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WELCOME

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Congratulations to Simran Gill and Eva Morris of Year 8. Simran has been selected for the NSW Public Schools Dance Ensembles program, and Eva for the NSW Public Schools Instrumental Music Ensembles program for the year. These students have outstanding talents indeed, and well done to both girls.

Last Friday our current school leaders were featured in a special Telegraph article. I have attached a snapshot of this article in this newsletter edition so that you can catch a glimpse of the article if you didn't get a chance yet to read about how our own leaders were featured with the rest of the Eastern Suburbs leaders in their positive outlook for this year, and beyond. It was indeed a beautiful article and pleasing that Randwick Girls' leaders were featured over fourteen pages (Pages 27-41). Well done to our leaders.

Our new Year 7 students have met with their Peer Support Leaders several times since they

commenced their secondary school with us not so long ago. This program is instrumental in assisting these students transition better to the school, as they have done so in previous years. This year we have also created a new Year 7 area in the History and PDHPE Quad on Level 1, which has recently been transformed with new seating. We are also in the process of putting up new lockers for each student in this same area. Adjacent to this area will soon be the handball courts which I know will be popular amongst the students. On all accounts, these newest students have also settled in very well and we are pleased that they have done so. Their smiley faces in the school are testament that they are getting on with their high school and coping well with the demands as well. Congratulations!

There will be some planned facility upgrades at our school this year which have been in planning for a few years. These upgrades include two STEM rooms, a woodwork room, two kitchens, two toilet blocks, Front Office, library and MPC upgrades. Plans are underway and I hope to provide you with more information in future newsletter editions. The upgrades are necessary to provide

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appropriate delivery of essential curriculum to our students.

Every Thursday for the past two weeks, I have been taking some community members who are interested in finding out more about the school before they enrol their daughters. These are the Principal's Tours. These tours will continue throughout Term 1. On these tours, our visitors can see the school in operation firsthand. They also have the opportunity to meet me and some SRC leaders and have their questions answered. If you know of anyone who would like to join us on these tours, do ask them to contact the Front Office to make a booking.

On Tuesday 15 March Randwick Girls will hold its annual Open Day. On this day visitors will be able to see the staff and students working together in their learning areas. We appreciate parents and carers spreading this information amongst your neighbours, friends, and workmates.

If you are a Year 7 parent, we would love to welcome you to our school community by holding a Meet and Greet afternoon on Monday 28 March from 4:30 pm. You will meet the teachers and hear from them what learning opportunities are available for this year.

The working bee last term was a smashing success. I would like to thank our parents and members of the community for their time and skills in transforming our Indigenous Garden. Thank you indeed.

Regards

Lucy Andre
Principal

New School Show Dates

Dear ticket holder

Randwick Girls & Randwick Boys High Schools, the presenters of *City of Stars*, and the NIDA Theatres, have now rescheduled the performances as follows:

Tuesday 8 March 2022, (previously Tuesday 13 July 2021, then Tuesday 17 August 2021) 2.30pm - ***This performance will no longer be proceeding, all patrons will be offered an exchange into one of the 3 proceeding performances.***

- Tuesday 8 March 2022, (previously Tuesday 13 July 2021, then Tuesday 17 August 2021) 7.30pm - ***now valid for Tuesday 26 April 2022 7.30pm***
- Wednesday 9 March 2022, (previously Wednesday 14 July 2021, then Wednesday 18 August 2021) 12.30pm - ***now valid for Wednesday 27 April 2022 11.00am***
- Wednesday 9 March 2022, (previously Wednesday 14 July 2021, then Wednesday 18 August 2021) 7.30pm - ***now valid for Wednesday 27 April 2022 7.30pm***

What happens to my tickets?

Tickets are valid for the rescheduled date listed above without the need for exchange.

Patrons unable to attend the new date listed above may obtain a full refund. Please contact NIDA Theatre's Box Office boxoffice@nida.edu.au.

Kind regards,
NIDA Theatres.

FROM THE DEPUTIES

Year 8

We have quite a few new students who have joined our Year 8 Cohort this past week, we welcome them and their parents to our school community. Wednesdays are sports days for Years 7 to 10 this is the only day when students are permitted to wear their sports uniforms to school. I am impressed at how responsible, resilient and engaged our year 8 students have been this term.

Year 10

Year 10 have been advised that there are expectations surrounding the Record of School Achievement (RoSA). To meet the requirements of the Stage 5 RoSA, it is important that students are in class and completing classwork and assessments to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. I encourage all Year 10 Students to download a [handy planner](#) to support their learning journey for the year ahead.

Year 12

Year 12 Students have received their school jerseys this week and are wearing them with pride. Thank you to Ms Rollo for overseeing this smooth operation.

