

In Focus



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

■ From the Principal

■ Upcoming School Review

All schools must participate in a school review every four years and 2024 is the year of review for Richmond High School. We are busy preparing and planning for the different stages of our review. The school review provides assurance of ongoing compliance with the minimum requirements for school registration and informs the development of the school's four-year School Strategic Plan (SSP). The school review process supports improving student outcomes by providing an independent assessment of a school's performance on achieving learning and wellbeing growth for every student, and the extent to which internal conditions support ongoing improvement. The review also offers an opportunity for schools to engage deeply with their school's data and evidence to identify achievements and areas for growth, and reflect on practices that influence school improvement.

More to come on the review in Term 3 when we will be asking for your voice and input into the review via the Pre-Review Self Evaluation process.

■ Student success

As always, our students have continued to impress us with their successes both within and outside of school. We are proud of the difference they are making and dedication they put into being the very best version of themselves. Some noteworthy efforts have included:

- * The students who organised and ran the Ignite festival, specifically Darcy H, who cost and ran an entire public music festival.
- * Lena C who has received silver and bronze medals in the Australian National Artistic Swimming Championships
- * The RHS debate team have had multiple successes beating their opponents in the DAV.
- * At the Ainger Peck public speaking awards we had multiple students win various awards including Zac from Year 10 who won the entire event
- * Bart from year 9 who is the state champion for 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke and received a silver medal for the 100m freestyle
- * Our senior soccer team is off to the regionals

* A former RHS student, Hayyu, was shortlisted for Top Screen for her 3/4 media folio from last year

There are many other students to be celebrated, we see you all and are really proud of your efforts and achievements.

■ Teacher Professional Learning

Teachers have been collaborating together in the Professional around our Learning Instructional model, High Impact Teaching strategies and High Impact Wellbeing strategies. This work aims to ensure that all learners engage in stimulating learning experiences that enable them to achieve their learning growth milestones and wellbeing capabilities.

■ Ignite Festival

On Saturday the 4th May, we held our Student Music Festival - Ignite! This event was completely planned, prepared, and performed by RHS students from across the year levels.

Our North Courtyard was decked-out with student-led stalls selling sweet and savoury foods (as part of our Year 9 Entrepreneur Projects) and a

main stage for a range of amazing student music performances.

As well as enjoying the wonderful student leadership and musical talent on show, it was great to see so many students, parents/carers, and staff in attendance.

■ VCE Vocational Major for 2025

Victoria has moved to an integrated senior secondary certificate which aims to give all students the learning opportunities they need to develop skills and capabilities for success in further education, work and life. I am working with a dedicated team of RHS staff on preparing RHS to deliver the VCE Major in 2025 as part of our VCE program.

The VCE Vocational Major is a two-year vocational and applied learning program within the VCE that is undertaken in year 11 and 12. The program equips students who select the VCE Vocational Major with the skills, knowledge, confidence and agency needed to prepare for work and further education and training. The VCE Vocational Major prepares students to transition into apprenticeships, traineeships, further education and training, university, or directly into employment.

■ Reconciliation week

We will be celebrating Reconciliation Week at RHS from May 27th - June 3rd. This will include National Sorry Day which we will observe with an assembly plus a range of cultural activities for students to participate in.

Andrea Thompson

■ Key dates coming up

May

- 20th Music Soiree
- 21st Year 12 VCD Top Design Excursion to NGV
- 22nd Intermediate Boys State Baseball Competition
- 28th Year 9 Cultural Excursion to the Immigration Museum
Senior School Parent Information Night – 5:30pm
- 29th Pathways & Career Expo Years 10-12
- 31st Division Cross Country

June

- 5th Interschool Debating
- 6th Year 8 Sport
- 10th King's Birthday Public Holiday
- 11th - 14th Year 8 Camp
- 18th GAT Testing
- 24th Junior Girls AFL
- 28th Last day of Term



■ 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.

