



RANDWICK GIRLS' HIGH

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This is the last Newsletter for 2015 and as such is a summary of this year's achievements.

As you know our wonderful Principal of 12 years, Mrs Heather Emerson, retired from the teaching service a few weeks ago. Under her leadership, the school has gone from strength to strength. Enrolments have soared (currently 920 students at this school) and our profile in the community as one of the best public schools has been raised.

Randwick Girls' is often chosen to promote NSW public schools education and the benefits from the reforms initiative. The Minister for Education, Mr Piccoli, came this year to Randwick Girls' to announce additional funding for public schools using the resource allocation model. This money provided a big increase in funding for rural and remote areas, plus money for students with disabilities. On Thursday 10 December we were featured in a video clip with footage of our new Science labs.

Students at Randwick Girls' are taught the importance of respect and are imbued with a sense of pride in our school. Over 65 ethnic groups are represented at Randwick Girls'. In this multicultural environment there is zero tolerance for any racial unrest, and as a result the students work in harmony, and they are encouraged, not only to assist others within the school, but also in the broader community.

Students are encouraged to study hard and to reach their full potential. The students at Randwick Girls' become confident young women, secure in the knowledge that they can achieve anything they set their minds to, as long as they work hard to reach their goals.

In order to do this, there are extension classes, extra curricular activities and trips overseas.

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RETURN TO SCHOOL DATES FOR 2016

Wednesday 27 January
Staff return

Thursday 28 January
Year 7 +
Peer Support Leaders – 9am

Years 11, 12 – 11am

Friday 29 January
Years 8, 9, 10 – 9am

Principal's message continued

These trips promote intercultural understanding and a fluency in foreign languages. A strong relationship has developed between RGs and sister schools in Japan and China. Our students visit these countries on study tours and overseas students are welcomed to Randwick Girls'. This reciprocal relationship enriches both cultures. Pauline Christodoulides and the Languages Department should be applauded for their efforts in organising these opportunities.

From Years 7-10, Gifted and Talented classes exist in each year. Students are challenged by the curriculum in order to perform to the best of their abilities. In Years 11 and 12, extension classes provide a challenging environment should students elect to further their studies in a particular area.

A myriad of extra-curricular activities have been well attended this year, ranging from art, animé, knitting and craft clubs, chess competitions, debating teams, choir and the many dance and music ensembles.

Our school assemblies have been enhanced by items played by the school bands and solo performances. The Jazz Band also performed to an appreciative audience at Heather Emerson's farewell dinner. Thank you to dedicated staff Jenny Robinson and Mandy Posener who have worked with the girls, setting high standards for music students.

One of the highlights of this school year was our school show at NIDA, which showcased our students' outstanding abilities. This year was the 25th anniversary of the Rock Eisteddfod/School Show. The students performed in front of a packed audience of fellow students, parents and friends and teachers, and an extremely impressed Federal Member for Kingsford-Smith, Mr Matt Thistlethwaite. As a result, Randwick Girls' was mentioned and praised in Parliament. This certainly raised the profile of our school in the community. The Show's brilliant creative choreographer, Alyssia Jarvis, ably supported by our very own Kylie Fagan and Jenny Jordan, were able to once again harness the students' dancing, singing and drama skills in a show fit for Broadway.

Two of our talented Year 12 Art students this year have had their Body of Works selected for display in Art Express – Mona and Garnsuda such is the high standard of our Art Department.

Dance students participated in the Bondi District Showcase, Sydney East Dance Festival and the Schools Spectacular. Kristina was selected to perform with the elite State Dance Ensemble, the highest level of dance group from amongst NSW DET Schools and Emily was selected in the Schools spectacular Ballet Company. Caitlin had her HSC Dance recommended for *Callback*, where outstanding examples of both composition and performance based dances are showcased.