Preparing for the HSC presents its own unique opportunities and challenges. The following guide [Getting ready for the HSC year](#) contains useful information for navigating year 12.

Update of Address and Contact Details

From time to time the school may need to contact you urgently and we know that families move and numbers change.

If there have been any changes to your home address, phone number or email address, please email the school with any changes asap.

randwickg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Regards
Ms Reilly

As I write this week's report, we have just been informed that many of the COVID safety restrictions for schools will be eased as at 28 February 2022. It is important at this point to recognise the massive support of students, staff, parents and the community in working together over the past two years, and extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed in ensuring a safe school environment. It is important that we continue with practical measures to minimise risk and maximise safety, and the school will maintain COVID-smart measures including maximising fresh air flow through natural ventilation, encouraging good hand hygiene practices and enhanced cleaning through Term 1.

As we approach mid-term, Week 5 and 6 sees the commencements of many assessments and activities. Year 11 and 12 Assessment Books are being distributed this week, with junior booklets soon to follow. Please read these, and ensure that you are adopting good study habits, including the use of a diary and a term planner so that you can manage competing deadlines and make the most effective use of your time. Please speak to your teachers if you need any support in organising yourself using these methods, and I know that they will be more than happy to provide guidance on how best to do this.

One notable event coming up in the next fortnight is the school's Open Night, to be held this year on Tuesday 15 March. This is an important event in the school's calendar, providing an opportunity for families of students commencing High School in 2023 or 2024 to see first-hand our site and facilities, and to hear from students and staff about the wonderful things happening at Randwick Girls' High School. Your support in informing those who may benefit from attending this night would be greatly appreciated.

Lastly, a reminder that students using the 620 bus have the option of three services, two of which embark in front of our school. Students should use the services which embark closest to the Avoca Street entry/exit. Please use this service, as it alleviates the overcrowding which is currently occurring on the service which embarks at the adjoining school's stand.

Until next time
Mr Reikic

Student Leaders Speak Out on their Vision for the Future

Meet our future prime ministers, captains of industry and world changers. Some eastern suburbs student leaders of 2022 share their vision for their schools – and beyond.

[Emily Macdonald](#) and [Clare Sibthorpe](#)

February 16, 2022
Wentworth Courier

SRC Captain Nicole Thwaites



Nicole Thwaites says the climate crisis is a huge concern for younger generations.

I feel as though I have good organisational qualities and can use my interpersonal skills to make others' voices heard. I love to problem solve and look at issues from various perspectives which assists in making good decisions. I also have good English and public speaking skills, meaning I can effectively present ideas and maximise the possibility of change.

I also understand that leadership involves a lot of listening, especially during the pandemic where it has been important for other leaders to listen to students in order to improve online learning conditions.

I also like to think that I inspire the younger students at the school, helping to excite them about their high school journey. As well as that demonstrate that as young women, they can demonstrate that they have power and they have a voice.

I aim to pursue a career in STEM and attend university in Sydney. This will encompass a lot of teamwork and leadership skills which I feel I have learnt over my time at school and working as a school leader.

I see our school becoming more sustainable, not only this year but in years to come as the climate crisis continues to worry the younger generation, leading students to want to make sustainable change. I also see that our school will continue to embrace diversity, through efforts such as the new Indigenous garden which is a wonderful way to immerse students in the culture of our first nation's people.

I think Randwick Girls' High School is doing a great job at inspiring young girls to come up with ideas, be passionate and become the leaders of tomorrow.

SRC President Leticia Cruickshank



Leticia Cruickshank advocates for strong female leaders.

I'm the SRC president and I have been at RGHS since 2017. My leadership qualities include being confident especially in public speaking, always being organised, passionate and of course caring which has helped me continue to be an effective leader at school even through the challenging Covid times. This passion for my fellow classmates and my school drives me to always take the time to plan improvements and meet with executives, mayors ect in order to get my message across.

The future career paths that I am considering include sciences like bio/chemistry fields which could include marine biology as I love the ocean and surfing, I am also thinking about the marine or bio research fields, genetic engineering and psychology. I strongly believe that the opportunities in science are really endless especially for me who loves the outdoors and water.

My hope is to continue to spread the word about the need for a female single sex public school like Randwick that has almost 1000 attendees. My hope is to educate our future generations to raise strong female leaders like us who will hopefully continue to make improvements in areas such as the education system and sustainability, forever broadening career and sporting opportunities for girls. It's important to let no one take these opportunities away from us.

years, I am hopeful that 2022 will be a successful and productive year. I am hopeful that Randwick Girls' High school will continue to grow and develop through the help of all leaders, staff and students. I am looking forward to seeing what 2022 has to offer for my final year of schooling and for the entire Randwick Girls High School community.

