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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had a restful and refreshing break, ready for the busy and exciting weeks ahead. This term marks an important milestone for many in our school community, and I am delighted to share some wonderful news and updates with you.

Firstly, I want to extend my congratulations to our Year 12 students who commenced their HSC examinations this week. We are incredibly proud of the dedication you have shown throughout your 13-year schooling journey. As you navigate this critical examination period, know that the entire school community is cheering you on. We also look forward with great excitement to the upcoming Year 12 Formal, which will be a memorable celebration of your achievements.

At this week's assembly we congratulated our RFS cadets who recently graduated from the cadet course. Your commitment and leadership exemplify the spirit of service and excellence we strive for at our school. Well done on representing Richmond High School in the wider Richmond community so well.

I am also delighted to introduce our new school captains and leadership team; Lucas, Mackenzie, Thomas, Paige, Fraser, Shyla, Emily and Andrea. Your passion and enthusiasm inspired us all, and I am confident you will lead with integrity and vision. Alongside them, we welcome a new-look SRC who are eager to represent the student voice and contribute positively to school life through a variety of new initiatives.

Thank you to everyone for your participation in "Are You OK? Day" on the last day of Term 3. Your involvement demonstrates the strength of our school community and our shared commitment to wellbeing and support for one another.



Looking ahead, Term 4 is full of exciting activities and important events. Our new Year 12 students will be beginning their HSC courses, setting the foundation for their senior studies. We are also preparing for Year 6 transition days, helping our new students feel welcomed and supported as they move into high school. Peer support training will equip our senior students with valuable skills to assist their younger peers throughout the year.

This term students will be preparing for their end of year formal exams, a crucial step in consolidating their learning. All end of year exams will be formalised this year with consistency across all KLAs. Year 10 will be completing theirs in the MPC to prepare them for a transition into senior school.

We also look forward to the Year 10 Formal and the school's involvement in the highly anticipated School Spectacular, showcasing the incredible talents within our community. We will also host our first White Ribbon combined schools' concert to raise awareness for the important White Ribbon Day.

Fun and learning can go hand-in-hand, and I am pleased to highlight our upcoming rewards excursion to Raging Waters, to say thank you to those students who follow our core school values on a daily basis.

Finally, I want to extend my thanks to the entire school community—students, families, and staff—for your unwavering support and dedication throughout 2025. Together, we have created a vibrant and nurturing environment where every student can thrive. Let's make Term 4 a memorable and successful conclusion to the school year.

Kind regards,
Hayley Macdonald

RU OK DAY



The end of Term 3 was brighter and more vibrant than ever as our school came together to celebrate R U OK Day, a recent RHS tradition that focuses on wellbeing, connection, and community spirit.



R U OK? is a national suicide prevention charity that encourages people to stay connected and have conversations that can help others through difficult times. R U OK? inspires people to invest time in their personal relationships, build the capacity of informal support networks, have conversations if they identify signs of distress or difficulty, and connect someone to appropriate support, long before they're in crisis.

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Before the festivities began, the entire school gathered for a full-school photo, capturing a moment that symbolised unity and care for one another. The celebrations continued with an amazing concert, showcasing the talents of our students. From dances to musical performances, the stage came alive with creativity and positivity. It was a reminder that self-expression and shared joy play a big role in supporting our wellbeing.



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After the concert our students were able to relax on the back oval, with a variety of food trucks and stalls to engage with. This period also featured the RHS tradition of “Richmond Rules”, the much-loved staff vs. students football match played with its own special twists on the rules. This ‘friendly’ competition had the crowd roaring with excitement as both teams battled it out on the field, proving once again that spirit and sportsmanship run deep at RHS. To finish off the R U OK celebrations, students and staff took part in a full-school colour run, where clouds of bright powder and big smiles filled the back oval. It was the perfect, joy-filled finale to a day built around community and connection.

R U OK? Day isn't just a date on the calendar—it's a reminder to check in, to look out for each other, and to keep the conversation going. A huge thank you to the staff, student leaders, performers, and volunteers who made this incredible day possible. In just 3 years, R U OK? Day has become a cherished RHS tradition that is sure to continue for years to come.