2015 has been our most successful year in debating, culminating with our brilliant Year 7 team reaching the final of the Premier's Debating Challenge. They defeated four comprehensive high schools and two selective high schools. A strong debating culture is now well embedded in Randwick Girls' with many students wanting to take up this fine art. Debating has flourished this year, under the very able tutelage of Spiros Kourounis and James Allan.

Our top Year 9 class in English takes on a special project each year – the compilation of the school magazine. This year, under the brilliant guidance and leadership of Leigh Pyman, the final product is magnificent and will be received by students in the last week of term.

Randwick Girls' appreciates and supports the important role of women in Science and encourages students to participate in international competitions and to develop links with scientists working at the University. In this way, students gain first-hand experience in cutting edge technology and scientific breakthroughs. To this end we have refurbished our science labs and provided better facilities for our budding scientists.

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Our talented students extend into the sporting arena. 2015 has been another highly successful year in sport. Outstanding team and individual performances at both carnivals and competitions, combined with the regular Wednesday afternoon program of physical activity, has resulted in all students participating in a range of sporting activities from athletics to zumba. Special mention must be made of Tamsin and Scarlett who have achieved exceptional results this year. Also thanks to our sports organiser, Rachelle Hodder, as well as the staff and parents who make sport an integral part of the educational program at Randwick Girls'.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has continued to flourish in popularity this year, with over 50 students participating in a range of activities to meet the requirements of volunteering, skills development and physical recreation. The bushwalks, held in wilderness areas, challenge the students to be self-reliant, and have again proved to be a rewarding and enjoyable aspect of the award. This program has become so successful due to the commitment of the organiser Bruce Cuneo, ably assisted by Edwina Neyland.

Bruce Cuneo also organises our eagerly awaited Year 11 Jindabyne Camp. In April this year, over one hundred Year 11 students attended the annual sport and recreation camp at Jindabyne. The students participated in a high ropes course, archery, indoor climbing, mountain biking, bush cooking and canoeing activities. The night time activities were also fun, including a trivia night, dance party, games night and the *Jindy* markets. The highlight of the week was the walk to the top of Mt Kosciuszko, the highest point in Australia.

At Randwick Girls' we aim to create leaders of the future and instil in students confidence in their abilities and a feeling of self-worth. Leadership is an integral part of the fabric of our school as evidenced in the role of the Student Represent Council (SRC). Through collaboration and ensuring students have a voice, initiatives that affect not only the whole school, but also the broader community are instigated. This is made possible because of the dedication of our teachers Anna Dovellos, Shirlyn Leong and Jenny Jordan, who guide and encourage our SRC members.

One of the SRC initiatives this year was their participation in the White Ribbon Day walk, followed by an assembly in which the issue of domestic violence was addressed. The message, "Violence against women must be stopped" was powerfully delivered.

As well as their academic achievements, Randwick Girls' genuinely cares about the students' social and emotional needs. An excellent welfare program ensures that our students feel safe, are integrated and function in a healthy, happy environment. Students can discuss any issues they may be facing with their student adviser, the Head Teacher Welfare Annio Xenos, the School Counsellor, the Deputies or a mentor teacher.

Our annual Year 7 camp has been instigated in order to acclimatise students to the school and assist them in making friends. Thanks to the superb organisation of Annio Xenos and Sue Kennedy, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all this year.

Our homework centre, which takes place in the library two afternoons per week, provides an excellent opportunity for students to gain assistance with their work. Teachers supervise whilst former students, who are now at university, volunteer their time to mentor our girls. Thank you to Virginia Blake, who coordinates this activity.

I would like to especially acknowledge one of our parents, Peter Vaneris, a fantastic supporter of our school. He this year has installed a brand new sound system for our MPC and has given generously of his time to in-service our Entertainment students and staff. Our Entertainment girls are behind the scenes at every school assembly and function and their efforts are greatly appreciated. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all the parents who work so hard to create the stunning costumes and sets for our School Show.

