



# RANDWICK GIRLS' HIGH

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**W**elcome back to a very productive Term 3 which began with a series of special events celebrating major milestones in our school year.

This year's NAIDOC assembly commemorating the history, culture and achievements of the First Peoples of Australia, saw our indigenous young women proudly acknowledging their heritage with traditional dances and personal stories showing the pivotal contributions of the first custodians of the land. Special thanks to our wonderful young indigenous women and to Edwina Neyland who is our Aboriginal Student Coordinator.

This year's visit from our Japanese sister school, Shimokitazawa Seitoku marks fourteen years of unbroken friendship across the sea. This annual day of fun has become a tradition for both schools as the ongoing friendships that so many of our girls have made are annually renewed.

This annual visit, now an integral part of the school year, eagerly anticipated by our young women, could not take place without the dedication of Pauline Christodoulides, who has fostered and maintained the link over the years, together with the dedication of the entire Randwick Girls' community, including teachers and our parents who willingly invite our Japanese sisters into their homes for the full week homestay experience.

Our 2015 MADD night, showcasing the HSC works of our musicians, dancers, actors, artists and designers both technological and textile was a wonderful demonstration of the fantastic creative talent of so many of our young women.

It was another year of excellence highlighting the ongoing commitment of our teachers to fostering our students' creativity. Special thanks to our dedicated staff and the best of luck to our creative artists in this year's HSC. It looks like being a bumper crop!

Our Big Sisters, Little Sisters Peer Support initiative, which is an important part of the Year 7 Transition Program, culminated with a lovely picnic where our



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newest students displayed the team work, resilience and confidence which the initiative fosters so positively.

Special thanks to our Peer Support coordinator, Peta Rayment, ably supported by Genevieve Tyrrell and all those Year 10 teachers who worked together to make the day a successful conclusion to this worthwhile program.

Our Year 8 students annually participate in a series enrichment days, extending their learning repertoire by providing them with wonderful fun learning in alternative settings to the classroom.

Year 8 TAS students carried their learning into the wider world with a course in Masterchef cookery, gorgeous fabric design work and high level computer design.

Our Medieval Day inspired Year 8 Historians with a thirst for further research into our past as our young women experienced medieval life in a living learning experience.

Special thanks to Despina Neroutsos and our TAS faculty and Benny Kaplinski and our Historians for providing such fantastic enrichment action learning experiences for our Year 8 students.

Our final Parent/Teacher Night for 2015, the Year 8 and Year 11 Evening, took place last week giving both teachers and parents an excellent opportunity to discuss your daughter's progress. A great many of you attended allowing all of us to share insights, developing strong links to better support each of our young women.

This is the time of year where we begin planning for the new year as our young women make initial indications for future study patterns.

There is great interest from both the girls and many of our parents.

Schools are staffed on one teacher per thirty students in junior school, and one teacher per twenty-four students in senior school.

As you are aware our classes are considerably smaller than this, but there are still number constraints, and, as in all schools, if a subject does not get enough indications of interest it unfortunately does not run. We endeavour though to ensure that we cater for the requests of as many of our students as possible providing one of the broadest choices of any school in the area. Hence the number of small classes across the school.

Each Year participates in a special assembly and girls are asked to discuss their choices with you at home.

Students maintain the same subjects from Year 7 to 10, with the addition of three and later two electives requiring little change to subject patterns.

If you have any queries feel free to contact our Deputies.

However Year 10 have a special Parent Evening as they make their major choices for the coming HSC.

It was wonderful to see so many Year 10 parents at our recent evening.

The Year 12 Trial HSC Exams are also upon us at this time and we wish the Year 12 every success in this important step towards their final HSC exams.

Regards,  
Heather Emerson

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# Year 9 History Canberra Trip

This year's annual Year 9 History overnight excursion to Canberra was of special significance in this centenary year of the Gallipoli Campaign. Each of our students who attended became a real part of history and were able to almost feel and experience for themselves the first day of the Gallipoli landing through a very realistic multimedia and high tech digital recreation of the campaign especially designed for this special centenary year by the Australian War Memorial which was perhaps the highlight of the excursion. Our students were visibly moved as they were guided through the trench dioramas in particular, and the wall of names of those hundreds of our diggers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom.



