

RIVERSIDE

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

2022 YEAR 7 HANDBOOK

A guide for parents and students



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Welcome to Riverside Girls High School

Where young women become confident, inquiring and creative thinkers.

We would like to welcome your daughter as a Year 7 student of Riverside Girls High School and hope that the information in this handbook will assist your family to become familiar with our school.

Year 7 start school on Tuesday 1 February 2022 at 9.00am in the school hall. They will be dismissed at 3:05pm.

I look forward to working together to support your daughter's learning and development over the next 6 years.

This working relationship can be facilitated by:

- personal discussion with the Principal, Deputy Principals and Head Teachers after phoning first to make an appointment for an interview;
- attending school functions arranged for parent participation;
- attending the regular meetings of the Parents and Citizens Association on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm in the Common Room;
- reading *Riverside Currents*, our newsletter distributed twice a term and also accessing the parent portal;
- regularly viewing the Riverside website
- communication from the school is mostly via email
- emailing the school if you have any concerns.

Enquiries about your daughter's progress and wellbeing are always welcome. You are encouraged to discuss any issues relating to your daughter's education and/or wellbeing with the Year 7 Student Adviser.

An event to welcome Year 7 parents will be held early in Term 1 so you can meet the teachers and talk about the school and the Year 7 classes in general. The date is published on the parent portal and sent via email.

You have selected a school that is an exciting place, with many opportunities provided to students in addition to the engaging and welcoming classroom experiences. Riverside respects individual difference and we believe that every member of our school community has a responsibility to one another; also to do their best and to value each other's strengths.

Connecting with parents and inviting you into our daily experiences is important to us. We want you to feel you know the school really well. I look forward to meeting our new Year 7 students in 2022, and know that this will be the beginning of a happy, strong and positive relationship between your family and the school.

Riverside Girls High School

If I need help who can I ask?

Principal	Principal	TBA
	Principal (relieving)	Ms Alison Gambino
Deputy Principals	Deputy Principal	Ms Katarina Nikoletich
	Deputy Principal	Ms Mel Gleeson
Head Teachers	English, Drama and ESL	Ms Angela Turco
	Mathematics and LOTE	Mr Sam Saad
	Science	Mr William Moran
	HSIE	Ms Sharon Piech
	TAS	Ms Angela Mihailou
	PDHPE	Ms Tanya Serov
	Secondary Studies	Ms Tamara Mitchell (rel)
	Teaching & Learning	Ms Gina Trimble
	Student Wellbeing	Head Teacher Wellbeing
Year 7 Student Adviser		Ms Jessica Skinner-Crowe
Student Support Officer		Ms Teddy Ollis
School Counsellor		Ms Maggie Tang
Learning Support	Teacher	Ms Alana Regan Harrison
Careers Adviser	Teacher	Mr Michael Blundell Ms EJ Tao
Administration	Business Manager	Ms Tracey Whittaker
	School Administration Manager	Ms Mamie McLean

What do these people do?

The Principal

The Principal is responsible for the professional leadership, organisation, management, supervision and efficiency of the school. She is responsible for ensuring that students are successful learners.

Parents and students who wish to discuss concerns with the Principal should make appointments through the school administration and support staff.

Deputy Principals

The Deputy Principals are concerned with the planning of the organisation of the school and the general supervision of teachers and students. Parents who wish to discuss issues with Deputy Principals should make appointments through the school administration and support staff.

Head Teachers

Head Teachers are responsible for the planning and teaching of the courses of study provided in each of their respective faculties. They place students in their appropriate classes, and are responsible for determining strategies which will contribute to their progress. They also have duties across the whole school. They are available by appointment for discussions with parents about the progress of students.

Head Teacher Student Wellbeing

This Head Teacher is responsible for student wellbeing and co-ordinates the Student Wellbeing Team. She is responsible for whole school Student Wellbeing initiatives. She is available to assist girls and parents with any issues which may arise in all areas of Student Wellbeing, especially issues concerning mean behaviour which may occur within the student body.

