

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

## ■ From the Principal

The past few weeks have been very busy at Richmond High School with a range of excursions, incursions and camps. Our Year 10 students enjoyed a variety of exciting activities at the Bright Adventure Camp, supported by an intrepid group of RHS teachers and under the leadership of Mr Lachlan Mann. Thank you to all the staff involved for their work in supporting our Year 10 students.

Meanwhile, our Year 11 students have had a powerful introduction to Year 12 through our Optimal Learning Program, which this week included a day spent at the University of Melbourne, with study skills workshops, English/Literature/ English Language masterclasses, and presentations from university staff.

Year 9 students have performed in their Drama Class Productions in our Performing Arts space at RHS, as well as taking part in a highly successful Year 9 Networking Day with students from Melbourne High School and the Presbyterian Ladies' College. Thank you to all the RHS staff who organised and supervised students during these events.

Next week, all RHS students will begin the Early Commencement Program, which means that they will experience their new classes for 2024 for two weeks. This is an important part of their learning and it is essential that students participate actively in this program.

### ■ Wellbeing Team Breakfast Club

This term, we have been able to start a new breakfast club initiative run by our wellbeing team here at RHS. On Friday mornings, our wellbeing staff members have been able to serve cheese toasties and fresh fruit to our year 7-9 students, courtesy of some kind donations given by local vendors who operate at the Gleadell Street market. These generous donations are given by Rob, from 'Twinkleberrys,' and Maroun, who runs the local coffee shop at the market. Thank you to Rob and Maroun for their support.

A special thanks to Simon Ondaatje, a parent of two of our recently graduated year 12s, for taking the time to organise these donations between the stalls and the school.

#### Principal recruitment

As announced recently to the school community, I will leave RHS at the end of this year, and start a new position as principal of Thornbury High School in January 2024. While I feel a great deal of sadness and loss in leaving behind this wonderful school and the Richmond community, I am also very proud of everything we have achieved together, and excited about taking on the new role at THS.

The regional office of the Department of Education has begun the process of recruiting an acting principal for RHS for Term 1, 2024, allowing sufficient time to find a substantive principal to start in Term 2, 2024.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Richmond High School community, and in particular the RHS School Council for their ongoing support of my work as principal and for their commitment to improved learning outcomes for young people at RHS.

Lars Andersson



# ■ Key dates coming up

27 November- 8 December: Wholeschool Early Commencement Program

11-12 December: RHS Activities Program

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.



### ■ About us

Richmond High School is a bespoke, multilevel 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 everchanging 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