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This year we farewell our Deputy, Lance Raskall, who next year will take up the position of Principal at Randwick Boys' High School. I am sure you all join with me in wishing him success on his promotion, but I personally am losing the best Deputy I have worked with and will miss him greatly. Lynette Clarke leaves us to take up a position at Kingscliffe High School, Karli Korkidas joins the staff at St Vincent's, Lachlan Delley is taking up a position in the Maths Department at St Clares and David McCormack will be teaching the boys Maths at Waverley College.

We pride ourselves in the fact that Randwick Girls' is an outstanding state school. It is thanks to the dedication and professionalism of our teachers, ancillary staff and teachers' aides, that students are able to reach their full potential.

The students at this school are very well prepared to meet the challenges of the future and to succeed in their chosen careers. This was evidenced at Year 12 Graduation Night. Our Year 12 students have become confident young women on the threshold of a new chapter in their lives. We are very proud of the 2015 Year 12 cohort and of their achievements. They are shining examples of everything that RGs stands for.

Ours is a school of which we can be proud.

Final year reports have been issued to students and are an indication of their progress over the last 6 months. I wish all a successful year in their studies for 2016.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday. School resumes on Wednesday 27 January 2016 for staff only, Thursday 28 January 2016 for Year 7 at 9am and Years 11 and 12 at 11am, and Friday 29 January for Years 8, 9 and 10 at 9am.

Regards
Dianne Posener
Relieving Principal

Whooping Cough Alert

There has been a large increase in whooping cough notifications in NSW during 2015. A large part of this increase has been among school-aged children.

NSW Health would like to provide information about whooping cough to parents and carers of children attending NSW schools.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with younger children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

THANK YOU & FAREWELL





Well, the heavens delivered for us on this much anticipated day ... the history trip to Luna Park – to further our knowledge of popular culture epitomised in the iconic smile of the face of Luna Park!

We caught the train to Milsons Point station, then shock, horror it was sprinkling rain! Then the clouds quickly dispersed and we were given a fine sunny day, reflecting the happiness of the Luna Park smile!

We were the met by the education officer who delivered an interesting and informative lecture on the history of the construction of Luna Park. He also spoke about the history of Milson's Point and the Harbour Bridge itself. After a great lesson from him, we ran off and freaked ourselves out on all the rides, enjoyed eating their food and played games, whilst recalling the link to popular culture in Australian society. Many of us are visual learners and this excursion helped illuminate our understanding of the significance to us and overseas visitors of Luna Park in Sydney Harbour. A great history day was had by all.

By Tia





SPORTS AWARDS - 2015

Area Champions & Representatives

Trampolining – MEGAN

Rugby Union – NATALIE

15yrs Athletics Champion – SCARLETT

Zone Champions 12yrs Athletics Champion – CHLOE

13yrs Athletics AWD Champion – TAMSIN

12yrs Cross Country Champion – JADE

13yrs Cross Country AWD Champion – TAMSIN

Yr 7/8 GRADE BASKETBALL

Yr 7/8 GRADE SOCCER

Yr 7/8 GRADE NETBALL A

Yr 7/8 GRADE OZTAG

Grade Coach's Awards

Yr 7/8 Grade Basketball JADE

Yr 7/8 Grade Soccer

MOANA

Yr 7/8 Grade Netball NIKETA / IMAN

Yr 7/8 Grade OzTag

NATALYA

Recreational Sports Awards

Basketball: INNAAYA / AMONICA / TAYLAH / JESSY / HERMIONE

Bocce: CHELSEA

Fitness Training: SARA

“Fitness First”: MARINA / NICOLE / LILLIAN JHELISA / LAUREN

Lawn Bowls: MIRIKA / KAITLYN

Netball: ALEXA / HANNAH / KATRINA

OzTag: ELIZABETH / KATHLEEN

Power Walking: CASEY / GIA / ISABELLA / CHLOE

Running4Fitness HANNAH / TIANA / PATRICIA / BERLIN

Soccer: AALIYAH / EZO

Swimming: ELKE

Table Tennis: NASHITA / SARAH / TASMIN / STEPHANIE / JIHEE

Volleyball: MAIA KING-COTTER / ANNA KOROVESI

Yoga: MARIKA / LILY / ANNIKA / CHARLOTTE / CASSANDRA GRACE / SARAH / MINCHE

Zumba: STEPHANIE / TATIANA / DIVYAM

NSW CHS Champions

13yrs Cross Country AWD Champion / Outstanding Performance by a Girls Para-Athlete / Queen Elizabeth Trophy (Best Para-Athlete)

