Success for Former Student

Former Richmond River High student Madison Riley attended To-ncal Agricultural College in 2013 studying Certificate III in Agriculture. Her hard work has seen her achieve DUX of the college. She has also qualified for a fourth consecutive year to the NSW State Final of the RAS Junior Paraders Competition to be held at Sydney Royal Easter Show this year. Madison is continuing her studies this year doing Certificate IV in Agriculture and also a Diploma of Agriculture.

Year 9 2014

Hello to all parents and caregivers of Year 9 students. We have started the year with a bang and students have been excited to find out their classes and meet their teachers. Some reminders for parents:

- **Year 9 Students now study two elective courses of self choice.** Students have been given ample opportunity to choose and change their elective and now should be in two subjects of their choosing. Some courses, such as 9 Sports Studies are now full and a waiting list has been created. Other changes will only be permitted for extraordinary situations.

- **The High Achievers program has continued into Year 9 with the creation of two streams.** All students were given opportunity to apply for these classes and we are pleased to welcome several new students to the program. Students will have another chance to apply at the end of Term 2 and places in the program will be regularly reviewed in line with the Gifted and Talented Policy.
  
  o There are **TWO** High Achievers English and HSIE classes called class 1 and class 2.
  
  o There is **ONE** High Achievers Mathematics, Science and PDHPE class called class 1. We hope to add another class if more students apply for semester two.

- **All other classes have been created at random however attempts have been made to ensure students are in the best learning environment possible, requiring some students to be separated for behavioural concerns. Regular class changes will only occur for extraordinary circumstances.** While some students find themselves in classes without their usual classmates, we know given time all students will settle well into their classes.

We’d like to thank you for your ongoing support as students make the transition into Stage 5. Given the importance of this stage of schooling all students are encouraged to bring the following equipment to school each day:

- A student diary
- A fully stocked pencil case
- Books for all their subjects
- A change of shirt for PDHPE practical classes or sports studies electives
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Students have also been given their student technology use agreement, which needs to be signed by both student and caregivers and returned in roll call as soon as possible. We look forward to setting students up with access to the wireless network for their own technology devices next week.

We are looking forward to a great year in Year 9,

**Please contact me if you have any concerns**

**Miss Thomson**

**Justine Thomson**

**Year 9 Advisor**
RICHMOND RIVER HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY 2014

Rationale:
We need all stakeholders (students, staff, parents and carers) to play their part in ensuring that Richmond River High School is a uniform school. (This was agreed to by our school community on 23/11/99).

A. Excursions:
The teacher in charge of organising an excursion should discuss the suitable clothing to be worn by students when seeking approval from the Principal to run an excursion.
Students will not be allowed to participate on a school excursion if they fail to wear the specified uniform.
Students who are not allowed to go on an excursion due to failure to follow the above uniform procedures may not receive a refund if the excursion costs are not covered.

B. Formal Assembly Awards:
Students to receive an award/certificate at a Formal Assembly must be wearing full school uniform.
Students who fail to comply with this procedure will receive their recognition at another appropriate time.

C. Student and Parent/Carer Responsibility:
Students with the support of their parents and carers are expected to exercise their full responsibilities prior to school each day for wearing of the school uniform.
In cases of financial hardship, parents/carers may apply for Student Assistance to help with the purchase of uniform items.

Procedures:
Students who do not meet uniform requirements on a given day must bring an explanatory note from their parents or carers, and present this to Front Office staff before 9:00.

School uniforms as shown below will be supplied by Lowes located in the Lismore Shopping Square, Lismore. Please note: Stripes or large designs are not permitted on shorts or long pants which should be plain black.

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**Please Note:** Changes to Work Health and Safety laws (2012) require all students working in a Technology practical classroom to wear sturdy leather shoes. Vans, Converse and other canvas shoes are no longer acceptable.
School Swimming Carnival

The first major sporting event for this year is our 56th Annual Swimming Carnival to be held on Friday 7th February at the Lismore Memorial Baths in Molesworth Street.

All students are required at school for usual roll call then will board buses for travel to and from the Town Baths. Buses will be coordinated by Year Advisors and students will travel with their own year group to and from the pool.

