



Riverstone High School



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BULLETIN – 9 MARCH 2020

Tuesday 10 March

EVET Program
Deadly Dreaming

Wednesday 11 March

Year 11 2021 Wyndham Open Night
Subject Selection 6.30 pm

Thursday 12 March

Community Access
Selective High School Placement Test

Monday 16 March

Riverstone High School Stage 6 Subject
Selection Night 6.30 pm
Year 7 Vaccinations

Tuesday 17 March

EVET Program
Deadly Dreaming

Wednesday 18 March

Hamlet Excursion

Thursday 19 March

Community Access

Friday 20 March

SW Swimming Carnival

**“Be a light, not a judge. Be a
model, not a critic.”**

Stephen Covey

**11 March – Wyndham College Open
Night/Subject Selection Information
Night 6.30 pm.**

**16 March – Riverstone High School
Stage 6 Subject Information Night 6.30
pm.**

TOP PRIDE POINT EARNERS

YEAR 7	-	Khloe B
YEAR 8	-	Lachlan M
YEAR 9	-	William R
YEAR 10	-	Bianca I
SUPPORT	-	Jacob T

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

**STUDENTS INTERESTED – SEE MS
LYNCH IN LIBRARY**

PI DAY

Pi day is coming.....Tuesday 24 March

Get involved with the Pi Recital competition, Pi Movie Title Display competition and the Pi Poetry competition!

You will also be able to order a Pie and Drink for \$3.14

Full details will be available soon.

YEAR 7 PEER SUPPORT CAMP 2020

Students in Year 7 and Year 9 Peer Support Leaders are being offered the opportunity to be a part of the **Year 7 Camp** on **Wednesday, 25 March 2020 to Friday, 27 March 2020**. The Great Aussie Bush Camp programs are delivered within a historically unique and authentic Australian environment by highly trained instructors who treat students like family. The program gives students the opportunity to begin developing friendships whilst learning about respect and conflict resolution that will support and guide them throughout life. The programs are delivered through a sequentialised approach where “challenge by choice” allows students to safely go beyond their comfort zones at a pace that feels right for them.

The total cost of this camp is \$340.00. A \$50.00 deposit should have been paid to the Front Office by **Wednesday, 4 March 2020**. Final Payment for Camp is to be paid the Front Office by **Tuesday, 18 March 2020**. Payment plans can be arranged through contacting the school.

Students will need to meet at Riverstone High school Bus Bay at 7:00 am and will be departing at 7:45 am via bus. It is estimated that students will return to Riverstone High school at approximately 5:00 pm at which point students will be dismissed. However, it is recommended that students take their mobile phones to text parents if this time is different.

Students have received notes which has attached the Gear Checklist, Camp Guidelines and Rules, Sample Menu, Medical Consent form, Current Medication/Dietary Requirements and Parent or Guardian Consent/Activity Restrictions for the Great Aussie Bush Camp. ***It is a requirement of The Great Aussie Bush Camp that all Medical and Dietary Requirement notes MUST be filled out and returned to the front office for your child to be able to attend Camp.*** If students require a new note please see Mr Negus ASAP.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Negus on 9627 1484.