Year Adviser

The Advisers for each year are responsible for the personal wellbeing of the students in their year group. They check on progress, and all matters concerning student wellbeing. You should always feel free to approach your Year Adviser. Parents, by appointment, may obtain a full report on progress in academic and social development from the Year Adviser.

Learning Coach

In 2022, students will have a Learning Coach one period a cycle. This enrichment program is based on developing the growth mindset. Each class has a learning coach one period a cycle. This learning coach provides opportunities for students to focus on effective learning strategies whilst also fostering a love of learning in all its forms.

School Counsellor

The School Counsellor is an officer of the Directorate of Student Support Services and has a full time role at our school. The School Counsellors play an integral role in student wellbeing. Parents may make appointments for interviews by contacting the School Counsellor directly. Students seeking help may make appointments through the Year Adviser, Head Teacher (Student Wellbeing) or directly with the Counsellor.

Student Support Officer

A Student Support Officer (SSO) works closely with the school counsellors and wellbeing team in helping students develop social and emotional skills through targeted strengths-based programs and strategies that build resilience, coping skills and positive relationships. SSO works collaboratively with external and other government agencies in their support of students and their families.

Careers Adviser

The Careers Adviser coordinates a programme of Career Education from Year 7 to Year 12 and provides a counselling service to individual students about post-school options. Parents may also arrange interviews with the Careers Adviser. The Careers Adviser also coordinates all external educational course offerings, VET (Vocational Education and Training) and work placements.

School Administration and Support Staff

The School Administration and Support Staff are available to parents and students for general information about school activities. Appointments to see the Principal and Deputy Principals should be made through the School Administration Office. Enquiries about school events, bus and train passes, payment of contributions and excursions, and lost property should also be directed to them.

School organisation



Hours

Our day commences at 9am (seniors 7:45am). Special interest groups, special events and practices may be held before or after school.

Timetable

Riverside is organised on a TEN DAY CYCLE with 4 periods per day. The timetable is based on Week A and Week B.

Bell times

On the weeks where there is no Assembly, Friday's bell times revert back to Tuesday's.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0 7.45 - 9.00 Senior Classes Only	0 7.45 - 9.00 Senior Classes Only	0 7.45 - 9.00 Senior Classes Only	0 7.45 - 9.00 Senior Classes Only	0 7.45 - 9.00 Senior Classes Only
1 9.00 - 10.15	1 9.00 - 10.15	1 9.00 - 10.15	1 9.00 - 10.05	1 9.00 - 10.05
Recess 1 10.25 - 10.35				Recess 1 10.05 - 10.15
2 10.35 - 11.45	2 10.35 - 11.45	2 10.35 - 11.45	2 10.35 - 11.45	Assembly / Year Meetings 10.15 - 11.00
Recess 2 11.45 - 12.05				2 11.00 - 12.05
3 12.05 - 1.15	3 12.05 - 1.15	3 12.05 - 1.15	3 12.05 - 1.15	Recess 2 12.05 - 12.25
Lunch 1.15 - 2.00				3 12.25 - 1.30
4 2.00 - 3.15	4 2.00 - 3.15	4 2.00 - 3.15	4 2.00 - 2.35	Lunch 1.30 - 2.10
5 3.15 - 5.00 Senior Classes Only	5 3.15 - 5.00 Senior Classes Only	5 3.15 - 5.00 Senior Classes Only		4 2.10 - 3.15
				5 3.15 - 5.00 Senior Classes Only

School Uniform



The Junior Uniform



All junior uniform items are available from:

Noone

Suite 1, Ground Floor

328 High St.,
Chatswood 2067

9436 1700

School Uniform

The Department of Education supports the wearing of school uniforms. Departmental Policy states "school uniforms foster pride in the school, assist in the development and maintenance of tone and good conduct, and reduce to minimum undesirable distinctions because of clothing between children in the same school. By providing identification, school uniforms also help to increase security for children travelling to and from school."

