

# RiversideCurrents

December 2018

*Merry  
Christmas*



## Principal's Report

2018 was a rewarding and fulfilling year especially for year 12 with 54 distinguished achievers and as we go to print our highest ATAR of 98.05 awarded to Maddie Low (2018 school dux).

Congratulations also to Grace Billiris and Amelia Warren. These 2 year 11 students studied for and sat the HSC in accelerated maths. Amelia Warren achieved Band 6 in 2unit and E2 in Extension1 while Grace Billiris achieved Band 5 in 2unit and E2 in Extension1. Our achievers assembly held early in 2019 will focus on the HSC results and the pathways chosen by the 2018 leavers. Congratulations also to 9 year 10 students who completed the preliminary HSC dance course. Details of all these achievements will appear on the website.

I would like to congratulate the new P & C Executive and look forward to working closely with them to supplement teaching and learning initiatives throughout the school. The \$50,000 donation towards the quadrangle upgrade has helped to provide a multipurpose area to be opened and proudly on show in 2019.

Executive of the 2019 P & C.	President: Belinda Brodrick	Vice President: Paul Jones
	Secretary: Martin Brown	Treasurer: Greg Low

A big thankyou to the Wellbeing Team for organising the 2 assemblies recognising years 7 – 11 achievement for 2018. Full lists of recipients are to be found on the new school website.

This week yr. 7 Think Tank concluded their entrepreneurial unit. The winning team of 3 students presented a new way of conducting school tours on Open Day. We certainly will be using this on March 9th when for the first time Open Day will combine with Connects, the P & C event showcasing the school and re-connecting with past students.

All former Alumni and those present and future students are asked to "save the date" and broadcast it to any former students you know.

To our vast Riverside Community have a happy and safe holiday season.

[Belinda Kelly \(Principal\).](#)

Return Dates for 2019 are on P8





### Spectacular Riverside

The 2018 Schools Spectacular was truly spectacular and students from Riverside were well represented in the performances.

There were 17 students who were selected to perform with one student, Sousada S. dancing in six items - a really amazing showcase of her talent. The prominence of our students in so many items is a reflection of the creativity and influence of our dance teacher Ms. Mitchell.

Ms Kelly generously offered 25 year 7-10 students the opportunity to join her and members of the school administrative staff at one of the matinee performances. The students were selected by their year advisers for their attendance and diligence.

Pictured left. Students and staff at the Spectacular.





## Spotlight on Sousada S. - a Featured Performer at Schools Spectacular.

"it was really inspiring getting to work with amazing choreographers from the industry and dancing with so many talented dancers and singers in front of a huge audience was an amazing experience".  
Sousada S.

Sousada has been dancing since she was 4 (now 16) and has performed recently as a featured dancer in six school spectacular items.

Her repertoire includes jazz, musical theatre, contemporary and hip hop. Her heavy workload demanded 4 six hourly rehearsals for six weeks prior to the four actual shows.

Following submission of a video to the school spectacular organisers she was called in to audition and selected to perform in featured items of approx. 30 dancers. for the four performances at the Qudos Arena in front of an audience of thousands of admiring people.

The choreographers are demanding in the expectations they have for each item.

One example is the choreography for music theatre items. Sophie Holloway, choreographer, is an Aussie who performs on Broadway with the renown Rockettes.

Sousada's ambition is to perform professionally and judging by her recent success her name could be on a marquee in the future.





## A Colourful Design Renovation

The Year 10 Design & Technology class were set the challenge of transforming the exterior of the Design & Technology classroom seen above. This building is a typical school issue demountable with bland metal clad walls and dark green trim.

The students formed into groups to work on the four two metre long plywood mural boards. After brainstorming possible images associated with technology, design and creativity each team set about drawing up and painting their mural image.

The students have been working tirelessly on cleaning and repainting the existing wall spaces and repainting the trim a beautiful bright teal colour (shown above). The end result will be a huge improvement and will be a visual representation of the student's commitment to informing others in the school community about the creative and innovative design processes that take place within their classroom.

Ms Abbott (TAS teacher)





## Shakespeare is Alive and Thriving at Riverside

"All the world's a stage ..." ( As You Like It) and at Riverside that "stage" has come to life with two exciting and inclusive Shakespeare inspired events.

