian primary, middle or secondary school. This is a school holiday program that expands the minds of bright, inquisitive individuals looking for an intellectual challenge that is more demanding and more fun than they may sometimes experience at school.

GERRIC Student Programs open a student's mind to abilities they may not have known they possess. At UNSW, gifted students meet others who share their interests and they are taught by educators who love working in this field.

Six workshops confirmed for our junior programs

We're thrilled to be able to go ahead in January. You will be able to choose from 12 workshops in total.

For our primary audience. You will be able to choose from the following six programs for your child.

To participate in the program, students will select **one three-day workshop** from a range of options in the following years 3-6:

Junior Scientia workshops Year 3-4

- How to Talk so People will Listen with Megan Dredge
- Games People Play with Timothy Huang
- Think Like a Leader! Philosophy, Ethics and Diplomacy with Lucy Birts

Junior Scientia workshops Year 5-6

- Speed Maths for the Creative Mind with James Lau
- Smell, Hear, Touch, Taste, See, Imagine: The Art of Creative Writing with Madeleine Boyle
- Debating and public speaking skills with Patrick Fisher



Thank you for supporting GERRIC.

You can reach out to us at gerric@unsw.edu.au and we're on Twitter! Follow us [@GERRICGifted](https://twitter.com/GERRICGifted).

UNIFORM REMINDER

Randwick Boys' High School students take pride in their school and sports uniforms. It is essential that you wear your uniform correctly at all times, or you will face sanctions.

If you must come to school out of uniform for any reason, you must bring a note from your parent or caregiver outlining the reason, with a date and signed by your parent.

The correct school uniform is:

- White button shirt – short-sleeve or long-sleeve (with logo)
- Grey shorts or long grey trousers
- Green fleecy jacket (with logo)
- Green wool jumper (with logo)
- Green vest (with logo)
- White socks
- Black leather lace-up school shoes
- School blazer (optional)
- School tie (optional)

Correct school shoes:



Incorrect school shoes:



All items are available at LOWES Eastgardens (except for school shoes).

School ties are available from the Front Office at the price of \$16.

The correct sports uniform is:

- Green/white sports polo shirt (with logo)
- Sports shorts (with logo)
- Sports jacket (with logo)
- Green track pants (with logo)
- Rugby/soccer socks (if necessary)
- Sports shoes

All items are available at LOWES Eastgardens (except for sports shoes).

Remember to clearly label uniform with your name.