The wearing of school uniform promotes pride in the school and supports the development of self-discipline.

Parents, students and teachers have voted overwhelmingly for Riverside Girls High School to be a uniform school. The wearing of school uniform by all students is mandatory.

Parents assist by providing the correct uniform and ensuring that their daughters cooperate in matters of dress. Make-up and jewellery are not permitted (except for a signet ring and small sleepers in pierced ears, jewellery should not be worn.)

Out of Uniform

If you are out of uniform, bring a note from your parent or caregiver and be ready to present this note when asked.

Junior Uniform Years 7 - 10

- White blouse (with school crest).
- Blue tartan pleated skirt
- Navy school shorts (from Noone)
- Navy official school trousers (no other trousers are permitted Jeans, tracksuit pants, leggings, cords, overalls and faded cotton trousers are not acceptable)
- White socks (short) with school skirt
- Black or navy stockings (winter)
- Navy ¼ zip fleece jumper (with school crest)
- Navy soft-shell jacket (with school crest)
- Navy cardigan (from Noone) - optional
- School blazer (Year 7 – 12) - optional
- Black leather closed-in shoes so that students can participate in practical lessons. (This is a Health and Safety requirement)

PE Uniform

- Sky blue and navy panelled polo (with school crest)
- Navy sports shorts (with school crest)
- Joggers
- Navy school tracksuit pants

NOTE:

- PE/Sport uniform and shoes or joggers are NOT part of the school uniform and should not be worn outside PE lessons or school sport.
- Logos and brand names are not permitted on any uniform items

NOONE Chatswood Uniform Shop

Trading Hours

Monday – Friday: 9am-5pm

Saturday: 9am-1pm

Phone: (02) 9436 1700

Email: chatswood@noone.com.au





MESSAGE FROM THE PROPRIETORS OF NOONE.

We invite you to book your daughter's uniform fitting online.

1. Head to <https://www.noone.com.au/school/riverside-girls-high-school/stores>
2. Click the "Book An Appointment" link
3. Select the date, click on blue date circle on the calendar.
4. Complete booking details, fill in the required field information (student name etc.) Please enter one appointment per student
5. Click "Book Appointment"
6. You will be notified of your booking request and should receive email confirmation before the time of the appointment. (Please check your junk mail)

Methods of payment available are cash, EFTPOS, Visa and MasterCard. We look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

Heather Robinson Store Manager

School Stationery And Equipment

Year 7 Equipment & Stationery List

English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 A4 128 page exercise book – ruled margin 2 A4 128 page exercise book – ruled margin
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 A4 192 page grid book 1 Geometry Kit 1 CASIO FX-82AU PLUS II Calculator (purchased from RGHS)*
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 A4 128 page exercise book – ruled margin 1 A4 96 page exercise book – ruled margin 2 HB pencils 1 Clearview safety spectacles** 1 Hair Ties (tie back long hair – safety)
Technology Mandatory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Officeworks OTTO document holder with convenient zip wallet included 1 Apron – buy from the school 1 Tea towel 1 Lunch Box for all Food practical units 1 Hair Ties (tie back long hair – safety)
HSIE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Pair of Scissors 1 Glue stick 1 A4 96 page exercise book – ruled margin 1 Set of coloured pencils 1 Small set of highlighter pens
PDHPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 A4 96 page exercise book – ruled margin
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Basic Stereo headphones to use with laptop (not wireless) 1 A4 96 page music exercise book – lined with staves in the middle
Visual Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 A4 VA Process Diary (black plastic cover) 2 2B Pencil 1 Set of coloured pencils 1 Glue stick 1 Eraser
Also for use across all subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Laptop (please see specifications page) 1 Clipboard 1 Blue Pen-Medium Point 1 Black Pen-Medium Point 1 Sharpener-Canister 1 Eraser 1 Red pen 1 Ruler
Spare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 A4 96 page exercise book ruled margin

*We encourage students to purchase the Scientific Calculator from the school so all students and teachers are using the same model. ** Available at Officeworks, Big W etc

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Specifications

Your daughter will need to bring her laptop every day. Therefore, size, weight, robustness and battery life are important factors.

