

RiversideCurrents

September 2018



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Principal's Report - Farewell Year 12

The class of 2018 has been farewelled at two great assemblies this week. They are a proud group of Riversidians who have the name Team #majestic, coined by School Captain, Hannah. I love this as it defines the positive energy and attitude of the cohort. They know how to show commitment – from organising 'I love Riverside Day' to encouraging all students to connect and value each other.

The poster of the 2017/18 leaders in the foyer includes a number of statements from each of the leaders including 'bold leadership'; 'see the worth in the people surrounding you'; 'discover your purpose' and 'be proactive and be the person to succeed'.

These are not hollow statements but typify the 'can do' attitude that the student leaders have lived by and shared with every yr 12, every day. As a group, yr 12 have reinforced that a person flourishes when they can see beyond themselves and thinks of others. The House Captains raised nearly \$7000 for charities and \$3281 on *I Love Riverside Day* for the drought relief and farmers.

We have very talented students who have been recognised for their commitment to the arts:

- **Principal's Award** – for Dedication and exemplary leadership towards all school musicals - Performance Captain, Lucy Pennington
- **Principal's Award** – for Outstanding Contribution to School Music Ensembles - Sarah Granet
Ariana Muir
Madeline Smith
Samantha Du
Emily Mak
Malathi Waller

- **Principal's Award** – for Commitment to the success of many School Musicals (assisted with props, back stage, sound/lighting or promotion)
Chloe Hutcheon
Hannah Pearson
Ally Palmer
Gwen Romarate

Recently, the Department of Education's Arts unit recognized HSC Dance performances for **Callback* – identifying these students as excelling and worthy of special note; and Drama has been nominated for *OnStage* for both both group and individual performances. (first ever time) *Onstage* recognizes excellence in drama major works.

Further principal awards to :

- commitment to Amnesty and social justice, Marian Chowdhury, Lucy Pennington
- commitment to Mock Trial; Ella Batey- McManus, Annabel Compton, Malathi Waller
- with the goal of raising our school profile in the broader community. A recognition certificate for Tara Chappell; Priyasha Prasad and Sarah Granet.

This year, high achievement is spread throughout the year making the determination of dux very competitive.

The Dux award at Riverside is a school based award, recognizing excellence at a school level and determined by ranks and where difficult to discriminate through rank, via the assessment and review committee and their professional judgement about school academic achievement.

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The Dux of 2018 is shared between 3 students – each has excelled in her subjects – a historian and drama student, Lucy Pennington; an English specialist and great writer, Malathi Waller; and a mathematician and scientist, Leila Yuan.

Their commitment to personal best and to achieving their goals is commendable and their peers understand how hard they have worked to lift to such great results. They will all achieve very high ATARs which will be acknowledged next February at the High Achievers' assembly.

I have confidence all yr 12 graduates have the skills to create their own world – to discover their purpose – and make things happen. They are citizens we can all be proud of and I wish them very happy lives.

All yr 12 teachers have their own way of inspiring their classes and of developing close learning relationships with individual students. Our staff are committed to their students, are caring and talented. Congratulations to them, including their year adviser, Ms Lisa Edwards, for encouraging their yr 12s to love school and to achieve their goals.

Thankyou also to the office staff who have enjoyed the preparation of Graduation, especially creating the awards and certificates. The graduation ceremonies will be remembered for a long, long time.

**NB: Callback is a selection of outstanding performances and projects from Higher School Certificate dance students. OnStage recognises outstanding performances in Drama. It is a credit to the teachers and students that we have a group and individual nominated for Callback and 3 dancers nominated for OnStage.*



Major Work update:

- Quad: Work is now planned to be completed by week 3 of next term.
- Yr 12's gift to school is a large tree complete with plaque to make sure we will never forget the Class of 2018 and they will always be here in the quad!
- A special thank you to Mr Craig O'Shea from DET Assets and our business manager Tracey Whittaker for their management of the quad construction.
- Hall: over the holidays a 5.5m span ceiling fan will be erected in the hall. Thank you to the P and C for funding this project.
- Trees: Over \$14,000 work to make our grounds safe will happen over the holidays with dead tree and dead wood removal. That means lots of mulch ready for spreading in term 4!