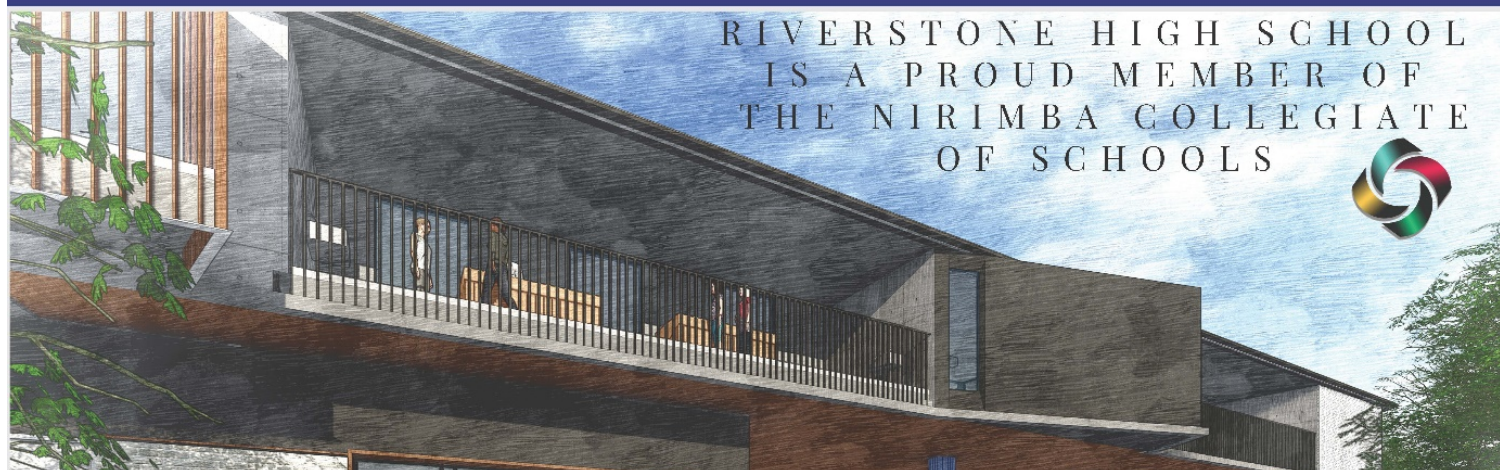
*6PM
IN THE
LIBRARY*

**MONDAY
MARCH
16
2020**



STAGE 6 SUBJECT INFORMATION NIGHT

*SEE WHAT RIVERSTONE HIGH
SCHOOL HAS TO OFFER*



RIVERSTONE HIGH SCHOOL
IS A PROUD MEMBER OF
THE NIRIMBA COLLEGIATE
OF SCHOOLS



NIRIMBA COLLEGIATE RECALIBRATION UPDATE

Dear parents/caregivers and students,

2020 is a significant year in the history of the collegiate as we continue preparations for all our schools to offer senior courses, commencing with Year 11 in 2021.

During the holidays, members of the Collegiate Management Group met with representatives from the NSW Department of Education to continue the process of identifying the immediate and long term physical resources required by our schools to deliver Year 11 and 12 courses, as well as cater for anticipated increases in student enrolments across the collegiate.

Our Collegiate Deputy Principal, Beth O'Connor, has developed the 'Nirimba Collegiate Senior Course Guide', which provides those entering Year 11 next year with valuable course information and indicates which courses will be offered to students at each of the collegiate schools. This booklet will be provided to students within the next few weeks. Following its dissemination, Careers Advisors at each school will guide the students through the booklet and each school will hold senior 'Open Nights' to explain their course offerings.

Finally, this term, consultation with staff, parents and students will occur for the selection of senior uniforms for Quakers Hill, Seven Hills and Riverstone High Schools.

As always, your opinions are valued. If you wish discuss any issues related to the recalibration please email the school and attention it to the Principal.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Skehan, Karen Downie, Greg Johnstone and Karen Smith

Important Dates for Riverstone High School Year 10 students and their parents during Term 1:

- March 11- Wyndham College Open Night/Subject Information Night 6.30pm
- March 16- Riverstone High School Stage 6 Subject Information Night 6.30pm



The poster for Wyndham College Open Night features a blue header with the college's crest and name. Below the header are three images: a group of students in sports uniforms, a student playing a piano, and a group of students studying together. The text 'Discover College Life' is written in a red script font. The main title 'OPEN NIGHT' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, the text 'SENIOR SCHOOL SPECIALISTS NIRIMBA EDUCATION PRECINCT EASTERN ROAD, QUAKERS HILL' is displayed. The event details '6PM | WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH' are in white text on a yellow background. At the bottom, there are logos for social media, the NSW Government, and Education, along with the website 'WYNDHAMCOL.H.SCHOOLS.NSW.GOV.AU/' and a statement that Wyndham College is a proud member of The Nirimba Collegiate of Schools.

Wyndham College

Discover College Life

OPEN NIGHT

SENIOR SCHOOL SPECIALISTS
NIRIMBA EDUCATION PRECINCT
EASTERN ROAD, QUAKERS HILL

6PM | WEDNESDAY
11TH MARCH

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WYNDHAM COLLEGE IS A PROUD MEMBER OF
THE NIRIMBA COLLEGIATE OF SCHOOLS

RIVERSTONE HIGH SCHOOL & OUR PARTNER PRIMARY SCHOOLS
PRESENT

FREE CYBER SAFETY PARENT SEMINAR

Wednesday 1st April
5.30-7.00pm

Online safety is an increasing concern for schools, students, parents and carers. Recent studies show that 70% of students are hiding their online behaviour from their parents. This is why most parents feel their children are safe online. But are they?

Certified by the E-Safety Commissioner, Leonie Smith is one of the country's leading cyber safety experts. She provides education for parents, school students, teachers, seniors and business. She is also the author of "Keeping Kids Safe Online" a step by step manual for online safety.

Topics Covered:

- New technology what are the dangers & the positives?
- Traps with apps, this years trends - TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram and more
- Protecting your child from online strangers and adult content
- Parental Controls and pornography blockers
- Mobile Devices & Smart Phone Safety
- Safer Messaging options
- Video gaming tips, Fortnite - Roblox - Minecraft
- Cyber Bullying how to prevent - what to do?
- Keeping an eye on your digital child's online world
- Screen time without the drama!
- Teaching kids how to take digital responsibility
- Raising an amazing digital citizen!

Leonie will have an 80 page companion Parent/Teacher manual
"Keeping Kids Safe Online" for \$30.00 and now a Student/Teen Manual for \$20.
You can find more information at
www.cybersafetylady.com.au



Please RSVP by Friday 27th March
9627 1484 or
riverstone-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Please be aware this event is for Parents & Carers only.
Students should not be in attendance.

The P&C Meeting will follow the presentation

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 23 March until Friday 27 March Year 10 students are required to complete Work Experience at a placement of their choice. Students 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.