Hardware Specifications

Form Factor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Laptop, tablet device or convertible deviceA tablet should have a physical keyboard attachment. <p>A mobile phone is not an acceptable device</p>
Physical Dimensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minimum Screen Size: 9.7"Maximum Recommended Screen Size: 15.6"
Operating System	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Microsoft Windows 10 (Home, Pro or Education editions are supported). Windows 11 has not been tested.Apple Mac OS X 10.14 or newer (Please refer to Apple's end of support dates for their OS)
Wireless Compatibility **This is the most important specification as there will be no internet access if your device does not comply and you will need to purchase a separate dongle**	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Device MUST have 5GHz WLAN channel support (or dual band WiFi) - 802.11 a/b/g/n, 802.11 a/g/n or 802.11 ac to connect
Battery Life	Advertised battery life of at least six hours (There are no facilities to charge laptops in classrooms)

Additional Considerations

The following are not requirements of the "Bring Your Own Device" program, but are recommended considerations that you should direct your attention to:

Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Maximum weight: 2kgMinimum RAM (laptops): 4GB (8GB if possible)Disk configuration (laptops): Solid State Disk (SSD) for primary driveCPU: Intel Core i3 8th Gen or higher AMD Ryzen 3 equivalent or higherProtective cover/sleeveAccidental loss or damage insurance
Software Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Anti-Virus Protection – Windows 10 comes with an in-built antivirus (Windows Defender). Software with inbuilt VPNs or website filtering may cause issues connecting while at school.Anti-Malware – Malwarebytes can generally be used alongside your existing AntiVirus solution. Not required.

Software Specifications

Students will need to perform the following tasks on the device and therefore have relevant software for each task. Before purchasing expensive software. Please read the following two points:

- Google Apps provides the ability to create and store documents, presentations and spread sheets for free. This works 'in the cloud' and work can be shared across a variety of devices and operating systems. Google Suite comes at no cost as the school has proactively acquired access for all students.
- Microsoft Office and Adobe Creative Suite are available to students free, from the DoE Portal and are available for both Mac and Windows laptops. Students are to download independently. Instructions are on the Riverside Student Portal as well as the DoE Student Portal.

G Suite for Riverside Students

All students will have access to Riverside Girls High School's own domain for G Suite for Education at no cost. This gives students an easy way to create, share and store documents, presentations, spreadsheets etc. in Google Cloud. Each student receives cloud storage and receives their own Riverside 'riversideghs.net' email account.

Year 7 will be setting up their Riverside G Suite account as part of their ICT lessons.

Downloading Software for DoE Students

Microsoft Office 365 and Adobe software can be downloaded from the DoE Student Portal for free once a student receives their DoE account.

Each student has free access to Microsoft Office 365 and can download the software onto either a Windows or MacOS laptop. The license is valid for multiple devices, and can be revoked and added where needed. The DoE also offers One Drive and SharePoint use for all students using their DoE email account.

Students can also download an array of software from the Adobe Creative Suite such as Photoshop if they wish. However, it is not a requirement for general use in core subjects.

The devices are used across all subjects. Any specialised software for subjects such as Music, Design and ICT is available on the school's desktop computer labs.