TAMSIN

NSW CHS Knockout/Championship Awards

Basketball

SABRINA / BRITNEY

U/15yrs Basketball

JADE

Cricket

HANNAH

Diving

RIKI / MEGAN

Netball:

ANA

U/15yrs Netball

SHALOMAH / MAIA

U/13yrs Netball

CHLOE

Soccer

LILY

Softball

RUTH / KATE

Tae Kwon Do

KATE

Tennis

YANA

Touch

NATALIE

Trampolining

MEGAN

Triathlon

SCARLETT

Volleyball

JOLYANA

Water Polo

NICOLE

U/15yrs Water Polo

JASMINE

Team Of The Year

NSW ALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM ... JADE, TAMSIN, BERGREN

Sports Achievement Awards

PARIS / JAMIE-LEE / BERGREN / NAOMI / LESRAE / YELIZ JEMMA / ELKE / TAYE / SOPHIA / SAMANTHA

KARLA / JONELLA / LOREN / LILY / OLIVIA

Swimming Performer of the Year

MEGAHN

Athletics Performer of the Year

SCARLETT

Cross Country Performer of the Year

TAMSIN

Team Player of the Year

ANA

“Premiers Award” / Sports Ambassador Award

ALEXANDRA

“THANKYOU”

Ms CATHIE SHERRINGTON

Mr MATHEW & Mrs FIROMENA PYE

Ms AMIE BUCZYNSKI

Ms NATUSHA BOSTON

Ms SUSAN COOPER

Junior Sportswomen of the Year

NICOLE / TAMSIN

Senior Sportswoman of the Year

ANA / ISABELLA / ANNA

House Champions 2015

STOREY

Mr B. KAPLINSKI (House Patron) ANA / ISABELLA (Capts)

House Captains 2016

Bruce

LOREN / LILY

Gilmore

KATE / JOLYANA

Storey

OLIVIA / SABRINA

Turner

EMILY / KELSEY



B. CUNEO (HT-PDHPE)



It has been another great year for chess at Randwick Girls High School with a number of our girls taking part in a range of competitions and the recent annual Scots College Invitational was a great way to cap off the year of 2015.

In early December, a team of six girls **Ellie, Ceyda, Selena, Elysia, Emma** and **Doron** took part in the prestigious Scots College Chess Invitational held at Bellevue Hill. In the competition our girls played rounds of chess against students from many different schools across Sydney. Our stand out player Ceyda achieved four wins out of a possible seven, well done Ceyda!

Many thanks must go out to these girls for their tremendous efforts and determination in taking part in the competition. I would also like to thank **Emily, Alannah, Anisha, Shasya, Kirby, Neha** and **Innaaya** for also representing our school in competitions throughout the year.

This will be the last report that I write as chess coordinator at Randwick Girls High School as I have been successful in gaining a teaching position at another school next year. It has been an honour and privilege over the last two years to assist with the chess club at the school. It has been a particularly gratifying experience to see an increasing number of students join the club and achieve team success, both within the school and on a wider community level.

I look forward to hearing of the teams' future successes and achievements!

Lachlan Delley
Signing out

Youth Frontiers

On Thursday 28 November, Ella and Zoe attended the annual Youth Frontiers Cocktail Party.

The two girls in Year 9 were selected to participate in the Youth Frontiers Mentoring Program this year, which required them to create a civic project. Ella and Zoe chose to design, organise and initiate a postcard project with the purpose of raising awareness of mental health in the RGHS school community, and promoting the message that mental health starts with us.