Other highlights of our excursion were a visit to our national film and sound archive where our students were shown selections of some of the very earliest films produced in Australia such as *The Kelly Gang* – perhaps the first feature film in the world made in 1906.

There is hope for our political future as our ladies role-played a parliamentary debate in Parliament House – a real eye-opener in terms of the potential some of our students revealed in their higher order debating and logical thinking skills.

A guided tour of the Art Gallery of Australia gave us an in-depth view of some of the nation's most significant art treasures.

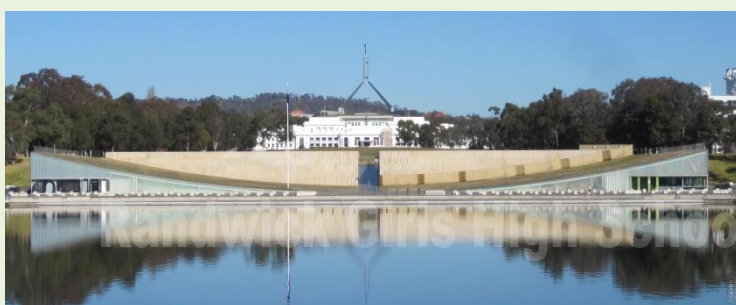
Lake Burley Griffin and its unique beauty came to life in a most enjoyable one hour cruise with a commentary on some of Canberra's lesser known historical aspects.

For most of our students, a night time opening of Questacon's high-tech scientific hands-on gadgets provided a highly entertaining and relaxing climax to a very full and busy first day.

Once again, all our students accredited themselves exceptionally well and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

A huge vote of thanks to Ms Parramore, Mr Phipps and Ms Tan who gave so generously of their time and effort to make this one of our most memorable Canberra excursions.

Mr Kaplinski  
Excursion Organiser



# Year 12 MADDDD Night

Year 12 students in MUSIC, ART, DRAMA, DANCE, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY and TEXTILES & DESIGN recently took the opportunity to show teachers, parents, friends & fellow students their HSC Practical Performances & Bodies of Work at the school's annual MADDDD Night. Organised by Jenny Robinson (Head Teacher – Creative Arts & Yr12 Music), with the assistance of Ms R. Jordan (Yr12 Visual Arts), Ms Clarke (Yr12 Drama), Ms Fagan & Ms Reilly (Yr12 Dance), Mrs Cox (Yr12 Design & Technology) and Ms Rollo (Yr12 Textiles & Design), the night allowed the students to finalise their practical works ready for the HSC marking process. Thanks to all staff & students who helped make MADDDD Night a great success, as well as the numerous teachers who attended to support our Year 12 students. Special thanks to the Year 11 Entertainment Industry class & the Year 11 Music students for their assistance with the staging of this event.





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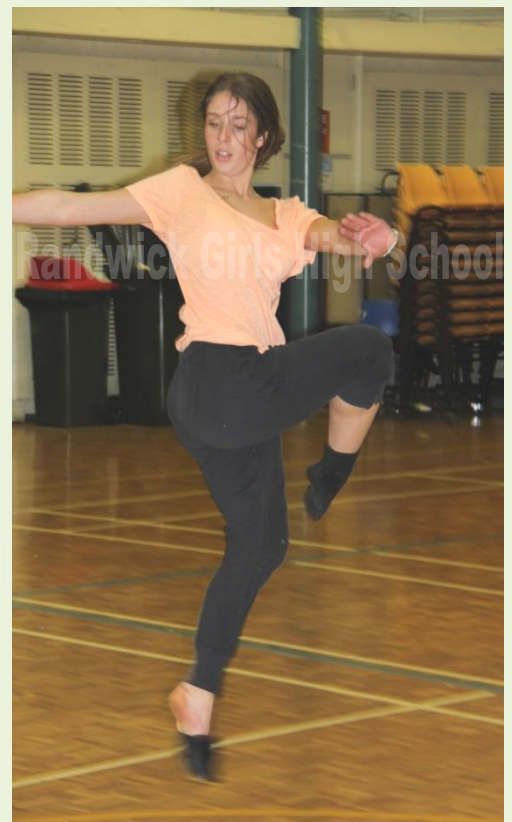
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# ***School Holidays, but No Break for Year 12***

