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WELCOME

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

There certainly has been a flurry of activity over the past fortnight, none more groundbreaking and well received than the *2024 Show*. The title to this year's *Show* is timely, perfectly encapsulating all that this wonderfully rich tradition has delivered to Randwick Girls High School over the course of the years. *Brand New Day* evokes all the great things we have ahead of us as we come together in 2025 to form our new coeducational high school, whilst contemporaneously celebrating all that is wonderful about the vibrant cultures that make up both our current schools. Those of you, who like me, have been privileged enough to have witnessed the *Show* productions over a number of years, can appreciate all that it has brought to developing a shared sense of commitment towards showcasing and celebrating the artistic talents of students from both schools. This strong tradition of ongoing artistic collaboration is as much indicative of what the school's can achieve together, as it is a reflection of the amazing things that both our school's Performing Arts programs

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The victorious RGHS Open Netball Team

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have independently developed thus far. The talent, skills and confidence of our wonderfully gifted students is also a reflection to both their unwavering dedication, as well as to the support of their equally dedicated teachers, *Show staff* and parents volunteers. To those involved in delivering this year's amazing performance, I extend a most sincere thanks on behalf of the Randwick Girls High School community. A special thanks to Ms Fagan and Ms Jordan for their leadership and tireless work in bringing this masterpiece to life!

We are thrilled to report the resounding success of our fourth annual Shark Tank Presentation, which took place on Wednesday, 5 June. As part of the school's STEAM program, this event, a culmination of creativity, innovation, and collaboration, showcased the remarkable talents and ingenuity of our students. This year, the spotlight was on the top six projects from the Year 7, 2023 cohort of Girls Inspired to Innovate (GITI) Program. The challenge? Designing mobile apps to address various issues affecting Year 7 students transitioning into high school, such as organisation, navigating new environments, and building and maintaining friendships. Our finalists left us in awe with their highly innovative app concepts, stellar visual designs, and impressive presentation skills. Their dedication and hard work were evident as they presented their ideas to the upcoming Year 7 cohort, who are poised to embark on this exciting project. The panel of judges, including Dr. Malgorzata Lagizs from UNSW, UX/UI designer Miranda Rector, and our student judge Shark, (Unatti, Year 11) provided invaluable feedback and guidance. Special commendation goes to Shark, whose infectious energy, dance moves, and 'fintastic' feedback left a lasting impression on us all. We are immensely proud to witness the growth of our students as they embrace challenges, acquire new skills, and build their confidence through initiatives like these. Thank you to the GITI staff for facilitating this program, as well as to the judges and students who participated. A special thanks goes to Ms Hall (Relieving HT Creative Arts) for her organisation of the event, whose unwavering

support continues to fuel the success of this program and event.

The past fortnight has also been full of successes on the sporting front. In particular, I'd like to acknowledge the school's Open Netball team who have successfully progressed to the Sydney East Netball Knockout Grand Final. Last week, our team was victorious against an excellent competitor, Kirrawee High School, in the semi-final of the Sydney East Knockout competition. This amazing achievement is a first for our school, and a real credit to Ms Thornton and the team for all their hard work and dedication to get to this very high level. We wish our team all the very best, and whatever the outcome acknowledge the amazing dedication, team work and effort that all have demonstrated to get to this level. Well done!

I would also like to recognise our very own Mika Harbour in the State All Schools Finals Swimming Carnival at Homebush Aquatics Centre on Thursday 30 and Friday 31 May 2024. An exceptional athlete and competitor, Mika's results were a real credit to her dedication and hardwork, including:

- 200m Breastroke 3rd- bronze medal
- 100m Breastroke 3rd place- bronze medal
- 50m Breastroke 4th place
- 200m Individual Medley 5th place
- 50m Butterfly 4th place

This is a phenomenal result, and we are very proud of her results. Well done Mika!

Last week our Year 12's, along with Ms Evers, Ms Nelmes, Ms Vo, Ms Bournes and Ms Thornton, attended the 2024 HSC Careers Expo. Held at the Royal Randwick Racecourse, this invaluable experience allowed students in their final year the opportunity to engage with a variety of post school education providers, including various universities, private colleges and TAFE. I would like to thank Ms Evers for her organisation of this invaluable opportunity for our students to guide

their decision making in regard to their post school destinations.

