

# Randwick Boys' High School

Guiding Young Men to Success

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## White Ribbon Day Assembly



## The World Scholar's Cup - Tournament of Champions





## From the Principal

### World Scholar's Cup!

As previously reported, 3 of our students have been competing at the World Scholar's Cup in New York! Results are in and I am proud to announce that out of 250 schools from all over the world, Randwick Boys' High School finished 11<sup>th</sup> in Debating! Two of our students received a gold medal and one received silver. In the collaborative writing section, our team finished 23<sup>rd</sup> out of 250 schools! These achievements are outstanding and we are very proud of our students. Congratulations, gentlemen! We look forward to hearing about their other accomplishments from the experience when the team arrives back next week. A huge 'Thank you' to Mr Benson and Ms Kounsai for coordinating the excursion and for giving their time so our students could compete on the world stage!



### Work Experience for Year 10 students – 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – 2<sup>nd</sup> December

We wish all Year 10 students well as they fulfil Work Experience requirements for the next 2 weeks. This opportunity usually allows Year 10 students to experience the field or fields they wish to enter after completing Year 12 and, for



over 70%, tertiary studies. Thanks to Mr Dimopoulos, our Careers Advisor, for all his work assisting student placements for the two weeks.

### White Ribbon supported by all at RBHS!

Today, we held a whole school assembly to raise awareness of the White Ribbon organisation and the message associated with the movement. We played host to 6 students from Riverside Girls' HS and Ms McNeil, who delivered powerful speeches on the topic. Our students, who organised the assembly, also gave exceptional speeches at RBHS and then the two schools hosted a bake sale. We then ventured to Riverside Girls' High School and assisted with their bake sale and our students spoke strongly at their assembly! Well done to all involved, especially our student leaders who have done a great job coordinating this vital discussion. Ms Fulton, Ms Olsen and Mr Matin also assisted.



### We join Randwick Council and the Step Out, Speak Out event

On the 25th November, our Student Representative Council will attend the Randwick Council annual Step Out, Speak Out (White Ribbon) event through the streets of Coogee and a gathering in the park for the formal part of proceedings. Our current School Captain, Richard Whalebone, will lead proceedings and co-host the event. Thanks to Ms Fulton for organising our participation in the event.



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#### COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4

Week 7	Week A /Events
Monday 21 November	Year 10 Work Experience starts Homework Centre, 3:30 - 5pm
Thursday 24 November	Homework Centre, 3:30 - 5pm
Friday 25 November	Year 10 Work Experience continues



## From the Deputy Principal

Week 6 has brought many things to celebrate! The students, whilst sometimes reluctantly, have admitted that Yondr pouches may very well be helping- it has certainly been wonderful walking around the LOUD playground and watching everyone playing, talking and laughing. Teachers are reporting already that there has been a significant improvement in engagement and focus in class, and the senior executive have also very much enjoyed greeting the students at the gates each morning.

I had the pleasure of attending the Year 12 formal on Monday night. Our young people had a fantastic night, and we were very proud of the way they conducted themselves, especially on the active dance floor!!

The White Ribbon Day assembly this morning was very powerful and our leadership team should be so proud of the important message they effectively conveyed to our school community, alongside their peers from Riverside Girls' High School.

I have been able to visit a few classes this week and witness some innovative learning experiences. Today, Mr Maunders' 8K English class participated in a silent group work discussion, moving around the room to answer reflective questions on their unit 'Adventurous Spirit.' Their responses were collaborative and insightful- well done!

As always, it is amazing to see our young people happy, inspired and achieving in so many ways.



E Payne  
Deputy Principal

## Captain's pick

Dear Parents and Guardians,

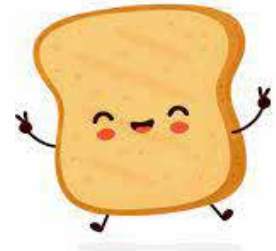
Ties are available for purchase at our school's front office for \$16 (from February 2023), as well at Lowes Eastgardens. Please discuss this topic with your child; it is a great initiative and I would love to see everyone in this uniform. It is important for students to know how to put on a tie and to positively represent themselves and further our school's positive reputation in our wider Eastern Suburbs community.