A canteen is available for the purchase of food and drink at the pool and a BBQ will operate. Rolls will be marked at various times during the day to monitor attendance.

Whilst no student is forced to swim, participation is strongly encouraged and some novelty events will be included. Note: Our school will provide flotation devices for students who may require assistance in the water.

Special Year 7 swimming activities will be held in the small pool to encourage all our new students in Year 7 to get in and have a swim.

The Richmond Zone Swimming carnival is on at Lismore Baths on 25th February. Students who place 1st or 2nd in our school carnival are eligible. The North Coast Regional Carnival is at Lismore Baths on 11th March.

Parents are welcome to attend and support swimmers, however, please remember no student will be permitted to leave the pool without written permission from their own parents or caregivers.

Remember to listen to local radio on the morning of the carnival for any cancellation notices due to weather.

Justine Thomson
Year 9 Advisor
Health and Physical Education Teacher

Term 1 Sport Selections

Next Wednesday 5th February all students will be doing an at-school sport and they will be making their sport selections for Term 1 at this time. The students will also receive their sport selection notes to bring home on Monday for parents approval and these need to be returned to the school with any monies owing by the end of the school day on Monday 10th February.

Bring Your Own Device

All students have been given a Student Contract Agreement for acceptable use of computer devices at RRHS. Please return the signed section to school ASAP. Next week students will be given assistance to connect their devices to the school network. Students should ensure they bring their devices on the following days:

Monday - Year 7
Tuesday - Year 9
Wednesday - Year 8

If students are away on the day, forget to bring their device or get a device later in the year they will need to see Ms Moverley (Computer Coordinator) or Mr Redden (TSO) to get connected.

At the end of the newsletter copies of the Student Contract Agreement and BYOD Device Requirements are attached. This information is also available on the school website.

Please contact Ms Paula Moverley (Computer Coordinator) if you have any queries regarding BYOD.

Kind Regards,
Ms P Moverley
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the 2014 school year. It was really pleasing to see all our students together in the MPU yesterday looking keen and ready to start their learning for another year. This year our morning year meetings for Years 7 to 10 will be for 10 minutes in duration with regular full assemblies every two weeks.

Richmond River High School is focused on providing the best opportunities for its students in order for each student to achieve their very best in all their subjects and courses. Last year many of our senior students did not maximise the use of their study periods and many students were abusing the early finish and late start options provided by the school. In light of this and the school’s goal to maximise each student’s academic potential our senior students (Years 11 and 12) will also be required for an 8:30 a.m. roll call at the school including on those mornings where students have an identified study period first up. The only exceptions to this will be for those students who are reliant on buses with set travel times which arrive after 8:30 a.m. Those students will need to sign in at the front office as soon as they arrive. In other words all our senior students will be required to be at school at 8:30 a.m. on each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

For those senior students who have study periods in the afternoon we will be negotiating with them the possibility for students to be able to leave school early at 1 p.m. on up to 2 afternoons each week subject to parental approval and a commitment from students that they will use their study periods for study and school-related work. Mr Hensley and Mrs Williamson will be providing students with more information about this early next week.

Further to this, the school has organised for an external consultancy team, Elevate Education, to work with all of our senior students over the course of this year to motivate students, assist them with establishing realistic educational goals and appropriate strategies to help them meet their goals. The school is investing significant amounts of money to enable this to occur. In addition Year 12 students will each be allocated a teacher mentor who will be available to work with individuals and groups of students to guide them during the course of the year. These initiatives are very exciting and I am looking forward to working with our students this year to ensure that each of them does their absolute best for their Preliminary and HSC years.

Dave Harvey,
Principal

From the Deputy
Academic Rigour for our Senior Students

Last year, our delivery of curriculum across our senior school experienced a significant overhaul with our alignment of class times with those of Kadina and Lismore High Schools, necessitating our re introduction of early morning classes for seniors, beginning at 8:30. This inadvertently led to a number of challenges given that senior students now had more time outside timetabled classes during the school hours than had been the case in previous years.

Our focus in 2014 will be firmly on revisiting a culture of academic rigour in which timetabled classes are valued as a times to benefit from the knowledge and experience of teachers, while study periods outside timetabled class time are valued as time for consolidating learning and keeping all work up to date in line with assessment requirements.

