



BULLETIN – 19 February 2021

Please be aware all Timber and Food technology practical classes require enclosed leather shoes. Runners are not acceptable unless all leather.

No shoes = No PRACTICAL!

UNIFORM SHOP

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

TOP PRIDE POINT EARNERS

**YEAR 7 - Moonyoung Y
YEAR 8 - Victor H
YEAR 9 - Abby L
YEAR 10 - Chayna B
Year 11 - Earl J
SUPPORT - Tyron S**

IMPORTANT DATES

School Photos – Thursday 4 March 2021
Pi Day – Tuesday 9 March 2021
Year 7 Vaccinations 1st dose – 15 March 2021
Year 8 Mathematics "Party Time" Assessment Task is due by Wednesday 24th February 2021

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY

If you need to pick up your child early from school:

1. Write them out a note in the morning.
2. Tell your child to take the note to the office before roll call.
3. The office staff will issue your child with an Early Leavers note which allows them to leave class at the nominated time.
4. Your child will be able to leave class at that time and will be sitting in the foyer waiting for you when you arrive.

STUDENTS WHO ARE LATE TO SCHOOL

If your child is late to school and has missed roll call, they need to go straight to the front office to be marked in late. If they are not accompanied by a parent or do not have a note covering their lateness, their absence will be marked as unexplained which will have an effect on their attendance record.

MEDICAL

Any students who is on an anaphylaxis or severe asthma plan will need to send in an updated copy of their current Action Plan from their doctor to the office.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

Thursday 4 March 2021

ORDER NOW go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter
the code
6CN NFF NQ8

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit advancedorder code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

Year 11 Geography Excursion

As a part of their studies in Geography, an excursion has been arranged for Year 11 to attend Sydney Olympic Park Education Centre on 25th February (Thursday Week 5). Students will conduct field work around Bicentennial Park's intertidal wetlands to help them understand biophysical interactions.

Reminder: The Note and Monday are due by
Monday 22nd February 2021.

Please see Miss O'Connell if you have any
further questions.



Assessment HUB

Supporting Students to Achieve Success

The Riverstone High School Assessment HUB is available to all students in Year 7-10 at the beginning of each year as part of Stage 4 & 5 assessment. Students in Year 11 and 12 are able to access the Senior Assessment HUBs.

Students and their parents should be able to refer to this site in their dealings with the school regarding the implementation of the Stage 4 & 5 Record of School Achievement assessment procedures. It is consistent with all aspects of the school's policies on Record of School Achievement assessment. Further information can be found on the NESA Website.

How does the Assessment HUB work?

The Riverstone High School Assessment HUBs are an online Assessment Schedule database that provides all students with the necessary information to achieve success in any course studied at RHS. The homepage provides the general detail and information about assessment and the Record of School Achievement or Higher School Certificate. Each year group has its own tab listed above. The drop down menus will direct users to the individual subjects offered in each year and will provide:

- The Assessment Schedule (The exact timing and weighting of the assessments for the year)
- A Scope & Sequence (The units and modules of study for each course)
- An Assessment Calendar (The nominated weeks of assessment for each course)

Should students or parents/caregivers have any specific questions related to assessments within a course, they are encouraged to contact the Head Teacher of the faculty on 02 9627 1484.

[Years 7-10 Assessment Hub](https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/rhs-year-7-10-assessment-hub/home)

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[Year 11 Assessment Hub](https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/rhsyear11assessmenthub/home)

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/rhsyear11assessmenthub/home>

Students are encouraged to download the G Suite applications to their devices to assist with keeping up to date with classwork and assessments,