Richard Whalebone  
School Captain

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## Breakfast club is back!



Evidence shows that eating a healthy breakfast has a positive effect on concentration, motivation and readiness to learn. Breakfast club provides an opportunity for students to eat a wholesome and nutritious breakfast to set them up for success. It also promotes social interaction between students to strengthen peer relationships and creates an environment whereby students can access support from school staff. Lastly, breakfast club can improve student attendance and punctuality.

Breakfast club will operate on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:00 to 8:40 in the K1 demountable and will be facilitated by Ms Simon and Ms Wynn (Student Support Officer).

There will be a selection of cereal, toast and spreads available. Students will be responsible for preparing the food and tidying up after themselves.

We would like to thank the P&C Association for supporting the funding of the Breakfast Club program.

S Wynn  
Student Support Officer

## OneWave talk



## White Ribbon Day bake sale





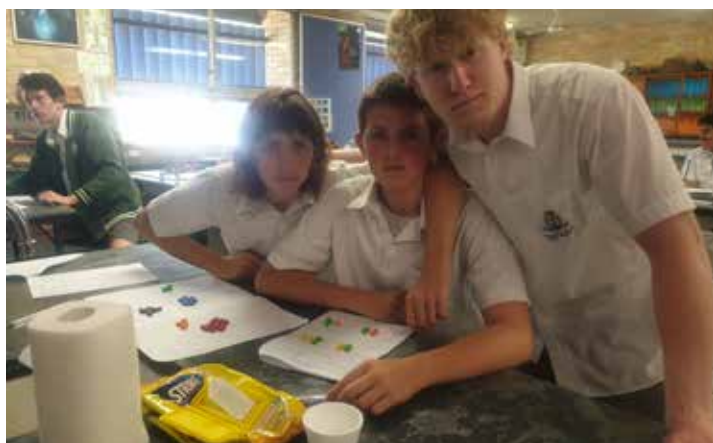


## White Ribbon Day Assembly





## Year 10 Science Chemistry Taster Course



In Science, all Year 10 students have been rotating through taster courses in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Having the ability to balance chemical equations is essential for HSC Chemistry.

During the taster course, some students had the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding by using lollies to model individual atoms.



Arielle Simon  
Science Teacher

## Year 8 Science water posters and models

To begin our new topic on Water, 8SCI3 students have created some amazing posters and models to demonstrate the role of water in their everyday lives.



Arielle Simon  
Science Teacher



## News From World Scholar's Cup, Yale University

Last week's newsletter reported that three of our students have undertaken an exceptional journey to the United States to participate in the World Scholar's Cup Tournament of Champions.

The Tournament of Champions takes place every year at the prestigious Ivy League School, Yale. This university was founded over three hundred years ago and is the alma mater of five US presidents.



Edward walking out to receive his award at Woolsey Hall

Our team of Edward Williams, Dean Foundis-Borrett and Anthony Katz earned the right to represent Randwick Boys', along with only three other Australian schools. Anthony recalled the qualifying round of the competition; "We found ourselves on the edge of our seats at the Sydney round of the Cup, with our fingers crossed and our minds racing. When our school's name was displayed on the board, we couldn't believe that we'd qualified for the tournament held at Yale.



Anthony at the Uzbekistan Cultural Display. Anthony happens to have Uzbekistani heritage under that Akubra

It required such a big effort from all parties, including the school and our parents, but we did finally reach New Haven, Connecticut."

The boys have spent the last week participating in a number of academic challenges, including debating, writing, knowledge and lateral thinking tests, and have enjoyed cultural exchanges with students from across the globe. Anthony said, the competition "featured difficult questions ranging from science and technology to social studies, history, art and literature."



Dean holding fort at the Australian Cultural Display

During the six days of events, our team went undefeated in its debates. The boys undertook a team writing challenge based on a hypothetical legal dilemma. Dean wowed the audience at Woolsey Hall with an improvised rap based on random words suggested from the audience. The team put together an engaging display of Australiana to share with the other world scholars during the cultural fair day.



Last minute studying in the cafeteria of Cooperative Humanities High School, New Haven, Connecticut, prior to the Scholars Challenge and the debating rounds.

