



## BULLETIN – 14 September 2020



### Term Holidays

**Saturday 26 September  
to Sunday 11 October**  
All students return **Monday 12 October**  
Have a safe & relaxing break

**“What you do has greater impact  
than what you say.”**

**- Stephen Covey**

### UNIFORM SHOP

**OPENING HOURS –  
TUESDAY 12.30PM TO 2.30 PM  
THURSDAY 8.30 AM TO 10.30 AM**

### TOP PRIDE POINT EARNERS

<b>YEAR 7</b>	-	<b>Bowen L</b>
<b>YEAR 8</b>	-	<b>Olivia P</b>
<b>YEAR 9</b>	-	<b>Paul Y</b>
<b>YEAR 10</b>	-	<b>Earl J</b>
<b>SUPPORT</b>	-	<b>Cherileigh L</b>

### IMPORTANT NOTICES

Can students please use the pedestrian entrance, NOT the driveway entrance when arriving and departing the school.

Thankyou



## Year 11 2021 Enrolment Packages

Enrolment packages for both Riverstone High School and Wyndham College Year 11 2021 are now due. Students are to submit the forms to either the front office or to Ms Hughes. If students need a replacement package they must see Ms Hughes for new ones.

## **TELL THEM FROM ME – STUDENT & PARENT SURVEY**

This term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows the school to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide the school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey, a total of 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is completely confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 12 October and 23 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

Parents will also have the opportunity to participate in the Partners in Learning parent survey, which is part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys on student engagement. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parents and school. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the parent point of view at the school and system levels. Parents will be sent out a link to the survey via sms and will have until 23 October to complete the survey.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is attached to the back of this newsletter.

If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020**.

Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:  
<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

## **TERM 4 PRIDE PROJECTS**

Term 4 Pride Project selections are now open. This time around we have a mix of new and old projects on offer. Some of the exciting new projects are: Bicycle Recycle, Upcycled Drumming, Make-Up Magic and Crochet for a Cause.

All projects and their descriptions are available to be viewed on the Riverstone High School website.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder to students and their parents that students should be wearing correct school uniform at all times. Now that we are in the middle of winter there seems to be a trend of students wearing hoodies and other non-uniform jackets and jumpers. The school uniform shop stocks school jumpers, sloppy joes and jackets that can be worn at all times. The uniform shop is open Tuesdays 12.30pm-2.30pm and Thursdays 8.30am-10.30am.

It is a WHS requirement that students wear leather shoes in practical lessons. At RHS students are to wear black leather shoes. Practical subjects include all Science, Art and Technology lessons.

We appreciate the support of parents and carers in ensuring that our uniform policy is adhered to.




## CANTEEN

Please ensure you place your orders for recess & lunch before 9am so you don't miss out. Canteen staff are more than happy to modify your orders, just let them know what you would like



# Download our school app for free!

### Why download the app?

-  Receive instant notifications for important news.
-  Easily register absentees and excursions.
-  Keep up to date with events and set reminders.

### Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.
2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.
3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.

***Tell Them From Me* student survey:  
Information and consent form for parents and carers**  
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

Dear Parents and Carers

This term, your school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help our school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you **do not want your child to take part** in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by **Friday September 25 2020**.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Karen Downie  
Principal  
Riverstone High School

Dr Jenny Donovan  
Executive Director  
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

# ***Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form***

**Please complete in English**

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by **Friday September 25 2020**.

**I DO NOT** give consent for my child/children to participate in the ***Tell Them From Me student feedback survey***.

Name of student 1

Roll class of student 1

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Name of student 2

Roll class of student 2

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Name of student 3

Roll class of student 3

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Name of student 4

Roll class of student 4

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Name of parent/carer .....

Signature of parent/carer .....

Date .....