

In Focus



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

■ From the Principal

It is with immense pride that I take on the role of substantive Principal of Richmond High School. Spending term 1 as the Acting Principal showed me Richmond High School is a great school that has a strong and committed community wrapped around it. It has been a privilege to see the high levels of professionalism and care the RHS staff have for our students and to see our students thriving in all aspects of school - academically, artistically socially and in sport. I have also seen the potential of Richmond High School to be an even better school and I am looking forward to working with our staff, students, parents and carers and community partners to realise and reach this potential and position RHS as the high quality, co-educational school of choice for the local children of Richmond.

There has been much to acknowledge and celebrate during March at Richmond High School and I would like to thank our teachers and Education Support staff for their hard work, dedication and professionalism to their roles in our school. It is this

dedication that provides for the opportunities and successes of our Richmond High School students. Our teachers and Education Support staff have given everything during this very busy term, and I thank them for their work.

Year 7 Humanities – Road to Richmond Presentations

It has been wonderful to see our new Year 7s make such a great start to their secondary schooling. I have loved seeing their learning, new friendships formed and their sense of connection to RHS develop each day. This was particularly evident during our recent Road to Richmond presentations where year 7s presented to an audience of staff, students, year 7 parents and carers and community members about their Road to Richmond and the inspirational family member who contributed to this journey. Thank you to the parents and carers who participated in this brilliant event and to Anthony Merlino, our Head of Humanities for leading such a special event.

Cultural Day (International Day to eliminate racial discrimination)

Last Wednesday we acknowledged and celebrated Cultural Day at RHS. At recess we had the Djirri Djirri performers deliver a beautiful Welcome to Country and dance in the north courtyard and at lunchtime we had students manage a food stall with amazing foods from across the globe to raise money for the Red Cross. The school building was decorated with flags, amazing artworks inspired by the artist, Peter Drew and staff and students proudly wearing cultural dress. Thank you to everyone involved in making this day a huge success. A special mention to stakeholders who attended - Yarra Youth Services, Headspace and Richmond Salvation Army, the RHS Cultural Day working group and Jodie and Awa - two incredible Year 12 students who have been a driving force behind the day after receiving a Youth Led grant from our Local Council.

International Women's Day

International Women's Day was celebrated at Richmond High School with all students watching and reflecting on a video, made by our

RHS IWD Team, of staff and students, about what IWD means to them, along with special IWD biscuits from our canteen, and the publication of our first ever IWD newsletter led by Sally in Year 11. International Women's Day at RHS culminated with a beautiful display of notes students wrote to an inspirational woman. Thank you to Ms Braine and the IWD team of students for their great work organising this important day.

Empowering Excellence: Youth Service Special Awards for Richmond High School

The Richmond Rotary event was dedicated to honouring the excellence and celebrating the outstanding achievements of Richmond High School students. Please click on the link below to read about the exceptional presentations delivered by RHS student speakers, who captivated the audience with their remarkable accomplishments and aspirations. Congratulations to Pippa, Darcy, Jodie, Awa, and Philip. We are so proud of you.

[Article - Empowering Excellence: Youth Service Awards for Richmond High School](#)

Year 9 City Experience

Last week our Year 9s participated in their City Experience Camp, an activity week aiming at exposing students to a range of different iconic Melbourne experiences. Students attended the theatre to see Wicked, were exposed to Da Vinci at the Lume and showed off their skills at the ice skating rink. In line with our high expectations, behaviour and participation during the City

Experience was exemplary, with a number of external providers commending our students on their positive attitudes and respectful behaviour. We particularly want to congratulate our students on being inclusive to their peers and being open to trying a range of new experiences. A massive thank you to our Head of Year 9, Mia Withers and the year 9 team for arranging such enriching experiences for our year 9 cohort.

Senior Arts Tour of New York and LA

We wish our 21 students and 4 staff members a wonderful cultural experience as they embark on an exciting Arts Tour of New York, visiting art galleries, participating in Broadway workshops and attending a Broadway show. The tour will then move to LA and will include experiences at Universal Studios, the Getty Museum and Santa Monica. This senior tour supports students to foster a deep understanding of the arts in various forms and to enhance the student's knowledge of arts perspectives needed for VCE Arts.

Richmond High School Girls CHASE Basketball Academy

The free trial session for our Girls Basketball Academy took place in the Richmond High School gym last Tuesday morning. We had girls from a number of local primary schools participate as well as our own RHS girls. Thank you to Chase Basketball for providing an amazing female coach - it was a joy to see this group of girls enjoying and giving their all during the training session. The Girls Academy will officially begin in term

2 on Tuesday mornings from 7.30-8.30am.

Bookings can be made via: <https://chasebasketball.com.au/CAL/ENDAR/>

Enhanced Chinese Program – Tour and Experience

On April 17th from 9am-10.30am we are running an event showcasing our Enhanced Chinese Program (ECP) at RHS for future students and families of RHS. As the only Government Secondary School offering Bilingual Chinese Learning, we are inviting families to join us to discover the richness of our Enhanced Chinese Program. Led by our Principal team and our esteemed teacher, Yin Zhang, an expert in Chinese language education and CLIL teaching. Yin has co-founded the Intensive Chinese Network and works to upskill teachers from all over Australia in the teaching of CLIL. She has also produced research and scholarly articles on Chinese language teaching in school settings, the event showcasing the Enhanced Chinese Program (ECP) at RHS. The event will include a school tour, a captivating mini-lesson, and a Q&A session with our students and staff.

Bookings can be made using the events tab on our website.

<https://rhs.vic.edu.au/enrolment/book-a-tour/>

All of these wonderful events are testament that our school values of Intelligence, Expectation, Diversity and Creativity are truly lived each day at RHS.

Andrea Thompson
Principal



■ Key dates coming up

Term 2:

- Monday, 15th April - Term 2 commences
- Wednesday, 17th April - VCE TS Excursion to 'Wicked'
- Friday, 19th April - State Swimming
- Friday, 19th April- Drama Excursion, Unit 1 & 2
- Friday- 19th April- Elevate Incursion - Year 11
- Friday, 19th April- Elevate Excursion Year 12
- Tuesday, 23rd April - VCE VCD Top Designs Excursion
- Wednesday, 24th April - Senior Sport
- Thursday, 25th April - ANZAC Day
- Friday, 26th April - VCE Drama Performance
- Tuesday 30th April - Intermediate sport

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



■ 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