Debating Team

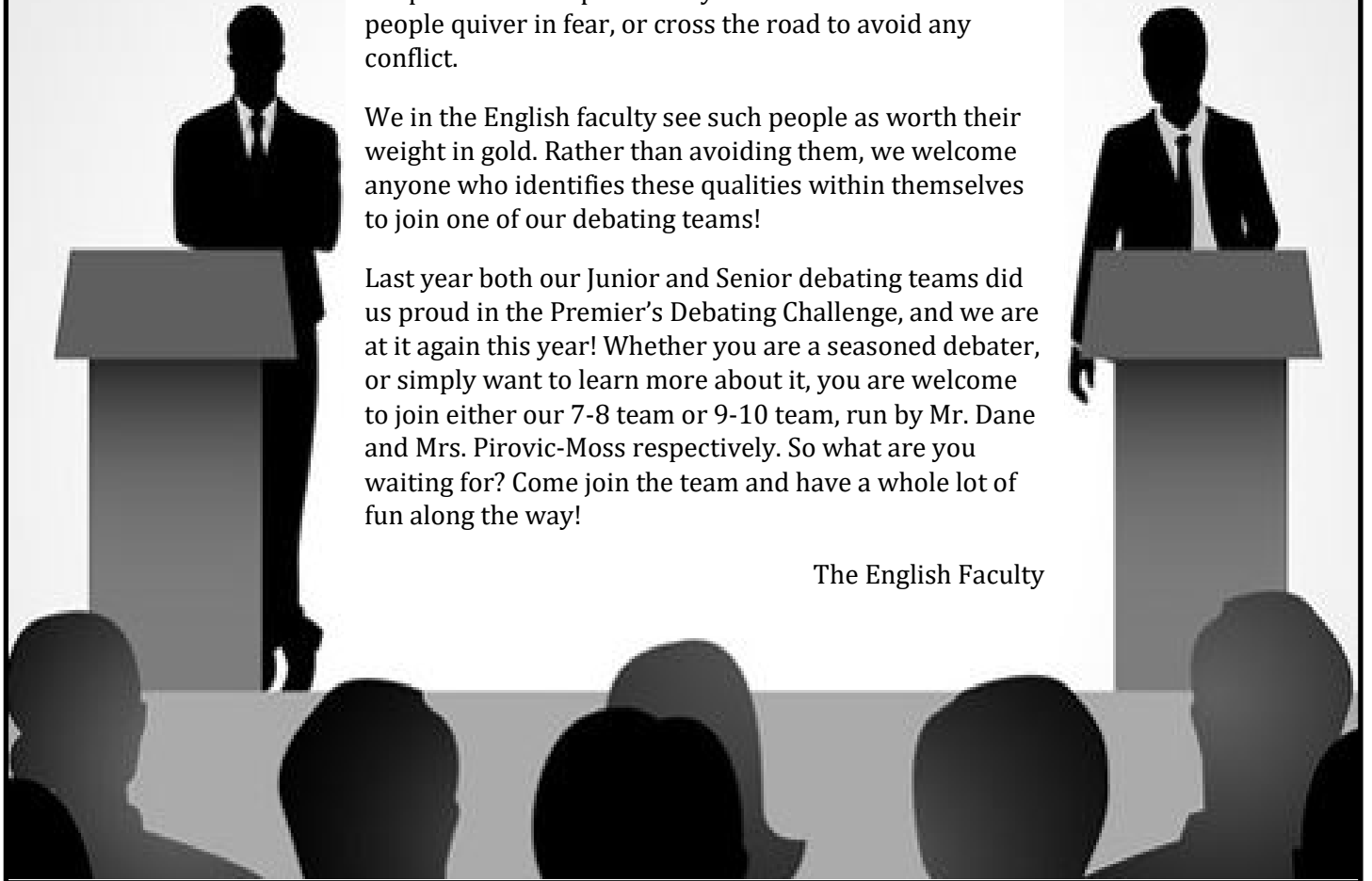
Argumentative. Opinionated. Ruthless.

People with these personality traits can make a lot of people quiver in fear, or cross the road to avoid any conflict.

We in the English faculty see such people as worth their weight in gold. Rather than avoiding them, we welcome anyone who identifies these qualities within themselves to join one of our debating teams!

Last year both our Junior and Senior debating teams did us proud in the Premier's Debating Challenge, and we are at it again this year! Whether you are a seasoned debater, or simply want to learn more about it, you are welcome to join either our 7-8 team or 9-10 team, run by Mr. Dane and Mrs. Pirovic-Moss respectively. So what are you waiting for? Come join the team and have a whole lot of fun along the way!

The English Faculty



Swimming Carnival

On the 4th February was the annual Swimming Carnival at Riverstone Swimming Centre. We had many students compete in competitive races and novelties events throughout the day which helped them gain house points. In 4th place was the Wallabies with 608 points. In 3rd place was the Boomerangs on 642 points. In 2nd place was the Matildas on 884 points and the Kookaburras taking out 1st place with 1136 points.