This initiative was a huge success, raising a total of \$558.70 for Neuroscience Research Australia and earning the girls publicity through an article published in the Southern Courier on 3 November. Ella and Zoe were then chosen from the other nine projects at their school to represent RGHS at the state level.

At the Youth Frontiers Cocktail Party Ella and Zoe both received awards for Outstanding Achievement in the Youth Mental Health category, and were acknowledged for their hard work and their engagement in community as part of the program.



Indigenous Group News

Congratulations to Kim of Year 9 who has been accepted into the University of Sydney Summer School.

Also commendations to Tadisha of Year 8, whose artwork was accepted in the Koori Art Expressions exhibitions and will be shown at the National Maritime Museum from now until the end of January 2016.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2015

Last weekend 15 dancers represented Randwick Girls in the 2015 Schools Spectacular held at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. The students performed in a contemporary item titled 'Dies Irae' and in the finale with a cast of 3000 students. After months of rehearsals at school and the State Sports Centre the performance was finally here. The students performed 2 shows on Friday and 2 shows on Saturday. It was extremely fun and exciting for all the performers.

Randwick Girls had two dance elective students featured in this year's Schools Spectacular. Emily in Year 11 dance was a featured artist in the Ballet Ensemble. Kristina of Year 10 Dance was a featured dancer throughout the show. Both students displayed a high level of dance technique and professionalism. Well done girls you both performed beautifully.

Jennifer of Year 10 was part of the core choir. Her voice was breathtaking!

Thanks to Ms Chapman, Ms Thornton and Ms Hodder for their help with supervision and rehearsals. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all the dancers involved.....

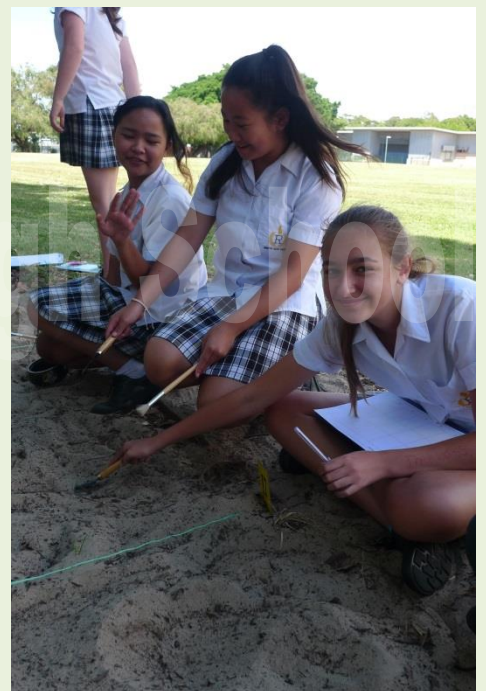
Sarah, Bailey, Kristy, Chloe, Katy ,Matina, Momoko, Sophie, Brooke, Jessica, Niamh, Sylvie, Amy, Sophie and Gina





7SH become archaeologists for a day

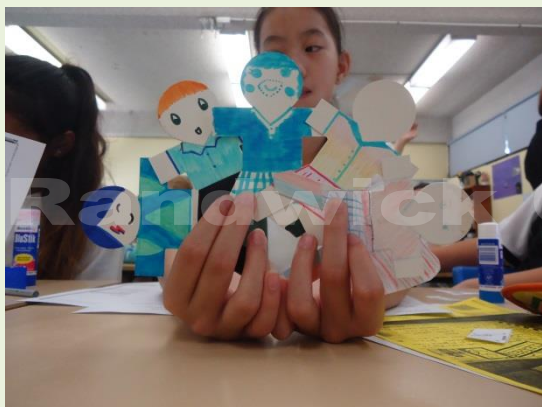
Last Friday 7SH participated in an archaeological dig activity on the school oval. They have studied a variety of ancient civilisations this year and to achieve a deeper understanding the class also studied the nature of archaeology, the people and processes involved, including dating artefacts and the interpretation of evidence. They have also examined the issues surrounding archaeology. The class approached the dig activity in an enthusiastic manner. They were excited to uncover artefacts from a variety of cultures and then interpreted their uses. They followed the process clearly and carefully, ensuring that the “finds” were carefully uncovered then recorded on their “Dig Sheet”.