In order to reinforce this, “tighter” expectations have been placed on senior student attendance and punctuality, as outlined by Mr Harvey, and all seniors will be asked to be accountable for the manner in which they use their study periods through a study period log book which will be monitored by their teacher mentors.

To support students in meeting these expectations, we have engaged the services of Elevate Education, a consultancy group who have worked extensively with schools around Australia, as well as New Zealand, the United Kingdom and South Africa. They have worked with many of our neighbouring schools including Alstonville and Byron Bay High Schools, as well as schools in some of the larger selective Sydney schools with entrenched traditions of academic success including James Ruse Agricultural High School, Sydney Boys High School and North Sydney Girls High School.

Through a series of seminars with the same presenters, beginning this Monday, our students will be taken through a structured approach to developing a realistic appreciation of what their potential is as learners, then setting themselves tangible goals to work towards along with clear strategies which will allow them to work towards these goals. This work will be reinforced through interviews conducted by the senior executive for all senior students, clarifying and acknowledging their goals for this year, and negotiating the ways in which the school can support them.

Additionally, all Year 12 students will be allocated a teacher mentor to support them in meeting their academic commitments, while Year 11 students will continue to be supported by their teachers and our Student Support Officer, Scott Harrison.

Further, during the course of the year, all seniors will continue to work with our Elevate Education partners on key aspects for success in Senior Study such as organisation skills, time management, exam technique and the capacity to reflect on results that have been achieved.

We are extremely excited about our plans to work with our senior students and their families in order to support them in getting the most out of their studies for the Preliminary Course and the HSC.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend.

Michael Hensley
Deputy Principal

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Is: Responsible Respectful Honest Safe

Richmond River High School Telephone: 6621 3456 www.richmondri-h.schools.nsw.edu.au Canteen: 6621 4890
From the Deputy

Anna Leeza Hull  Year 12 Lismore Sportsperson of the Year

Anna-Leeza was awarded the Lismore City Council Australia Day Award for Sportsperson of the Year for 2014 at the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre.

Anna-Leeza is a dedicated cyclist and has worked her way up through the ranks since she began her cycling journey 2 years ago. Anna-Leeza is a member of the Racing Kangaroos - the NSW State Development Squad for Cycling and is a generalist cyclist in endurance racing specialising in mountain climbing. This attests to Anna-Leeza’s sheer determination and will-power that she excels when the going gets tough.

Anna-Leeza competed in the State NSW Road Series in 2013 which is a tour involving 4 stages over 2 days and then the National Championships – 3 races over 3 days. Anna-Leeza was involved in a serious accident while riding last year but has used that same grit and determination to get back on the bike and work to establish top form again. Despite the long hours on the bike Anna is a conscientious and organised student and a positive sporting and academic role model.

Congratulations to Anna-Leeza for her outstanding efforts.

Flood Policy

It is important that parents are aware of the arrangements at Richmond River High School if we are threatened with high rainfall and a possible flooding event.

The safety of our students is paramount. It is essential that our students do not enter flood water at any time. As many of our students live in surrounding farm areas many students are cut off from school before there is major flooding in town. It is important that all families have a discussion and develop plans so that their students are not taking any risks in travelling to and from school or walking or driving through any flood waters.

It is important to follow all the school procedures and not to panic. Do not ring your students in class via their mobile phones. Please contact your child through the front office so that we are aware of the arrangements.

The Bureau of Meteorology and the Lismore Council FloodSafe websites have good information re river heights and possible predictions. The SES is also an outstanding resource. Our school website will have the Flood Policy Power-Point and the Flood Policy uploaded.

Flood Level information

- A flood prediction in excess of 7.2 metres will close the school.
- Access to the school at 7.2 metres flood is via the Showground only.
- Simes Bridge 5.1 metres
- Pitt St and Pitt lane 5.7 metres
- Alexander Parade Gully near Showground 6.63 metres
- Lake St 7.3 metres
- Sale yards Intersection 10.5 metres
- HSIE staffroom 11.58 metres

Early Bus Departure

- Bus company rings school.
- We will contact affected students.
- Students sent to River Theatre for Roll marking.
- Wait in MPU for your bus.
- Local radio informed.
- Parents rung.
- Follow your drop –off procedures exactly as previously negotiated with parents
- NEVER ENTER FLOOD WATER!!!