I am very hopeful for 2022 and all the opportunities to come along with it. Due to the pandemic, over the past two years the school has been through various lockdowns and has faced many restrictions. If anything this experience has brought the school community closer. My goals for 2022 are to further strengthen this community and to further bring out the school spirit.

Year 12 leader – Talia Akbaba



Talia Akbaba wants to make her school an even better place.

I feel that with my assistance, I can help students reach their goals to the best of my ability, as well as get students more involved with one another, as certain students may struggle to fit in.

I frequently volunteer for leadership positions and want to make this school a better place than it already is. I believe I am an excellent leader because of my experience and passion. I aim to do all in my power to reduce bullying, boost student engagement in school, and improve overall academic accomplishment. Being a good representative is staying in touch with what students want at all times, and standing up for decisions when necessary. and working out the details with other students, teachers and the principal. Being a member of the SRC Team entails more than just getting together every now and then to explore ideas.

School Show Helpers needed

**We desperately need help with the following
Please contact Boo-Jay if you can help
0438 204 699 or kylie.fagan@det.nsw.edu.au**

1. Paint 2 flats - city scape for the Batman item (4 flats already completed)
2. Simple solid (black, white) painting. Two people are needed
3. Repair canvas on 3 boxes. One person needed
4. Cabinet maker to fit architrave around door for Norway item
5. Cleaning, vacuuming and tidying up set pieces. One person needed
6. Artistic painter for Annie item - 2x Hot Dog signs
7. Carpenter to fix 4 table legs



RANDWICK GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

'Educating today's girls to be tomorrow's leaders'

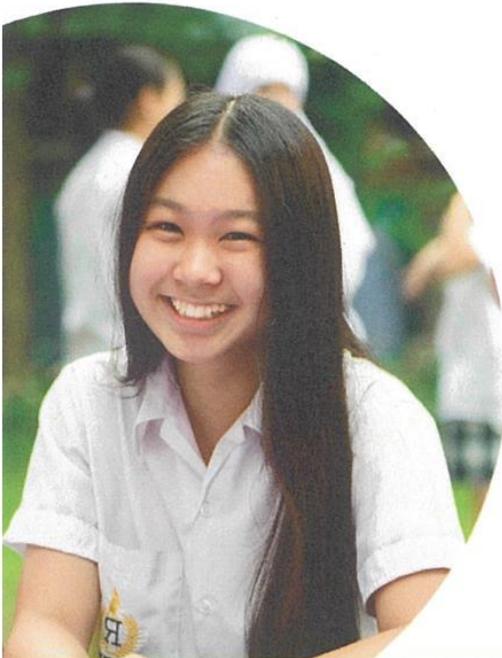
The staff and students of Randwick Girls' High School invite you to experience our campus.



Tuesday 15th March

Session 1
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Session 2
6:45 pm to 8:15 pm



Please book your place by emailing the school randwickg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Session 2 is a repeat of Session 1.

We respectfully request that you wear a mask during the visit. We look forward to meeting you and your daughter.

<https://randwickg-h.schools.nsw.gov.au>

PH: (02) 9398 3233

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Social Sciences Faculty Report

The Social Sciences or the Humanities are learning disciplines that deal with people and their interactions with each other, and with the world that we live in. At RGHS this faculty has the pleasure of providing teaching and learning in the ever relevant subjects of Geography, Commerce, Legal Studies, Business Studies and Economics. As is oft the case we have experienced a change in faculty staffing this year. We congratulate Ms Barwise and her husband Matt on the birth of their second child in mid-January. Newly born Cosette joins brother Kip in the Barwise family. Ms Barwise will be on extended maternity leave and we have been fortunate to gain the services of Ms Catherine Loh as her replacement.



Ms. Loh worked with us as an intern in Term 4 2021 and her obvious teaching and communication skills were greatly appreciated by both students and staff. Ms Jordan, Mrs Gibbons, Ms Ali, Ms Tweneboa, Ms Loh and Mr James will continue to strive to provide quality teaching and learning to assist all of our students in achieving the best possible outcomes.



In future articles we will provide an overview of exactly what topics and activities our Social Sciences Students are enriching their learning with.

Mr. Geoff James
HT Social Sciences

Water Polo Training



With a view to a Sydney East Under 15 CHS Water Polo Competition early in Term 4, water polo training sessions have been conducted through February. These sessions have been conducted at Clovelly Bay on Saturday mornings from 9am to 10am. The girls have revelled in the somewhat wilder conditions than would be experienced in

the relatively still conditions of a pool setting. Participants thus far have included Abigail Malone and Lucy Carver from Year 7 and Talia Truong, Eve Crichton, Ash Ward, Sinove Crofts-Buggy and Sadhbh Mehlhopt from Year 8. Eve and Talia are both Tamarama Nipper Surf Lifesavers currently completing their Surf Rescue Certificate at Tama, so wild conditions are nothing new to them. India Troughton of Year 12 is a current NSW Water Polo State Representative and has kindly given of her time to provide invaluable coaching for the girls. On the 19 February, India trained the girls till after 10am and then went home to prepare for a competition game at midday! Thank you so much Indi. Pictured below are the training squad after their session on 19 February. Further information regarding this sport activity is available from Mr. James, HT Social Sciences.