Events concluded on 16 November with a Thanksgiving turkey dinner, followed by an extravagant awards ceremony at historic Woolsey Hall, Yale. We were delighted that our team was recognised for excellence in writing and debating. Dean and Anthony received gold medals for their debating and Anthony and Edward won gold for their writing.

Teamwork was an important ingredient in the team's success; RBHS placed 11th in debating and 23rd in team writing out of a field of around three hundred teams from scores of countries. Aside from the fact that the team did not even qualify for our school's first appearance in this tournament until last term, this is an astonishing ranking.



Dean Foundis-Borrett, reflecting on the impact this experience has had on him, said, "If I've learnt anything from this opportunity Randwick Boys' High School and the World Scholars Cup has provided me, it is to sing for the moment (which he did) and to try to catch lightning in a bottle ... This has been a life-changing opportunity. At the very, very least I have tried to lose myself in an amazing, perfect moment."



Painted Warrior (left), the alpaca mascot of the World Scholars Cup, at spitting distance.

By the time this article is printed, Anthony, Dean and Edward and the entourage of Ms Kounsai, Mr Benson, Ms Foundis and Ms Armet will be beginning the lengthy journey home, but not before a brief stop in New York City to sample the culture and history of the metropolis.



Haven, with fellow World Scholars

Yale Art Gallery, one of the many landmark buildings in the Ivy League Town, with Anthony, Dean and a van Gogh.



N Benson  
Wellbeing Coordinator



## Grade Sport Report

This week was Round 10 of the summer grade sport competition. RBHS faced off against old foes Epping Boys' High School away from home for this week. Mr Maunder got one back over Epping, avenging his Puma Cup final loss with a dominant victory over an always strong Epping league tag side. 1<sup>st</sup> grade basketball also recorded an impressive win defeating an undefeated Epping side. Congratulations to all boys involved in grade sport competition.

## Around The Grounds

This week our focus athlete of the week is departing Year 12 student Indhi Kirk. He has been offered the opportunity to participate in the Sydney Swans AFL preseason with the hopes of gaining a full-time contract for the upcoming AFL season. Preseason kicks off on 28 November and Indhi has already been preparing for his opportunity. Indhi quoted: "This is the fittest I've ever been. I am excited to rip in and show the coaches what I can do!". Congratulations Indhi! We at Randwick Boys' wish you all the best on your next chapter.



D Bester  
Sports Coordinator



# PC 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...

- **SAT 19 NOV - P&C Working Bee** 10am-3pm
- **TUE 29 NOV - Pre-loved Uniform Sale** 8-9am
- **TUE 6 DEC - Give Back BBQ** 12-2pm

All Welcome!

For meeting links, please join our mailing list:  
<http://eepurl.com/ggUloz>

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## 2022 Office Bearers

**President:** Casual Vacancy  
**V. President:** Effie Joulanos  
**V. President:** Katja Klikauer  
**Secretary:** Suzy Forrester  
**Treasurer:** Helena Whalebone

## LOYALTY PARTNERS:

**Rebel**  
**The Athlete's Foot Eastgardens**  
**ReCollect**

## CONNECT WITH US



## Congratulations, Leanne!

We are so proud to share that our very own Leanne Bergan, volunteer extraordinaire, has just received a 2022 Kingsford Smith Community Service Award! Presented by Federal Member for Kingsford Smith, Matt Thistlethwaite, these awards recognise the valuable contribution local volunteers make to our community, and, in our opinion, Leanne is a most deserving winner.



Not only has she been a stalwart of our RBHS P&C for the last five years, Leanne's award also recognises her service with the P&Cs of Randwick Public and Randwick Girls' High Schools, the Randwick Precinct Committee, Clovelly SLSC Nippers, Clovelly Crocs and the Clovelly Eagles. In all of these organisations, Leanne has not only taken the lead in high-level tasks like improving governance and accountability, but has turned up, time-and-time again, to do whatever's been needed to make events and initiatives successful.

Leanne is a strong advocate for public education with a keen eye for opportunities and enthusiasm for new ideas. She shares knowledge, upsills and recognises others, and inspires all to be involved. As we said in our nomination, Leanne embodies community spirit and we feel very lucky to have her in our P&C!