The year 10 were treated to Shakespeare Day involving Jack from Bell Shakespeare who led the girls through a variety of related exercises based on the texts. There were improvisations, enactments, poetry composition and an Elizabethan banquet and hilarity led by the always creative English faculty.

Those who say Shakespeare is too difficult and irrelevant in the 21st century should have joined the year 7 English classes for their Shakespeare by the River evening.

Shakespeare by the River was a great success this year. Year 9 Commerce joined with Year 7 English in setting up stalls and selling goods and services to the school community during Year 7's Shakespeare performances.

This year our focus was on entrepreneurship.

We had a range of business ideas, selling food and drinks, Christmas treats, gifts and entertainment items. Services included photography and events management. Feedback after the event from Year 9 included "you can't accurately predict the actions of a large mass of people", "being spontaneous and going with the flow is significant in all the madness that is the event", "there is a lot of effort in running a business", "a lot goes on behind the scenes", "it is a really fun and interesting night", "it helped me understand the little and big things you may not see in running a business", "it helped as to what I may want to do when I'm older".

Having an authentic audience of parents and friends added to the learning experience. All money raised will be donated to a charity chosen by Year 9 Commerce. We look forward to working with English next year!











### HSC Textiles & Design Practical Works.

Pages 7 and 8 showcase a selection of the Textiles and Design HSC practical works.

Students are required to design and manufacture a garment or items which display their proficiency in a variety of "sewing" techniques. Students are assessed on the variety, complexity and fineness of their work.



December - January

- Wed. 19. Final day of Term 4 for students

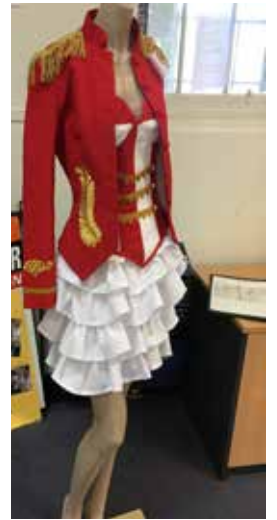
Enjoy a safe and restful break  
Best Wishes for the Holiday Season

January Term 1, 2019

- Tues. 29 Staff return to school
- Wed. 30 Yrs 7, 11 and 12 return to school
- Thurs. 31 Yrs 8,9 and 10 return to school



#### HSC Textiles & Design Major Works in Close-up







## Gold, Gold, Gold – Volleyballers Crowned Division 1 Champions

November saw our senior team competing in the final State Volleyball Schools Cup held at Olympic Park.

Since claiming a Bronze Medal in the CHS State Knockout Final Series earlier this year the girls welcomed this opportunity to play in what's likely to be their last Schools Cup Competition together prior to the HSC in 2019.

In the myriad of Schools Cups they have played together they have won many Bronze and Silver Medals but never Gold. ....until now.

This tournament plays host to Independent, Catholic, Private and Public Schools so, to win a Gold Medal here was something special.

Despite a shaky start to the day, they overcame all odds to be crowned Champions of Division 1.

This team is a team of exceptional young women who have trained together for 4 years for over 360 training sessions and won numerous medals, both as a team and independently and should be congratulated on this final achievement. Well done ladies!

Regards  
Graeme Lowe (coach)

## Water Polo Champion

Cara M. recently represented Sydney North region and competed in the CHS Waterpolo championships. Her team came 2nd.

Cara was selected for the CHS team and will now compete in All Schools Waterpolo championships next year.



## NSW Beach Volleyball Schools Cup

Amy W. (#9) and OliviaG. (#10) who recently won bronze in Division 1 at the NSW Beach Schools Cup.

Recently Olivia and Amy spent the day at Manly Beach representing Riverside in the State Volleyball NSW Beach Schools Cup. There were 150 players from 15 schools competing against each other and against the wind. After some wins, some losses and an intense semifinal finish with a golden point, we ended the day with bronze medals, exhausted muscles, great experience and a lot of satisfaction.

Watch out for 2019!





## Economics Workshop

Several weeks ago HSC Economics students participated in their second workshop in collaboration with Ryde Secondary College (RSC). The workshop focussed on China and their journey in becoming a highly globalised economy. This is part of Topic 1 of the HSC Economics syllabus, The Global Economy.