Pictured below are the training squad after their session on 19 February.



L-R : Indi Troughton, Eve Crichton, Ash Ward, Talia Truong, Abigail Malone, Sinove Crofts-Buggy

Mr. G. James
HT Social Sciences

Mathematics Faculty Report

Mathematics just got a little more exciting!

Have you ever said to yourself or to others “I’m not a maths person?” Some people believe that mathematics is a skill that people are either born with or not. The truth is...

“Maths is found everywhere and is for everyone” – Eddie Woo.



This year Sally Gorman, from the NSW Mathematics Growth Team, and Jorgina Vaneris, a Randwick Girls’ High School graduate, are joining the Mathematics faculty here at Randwick Girls High School. Sally’s role is to support the faculty in enhancing the students’ experience of mathematics and encouraging students to adopt what is known as a ‘mathematical growth mindset’. The Maths faculty is building even more learning activities to expose students to open-ended activities that promote thinking, problem solving, communication and reasoning.

Stay tuned for a great Mathematical year!

Sandra Moore
HT Mathematics



NEWS



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Randwick Girls' High School P&C is a group of parents, carers, staff & community members who work together to provide opportunities for all students at RGHS. We meet on the third Monday of the month during school term at 7pm. 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.



P&C Meeting Highlights

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the meeting on Monday night. It was fantastic to see familiar and new faces. Welcome to our new Year 7 parents/carers!



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Hot Topics

- P&C "levy" voluntary contribution | fundraising | why we need \$\$
- P&C Annual Financial Statements
- NAPLAN results presentation (thanks to Ben Rekić & Amanda Reilly)
- AGM 21 March - seeking committee & sub-committee nominations
- Year 7 Meet & Greet Mon 28 Mar
- Joint P&C e-petition for public school funding
- Use of mobile phones at school
- Staff changes
- Uniform quality
- Guest speaker schedule
- Indigenous garden working bee recap (Term 4 2021)
- Election Day BBQ recap (Term 4 2021)

If you would like to be part of the conversation, please sign up to our mailing list: <http://eepurl.com/dbYmqD> or scan the QR code at the top of the page. You will receive meeting Agenda/Minutes and updates.

Year 7 Meet & Greet | Mon 28 Mar

We are thrilled to be able to meet & greet our new Year 7 families at RGHS next month!



Here's how you can help:

- donate \$\$ for catering (see bank details top left) - ref: "Yr 7 Event"
- donate cupcakes/wraps/sandwiches
- help set up/pack up
- come and welcome new families
- HELPERS: <https://forms.office.com/r/jdzfAQHWuj>



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FAIR FUNDING FOR OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Please sign and share our joint P&C e-petition calling for fairer funding of public schools and better support for our teachers! We need all the support we can get so please share with your family and friends! Thank you to our petition sponsor Dr Marjorie O'Neill, Local Member for Coogee



scan the code or click [here](#)

Fair Funding for our local public schools



Scan to QR code to sign the petition.



Our NSW Public Schools are currently being underfunded to the tune of \$600 million per year, when compared to the original Gonski funding agreement.

This chronic underfunding has caused:

- A growing dependence on P&Cs to fund basic needs and infrastructure upgrades at our public schools;
- A completely unacceptable wait time of over 3 months for a student to see a counsellor;
- A failure to properly invest in public school teachers, resulting in teacher shortages and declining results;
- A lack of investment to ensure schools are receiving adequate funding for long overdue and essential upgrades; and
- A continual reliance on demountable classrooms taking away precious playground space.

That is why I have started a petition, calling on the NSW Government to fully fund our local public schools in line with the original Gonski agreement.



Randwick Boys' High School P&C
Randwick Girls' High School P&C

Please support our joint e-petition for fairer funding for public schools



SCHOOL SAFETY SURVEY 2022

Coogee School Safety Survey 2022

There is nothing more important than ensuring our local students can get to and from school safely.

While our Eastern Suburbs community is an active one, ensuring that young people, parents and carers can walk and ride to school safely is an integral part of promoting health and well-being, reducing our carbon emissions and busting congestion on our local streets.

That is why I am running the 2022 Coogee School Safety Survey so that you can help me to highlight and fix school safety issues along our local school commutes – you can complete the survey by scanning the QR code.



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- How you can get involved
- Loyalty partners
- Pre-loved uniform donations