Congratulations to the following students for winning the Age Champion



- 12 YRS GIRLS - Kaashvi Kumari Kodavati
- 12 YRS BOYS - Seth Carter
- 13 YRS GIRLS - Paige Wilson
- 13 YRS BOYS - Cameron Weiss
- 14 YRS GIRLS - Olivia Plummer
- 14 YRS BOYS - Robert McDermott
- 15 YRS GIRLS - Shanece Karam-Thompson
- 15 YRS BOYS - Noah Rozic
- 16 YRS GIRLS - Mary Russell
- 16 YRS BOYS - Laurence Buhain
- 17 YRS GIRLS - Kirra Hogg-Smith
- 17 YRS BOYS - Joel Hammond





Riverstone High School



Personal Responsibility In Delivering Excellence

HOMEWORK CENTRE

WEEK A

MONDAY

3pm - 4pm

THURSDAY

3pm - 4pm

WEEK B

TUESDAY

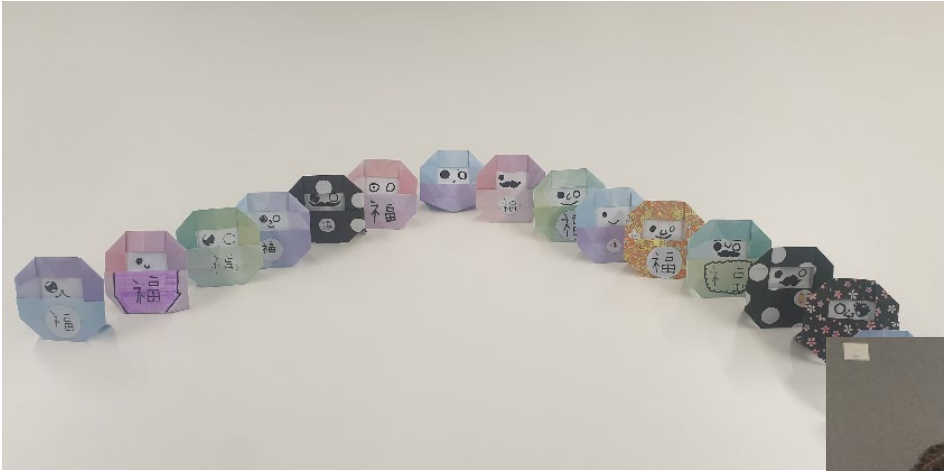
3pm - 4pm

THURSDAY

3pm - 4pm



HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR!



Last week, the language faculty celebrated the year of the Ox and welcomed the new year coming.

The year 7 students have started their year with folding their own Daruma dolls in our Japanese classroom. As Japanese traditions, we fill in one eye of the doll with a yearly goal or wish in mind and leave the remaining eye to be filled when our wish/goal is fulfilled.



The different coloured papers are goal specific, and chosen by the students.



Wishing all the best for those wishes/goals to be achieved by the end of the year!





Nirimba Collegiate

real connections, endless opportunities

2021 has seen all the design and planning work for 'Recalibration' over the past 2 years begin to come to fruition. On 29th January, over 400 Year 11 students started their journey towards the HSC at all four campuses of the Collegiate.

Students in Year 11 are undertaking a pattern of study chosen from 75 different subjects across the Collegiate – the broadest range of courses offered in Collegiate history. This year there are 30 students accessing courses at more than one campus, travelling on the Collegiate shuttlebuses.

On the afternoon of 11th February, the four Principals of the Collegiate welcomed 12 new teachers with an induction afternoon tea. It was wonderful to bring these staff together to meet each other and acquaint them with the structures and systems of our unique Collegiate.

The pandemic permitting, we are looking forward to reigniting cross-Collegiate programs and competitions for students this year to broaden the experiences and learning opportunities for all year groups.

Following on from the Collegiate School Development Day in Term 3 2020, Head Teachers and course coordinators across the campuses are meeting this term to crystallise their collaboration plans for 2021. Sixteen staff networks based around Key Learning Areas and student support services will collaborate during the year around self-identified focus areas to enhance the capacity of staff and improve outcomes for students.

From this early standpoint, 2021 looks to be a very promising year in the Collegiate.

Four times the Opportunities.