To mark this year's National Reconciliation Week, our school's First Nations Team has been busy preparing events to support this important initiative. On Thursday, students from Year 10, 11 and 12 attended the Kinchela Boys Truth Telling Session, a program led by members of the Stolen Generation. This powerful and moving event highlights the significance of the reconciliation process, through the lens of educating students on the impact of the Stolen Generation policies and practices. This was followed on Friday with our whole school Reconciliation Assembly, where the school community came together to mark National Reconciliation Week. A special thanks to Ms Jansen, Ms Hall and all members of the First Nations Team for organising these important events.

Parents of Years 8 and 9 would by now have received information on how to book their Parent Teacher interviews. This will be held next Tuesday 11 June in the Hall from 4pm. If you have not received instructions on how to book your interview, please contact the front office who will be able to assist you.

Finally, as we move past the mid way point of term, I would like to flag a number of key events on the horizon for early Term 3.

- Additional Staff Development Day. Randwick Girls High School will again participate in an additional Staff Development Day (SDD) at the start of Term 3. The additional SDD will be held on Tuesday 23 July 2024, meaning that students will not return to school from holidays until Wednesday 24 July 2024. We apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause and appreciate your support as we move forward with the planning and preparation for the commencement of the new Randwick High School in 2025.
- Subject Selection Evening (Years 8 and 10). This year the Subject Selection Evening will take place in the Boys School Hall on 25 July 2024 starting at 6pm. As both Years 8 and 10 commence next year's courses as part of the new Randwick High School, this year's subject selection process will be a combined school event. More information will be sent closer to the date.

Until next time
Mr Rekić



Deputy's Report

Reconciliation Week

During Reconciliation Week, we had the privilege of hosting *Uncles* from the Kinchela Boys Home Corporation for a truth-telling session, where they shared their powerful stories. Our First Nations students led a meaningful assembly with the theme *Now More Than Ever*, emphasising the ongoing journey of reconciliation for everyone, guided by Ms Jansen and Ms Hall.

School Show: *A Brand New Day* at NIDA

We are thrilled to announce the success of our recent school show, *A Brand New Day*, at NIDA Theatre. The students' teamwork, camaraderie, expertise, and skill were outstanding. Special thanks to our creative team: Kylie Fagan, Alyssia Jarvis, Jenny Jordan, Jorgi Vaneris and Chloe Borer for their exceptional dedication. Thank you to everyone who supported and celebrated our students' achievements.



RGHS Open Netball Team

Our RGHS Open Netball team secured a win against Kirrawee High School in the Sydney East Knockout semi-final, earning a spot in the grand final and the NSW state final series. Congratulations to our team and coach Whitney Thornton for their remarkable performance and teamwork.

Year 10 Subject Selection for 2025

As we progress through the academic year, it's crucial for Year 10 students to start considering their subject choices for 2025. The transition from Year 10 to Year 11 marks a significant step in their academic journey, and we are dedicated to supporting them throughout this process.

Our Senior Transition Program commences on Thursday, July 25, with the Subject Selection Evening in the MPC. This event will feature presentations from UAC, faculty experts, and Head Teachers, providing valuable insights into subjects, HSC requirements, and specific courses. Following this, Year 10 students will have access to mentoring sessions to ensure they make informed decisions about their academic path.

Parent-Teacher Evenings

Parent-Teacher Evenings are approaching, scheduled for Tuesday, June 11 (Years 8 and 9) and Tuesday, June 25 (Years 7 and 10) in our school's MPC. Online bookings are now available for Years 8 and 9 so we encourage parents to secure their appointments promptly to avoid disappointment.

Regards
Ms Reilly

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PD/Health/PE News

Opens Netball

On Thursday, 30 May, the RGHS Open netball team faced off against Kirrawee High School in Sylvania for the Sydney East Knockout competition. This match was a significant milestone for our team as they had already made history by advancing further than any previous Randwick Girls team. The game itself was a hard-fought and intense battle over four quarters, showcasing the incredible grit, determination, and skill of our talented players.

From the first whistle, it was clear that this was going to be a nail-biting match. Both teams played with exceptional energy and strategic prowess, making for a thrilling game. Our girls showed remarkable resilience, responding to every challenge Kirrawee presented with unwavering focus and teamwork. Each quarter brought new twists and turns, keeping the spectators on the edge of their seats.

As the final whistle blew, the scoreboard revealed our team's triumphant victory over Kirrawee. This hard-earned win not only secured their spot in the Grand Final but also guaranteed them a place in the NSW State Championship series! This is an outstanding and truly remarkable accomplishment, highlighting the dedication and hard work our players have put in throughout the season.