Year 7 Integration Unit



Year 7 find themselves back in time ...



Creative Arts Notes

Congratulations to Year 12 Art students Mona and Garnsuda who have been selected for Art Express. Mona's work will be exhibited in the Art Gallery NSW and Garnsuda's work at the Hazlehurst Gallery.

Music Night on Thursday 19 November highlighted our ensembles – Concert Band, Choir, Jazz Band and String Ensemble and performers from Years 7 to 11. Congratulations to all students involved.

The Concert Band also performed at Mrs Emerson's farewell assembly on Friday 20 November and the Jazz Band warmed up the crowd at the retirement function at the University of Sydney later that night.

The Concert Band also entertained Year 4 students on Tuesday 24 November and then the students took part in a special keyboard workshop with Year 9 Music students assisting.

Congratulations also to Jennifer on her vocal work with the recent Schools Spectacular.

The Concert and Jazz Bands will do their final performances on Presentation Day 8 December.

It has been a busy few weeks. Congratulations to all involved – students and staff.

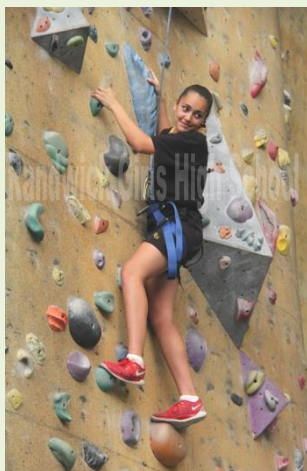
Mrs Robinson
Head Teacher Creative Arts



PD/HEALTH/PE Happenings ...



YEAR 7-10 DANCE students participated in the annual Department of Education & Training's *Schools Spectacular* held at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Thanks to Ms Fagan for her leadership & organisation, and Ms Thornton, Ms Hodder & Ms Chapman who supported the students' involvement in this outstanding exhibition of the performing arts. Thanks also to Ms Hodder & Ms Thornton who organised for a group of students to attend the School Spectacular. In addition, **YEAR 12 DANCE** student, *Caitlin*, had her HSC Dance recommended for *Callback*, where outstanding examples of both Composition & Performance based dances are showcased. **YEAR 9-11 ELECTIVE DANCE** students attended a performance of the dance production *Ochres*, & thanks to Ms Reilly & Ms Hodder for the organisation of this wonderful educational experience.



YEAR 9 HUMAN MOVEMENT students participated in an *Indoor Climbing Session* at the Sydney Indoor Climbing Centre, St Peters, to assist with the development of advanced movement skills. **YEAR 10 HUMAN MOVEMENT** students participated in a *Trampolining Session* at SkyZone, Alexandria.

YEAR 11 PD/H/PE students have improved their understanding of *Recovery Strategies* by participating in a variety of recovery activities including Warm Up/Cool Down, Hydration, Cold Water Immersion, Contrast (Hot/Cold) Water Therapy & Ice Massage, as well as investigating the *Stages of Skill Acquisition* by learning to juggle, cupstack, hula hoop & throwing with their non preferred hand.

YEAR 11 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY students had the opportunity to use the upgraded Sound System in the MPC when they assisted with the organisation of the school's *Music Night & White Ribbon Assembly*.

YEAR 7 PD/H/PE students recently participated in a *Swim School Program* at the Coogee RSL Indoor Swimming Pool. The importance of improving swimming ability is very important, especially when so many of the students at Randwick Girls High School live close to beaches & swimming pools. Thanks to Mr Noreika for his organisation, and Ms Hodder, Ms Reilly, Ms Thornton, Ms Fahy & Ms Korkidas for their assistance during the swimming program.