The team were there to cheer for Leanne at the presentation ceremony at Randwick Community Centre on Wednesday evening!

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# PC NEWS

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

## P&C Working Bee

TOMORROW! | SAT 19 NOV | 10am-3pm

Only one more sleep! Please sign up **now** for tomorrow's P&C Working Bee. We will be providing light refreshments and lunch, so it will really help us with the catering!

Unfortunately, The Show team won't be able to work on sets this weekend, but there will still be plenty to do! We'll be planting, weeding and mulching in preparation for **Presentation Day** and our **Queen's Jubilee garden launch**, and giving the area around the Hall a general spruce up.

We are looking forward to another **fun, relaxed day** helping our school look its best and would love to see as many of our families as possible, so please come along!



<https://forms.gle/zx64znFILxBHDBTXA>



## pre-loved UNIFORM SALE!

**TUE 29 NOV**  
Year 7 Orientation Day

Only 1 week to go!

Please help other current and incoming RBHS families by **donating** any **clean uniform items** (of any size!) in **good condition** via the School Office for our upcoming sale.

Ties, jumpers, sports gear and shirts most welcome!

Please contact [info@randwickboyspandc.org.au](mailto:info@randwickboyspandc.org.au) if you'd like to lend a hand. Thanks!

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# P&C NEWS



## P&C MOVEMBER UPDATE FOR THE FANS!



Look at those mos grow! This week's P&C meeting gave us the opportunity to catch up in person on the progress of our fantastic **P&C Mo Bros, Mike and Dacre**. Not one to leave the hard yards to others, **Mr Raskall** is also doing his bit to support this important initiative for men's health! Congratulations to the whole RBHS Movember Team, who have already raised **almost double** their initial target. There's still a way to go, though, so please support our P&C Mo Bros. Donations fund programs to promote men's mental health and suicide prevention, as well as research into prostate and testicular cancer and **every little bit helps**. You go, bros!

Mike's official  
Movember page...



<https://au.movember.com/mospace/14852287>



Dacre's official  
Movember page...



<https://au.movember.com/mospace/14867556>



## CLOSEast SURVEY SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON LOCAL PUBLIC EDUCATION CHOICES

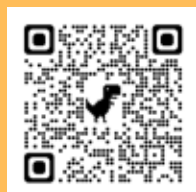
Community for Local Options for Secondary Education East (CLOSEast) is a **parent-led, non-partisan, community group** lobbying on behalf of families regarding the funding of, and access to, public education in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs. They are asking parents and carers across our local area to share our views on public education options in our region in a short **online survey**.

The results will be used to **advocate** for the needs and preferences of our local community with the **NSW Department of Education, State and Federal MPs**, and our local **Councils**. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3M9JSKM> and share with your networks.



## P&C Give Back BBQ | Tue 6 Dec

We're delighted to see the return of our annual P&C Give Back BBQ for all our **students and staff**. This is a **free lunchtime event** held at school, with any donations on the day given to the SRC to fund student-led initiatives. We would love a few extra hands to set up, serve and pack up from **12-2pm**. Please **sign up** using the link or QR code. If you can't come but would still like to pitch in, any donations towards the cost of running the BBQ would be very welcome!



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# PC NEWS



## P&C NOVEMBER MEETING REPORT BACK

After an invitation from the school too good to refuse, we held our meeting this week **face-to-face** in the Staff Common Room. It was lovely to welcome both long-standing and new parents for our **final meeting of the year**. Meeting highlights included:

- As their families finish Year 12, Mr Raskall presented **Birgit Schickinger** and **Michelle Bradley** with a small token of appreciation for their years of hard work for the P&C.
- The President resigned effective the end of the meeting.
- Now that the NSW Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No. 3 Education has released its report into the provision of **school infrastructure** in NSW, we will be looking to build on our previous success by again working with **RGHS P&C** to prepare a response to the report, as well as on advocacy regarding the upgrade project and maintenance at both schools.
- Dates for **Term 1, 2023**, activities are being finalised, including the Year 7 Parent Welcome Morning Tea and Open Night. Watch out for sign up links in the next newsletter!