In the morning, a Senior Lecturer from Macquarie University presented on China's economy. Mr Farag, RSC, unpacked the strategies used to promote economic growth and development in China. Then Ms Edwards, RGHS and Mr Ward, RSC ran a workshop on how to write an economics essay and reviewed past HSC exemplar responses.

After a pizza lunch, students were privileged to have RGHS alumni, Cristina Cifuentes present. Cristina is an ACCC Commissioner and OECD Australian Ambassador. Her presentation focussed on why economics is important as a career, especially for girls, and the role of the ACCC.

Lisa Edwards, ( Economics teacher ).



## Senior Leaders Induction

You were introduced to our senior leaders several editions ago however recently they received their badges and took the leaders oath.

Our leaders are a dedicated group who represent the school and that means the students, with confidence and enthusiasm.

This year the leaders have inaugurated a new concept of student driven initiatives.

The projects identified so far are a year 8 music gala showcasing the talents of that year and organised by the students themselves.

Setting up and running an SRC website specifically to cater to and for the students.

Pictured Left, senior leaders after their induction.



# McCormick Flavour Forecast 2018 RECIPE CHALLENGE

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**November 2018**



Vegetable gyozas, teriyaki chicken and Endamame hummus with lotus root chips

Throughout 2018, home economics students across the country have been demonstrating their creative flair as they took on the 2018 Recipe Challenge developed by McCormick Foods and the Home Economics Institute of Australia Inc. Entries flooded in from as far afield as Darwin to Kalgoorlie to Kingscliffe, from schools large and small. The judges were stunned with the creativity, cooking skills and explanations of what the young students created.

While the criteria was tough, the Year 9/10 students revelled in the challenge and showed just what they could do when confronted with using ingredients such as Berbere Spice Blend from East Africa and Furikake Seasoning from Japan.

Now in its sixth year, the Challenge presented Year 9 and Year 10 home economics students with the opportunity to explore the McCormick® Flavour Forecast® 2018 Report in detail. The report is developed by home economists, sensory scientists, chefs and food experts from across the world and is a combination of emerging trends and flavours that offer a taste of what's next on the global menu. The challenge was for students, individually, or in teams, to develop three original recipes that support the McCormick® Flavour Forecast® 2018.

"While our signature Flavour Forecast report is a global initiative, Australia is proud to be taking the trends and flavours into the classrooms of the next generation of foodies.", says Michelle Zammit Culinary Product Development, McCormick Foods Australia. "We have been inspired and impressed to see how the students have adapted the 2018 flavours to create their own original dishes." Using a given set of ingredients, plus added ingredients of their choice, students were to design, cook and present three dishes that reflected the Flavour Forecast themes. They were also required to address the added constraints related to budget and health.

The students' written responses revealed that many of them had never heard of some of the ingredients, let alone tasted them. Totally fearless, students experimented with ideas and flavour combinations that produced amazing meals.

The judges agreed that the entries were outstanding. Students really excelled and exceeded all expectations for their age group. Some stunning thinking and creativity went into their entries. It was inspirational to see how young Year 9/10 home economics and food technology students used curriculum design processes to come up with innovative use of the set ingredients. It was clear students used active reflection and evaluation at each stage of the process and acted on these to amend their recipe and presentation to come up with stunning results. For each team to do this for three different recipes was amazing.

Congratulations to the culinary wizards of year 9, Olivia B, Zoe C., Abbey F., Eugenia H., Mikaela P. and Cassidy R., and their creative teacher Ms Slaviero.

**Green  
Tea  
Crepes**



**Glowing  
Skin  
Smoothie**





### Peer Support Leaders Display Their Creations

Year 9 Peer Support training took place at school recently.

The purpose of the training was to provide students with the skills to become effective, compassionate and supportive Peer Support Leaders to support the year 7 (2019) cohort.

Students experienced a variety of group activities and participated in discussions which helped establish new connections with others, identify leadership qualities and encouraged a high level of collaboration.

The two-day program culminated in an entertaining fashion parade in which students worked together to make a newspaper costume with their Peer Support group.

Congratulations to all Year 9 who took part and thank you to the teachers who helped facilitate the Peer Support sessions.



### Jessie Street Function

Four Year 10 students, along with Ms Armaghanian, attended the Annual Jessie Street Luncheon.

The luncheon is a fundraising event and has taken place each year since 1995, at the Strangers' Dining Room, NSW Parliament House, Sydney.