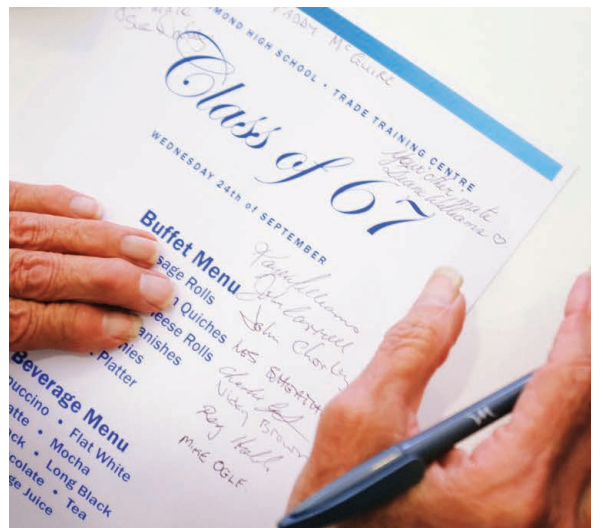
CLASS OF 62-67



Towards the end of Term 3, we were thrilled to welcome back more than 30 former students from the Class of 1962-67 for a very special reunion visit. The visit began with a guided school tour, giving our special guests the chance to see how much the campus has grown and changed over the years—while also sparking plenty of fond recollections of their own school days.

Our hard-working hospitality students organised a buffet morning-tea, as we heard from our current students and Principal Macdonald, who shared insights into today's school life, achievements, and future plans.

Their enthusiasm and stories are a meaningful reminder of the rich history that continues to shape our school community today. We look forward to welcoming more alumni back in the future and continuing to celebrate the legacy they've helped build at RHS.



KEMPPİ EXCURSION

Late in Term 3, a group of RHS students spent the day at Kemppi Welding at Wetherill Park. Kemppi are the design leaders of the arc welding industry, manufacturing a range of welding machines and equipment. RHS was lucky enough to be the first school to ever attend a site visit, which included hands-on welding activities, factory tour, catered lunch and plenty of opportunities for Q and A. The staff at Kemppi graciously donated a range of welding equipment to our students, giving them a leg-up in their industry journey. Thankyou Kemppi and well done to our students.



2026 SCHOOL LEADERS

With our Year 12 students successfully graduating last term, we are now thrilled to announce our new school leaders for 2025-2026.

These students completed an extensive selection process, with written applications, speeches, interviews and a final staff/student vote. The results were based on a combination of all these milestones, resulting in a well-rounded and inclusive cohort of leaders.

Join us as we congratulate our new student leadership team:

CAPTAINS



Mackenzie Payne



Lucas Leydon

VICE CAPTAINS



Paige Burrows



Thomas Molle

PREFECTS



Shyla Cormack



Emily King



Fraser Leckie



Andrea Reforsado



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STAGE 6 ENRICHMENT

As part of our commitment to supporting Year 12, 2026 on their HSC journey, our cohort took part in a 2-day Enrichment Program to start Term 4. This experience will provided students with the opportunity to work collaboratively, develop problem-solving skills, and build strong connections with their peers outside the classroom. From scavenger hunts at RHS, to adventures into Sydney Aquarium, the first 2 days of Year 12 were some to remember!



RFS CADETS



This week, our RFS Cadets were recognised at our whole-school assembly for completing the Secondary Schools Cadet Program. Our students have engaged in weekly lessons from experienced Rural Fire Service members, learning valuable skills and participating in both hands-on and theoretical activities. Our hardworking Cadets were presented their Certificate of Achievements by Susan Templeman, officially graduating from the intensive program. Well done to our students, and thankyou to all community members who attended our assembly.



ROTARY ART COMPETITION



A number of RHS students took part in the 2025 Richmond Rotary Club Art Competition. Going up against some strong entries from around the Hawkesbury, we're happy to report that Carissa Nash (Year 11) recieved 1st prize for her portrait collection in pencil and pastels. Sahaana Sendil Kumar (Year 9) recieved 3rd prize for her whale lino block printing. These are amazing results from our RHS art students, well done girls!



YEAR 7 GALA DAY

In Week 2, Year 7 had the opportunity to participate in a Sports Gala Day, hosted at various facilities in Windsor and Kellyville. Over 100 RHS students attended the event, engaging in Netball, Basketball, Soccer and Touch Footy.

Thankyou to all our staff who attended in support of our Year 7s, and most importantly, thankyou to our Year 7 students for their great sportsmanship and behaviour.





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