WHITE CARD TRAINING

The White Card Training course has been organised for Wednesday 29 April (Term 2). 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.

SCHOOL LOCKER

The new everyday polo's have arrived and can be purchased for \$35.00 each.

For those who had preordered them during the month of January, we have these items put aside, waiting for you to pay and collect.

If these items have not been collected by the end of Term 1, the order will be cancelled.

Shop Hours During School Term

Tuesday 12.30 to 2.30

Thursday 8.30 to 10.30

SCIENCE STATE VALID TEST

The Valid results will be given to students in Science classes at the beginning of the Week 7.

Road safety



Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au)



Lives lost on NSW roads.
Our goal is zero.



Road safety



Keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

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THE PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is a state-wide challenge that encourages students to develop a love of reading for leisure and pleasure. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read a wide variety of books.

Students must read at least 20 books to meet the Challenge. Students can record their books by logging in directly to the PRC Student Site using their Department of Education (DoE) username and password. <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

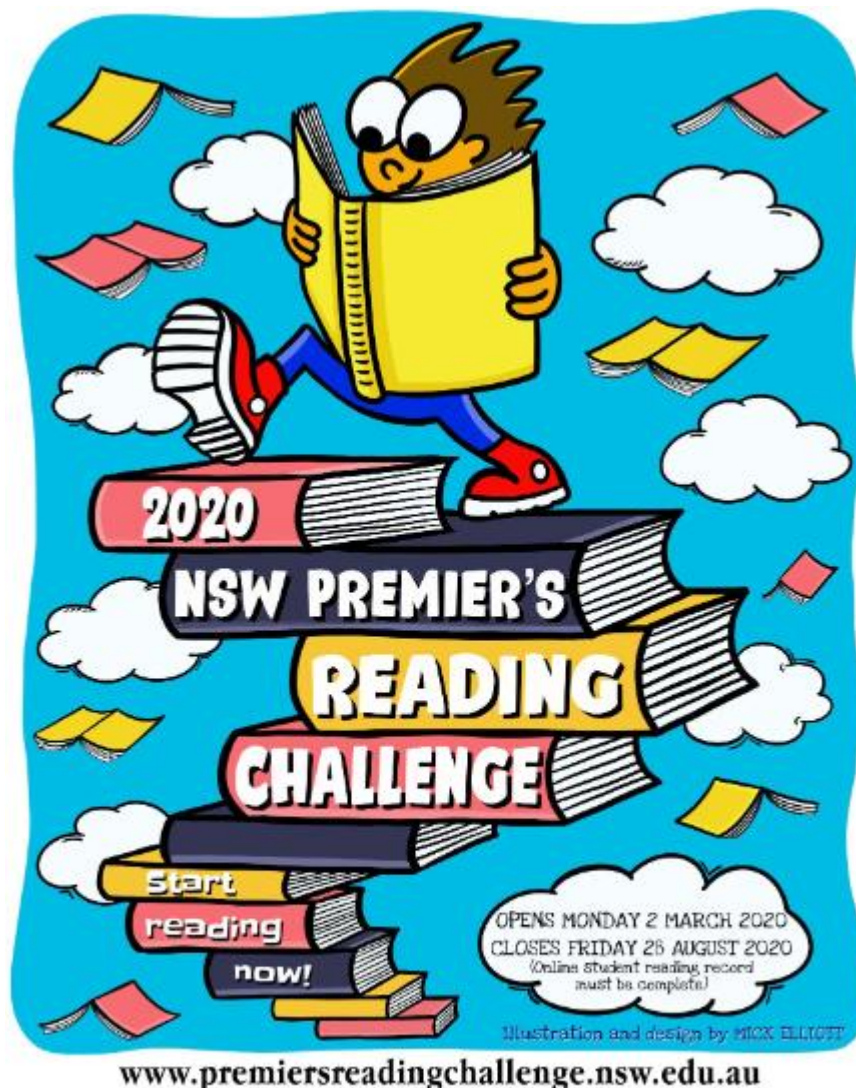
Our school library has a large range of PRC books that are available for borrowing.

For every book read towards the challenge, students will receive 5 PRIDE points. **Completing the challenge (20 books) will result in 100 PRIDE points being awarded as well as the official certificate signed by the Premier of NSW.**

For the first time, teachers are taking part in the challenge, and will be showing off what they've read on posters at each staffroom.

The challenge ends 28 August, so there's plenty of time to get reading.

See Ms Lynch in the library for more information.





As part of our campaign against fare evasion, and our on-going commitment to provide the level of service needed to transport students to and from your school, Busways conducts regular checks of School Opal card.

All students must be in possession of a valid Opal card or pay a fare.

Students in possession of an Opal card must also tap on/off with their card when boarding our buses.

This is important, because the Opal data collected determines the level of service we are able to provide to your school. If students don't tap on and off, the services will appear under utilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

To apply for a School Opal card or to report a lost or stolen card, go online to www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/

Students who are ineligible for School Opal will need to purchase a Child/Youth Opal card or pay a fare to travel on our buses.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support.



Riverstone High School

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

Wednesday 11 March 2020

**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 direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au