The entire school community is bursting with pride for our netball team. Their success is not just a testament to their athletic abilities, but also to their camaraderie and school spirit. They have set an incredible example for all of us, showing what can be achieved with perseverance and teamwork.

We encourage everyone to join us in congratulating the following students on their phenomenal success. They have played their hearts out and represented Randwick Girls High School with distinction. Let's continue to support and cheer them on as they prepare for the Grand Final and the NSW State Championship. Well done, team! Your achievement is truly inspirational and we are all so proud of you.



School Show

With another School Show ending last night, I would like to publicly recognise Kylie Fagan and her continual efforts in the development of this production. Additionally, I would like to thank her RGHS support team: Jenny Jordan, Jorgina Vaneris and Chloe Borer and the community of volunteers that also put in an exorbitant amount of time, effort and commitment into what is truly the corner stone of Randwick Girls and Boys High Schools and I am sure will continue to be at Randwick High School.

Each year I am privileged to be in the crowd and each year I find myself more impressed than the year before. The level of excitement, joy and happiness the Show brings each and every student that participates is truly inspiring. With the large amount of alumni that continue to return, it is a true testament to what this show means to each and every one of the students that have been involved over the years.

Finally, thank you to all the staff who came out over the past few nights to support the students. It is evident that they appreciate having you all in the crowd.



NSW State All Schools Swimming Carnival

We would love to congratulate Mika Harbour of Year 8 on her fantastic results at the NSW State All Schools Swimming Carnival. Mika competed in 5 events over the course of the carnival with exceptional results including two bronze medals in the 200m and 100m breaststroke. On behalf of the Randwick Girls community, I would love to acknowledge how proud of Mika we are for her continual dedication and persistence in the pool.





Dear parents and carers,

I apologise that it has been such a long time since the last update, I hope that this letter provides you with some clarity about the progress that has been made toward our new coeducational Randwick High School next year.

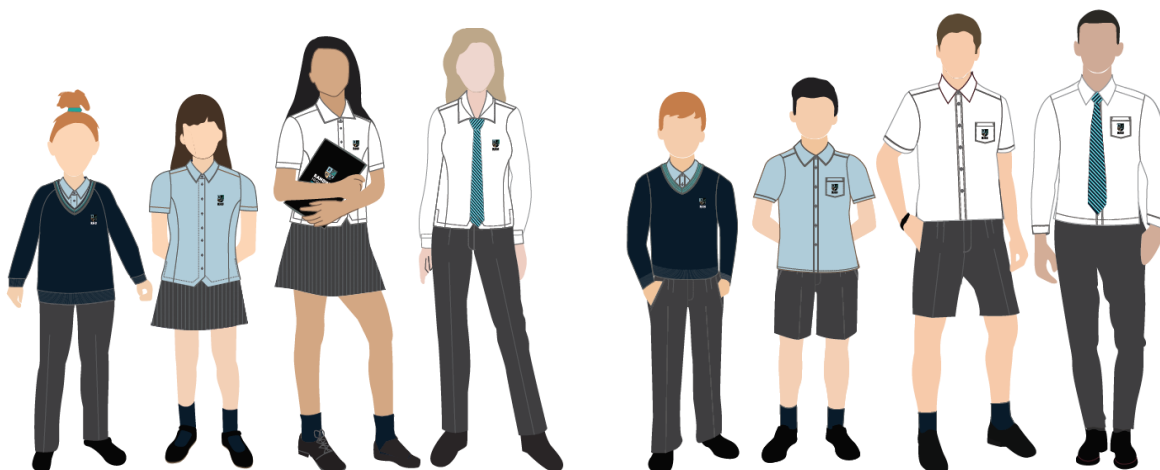
School Name and Logo

You would be aware already that the school's name 'Randwick High School' and logo were finalised some time ago. The new logo can be seen at the top of this letterhead. The tagline 'learning today, leading tomorrow' is a placeholder until the new school Principal Belinda Conway has time to work through the vision with the school community. This was the most popular tagline put forward so we will run with it until such time as a new school motto/tagline is developed.