Information re the Floods and School Closure

- Information on whether school is closed or open will be given to local radio stations - 2LM, ZZZ, 2NR7
- Check the School Website
- Ring the school for a recorded flood message including school closure and predicted reopening times.

Mrs Di Williamson
Deputy Principal
**RRHS - Week 2**

**Monday 03/02/2014**

**Tuesday 04/02/2014**

**Wednesday 05/02/2014**

**Thursday 06/02/2014**

- Swimming Carnival at Lismore Baths

**Friday 07/02/2014**

**CANTEEN ROSTER - Week 2**

**Monday 03/02/2014**

Nola Mangan & Jo James

**Tuesday 04/02/2014**

Toni Woodland

**Wednesday 05/02/2014**

Meryl Condon

**Thursday 06/02/2014**

Kelly Wilson

**Friday 07/02/2014**

Swimming Carnival

Canteen volunteers are needed.
If you can help please phone Kathy Claydon on 6621 4890.

**RRHS PHOTOGRAPHS 2014**

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**LISMORE THISTLES SOCCER CLUB 2014 JUNIOR SIGN ON**

Lismore Thistles Soccer Club’s Junior Sign-on Days will be held at Thistles Park, Military Road, East Lismore, from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. on Saturdays: 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd February 2014.

All current and new players are welcome and we have junior teams from Grade 6 to Grade 16/17 (5 to 17 years).
- Non-competitive teams (small sided games) from Grade 6 to Grade 11.
- Competitive team competition from Grade 12 through to Grade 16/17.
We have girls-only teams from Grade 12 to Grade 16/17.

Full fees are required to be paid at Sign On or by agreement on the day – however a minimum of 50% of the fees are to be paid at Sign On and the remainder no later than Thursday 24th April 2014.

For further information, contact Paul Albertini, on 0419 639151. lismorethistlescc@ffnc.net.au www.lismorethistles.com.au

**SOCCER SIGN-ON!**

Lismore Workers FC

**All Junior and Senior Players**

Saturdays 8th, 15th and 22nd February 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Lismore Workers Club House, Richards Oval, Brewster St, next to the Lismore Square.

Registrar: Sharon Lane, Mob. 0466 388 422 www.lismoreworkersfc.org.au

**P & C Meeting**

6.00 - 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 12th February 2014

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THE HURTING GAME
RRHS Anti-bullying initiative for Years 8 & 9

On Friday 14th February Brainstorm Productions will be presenting ‘The Hurting Game’ for Years 8 and 9 at Richmond River High School. The show is about peer pressure and being “true to yourself”. This is an entertaining way to promote discussion about friendship, peer pressure, bullying, body image, our cyber footprint and the way we interact at school and on digital media. This show (about an hour) will assist students to recognise and resist peer pressure and help create a more positive school environment.

For more information about the company follow this link or go to: www.brainstormproductions.edu.au

This student welfare initiative is being partially funded by RRHS to ensure whole school participation in our anti-bullying policy. A small cost of $2 per student will apply. (Year 10 and 11 will participate in a similar event entitled ‘WIRED’ in Term 3)

A note will be sent home to parents of all Year 8 and 9 students with more information early next week.

The hurting game

The Hurting Game is about what we need from our friends and how easy it is to be caught up in destructive patterns and behaviours. Samantha and Jimmy are two year 12 drama students who are devising a comical computer game which explores the issues they face during adolescence. It includes:

- Peer pressure
- Name calling and rumours
- Playing the fool and ‘dumbing down’
- Body image and media pressure
- Under-age drinking
- Homophobia and harassment
- Cyber-bullying through mobile phones and social websites
- Cyber-safety & cyber-footprint references.

The performance will be 50 minutes long plus a short 5-10 minute discussion with the students. This live performance with young actors who are using technology in their day to day lives will compliment our other school/on-line anti-bullying programs.