Staff updates for term 4

- Ms Kelly will be on leave for the first 4 weeks of next term. Dr Sue Vasilevska is returning from a secondment to the High Performance unit to be the principal. Ms Tyson will continue as Deputy Principal (Learning and Wellbeing).
- We wish Ms Veriga well as she takes extended leave due to her husbands work relocation. As Head Teacher, Wellbeing, Ms. Veriga has led the year advisers and counselors in providing quality wellbeing programs and individual support as well as evaluating our merit system and AB project. She has also been a valuable member of the English faculty and we wish her well. She has inspired staff and will be sadly missed.

Golden Girls of Volleyball Acknowledged.

Congratulations to the senior volleyball team many of whom have been together since junior school.

A special morning tea to acknowledge their achievements this year including a first in the region and a third place at the nationals was held recently. Mr Lowe presented Ms Kelly with a medal acknowledging the teams outstanding achievement. (left)

Mr Lowe, their coach, made mention of their diligence and commitment with many of the team attending thousands of training sessions over the course of their involvement with this sport.

August 2018

MARINE & BOTANIC

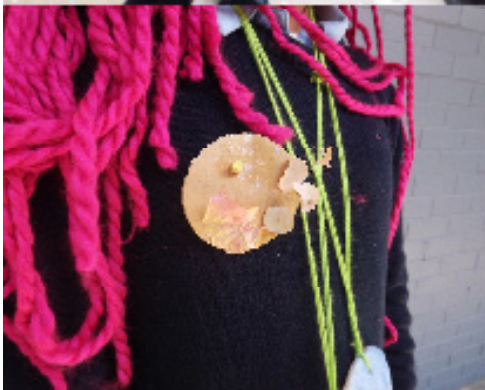
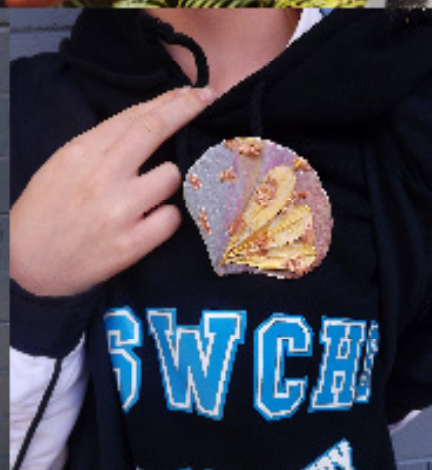
Brooches and Pendants
By 7B Visual Arts

RIVERSIDE
GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

FASHION SHOW

Photographs by Sadie Brotherston

7B Visual Arts students are pictured showcasing their wearable artworks created with the inspiration of the local botanic environment and the shores of the Parramatta River.



Introducing the Senior Leaders for 2018 - A talented, passionate group to lead Riverside in the year ahead

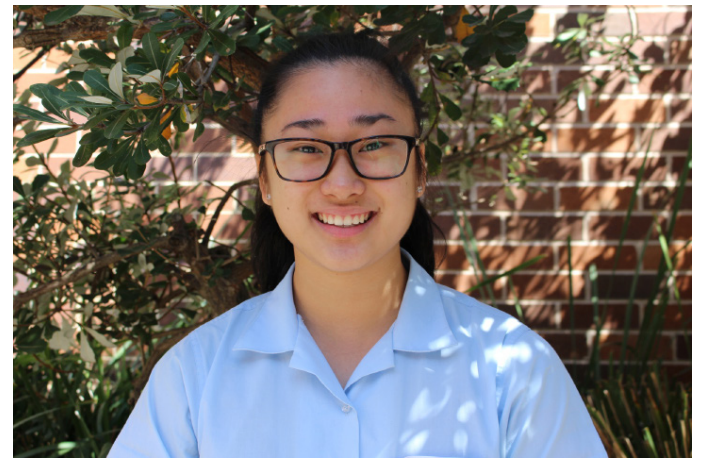


Scarlet Orrin - School Captain

Tasnia Ahmad - Vice Captain (Social Justice)

“The ability to communicate is the ability to make change. Therefore anyone can be the change they want to see.”