Whilst many Year 12 students spent their vacation studying at home or at local libraries, many took the opportunity to spend some of their holidays at school preparing for Trial HSC Examinations, as well as HSC Practical Exams & the submission of HSC Major Works. Students attended classes in a variety of Faculty Areas, including Music, Textiles & Design, Food Technology, Visual Arts, Dance and PD/Health/PE. Other Year 12 students spent their holidays completing final assessment tasks, course summaries & practicing HSC Examinations in all subjects. Good luck to all Year 12 students as they prepared for both their Trial HSC and final HSC Examinations.



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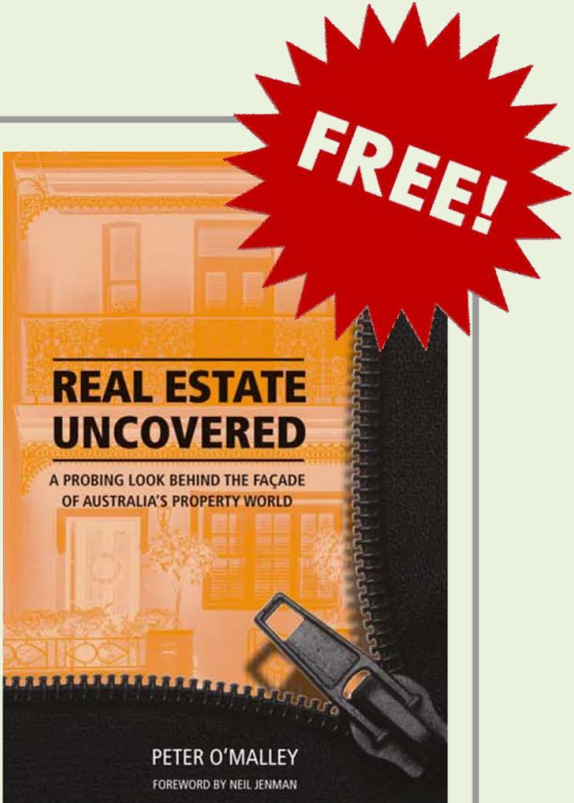
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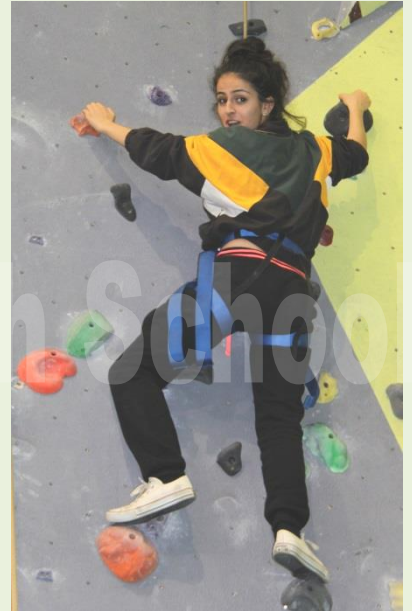
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# BEING BIOMECHANICAL

YEAR 11 PD/HEALTH/PE students improved their understanding of the *Biomechanics of Movement* by participating in a series of practical experiments. Students were required to participate in a variety of activities related to stability, balance, motion, force and fluid resistance, including sprinting, softball, skiing, wrestling & egg throwing & catching, as well as evaluating movement efficiency during an indoor climbing program.



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# PD/HEALTH/PE Happenings ...

**YEAR 12 PD/HEALTH/PE** students, after completing a series of Holiday Revision Classes, are currently completing their Trial HSC Examinations, the final assessment task before the external Higher School Certificate Exams early in Term 3.