In a changing world, you want to know that your child is accessing the best possible education opportunities. When they attend a Nirimba Collegiate school, they are able to engage with subjects, social activities, sports and teachers from across four schools.



Work Experience

Work Experience is a vital component of Careers Education at Riverstone High School. It is a wonderful experience for students to experience the world of work, trial different pathways and gain experience. From Monday 22nd of March until Friday 26th of March Year 10 students are required to complete Work Experience at a placement of their choice. Student's who still require assistance in locating a placement are to see the Careers Advisor Ms Hughes as soon as possible to organise placements. Good luck to all students and enjoy your week at Work Experience.



Year 7 Peer Support Camp

Year 7 students are invited to attend the Year 7 Peer Support camp for 2021. Please note the camp is not compulsory to attend. The camp is in Week 9 of Term 1, from Wednesday 24th March until Friday 26th March. Notes will be distributed shortly to all students with all information.



White Card Training

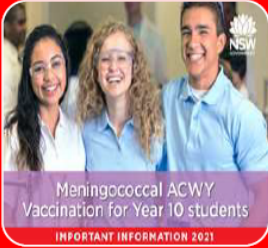
The White Card Training course has been organised for Wednesday 10th March (Term 1). This course delivers Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) induction training within the construction industry. It covers awareness of WHS legislative requirements, and the basic principles of risk management and prevention of injury and illness in the construction industry. Each student will receive a Statement of National General Construction Induction Training certificate on the day of training. Students wanting to complete this course must see Ms Hughes for a note.



Riverstone High School

Year 7 Clinic - 1st dose HPV and dTpa vaccine *

- 15th March 2021
- Plus catch-up for some Year 8 students



Year 10 Clinic - Meningococcal ACWY vaccine

- 27th August 2021
- Plus catch-up for Year 7, 8 & 11 students
- Any Year 7 student who was absent or missed returning their consent form at 1st Visit will be caught up through-out the year *



Year 7 Clinic - 2nd dose HPV vaccine

- 22nd October 2021
- Plus catch-up for any Year 7, 8, 10 & 11 students
- Questions? Contact Public Health on 9840 3603

Year 8 Mathematics Assessment Task

All Year 8 students will be receiving their first assessment task for Mathematics in Week 3 called "Party Time".

Please have a look at the task and discuss the content at home.

If you have any questions please contact the Mathematics faculty.

It is due by Wednesday 24th February.

Sports Trials/Competition Dates

Blacktown Zone Opens Boys and Girls Basketball Trials - Monday 22nd February - Wyndham College
Blacktown Zone Opens Boys and Girls Football Trials - Tuesday 23rd February - Wyndham College
Blacktown Zone Opens Boys and Girls Touch Football Trials - Tuesday 23rd February - Wyndham College
Blacktown Zone U15's Boys Rugby League Trials - Tuesday 23rd February - Wyndham College
Blacktown Zone Opens Girls Netball Trials - Tuesday 23rd February - Wyndham College
Opens Boys Football Knockout Competition - Thursday 4th March playing Plumpton High School.

SUPPORT COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM 2021

Students in Support will again participate in the Community Access Program for 2021. The program will run on **Tuesday Week B for Year 7-8** and **Wednesday Week A for Year 9-10**. All students involved will learn how to use their Opal card, tell the time, make small purchases, locate and use public transport and facilities, behave appropriately in public and follow directions. Students are expected to come in full school uniform and display appropriate behaviours at all times.

Students will leave Riverstone High School after roll call and will return by 2.30pm.

Students are to have their own Opal Card and always have it topped up with enough credit for a return journey. Please check this website for Opal Cards retailers <https://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/how-do-i-get-an-opal-card>

Students can bring their own food; however, they will have the opportunity to purchase lunch each week. Please ensure your child has a full bottle of water. If you would like your child to buy their lunch please give them approximately \$10.00. **Masks must be worn when using public transport.**

Activities for Term 1 2021

WEEK	STAGE 4 (Years 7/8)	STAGE 5 (9/10)
5 - 24/02/2021		Richmond
6 - 2/03/2021	Riverstone	
7 - 10/03/2021		Blacktown
8 - 16/03/2021	Richmond	
9 - 24/03 2021		Riverstone
10 - 30/03/2021	Blacktown	

Students must return their permission notes ASAP to ensure they can participate. If you have any issue with the Community Access Program please contact the school.