YEAR 10 PD/H/PE students are starting to think about their involvement in **JINDY** next year, the Year 11 excursion to be held at the Jindabyne Sport & Recreation Centre, situated 500kms south of Sydney. The aim of the 5 day excursion is to allow students to participate in a program designed to supplement the needs of the compulsory Crossroads (Personal Development & Health) course for all Year 11 students at Randwick Girls. The school is asking that all students & parents consider the Jindabyne Camp as a compulsory excursion, which should be attended by all students who can afford the approximately \$500 excursion cost. (*Parents should also be aware that only those students who have shown satisfactory application, attendance & behaviour at school during Year 10-2015 & Year 11-2016, will be permitted to attend*).



School Bus Routes

Please refer to www.sydneybuses.info for detailed school special bus route information.

From the start of Term 1 2016, most School Special bus services will be renumbered to eliminate any duplication of route numbers that may have caused confusion to students in the past.

New bus route numbers for School Special bus services in 2016

Old Bus #	New Bus #	Route
608	620	Randwick Boys & Girls High to Bunnerong & Franklin Sts Matraville
614	625	North Bondi (Brighton Blvd) to Randwick Girls & Boys High
		Watsons Bay to Randwick Girls & Boys High
614	621	Randwick Boys & Girls High to Bondi Jct. Interchange
614	622	Bondi Jct. Interchange to Randwick Girls & Boys High
614	623	Randwick Boys & Girls High to Bondi Jct. Interchange
614	624	Bondi Jct. Interchange to Randwick Girls & Boys High
615	649	Maroubra Junction to Randwick Girls & Boys High
616	652	Maroubra Junction to Brigidine College Randwick
617	627	Randwick Boys & Girls High to South Maroubra
617	628	Randwick Boys & Girls High to South Maroubra
639	629	Randwick Boys & Girls High to Clovelly Beach
643	630	Randwick Boys & Girls High to Railway Square
644	631	Randwick Boys & Girls High to Eastlakes Shops
658	632	Gardeners & Botany Rds to Randwick Girls & Boys High
659	634	Bondi Jct. Interchange to Eastgardens
		Eastgardens to Bondi Jct. Interchange
659	633	Randwick Girls & Boys High to Kingsford (Gardeners Rd)
667	635	Randwick Boys & Girls High to Gardeners & Botany Rds
667	636	Randwick Boys & Girls High to Gardeners & Botany Rds
670	637	Randwick Boys & Girls High to Waterloo
670	638	Randwick Boys & Girls High to Waterloo
672	639	Randwick Boys & Girls High to Railway Square
672	640	Randwick Boys & Girls High to Railway Square
673	641	Central Station to Randwick Girls & Boys High
673	642	Eddy Avenue to Randwick Girls & Boys High
673	643	Randwick Boys & Girls High to Circular Quay
676	644	Elizabeth & Wellington Sts to Randwick Girls & Boys High
678	645	Randwick Boys & Girls High to Albion & Macpherson Sts Waverley
680	646	Randwick Boys & Girls High to Bondi Beach
680	647	Randwick Boys & Girls High to North Bondi (Brighton Blvd)
690	648	Randwick Girls & Boys High to Birrell St & Carrington Rd

Current from 24th November 2015

China Trip 2016

Expression of Interest

Dear Parents

We are pleased to inform you that Randwick Girls' High School has been successful in obtaining permission from the NSW Department of Education to undertake a Study and Cultural Excursion to China during the 2016 September school holidays for all students from Years 7- 11.

At this stage, we plan to leave Sydney for 2 weeks from September 21st to October 5th 2016. While preference will be given to students of Chinese, it is envisaged that there will be room for other interested students to participate in this excursion. We will be visiting the historical sites of Beijing (including the Great Wall of China and the Forbidden City), Shanghai, the Terracotta Warriors of Xian, and Hangzhou (where will spend a few days at our sister school Xiaoshan No. 10 and where they will participate in school life and be totally immersed in the Chinese culture and language as part of the specialised Homestay program).