Walls exist everywhere but having the courage to speak out is a step towards a better world. But you can only build bridges in search of a better world if your words deliver the message of passion - the message of your heart.



Olivia Griffith - Vice Captain (Wellbeing)

Jacinta So - Vice Captain (Publicity)

“There is no passion to be found in playing small - in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living.” Nelson Mandela.

Passion without compromise is the fuel behind all great leaders and this stems from believing that your work has significance and loving what you do. I hope my passion for my role breeds enthusiasm in future leaders.

As school Vice-Captain, I strive to ensure Riverside Girls High School is a place where all students are encouraged to try their hardest and reach their full potential both academically, personally and in extra-curricular activities inclusively. I aim to enhance the students’ sense of belonging and to build student capacity so they may strive to achieve greatness.



Grace Flockton - Sport Captain

Believe in yourself, you are braver than you think, more talented than you know and capable of more than you imagine. I hope to inspire others to learn more, do more and dream more by demonstrating all that is possible.



Emily Simmons - Performance Captain

“When things gets tough, do what I did, pick yourself back up, take a deep breath and move forward smiling. Resilience is the key to all great success”



Amelia Warren - Coen House Captain

“A leader takes people where they want to go, but a great leader takes people where they don’t necessarily want to go, but where they ought to be. As a leader I want to influence and empower my peers to step out of their comfort zones and be bold.”



Olivia Hamilton - Foster - Mallinson House Captain

I aim to inspire other students and help them to achieve their goals by working hard and saying, “yes” to many opportunities.



Madeleine Boyd - McKenzie House Captain

I believe that our differences aren’t what divide us, they are what unite us. Embracing our school’s diversity will create a friendly and inclusive environment for everyone.



Sofia Ferrer - O’Harris House Captain

As O’Harris House Captain I aim to encourage students to give everything a try and to participate in sporting events and they didn’t do.

October

Have a safe and enjoyable Spring Vacation
School resumes for staff and students Monday 15 October

- Mon. 15 - Year 11 camp - Berry
- Tues. 16 - Year 11 camp - Berry
- Wed. 17 - Year 11 camp - Berry
- Thurs. 18- HSC written Exams begin and continue till Nov. 9
- Wed. 24 - P & C meeting. 7.00 p.m. Common Room
- Frid. 26 - Sat. 27 - Duke of Edinburgh practice trip - Kangaroo Valley
- Mon. 29 - Ryde Schools Spectacular performance.



Class of '63 Reunion

Former students who attended Riverside in 1959 - 63 were at school last week for their 55 year reunion.

Ladies came from all over the state and interstate and one attendee came all the way from Vancouver, Canada.

They were welcomed by Ms. Kelly and entertained by two students, Coral and Sabrina. The ladies sang the school song with a great deal of enthusiasm and gusto.

They were taken on a tour of the school by four delightful year 8 students, Sana, Lalita, Isabella and Lily. They were fascinated by the creativity of the HSC textiles and design students and remembered fondly their days at Riverside.





Class of 1968 Reunion

27 former students celebrated their 50th anniversary of leaving Riverside. The ladies were served morning tea prior to being entertained by a choral item from Anita F. of year 7. Their rendition of the school song was amazing and surprised the current students from the leaders group who were there to assist and conduct school tours.

The organiser, Bronwynne McCaw (organiser) travelled up from Griffith and other attendees were from a scattering of country towns, the central coast and more local. The ladies enjoyed reconnecting and seeing the changes that have occurred in the 50 years since they graduated in 1968.

Riverside has always been proud of educating generations of Riverside girls and looks forward to meeting many more former students.