| NSW Department of Education

2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Key dates for students in K-10:

Challenge opens
Monday March 1

Challenge closes
for student entries
Friday August 20

Artwork by Dr
Bronwyn Bancroft

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.gov.au



Year 7 Humanities Update

On Monday 8th February, Year 7 undertook an archaeological dig to further their understanding of archaeology. They were met with four pits dug up at the back of school, and used brushes and trowels to uncover the mysteries that were placed in the ground. They did their best Indiana Jones impersonations to find the various Ancient Chinese artefacts and made sure not to damage any of the pieces found in the earth. Once back in the classroom, our mini Indian Jones', pieced together the clues that they dug up to unveil the history about the Ancient Chinese. Great work to our future archaeologists!



Year 11 Ancient History

Archaeological Dig

Year 11 have started their study of Ancient History by looking at the history of archaeology and different methods for locating and excavating archaeological sites. To help develop their understanding of this topic, students participated in an archaeological dig at school.

Students first surveyed the site and drew a grid in their books to ensure that finds were properly recorded. Students then completed an open area excavation of the site, removing each layer to discover artefacts. At the site, students discovered pieces of terracotta and bone, coins and written documents. From these artefacts, students concluded that the site was most likely used for trade or commerce due to the nature of the evidence.

NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM – SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2021 the following vaccines will be offered:

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	2-doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine	Single dose
Years 10	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast and has food available on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that, students who return signed consent forms during 2021, but are absent on vaccination day will be caught-up at school during 2021 and 2022.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/withdraw_consent.aspx.

A Record of Vaccination card will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Details about vaccinations given at school will also be uploaded to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to support complete vaccination histories.

For further information:

Australian Government Department of Health website

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/videos/getting-your-hpv-dtpa-vaccinations-at-school-what-to-expect>

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/videos/getting-your-meningococcal-acwy-vaccination-at-school-what-to-expect>

NSW Health website <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx>

Contact Parramatta Public Health Unit on 9840 3603

Riverstone High School Uniform Price List

Trading Hours
Tuesday 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Thursday 8:30am - 10:30am

Girls Uniform

Junior Year 7 - Year 10

Blouse Short Sleeve Sky	\$30.00
Polo Sky/Navy	\$35.00
Shorts Microfibre Navy	\$25.00
Skirt Formal Navy	\$35.00
Socks White (3pk)	\$11.95
Tights Navy	\$8.50

Senior Year 11 - Year 12

Blouse Short Sleeve White	\$30.00
Polo White/Navy	\$35.00
Shorts Microfibre Navy	\$25.00
Skirt Formal Navy	\$35.00
Socks White (3pk)	\$11.95
Tights Navy	\$8.50

Winter Uniform

Jumper Fleece Navy	\$30.00
Jacket Microfibre Navy/Sky	\$65.00
Track Pants Microfibre Navy	\$30.00

Boys Uniform

Junior Year 7 - Year 10

Shirt Short Sleeve Sky	\$30.00
Polo Sky/Navy	\$35.00
Shorts Microfibre Navy	\$25.00
Socks White (3pk)	\$11.95

Senior Year 11 - Year 12

Shirt Short Sleeve White	\$30.00
Polo White/Navy	\$35.00
Shorts Microfibre Navy	\$25.00
Socks White (3pk)	\$11.95

Sports Uniform

Polo Navy/Sky	\$35.00
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Accessories

Chef Beanie Black	\$8.00
Apron Black/White	\$15.00

UNIFORMS

FOOTWEAR

STATIONERY

TECHNOLOGY

SPORT

MUSIC

The School Locker Uniform Shop
Riverstone High School

71 McCulloch Street, Riverstone
Email: RiverstoneHS@theschoollocker.com.au

Prices effective 1st January 2021. Prices are subject to change.

theschoollocker.com.au

Pi Day Order Form

Recess Tuesday 9th March 2021

Student Name: _____

Roll Call: _____

Year: _____

Cost is \$3.14

- Please Select one Pie from the list below:

Apple Pie

Custard Pie

- Please select one drink from the list below:

Orange Juice

Apple Juice

Blackcurrant Juice

- All orders will be available for pick up at Recess in LD 1 by the Maths staff.
- Orders must be paid to the office by Thursday 4th March 2021.
- Please pay in cash at the office.