

In Focus



Your Coeducational School - To Create, To Prepare, To Achieve. Make a Difference.

■ From the Principal

In last week's Music Soiree, we enjoyed seeing many of our talented musicians at RHS performing their solo pieces for an audience of students, parents and staff members. The quality of the performances was high, and I congratulate all the students on their musicality and their commitment to performing. Thank you to all the music teachers who worked with these students to support them with their learning, and to Mr Thomas Williams for organising and hosting this wonderful evening of music.

Earlier this week, we welcomed the parents of our Year 12 students to join us and the cohort of Year 12s for a celebration breakfast. It was lovely to have an opportunity to catch up with our families, and to celebrate the learning and the efforts of our students in Year 12. The academic year is progressing well, with students having completed their first few SACs (formal assessment tasks) in their final year of schooling.

A major priority for us as a school next term will be to reinforce our shared expectations – being *respectful and ready to learn*. As part

of our core vision of making a difference in our students' lives, and giving them the tools to make a difference in the community, we are spending time on developing their capacity to be lifelong learners who treat others with respect and courtesy. We know that this is an important part of representing the school, and taking pride in being a Richmond High School student. We see examples of this on a daily basis in how students support others, engage with the learning in class, and push themselves to reach further in sports, arts, clubs and academic learning.

As we have reached the end of Term 1 today, I wish all of you a lovely Easter period and a wonderful break from school. All the best and see you again next term.

Lars Andersson

■ Sporting achievements

It was a successful end to the term from a sporting point of view, with a number of teams representing RHS at division interschool sports days as

well as Regional swimming and lawn bowls events.

Year 7 and 8 Division sport days saw many of our teams compete to a very high standard in their respective sports. It was great to see students able to collaborate with each other from a team perspective, as well as showcasing their individual talent and sporting prowess. A special mention to our year 7 Boys Baseball team who have progressed to the Regional Finals in term 2. Well done to all involved.

Last week we had five students competing at the Regional Swimming Championships in Greensborough. Albert Allen, Jamie Howarth-Carpenter, Remy Grutzner, Leo Buckle and Marcus Carney all did a fantastic job representing our school with all of them walking away with a medal from their respective events. Big congratulations to Leo Buckle who has progressed to the State Finals for the 50m Freestyle. Our U16 Boys relay team, consisting of Leo, Jamie, Remy and Marcus, have also progressed to the State Finals, which is an amazing effort. Big shoutout to Marcus who swam up three age groups and competed extremely well! Well done boys!

We have also recently competed at the Regional Bowls event held at the Fitzroy Bowls Club. We had a good number of students representing RHS on the day, with three senior teams and one junior team competing. It was a tough competition, which ended with our senior boys team consisting of Taj Alcott, Rob Gomme and Will Hall making the final against Fitzroy High School. Unfortunately, we were not able to get the win which would have led to our second appearance at the State Championships. Even though the boys did not get the result they wanted, they competed with great sportsmanship and were graceful in defeat.

Thanks to all students who participated in sport during term 1. We look forward to getting back out there in term 2 and seeing some wonderful individual and team results!

Brendan Hosking, Sports Coordinator

■ Key dates coming up

Monday, April 24: Professional Practice Day for all RHS teachers (no classes running)

Tuesday, April 25: ANZAC Day

Wednesday, April 26: Return to school



■ About us

Richmond High School is a bespoke, multi-level co-educational learning space created to serve the local community.

We are welcoming and inclusive, embracing difference and diversity in its many forms. We offer a strong academic focus that encourages creativity and original thinking.

We have high expectations of our students, balanced by care and support whenever it is needed. We hope to equip the students in our care for an ever-changing world, encouraging them to embrace learning for life and the desire to make a difference.

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■ Respectful acknowledgment

Our school is located on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, we pay our respects to them. They are the Traditional Custodians of our Land.

We would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Kulin Nation and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians.

As a school, we aim to embrace difference in its many forms. In culture, gender and religion. We ask you to respect everyone, yourself included.

"Truth telling about the Aboriginal experience in our country is not only key to a brighter future for Aboriginal children but is also not something to be afraid of. Through truth - healing, reconciliation and understanding will truly begin."