New School Uniform

It has been confirmed that the Department will undertake a licence agreement with Midford Uniform suppliers. The new junior uniform will be available for the 2025 Year 7 cohort and the senior uniform will be available for Year 11 2025. All other students will remain in the current Randwick Boys and Randwick Girls uniforms in 2025. Lowes and Wileys will continue to sell existing uniform stock so that the new uniform can be phased in over a number of years as each new year 7 cohort arrives and as Year 10 graduate into year 11. Midford has put forward very competitive pricing and high-quality garments. I would like to thank all the students and parents who participated in the uniform surveys and who have tried on samples and styles. We hope that you will be as excited about the new uniforms as we are.

Whilst the final design is still being tweaked with the P&C, the basic colour scheme for the new uniform will be sky blue, dark charcoal and navy blue for juniors (the skirt will be charcoal with aqua and white pin stripes) and for seniors white, charcoal and navy with aqua detail. Storyboards have been presented at both P&C meetings and individual pieces that will make up the new uniform should be available for parents and students to see soon. There will be a blazer for formal occasions, but this will not be compulsory. There will be both a knitted jumper and a winter jacket.





Sport Uniform:



Student Enrolment Numbers

At this early stage there has been a healthy intake of students enrolling into Randwick High School for Year 7 2025 with close to 50:50 boys and girls. There will be a total enrolment 7-12 of approximately 1400 students in 2025. Students in Year 6 last Saturday also sat an HPGE test for entry into one of the Year 7 HPGE classes for next year. As both Randwick Girls and Randwick Boys have HPGE classes in Years 7-10 the students already in these classes will continue in the HPGE classes through to the end of year 10 although they will be mixed classes of boys and girls from next year onwards.

Classes and Curriculum

Whilst there will be more classes in each year group from next year and beyond, class sizes will not be affected. These will be capped at a maximum of 30 students or less for non-practical subjects in years 7-10 and 24 or less in Years 11-12. All students will have classes in both sides of the new school and they will also have access to all of the combined facilities across the entire school. The school will not have reduced staffing numbers, the number of teaching positions will remain the same as it is currently. Staff numbers will only increase if student enrolments increase.

All current curriculum offerings at both schools will be offered to all students choosing junior electives and HSC courses for 2025. Students will study three electives in Year 9 and two electives in year 10. All classes will be co-ed in 2025 except for History and Geography in Year 8 and some electives in Year 10. All year 12 classes in 2025 will remain single sex with their current teachers unless staff members retire or move to another school. Year 12 students in 2025 will be the last cohort to graduate under the names of Randwick Girls and Randwick Boys and their NESA entries will be kept discreet.

A year 8 and 10 student and parent subject selection night has been scheduled for the first week of Term 3, Thursday 25 July. This will be an opportunity for parents to meet the new Principal of Randwick High School. Detailed information about this evening will be sent to year 8 and 10 students and parents later this term.

Bell Times

A 6-period day will be kept in place for 2025 and the new school bell times will hopefully be shared very soon, there will be minimal change to the existing bell times. The current 20-minute recess and



40-minute lunch will also remain in place. It is possible that the sport afternoon may change to a different day, we are unsure yet which grade sport zone Randwick High School will participate in but there will be a sport afternoon. School buses will also remain the same.

Student events

Following the successful student wellbeing program delivered to Year 8 by 'Human Connections' organised by Ms Whitty and Mr Benson earlier this term, a similar event has been booked for Year 7 in term 4 - 1st November. The combined PDHPE department is organising a gala day for year 9 in term 3 – 6th August and all year groups will participate in combined new school information sessions, meet the new Principal and trivia competitions on the last two days of this term – Thursday 4th July and Friday 5th July. Further opportunities for the boys and girls in each year group to meet each other will be provided in Terms 3 and 4 this year.

In term 4 all students will be taken in class groups to tour the other side of the school which they are not yet familiar with. Initial dates have been booked for 2025 including a Year 7 Camp to Collaroy, whole school carnivals, school photos etc. All events and extra-curricular opportunities that are currently on offer at each school will continue to be offered but to all students.

Building Works

Behind the scenes we are working on the new school website and this will go live at the end of term 2. Digital Field Services are planning to install new cables across the site to connect students and staff to a new server, internet and telephony service by the end of this school year. We hope that this upgrade will improve the internet connection and speed currently experienced. There will also be a new PA and bells system installed which will operate across the entire site ready for day 1 next year.