Access the internet	Browsers include Microsoft Edge, Mozilla Firefox and Safari. Google Chrome is recommended but having multiple browsers may assist.
Create documents	Word processing software. Includes Microsoft Word (Available from the DoE) and Google Docs (free and part of Riverside's GSuite)
Create presentations	Any presentation tool. Examples include Microsoft PowerPoint (Available from the DoE) and Google Slides (free and part of Riverside's GSuite)
Create spread sheets	Any spreadsheet tool. Examples include Microsoft Excel (Available from the DoE) and Google Sheets (free and part of Riverside's GSuite)
Note-taking	Students can use their device to take notes either through a word processor, Microsoft One Note (Available from the DoE) or Apps like Evernote
PDF Reader	Acrobat PDF Reader recommended. (free). Opening PDFs with a web browser is also acceptable (e.g. Chrome, Microsoft Edge, etc)

Mobile Phones at School

Acceptable Use of a Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices at School

Riverside Girls High School permits students to bring a mobile phone to school. This policy outlines what is the acceptable use of the phone and other electronic devices.

Students

- Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices are the responsibility of each individual student. The school cannot and does not accept responsibility for the loss or theft of individual's possessions.
- On arrival to school, students must switch off their mobile phone and put it in their school bag. The phone should remain turned off in the student's bag until they leave the school grounds at the end of the day.
- Students who attend lessons in outdoor learning spaces are required to place their phones in the security bags provided by PDHPE staff..
- The use of electronic devices for class work is at the discretion of each teacher.
- School lockers are available for an annual hire fee of \$30 to assist in security of valuables

If a parent or guardian needs to contact a student during class time as a result of an emergency, they are required to call the front office and a message will be sent to the student immediately.

School Costs

School Contributions

We rely on contributions from parents and carers to ensure that your daughter has access to quality educational programmes and resources.

School funds are used to cover expenses associated with all educational resources including text books, sporting equipment, audio-visual equipment, library resources, computers, and software programs, consumables used in various subjects, stationery and printed materials. We cannot provide these up to date resources without parental contributions.

Please note

- We would be grateful if we could receive contributions as soon as possible after enrolment, they may be paid in advance
- Invoices will be issued each term via email. If there are no outstanding fees, a statement will not be sent. Please ensure the office has the best parent/carers contact email.
- It is preferred that payments be made online. Please refer to the next section for options in making online payments.
- Payments may also be made at the Student Services payment counter during opening hours (Monday – Thursday, 8.30 am to 12 noon). Due to COVID 19 restrictions, RGHS is a cashless environment. Visa, Mastercard and EFTPOS payments are accepted.
- Excursions/Incursions are organised by our staff to support the curriculum and wellbeing programs within the school. All excursion/incursion costs need to be paid before the payment due date. All permission notes are returned to the office by the payment due date.
- Extra-Curricular activities such as Music Ensembles, Dance Ensembles, Volleyball, Duke of Edinburgh, are self-funded activities. These activities are enrichment activities and we endeavour to keep these costs much lower than similar experiences run by businesses and clubs.
- Some families will find it convenient to pay instalments each term.
- If you are experiencing financial difficulties, a confidential appointment can be made with the Principal. Please call 9816 4264 to organise an appointment time with the school office.

School Contributions Descriptions

General School Contributions covers access to textbooks, worksheets, school and general maintenance.

Subject Contributions contribute towards consumables involved in learning an elective subject. The payment of these contributions allows Riverside to offer a broad range of courses including those that use expensive consumables such as photography, food technology and textiles.

Technology Levy contributes towards the use of the internet, Edmodo, Google docs, Google Classroom, printing facilities, Mathletics, Stile Science software, WordFlyers Literary software, Clickview, ebooks, online subscriptions, and other software used for timetabling, attendance and wellbeing.

Sport: we are proud to be able to offer a diverse range of sporting activities to our students. These opportunities can only operate by contributions for participation. Attendance at sports carnivals is compulsory for all students. This cost covers the hire of venue and bus travel to and from the venue.

Grounds Maintenance Levy is to contribute towards the cost of lawn mowing, pruning plants, weeding, watering of plants, rubbish removal from garden beds including leaf litter, maintaining the perimeter of the property and removing fire hazards.