Thank-you to Michelle & Birgit for their service to RBHS and good luck to Liam, Max & Ben!



## COMING UP...

### Cities for Tomorrow | Costume Party & Sustainable Fashion Workshop | THU 24 NOV

Register now for this fun opportunity for Randwick area high-school students to explore sustainable fashion by designing and creating their own **amazing cardboard costumes**. There will be **snacks and pizza** for dinner, as well as a celebratory parade for those who are game. Come along!

**When? Thursday 24 November at 4:00-7:00pm**

**Where?** Randwick Sustainability Hub, 27 Munda Street, Randwick.

**Cost?** Only \$5. Register at <https://events.humanitix.com/c4i-2022-costume-party>



### Community Galleries, La Perouse Museum | Living Stories by Craig Shepherd



Head to the La Perouse Museum to experience paintings and artworks by local Aboriginal artist Craig Shepherd. A life-long resident of the La Perouse Aboriginal community, Craig's works bring colour and life to old La Perouse, capturing memories of his mother's generation for the future.

**When?** On **now** until Sunday 5 March 23



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# NEWS



Best wishes and  hot tips from the  
RBHS Game Changer team  
a RBHS and RBHS P&C Initiative



## 1

### Make a positive impression

- be well groomed with good hygiene
- dress as appropriate for the company
- be organised - bring a drink bottle, and lunch if need be
- arrive on time and be back from breaks on time
- be polite, with great manners, a positive energy and a can-do attitude
- make eye contact, speak clearly, and be ready to shake hands in introductions
- represent yourself, RBHS and your work placement company proudly
- be reliable and ready to follow instructions, particularly safety instructions
- check your understanding by repeating back instructions and ask questions when unsure
- stay within the boundaries of your role. Ask for help if you have a situation you don't know how to handle e.g. a difficult customer
- if you make a mistake, take it as a learning, but own it and ask for help
- when you finish a task, seek out what you can do next to assist
- keep wherever you are working tidy
- keep your phone on silent and in your bag
- follow up with a thank you communication after your placement

## 2

### Make the most of the work experience

- talk to your parents/carers about your placement and how it is going
- have an open mind to learn and be willing to try new things
- questions to reflect upon when completing your work experience
  - what did I enjoy the most doing and what was most challenging for me?
  - what personal qualities did I get to practice, and what were my strengths and areas to keep developing?  
e.g. reliable, an active communicator, inclusive, collaborative, creative, innovative, attention to detail, a problem solver, keen to learn, resilient, empathetic, respectful, act with integrity, trustworthy
- ask your placement supervisor for feedback on how you went and if they would be happy to give you a written reference for future use
- include in your resume if you are applying for further work experience, after school jobs or employment:
  - school awards and Game Changer student recognition nominations
  - extra-curricula involvement and achievements
  - volunteering and work placement experience
  - work placement and personal references

## 3

### Learn more about you and your potential future career choices

There are lots of free quizzes and resources to help you make decisions on where you might want to take your career in the future, including:

**Quizzes:** Values In Action: <https://www.viacharacter.org/character-strengths-via>  
UNSW STEM focused career quiz

<https://www.unsw.edu.au/science/study-with-us/stem-careers/stem-careers-quiz>

University of Technology career quiz: <https://careerquiz.uts.edu.au>

**Resources:** myfuture: <https://myfuture.edu.au/home>

The myfuture website provides resources to explore career pathways and tools to help you with career decision-making. Check out the My Career Profile and Careers Bulleye areas to think about what high school subjects connect with your potential dream career.

Good luck and enjoy the experience!



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Dear parents and carers,

As we near the end of the year, I want to thank you for your ongoing support and notify you of a date change for the last day of Term 4 classes.

Students will now finish school on Friday 16 December 2022.

This is due to an additional School Development Day announced for staff across NSW public schools.

School Development Days allow our staff to participate in professional learning that was put on hold due to COVID-19 staffing pressures and plan ahead for 2023 to ensure we meet the needs of our students.

With this change, we ask that you arrange alternative care for your child on Monday 19 December.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on 9399 3122.

Kind regards

Lance Raskall

Randwick Boys' High School