*The new website has a page for alumni to connect. Please provide your email if you wish to receive *Currents* each month



HSC Soiree and Design & Technology Major Work Exhibition - showcasing Student's Creative Excellence

Congratulations to the Creative Arts and Performing Arts faculty for the Soiree, exhibiting HSC Visual Arts and performing HSC Music major works. The evening started with a flourish of excitement as guests realised the quality and diversity of work on display. There were far more films created than in previous years which looked fantastic on our big screen.

The People's Choice awards was very close but went to this coloured pencil work by Jessica Huang. (main picture).

Also on display were the practical works for Design and Technology. The Design and Technology teachers avidly campaigned for a laser cutter, which was purchased at great cost, and then this year's HSC works show just how fantastic an asset it is.

All TAS staff are trained to use it and Ms Abbott has shown how inspiring she has been in developing the confidence of HSC students to feature laser cutting in their major works. (see page 9)



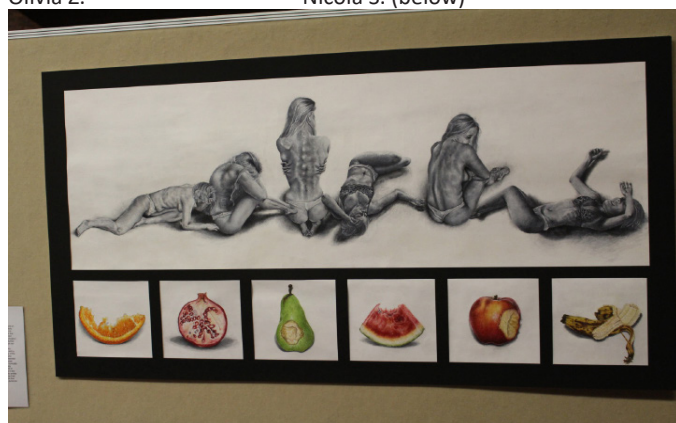
Olivia Z.

Nicola S. (below)



Christine H.

Ena Z. (below)





Design and Technology Major Works

Saba B.



Vivian



This year's Year 12 Design & Technology students embraced the school's new laser cutting technologies with enthusiasm and fervour. The students created a diverse range of unique design solutions that showcased their innovative design skills and resulted in professionally finished major design projects.

Their design solutions addressed real world issues including the need to reduce food waste during shopping and transportation processes, providing custom designed flat pack cake plates, a sustainable café interior and a mobile environmental learning truck to educate young children about the importance of implementing sustainable living practices in their everyday lives.

The laser cutter was also used to create a vibrant tessellated wall clock and a stunning mixed materials gold and black light fitting. The students showed that they are true 21st century learners as they willingly sort out and developed their expertise with these new technologies.

Sophie C.





More great results from the last day of NSW CHS Athletics.



NSW CHS Athletics

Riverside girls achieved a set of outstanding results in the recent New South Wales Combined High Schools Athletics Carnival

- 1st - Ada R. 13 yrs 800m
- 1st - Alyssa L. 15 yrs Triple jump
- 3rd - Lily W. 16 yrs Triple jump
- 3rd - Portia A. 17 & under Pentathlon
- 4th - 12 yrs 4 X 100 Relay
- 4th - Alyssa L. 200m Hurdles
- 7th - Aliana M. 12 yrs Shot put



Yr 9 PASS have been enjoying Inline Skating lessons as part of the practical sessions in their course recently. Skater HQ sent instructors to the school to give the girls some pointers on skating and the game of roller hockey.

Max Potential - Showcasing Innovative Thinking

Max Potential connects emerging young leaders (aged 16 – 22) with local community leaders.

The program runs over six months with one-on-one coaching, workshops and a focus on delivering community service projects to make a difference in the local region.

Recently The Epping Club hosted the 2018 showcase where young leaders showcased their projects in booths and were presented with certificates.

During 12 years, Max Potential has developed an enviable reputation as a world-class coaching program.