**YEAR 11 ENTERTAINMENT** students have worked hard in helping make this year's *MADDDD Night* a great success by organising all sound, lighting, staging & special effects for the event. The students also assist with the organisation of school's Formal Assemblies each fortnight.

**YEAR 10 & 11** students have again benefited from the Health Seminars presented by the *Royal Hospital for Women*. Thanks to *Jane Svenson* who presented an informative talk about childbirth.

**YEAR 9, 10 & 11 DANCE** students, *Chloe, Katy, Kristy, Bailey, Kristina, Sarah, Sophia, Jorgina, Emily & Kiera*, have been busily preparing their final performances to exhibit the wonderful choreography skills of the **YEAR 12 DANCE** students, as the HSC Dance Practical Exams begin.

**YEAR 10 PD/HEALTH/PE** students are currently studying topics related to the major health concerns affecting young people, and being assessed for their movement skills in *Hockey, Olympic Handball & Footy Skills*, whilst **YEAR 7-9 PD/H/PE** classes are improving their knowledge & understanding in the topic areas of *Positive Relationships, Coping & Communicating* and *Healthy Decision Making* as well as developing important physical skills in *Cricket, T-Ball, Volleyball, Netball, OzTag, Soccer, Basketball & Dance*.

**YEAR 9&10 HUMAN MOVEMENT** and **YEAR 11 PD/HEALTH/PE** students have continued to participate in series of fitness training classes at *Fitness First, Randwick*, which has allowed them to gain a greater understanding of the importance of physical fitness.





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# Calendar of Excursions

Excursion No.	Excursion Details	Date	Cost	Organising Teachers	Special Needs
Ex 518	U15s basketball knockout at Dulwich High School.	3 August From 8am	\$5	P. Noreika	Sport uniform
E007	11 Visual Arts 1 & 2 to Sculpture Walk in Sydney CBD.	4 August 8am – 2pm	Bus fare	S. Kennedy	Uniform
D006	4 students to UNSW for Great Engineering Challenge at The Round House, UNSW.	5 August 8am – 3.45pm	Nil	P. Rayment	Uniform
E008	Five Year 11 students to Australian Science Olympiads in MPC.	5, 10 & 12 August	Nil	M. Hourcade	Uniform
Ex 415	Senior First Aid course (RLSSA) in-school.	6 – 7 August 8.30am – 4pm	\$70	B. Cuneo	Non-uniform
Ex 421	11 Modern History (Kaplinski) to Choy's Restaurant, Randwick.	7 August Lunch, periods 5, 6	\$10	B. Kaplinski	Uniform
Ex 383	9.1 Human Movement to Fitness First, Randwick.	17 & 31 August 8.20am – 10.55am	\$3	B. Cuneo	Uniform
Ex 333	All Year 7 to performance of <i>What's the Matter</i> in school library.	18 August Period 5	\$5.50	D. Hurst	Uniform
Ex 384	9.2 Human Movement to Fitness First, Randwick.	21 August & 4 September 8.20am – 10.55am	\$3	B. Cuneo	Uniform
Ex 027	Year 7 to The Show matinee at NIDA.	21 August From recess	\$5	K. Fagan	Uniform
G010	Year 7-12 Show Team (260) to NIDA for The Show.	21 & 22 August	Nil	K. Fagan	Non-uniform
Ex 440	12 English A1, A2 to performance of <i>The Tempest</i> at Sydney Opera House Playhouse.	25 August 6.30pm	\$30	D. Livesey E. Newton	Non-uniform
Ex 398	10.1 Human Movement to Fitness First, Randwick.	25 August & 8 September 8.20am – 10.55am	\$3	B. Cuneo	Uniform
Ex 399	10.2 Human Movement to Fitness First, Randwick.	27 August & 10 September	\$3	B. Cuneo	Uniform
D001	Year 10 to Vietnam Veterans' Presentation in-school.	11 September Periods 3, 4	Donation	B. Kaplinski	Uniform

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