They are professional actors, trained to run the discussion but your supervision is still required

Brainstorm has provided the following discussion questions, lesson plans, extension activities and resources to create greater integration and a more meaningful learning experience for your students.
Acceptable Use of Computer Devices
STUDENT CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Students using any computer device at Richmond River HS must read and sign this agreement in the company of parents/carers. This agreement MUST be returned before using any device including a BYOD at school. By signing this contract students agree to the following:

- I agree to use the Department's internet only for educational purposes.
- I agree to only use my own school account details for logging on to a device and the Internet and will never disclose these details to others. I understand that the use of a TAFE account at school is not permitted by the Department.
- I agree to only connect my device to the school wireless system and understand that the use of a phone or other external device to gain wireless access independently of the Department or school is not permitted.
- I agree to not hack or bypass any hardware and software security implemented by the Department or school.
- I agree to not use any device to knowingly search for, link to, access or send anything that is offensive, pornographic, threatening, abusive, defamatory, or considered bullying behaviour.
- I agree to be cyber-safe by not giving out any personal information about myself or others to anyone. I will not record or distribute information including taking photos or recording video without the express written permission of each individual, including parent/carer for minors.
- I agree to report any inappropriate behaviour and material to my teacher.
- I understand that my activity on the Internet is recorded by the Department and these records may be used in investigations, court proceedings or for other legal reasons.
- I agree that I will care for all devices I use and I will not interfere with or damage equipment.
- I will maintain my personal device including keeping backups and updating virus protection, software and security.
- I acknowledge that the school cannot be held responsible for any damage to or theft of my personal device and any insurance required is independent of the school.
- I agree that I will bring my device to school fully charged and understand that I will not be able to charge my device at school. I understand that the use of chargers, including phone/iPod chargers, is not permitted under WHS guidelines.
- I agree that the use of any computer device including my personal device during school activities is at the discretion of the supervising teacher. I understand that I also need to bring exercise books and writing materials as required to class. There will be times when these will be used in class.
- I agree that the use of a phone or any music device in class is not permitted unless a teacher gives specific direction to use one.
- I agree that a gaming device is not permitted to be brought to school as a BYOD and is not to be used in class.
- I am aware that a breach of this contract may result in disciplinary action in line with the schools disciplinary policy including confiscation of my personal device.

I will be bringing the following device to school:

DER netbook  Laptop- Windows  Laptop-Macbook  Tablet-iPad  Tablet-Android

Date: ___/___/____

______________________________________ in the presence of  _____________________________________

Student Name                              Parent/Carer Name

______________________________________ in the presence of  _____________________________________

Student Signature                              Parent/Carer Signature
Bring Your Own Device to School (BYOD) Device Requirements Advice
Bring your own device (BYOD) where students bring their own device for the purposes of learning will be implemented at RRHS in 2014. The device may be a laptop or tablet device and must meet minimum requirements as shown below:

### Device Requirements

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**Note:**

The Department and the school do not endorse any particular brands or devices and parents are advised to carefully consider all their options for purchase and lease/rent-to-buy. Smaller tablet devices may be half the price of a larger sized laptop. Purchase of a brand new device is not essential as students may already have a device or may be able to acquire a second-hand device that is suitable. In fact, many students are already bringing their own devices and connecting to the school network.

Students currently in Years 9, 10 and 11 who have been issued with a netbook will continue to be supported until they finish their Year 12 requirement. However, if students wish they may prefer to bring their own device as outlined above.

We are committed to our obligations as a public education institution to deliver the same learning outcomes to all our students no matter their families’ financial means. We have developed an Equity Policy to operate alongside our BYOD Policy to support students who may through financial or other hardship be unable to purchase/bring their own device.

**BYOD** is a personal education tool and as such the Department/school cannot supply support for faulty devices (software/hardware). The Department advises that accidental loss and damage insurance should be considered.

BYOD regarding students with additional needs: The school is planning to purchase software Texthelp Read&Write 11 Gold to assist students to read, write, organise, study, research and be numerate. It can be used across the curriculum. It also helps achieve greater independence and move towards becoming lifelong learners. Students will be able to install this software on their BYOD devices through the school.

For further queries please contact Ms Paula Moverley, Computer Coordinator or Mr Brad Redden, TSO.