There is a plan in place for what building works will be done in time for day 1 term 1 2025. Rather than referring to the 'girls' school' and the 'boys' school' in project plans the infrastructure team and school assets are currently referring to the southern end (current boys' school) and the northern end (current girls' school) of the site. Temporary school maps will be developed for 2025 so that students, staff, parents and contractors can find their way around the new school. These will be updated as new buildings are completed:

- Signage with the new branding will be installed at the front of the school. Wayfinding signs will also be installed around the school site for the commencement of 2025.
- The school fence will be removed at the end of this school year. I know that some staff, parents and students have expressed an interest for this to take place earlier, but we need to maintain students on their own school grounds unless under the supervision of staff who are responsible for them when visiting the other site throughout this year.
- There will be one canteen on the southern end of the school site in 2025. Works have commenced on the current canteen to extend this building to create a larger canteen with more serving windows with works due to be completed next term. The current canteen provider will continue running the new school canteen into 2025.



- There will be boys' and girls' toilets and changerooms on both the southern and northern ends of the school site as well as male, female and unisex toilets for staff on both sides of the school site and in the middle of the school site (currently A Block).
- Staff will be housed together in Faculty groups in three main staffrooms across the entire school.
- For the commencement of 2025 all administration and reception will be relocated to Barker Street whilst the administration and staff building on the southern side is demolished.
- Both School Halls will be kept along with the gymnasium. There will be only one school library which will be on the northern side. The current boys school library will be refurbished to become specialist performance spaces for Music and Drama.

New buildings will be built off Rainbow Street commencing sometime in 2025 along with upgrades and refurbishments to some of the existing classrooms and specialist teaching spaces. New covered walkways are planned to connect both extremes of the school.

Construction work will not take place before the HSC. Workers onsite will liaise closely with the school staff to ensure minimal disruption to learning. **Schools Infrastructure is planning a community presentation Wednesday 3rd July from 3pm – 5pm** at which they will display project plans for staff, parents and students. We hope to have uniform storyboards and perhaps some uniform samples also on display at this presentation. Further details about this event will be communicated with parents and students closer to the date.

New School Principal

The new Randwick High School Principal Belinda Conway will commence next week following the long weekend on Tuesday 11 June, she will be joining me in the A Block office where we will work together until the end of this term. There will be an additional student free day at the beginning of term 3 and this will take place on Tuesday 23 July. Students will return to school in Term 3 on Wednesday 24 July. Ms Conway will address each year group on the last two days of this term.

I hope this provides greater clarity about what your school will look like in 2025. As further details are decided these will be communicated with students, staff and parents.

Kind Regards,

Ms Juliette McMurray

Transition Principal Randwick High School



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New RHS P&C Association

It was great to see parents/carers from both school communities coming together for the foundation meeting to establish the new Randwick High School P&C. Congratulations to the elected Office Bearers and Executive Committee:

President - Katja Klikauer

Vice President - Natalie Martin

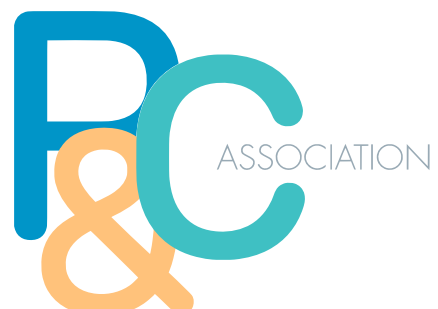
Secretary - Kathi Spinks

Treasurer - Suzy Forrester

Executive Committee: Emma Armson, Helen Petrusa, Sarah Flynn

Thanks to Transition Principal Juliette McMurray for presenting the latest uniform storyboards and bringing some samples for us to see. The licensing process with the new supplier is underway ensuring Yr 7 & 11 2025 students will have new uniforms for the start of year. The next RHS P&C meeting will be held Wed 11 Sep. We have a VP position and three Committee positions available. Come and join us!

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P&C NEWS

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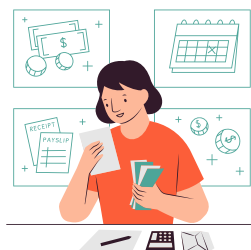
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Registration



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thank you & welcome



Our sincere thanks to Juliette McMurray who has done an extraordinary job leading the transition towards a combined high school for 2025. Juliette brought incredible energy, focus and experience to the project. We are very grateful for Juliette's support and wish her all the best at Fort Street High School!

Congratulations and a warm welcome to incoming Randwick High School Principal Belinda Conway!

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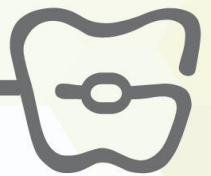
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