Every year there is prestigious woman guest speaker.

This year the guest speaker was Kate McClymont, award winning Fairfax journalist who delivered a very inspirational talk about her career and success as a female in investigative journalism.



### Our Aussie Champion

Great results for Alyssa L. (Year 9) at Australian All Schools Athletics Championships in Cairns last weekend. She finished with the Silver medal in the Under 16 Triple jump and 4th place in the Under 16 Long jump. Congratulations on her dedication and success.



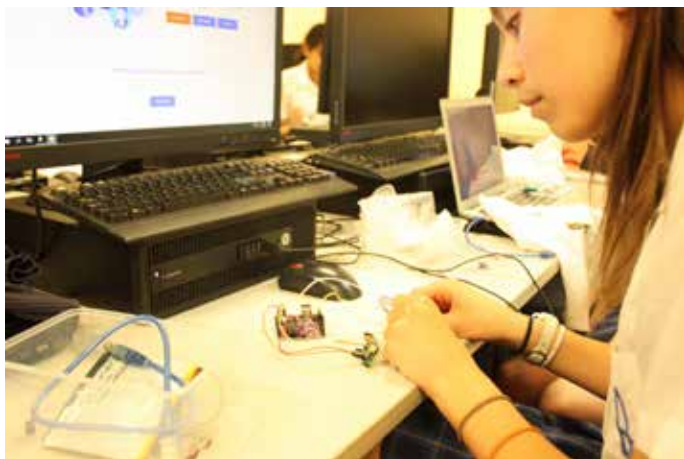


### Wee Waa Farm Relief Cheque Presentation

At the recent Country City Alliance conference a cheque for \$3500 was presented to students from Wee Waa High School.

The money was raised by students from Riverside who took part in the 7 Day Free Challenge.

They voluntarily gave up a certain number of hours on electronic devices and were sponsored to raise money for the families from the Wee Waa district with whom Riverside has a close relationship.



### Move Over Bill Gates - Coding Wizards of 8T

At the beginning of the year my class 8ICT was introduced to the complex language of coding; made up of an overwhelming array of numbers and symbols. But after research and some assistance from our inspiring teacher, Ms. Mihailou, we were able to gain confidence and coding skills.

This knowledge and boost in ego prompted my class to attempt writing our own code.

Using these skills we were able to design our own products to meet the needs of specific markets.

One group created a vacuum cleaner that was coded to respond by simple hand gestures sent via a glove.



The year has been packed with obstacles that have been overcome and taught us to be resilient and creative thinkers, thinking outside the square.

ICT has showed me the importance of computational thinking, collaboration and leadership skills.

I feel empowered by this new and exciting skill and feel confident that I will in the future participate successfully in a workforce which is fuelled by technology.

Sophia C.

### 23 Students Win Early Entry

23 Riverside students sitting the HSC had less stress this year as they had already gained entry to Macquarie University based on applications submitted this year.

Degrees in Arts, History, Business, Education, Health and Medical Sciences, Law and Science were the courses chosen.

The program (GLEP) Global Leadership Entry Program rewards consistent effort and achievement in the pre - HSC assessment and school participation.







## Year 7 At Taronga Zoo

This term, Year 7 made their way to Taronga Zoo as part of their learning in Science. A short walk down to the wharf led the girls to the sunny and smooth ferry trip down the Parramatta River and under the Harbour Bridge to arrive at the Zoo.

As usual, the bow of the ferry was at its maximum capacity as the girls enjoyed waving to other boats as they passed and the occasional excitement as the ferry was rocked by the wash of other boats.

At the Zoo the girls had interactive lessons in the new Zoo Education Centre where there are mini-habitats incorporated into the class room.

They were able to touch the covering of reptiles, mammals and amphibians to realise the differences as part of the classification process, as well as looking at some of the adaptations that enable them to successfully survive in their habitats.

Many of the girls saw the Seal Show or the Free-flight Bird Show which hopefully gave them an entertaining insight into the need for environmental protection to protect many of the species they saw at the Zoo





## Student United Nations Events

The Sydney Model United Nations Conference is a debating and diplomacy competition where university students' model as 'delegates' representing a country and debate with fellow delegates to resolve a global issue. SYDMUN 2018 was an amazing opportunity for 3 Riverside girls who attended as interns.