It was created in partnership with the registered clubs industry peak association, ClubsNSW, and today is offered via many not for profit registered clubs throughout NSW.

There is also significant support from local business, community, media and all levels of government.

Grace B and an interested member of the public



Emily S. and coach

Grace F. and coach



“The Max Potential Program has been an amazing experience and has given me the opportunity to give back to my community with the help of my coach Yuliana Hartanto.

My community service project was a Food Drive in my local community. I collected donations from local schools, sporting clubs and businesses, to be distributed to those in need. During the final showcase, I got the audience to write letters to those in my community receiving donations.

The aim of my initiative was to not only provide basic needs such as food to the community but to also provide a sense of belonging and connection to those who need it most.”

Grace F.

Olivia and coach



“Bridging The Gap is an introductory video to bridge the gap of difficulties between years 6 and 7.

The video explains time management organisational skills, study patterns, and how to not feel overwhelmed or stressed by different class expectations.

At the conclusion of the project session, the students will have a booklet with vital information about their learning styles, time management, key points they found from the video and an example weekly checklist.”

Grace F.

Congratulations to Grace B., Grace F., Emily S., Zahlee F and Olivia G. for their enthusiasm, creativity and endurance over the six months of the Max Potential initiative.

Zahlee and an interested visitor



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Riverside students give up social media to help farmers

RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH students have reached out to help drought stricken farmers with a fundraising initiative that will require students to give up social media this week.

The students recently launched the seven day initiative and will be sponsored by the school community for each day they give up their devices from Monday September 10.

"In this challenge students and their families take a fresh look at their relationship with technology," parent and event founder Anthea Murray said.

"The event encourages awareness and self-regulation around social media usage and empowers young people to take their devices responsibly," she said.

"As a parent of teenagers in today's digital world I have first hand experience about the negative impact of excessive media use," Anthea said.

"I decided I needed to do something, so I designed this challenge and approached my daughter's cohort. Several of the students wanted to get involved. Some of them stated that they had problems with social media distracting their lives and needed help making a change. I wanted to empower these young women to use their devices responsibly."

"If you would like to talk to any of the students please let me know. In addition to the name of the student I have given to you there is another student called Holey."

"Students obtain sponsorship for the period of time that they successfully regulate their screen use and adhere to the rules of the challenge with the ultimate goal of seven days free."

Riverside Girls High school has pioneered several initiatives this year to encourage students to limit their use of social media and spend time supporting the community.

Some of these initiatives have been in partnership with students in regional schools.

"Improved sleep, productivity and learning as well as better present moment awareness and a deepened connection to others," Anthea said.

"Excessive media use can be limiting and research shows that a lot can be gained from reducing screen use including improved physical, mental and emotional well-being."

"The funds raised in this challenge go towards drought relief."

"The City of Ryde recently launched a campaign to raise money to buy bags of hay for drought hit regions and information about this fundraising program can be downloaded from the City of Ryde website."

Anthea will be accepted by teacher and co-ordinator Catherine Rodriguez.

Students on the committee are Dara Murray, Portia Amy Wilson, Lian Parkas, Ella Mohr, Macy Hornmar, Ella Forstal, Neda Poural, Amy O'Connell, Lisa Crawford, Angel Zhang, Emily Simment, Amelia Warren, Tessie Ahmed, Razy Yusra Amin and Grace Heoktan.

The Go Fund Me link for this year has been in the link: <https://www.gofundme.com/7-days-free-teaming>

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Five Dock Park Tennis Centre

