

Richmond
High School

In Focus



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

■ From the Acting Principal

Yesterday we held our first whole school assembly. As I walked over to the gym it was a joy to hear the melodious sounds of the year 10 band warming up.

This excellence assembly brought all students together to celebrate achievements, build connections and foster school pride. Our School captains warmly and formally welcomed our new year 7 students into Richmond High School and we had a number of high achievers from last year share their learning journey and strategies for success. The behaviour of students during the assembly was impeccable and in line with our high expectations. Below is an excerpt from my Acting Principal address:

"Success takes hard work and effort. I know our high achievers who are back today practised, studied, and worked really hard to achieve the results and success they did.

As you listen to our high achievers and school captains today - I ask you to think about your goals and what you want to achieve in your years at RHS.

Time will fly by - make it count.

Aim to get your name on the honour board for the School Values award or the Chinese award or Social Responsibility award or as a School Captain. If you are a new year 7 picture yourself being invited back in seven years as a special guest to talk about your amazing Year 12 achievements. Aim to be in a great school band!"

I also talked about what it means to wear the RHS uniform and how when students are wearing the RHS uniform they are representing not just themselves but every other student of Richmond High School and every other member of the school community.

I congratulated students on achieving over 1000 house points in the last weeks for demonstrating our school values, showing effective learning in class, behaving in respectful ways around the school. The assembly also afforded a wonderful opportunity to congratulate and present Senior House Captains and Junior Form Captains with their leadership badges. We know these student leaders will embrace this opportunity and make a difference in 2024.

I would like to thank all staff and students for contributing to a very successful first whole school assembly.

Girls Basketball Academy

In collaboration with Chase Basketball, we are very pleased to be able to offer a heavily subsidised girls only basketball training academy. All local girls from years 5-9 are invited to join. There will be a free trial on March 19 at 7.30am-8.30am and the Academy will officially begin in Term 2 on Tuesday mornings from 7.30-8.30am.

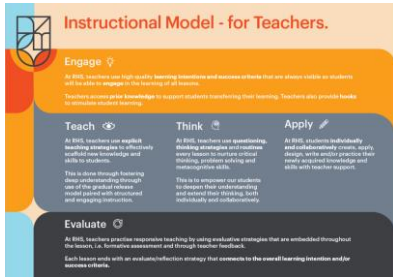
Bookings can be made via:

[HTTPS://CHASEBASKETBALL.COM.AU/CALENDAR/](https://chasebasketball.com.au/calendar/)



Andrea Thompson

■ **Launch of the RHS Instructional Model**



In 2023, Learning Specialists, Zachary Alaimo and Selina Braine collaborated with staff and students to create our Richmond High School Instructional Model. The model serves to support and guide staff and students as to what best classroom practice looks like at RHS and is informed by current educational research and existing models used by similar schools in Victoria.

During the first curriculum days this year, Zac and Selina officially launched the RHS Instructional Model. The student version of the RHS Instructional Model will be introduced to students throughout this term by our school captains, with time for students to ask questions about what the model is and how it will be used in their classes. As the year progresses our 'Strengthening Quality Teacher Team', including Zac Alaimo, Selina Braine, Lachlan Mann and Jessica Hayes, will provide professional learning twice a term for staff to understand how to implement and plan for the 'THINK' component of the Instructional Model, using research from multiple sources, including the work from Harvard University's Project Zero and Ron Ritchart as core

guidelines to make learning visible in all of our classrooms.

■ **Key dates coming up**

March 1: Meet the Leadership Team for current parents/carers 8.30am

March 5: RHS Family Association welcome event (BBQ) at 5.30pm

March 11th - Labour Day Public Holiday

March 13 - 15: Year 7 Camp: The Summit

March 13-25: NAPLAN tests for students in Years 7 and 9

March 15: Year 8 Sport

March 18 - 22: Year 9 City Experiences

March 25 - Morrisby Interviews for Year 9 students

March 26: Music Soiree – Solo Performances

March 27th - April 8 USA Arts Tour

March 28: Last day of Term 1. School to finish at 2:40pm

■ **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.

Colin Simpson