Over the course of four days, we assisted our Committee's directors in ensuring everything ran smoothly by carrying out a range of tasks including replying to emails, managing the 'Model UN' software and even participating in the debate as a delegate.

Observing and partaking in a university level debate was very informative and gave us an idea of the skills involved with diplomacy and debating. The conference also gave us a chance to bond with fellow interns over the four hectic days.

One of the Riverside interns, Nidhi A, received the Best Intern award for showing leadership qualities and initiative. (pictured below right).

The perfect balance between learning, laughter and making memories, interning for SYDMUN was definitely a memorable experience for all three of us!

Maitreyi K.







### UN Youth NSW Negotiations Competition – State Semifinals

In October, Tasnia A. (Yr 11) and I participated in UN Youth NSW's inaugural Negotiations Competition.

Teams of two from all over the state came to UTS representing different countries as diplomats. It tested our ability to communicate, negotiate, work with other people, and come up with creative solutions that would satisfy both parties, even if we had conflicting interests.

Some of the cases we worked on included resolving the Kashmir & Jammu crisis, and figuring out a way for Colombia and Ecuador to co-host the 2032 Olympics. We competed against schools such as Fort Street, Sydney Grammar, Hornsby Girls, James Sheahan Catholic High School, Manly Selective, and Sydney Girls.

Tasnia and I reached the state semi-finals, negotiating with North Sydney Boys over a meningococcal epidemic in Burkina Faso. Though they won the round and continued to win the grand finals, we're very proud to have made it into the Top 4 teams in NSW.

Sabina P. Yr 10



### UN Youth Voice – State Grand Finals

Every young person has a voice, and United Nations Youth Australia provides the perfect opportunity for all of us to use it.

Over the past three months, I have been competing in UN Youth Australia's Voice public speaking competition. Out of hundreds of students throughout New South Wales, I'm so grateful to have made it to the Top 10, competing in the Grand Finals at State Parliament House on November 13.

Voice is different to most public speaking competitions.

Students from Years 7-10 tackle some of the world's toughest issues (such as refugee processing, energy security, and nuclear warfare) and pitch their own solutions, answering questions about their pitch afterwards.

I chose to speak about how we can encourage the ethical clothing movement, and how we can change the Australian court system to better provide justice. I've met some of the cleverest and most talented high school students from NSW through this competition, and Voice was an awesome opportunity to hear ingenious solutions to real-world problems that can actually work!

I'm glad to have been able to make it this far and represent Riverside Girls High School at this competition.

Sabina P. Year 10



## Riverside Welcomes Year 7 - 2019 - Orientation Day



### The Monster Fan in the Hall - thanks to our wonderful P & C

Resembling the rotors of a helicopter and very effective at cooling such a large high ceilinged space, the super fan in the school hall proved a boon during the HSC and more recently year 7 orientation day. Thanks to the P & C and our supportive parents.





### Class of 1998 Reunion

We are always delighted to hear that former students of Riverside retain their friendships long after they leave the school. Several weeks ago, members of the class of '98 with guest former principal, Judy King, held their 20 year reunion.



### "Koalaket" Design Project wins the Inaugural John Kaye Social Justice Award



The Make a Difference design brief required the year 10 Design & Technology class to come up with design solutions that could improve the quality of life for a person in "need" for a single day or in the long term.

The students generated a variety of creative and innovative solutions that included mobile learning buses for educating young girls in isolated and poor communities and modular housing cubicles for the homeless.

Adina C's "Koalaket" design solution included a soft koala shaped toy with a built in blanket. Adina wanted to address the needs of refugee children currently housed in refugee camps around the world.

Adina's Koalaket project was recently nominated for the John Kaye Social Justice Award.

It was very exciting for Adina when she found out that she was one of the winning entries in the Award. Adina was presented with a framed certificate acknowledging her highly worthy "Koalaket" design solution nomination.

"My Koalaket solution is an Aussie inspired soft toy that would be given to refugee children when they first entered a refugee camp. The Koalaket toy is designed with a pocket in the back that contains a warm fleece blanket for the child to use.



The blanket will provide an extra layer of warmth and comfort on cold nights. Hopefully this small gift from the Australian people will help these children know that they are not alone during their time of crisis and that we as Australians can make a positive difference in their lives."

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Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Ability level (approx): ☐ Beginner ☐ Advanced Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced

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Preferred days and times:

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