Jeff Viskovich Tennis School

Tennis Australia Qualified and Certified Coaching

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Tennis Coaching

Directed by a certified club professional coach

<p>2018</p> <p>After School Term 4 classes</p> <p>Starting Monday 15th October through Friday 18th</p> <p>Saturday Morning classes</p> <p>Starting 20th October</p> <p>All classes 1 hour per week for 10 weeks</p> <p>Max 7 per group Cost \$180 (incl ANZ Tennis, Hot shirts, Free T-Shirt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children 5-16 years of age Beginners to Advanced players Training squads for competition players <p>For booking and enquires please contact Jeff Viskovich 0408 169 343 jeffviskovich@gmail.com</p>	<p>2018</p> <p>Spring Holiday Camp</p> <p>October 8th to 11th (Monday to Thursday)</p> <p>9am - 1pm</p> <p>\$160 per child (\$40 per Day) (incl)</p> <p>FREE sausage sizzle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private lessons available \$40 1/2 hr, \$60 1 hr For Children and adults, all abilities and ages <p>Court hire \$22/hr, \$24 with lights</p> <p>All prices inclusive GST</p>
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All programs under the direction of Jeff Viskovich
Former ranked Australian and overseas touring player
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(Any classes cancelled due to rain, can be made up on another day)

TENNIS COACHING ENROLMENT FORM

Please complete and mail to: PO Box 3420 Warrimoo NSW 2940 or Email: jeffviskovich@gmail.com

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Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work/Mobile _____ Email address _____

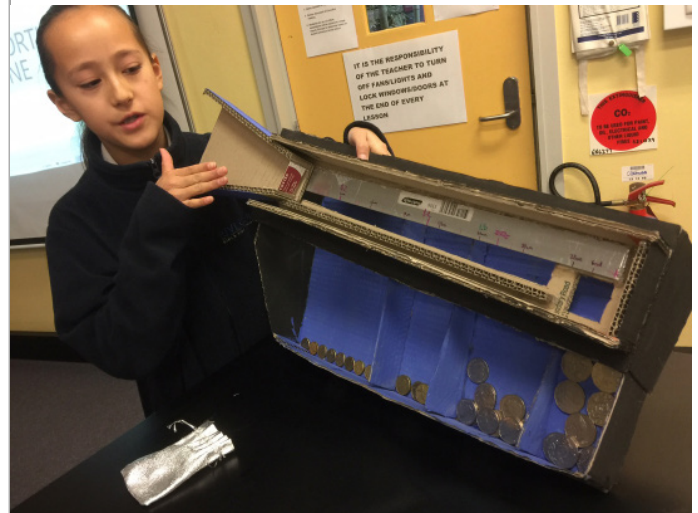
Parent's Name: _____ School attending: _____

Ability level (please tick) Beginner Advanced Beginner Intermediate Professional

Preferred days and times: _____

Coin Sorting Machine

Ely P. (yr 7) made and demonstrated this coin sorting machine in our separating mixtures task. She did a wonderful job.





TRENT ZIMMERMAN MP

Member for North Sydney



14 September 2018

REF: 140918NY2

Ms Belinda Kelly
Principal
Riverside Girls High School
Locked Bag 5017
GLADESVILLE NSW 1675

Dear Ms Kelly

I write in relation to the "7 Days Free" initiative that students at your school are currently engaged.

For drought-stricken farmers, I know that this is a time of especial need. So, I was very pleased to read of the students' contribution in *The Weekly Times*.

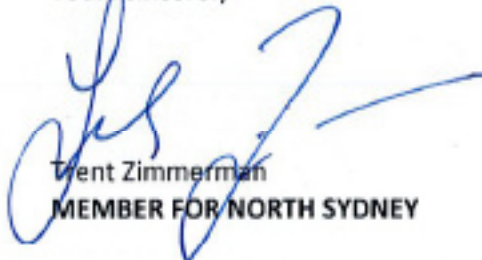
I sincerely hope that the people of our local community recognise and support this worthy cause.

Let me also take this opportunity to commend you on Riverside Girls High School's various initiatives on limiting the use of social media by students.

I very much appreciate how difficult it is to forego social media.

Please convey my well wishes to Ms Anthea Murray and the students involved in the "7 Days Free" initiative.

Yours sincerely



Trent Zimmerman
MEMBER FOR NORTH SYDNEY



Some of the students who took part in the 7 Days Free Challenge



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Sunday, Oct. 21st 2018

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