The final cost for the tour for your child is estimated to be between \$3500-\$3800 which is all inclusive and will cover accommodation, airfares, meals, excursions and transfers. (This costing is variable at this stage as we are not yet sure of the number of participating students and the exchange rate of the day).

If you are interested in your daughter attending this excursion, we will require the expression of interest slip at the bottom of this page to be returned by February 1st 2016. We will then require a deposit of \$500 by the end of week 3 next term, i.e. by February 12th 2016 so that we can proceed with airline reservations, hotel bookings and a more definite itinerary.

Final Departmental approval will be granted subject to Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade advice on safety being obtained and followed prior to departure. Please be aware that in the event of warnings issued for China the trip may be cancelled as the Department of Education and Communities will direct groups not to travel.

A parent meeting to discuss more details regarding this study trip and payment instalments will be held early in term 1 next year. Of course, normal codes of conduct will apply and strict guidelines will be enforced to ensure the safety of all participants.

I am sure you will agree this innovative program will greatly benefit your child's learning not just of the Chinese language, but will have a positive impact on learning in other subject areas such as History, Geography, Studies of Religion, Society and Culture, English, Drama, Art, Music, Food Tech, Maths etc.

If you wish to make any enquiries please feel free to contact either one of us on 83458217.

Mrs P. Christodoulides
Languages Head Teacher
Tour Coordinator

Mr Y. Cheng
Chinese Language Teacher
Tour Coordinator

Expression of Interest

My daughter _____ of class _____ is interested in attending the Overseas Excursion to China which will take place in the 2016 September school holidays. I understand that a \$500 deposit is required by February 12th to secure bookings.

Parental signature: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Calendar of Excursions

Excursion No.	Excursion Details	Date	Cost	Organising Teachers	Special Needs
Ex 411	Six Year 11 students to Duke of Edinburgh Award gold bushwalk, Budawangs, Morton National Park.	18 – 21/12/15 Leave 2pm	\$75	B. Cuneo	Uniform not required
2016					
Annual	Years 7-12 to Swimming Carnival at Heffron Pool.	9/2/16 9.15am – 2.35pm	\$5	R. Hodder	House colours
Ex 532	12, 11 Drama to <i>The Secret River</i> + pre-show at STC.	10/2/16 All day	\$25	L. Clarke	Uniform not required
Ex 446	12 Drama to STC Theatre for <i>Australian Theatre Landscape</i> .	11/2/16 9.30am – 12.30pm	\$20	L. Clarke	Uniform
Ex 447	12 Dance to HSC Dance Callback at Seymour Centre.	11/2/16 2pm – 6pm	\$30.50	A. Reilly	Uniform
Annual	Year 7 Camp at The Collaroy Centre.	9 – 11/3/16 Leave 8.30am		A. Xenos	Uniform not required
Ex 533	12, 11 Drama to STC Theatre for <i>Arcadia</i> .	16/3/16 11.30am – 2.30pm	\$25	L. Clarke	Uniform
Ex 410	Year 11 to Jindabyne Camp at Jindabyne Sport & Recreation Centre. Non-campers attend <i>non-Jindy</i> at school.	3 – 7/4/16 Leave 4.45am	\$490	B. Cuneo	Uniform not required
Annual	Years 7-12 to Athletics Carnival at ES Marks Athletics Field.	26/4/16 9am – 2.35pm	\$5	R. Hodder	House colours
Annual	Year 7-12 competitors to School Cross Country Carnival.	5/5/16	Nil	B. Cuneo	Sports uniform

WARNING: Students who arrive out of uniform for excursions requiring uniform will NOT be allowed to attend.

Volunteers wanted

La Perouse Primary School operates a successful reading program for children (many Aboriginal) who are not reading at home on a daily basis.

Volunteers are needed to listen to these children read. No formal qualification is needed.

The program runs Monday to Friday, 9.15am to 11.00am.

If interested, please contact Anne on 0410 292 774