School Costs

2022 Year 7 School Contributions

The 2022 School Contribution for Year 7 is \$375 for the year (which equates to approximately \$93.75 per term) and provides funding for Year 7 educational programs including:

- access to textbooks for all subjects
- all materials and equipment for Technology Mandatory including engineering, agriculture and food technology, working with materials such as textiles, timber and plastics
- access to robotics equipment and control technologies such as microprocessors
- access to laser cutters, a fully resourced timber room and 3D printers
- all materials for Music including sheet music and use of instruments
- all materials for Visual Arts
- entry charges and transport to and from Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals
- student identification card with \$5 printing credit loaded onto the card
- computer resources in both the Multimedia and Library Technology Centres including the use of the internet and educational software including
 - Mathletics, the online interactive Maths program
 - Stile Science software
 - Word Flyers literacy software
 - Clickview
 - Ebooks
 - Online subscriptions

Breakdown of Year 7 Contributions

School Diary	\$10	
Music	\$15	
Technology Mandatory	\$50	
Visual Arts	\$30	
Computing Technology	\$30	
Swimming, Athletics & Cross Country carnivals , Games Day (including Swim Program)	\$158	Terms 1 & 2
General Contribution for school resources	\$108	
Technology Levy	\$50	
Locker hire	\$30	
TAS Apron (uniform item)	\$15	
Grounds Maintenance Levy	\$10	
Total	\$506	

Other costs incurred during Year 7 include:

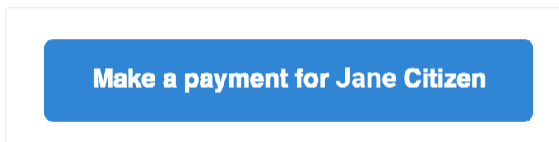
- Year 7 Camp (Term 2) – approx. \$350 (COVID restrictions pending TBA)
- Excursions – organised by individual faculties for which costs are kept to a minimum
- Extra-curricular activities (eg Band, Dance, Aerobics)
- The P&C requests a contribution of \$150 per family. The P&C purchases various resources for the school. The allocation of these funds is always discussed and voted on at P&C meetings. A \$2 annual membership is required to be paid prior to voting at P&C meetings.

NOTE – many of these costs are yet to be confirmed for 2022

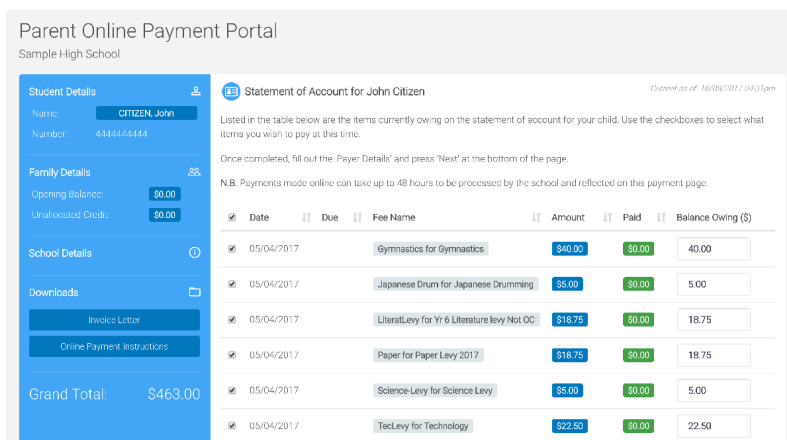
How do I make an online payment?

Riverside's online payment system is accessed via *School Bytes*. A current email address is required by the school.

All student statements of account and fee reminders will be sent directly to parents via email. These statements include a link to make secure payment online through the Westpac Parent Online Payment (POP) system (Visa & Mastercard credit/debit cards accepted). These emails will have a button you can click to access your current fees owed. To make an online credit card payment, click the secure payment button in the email:

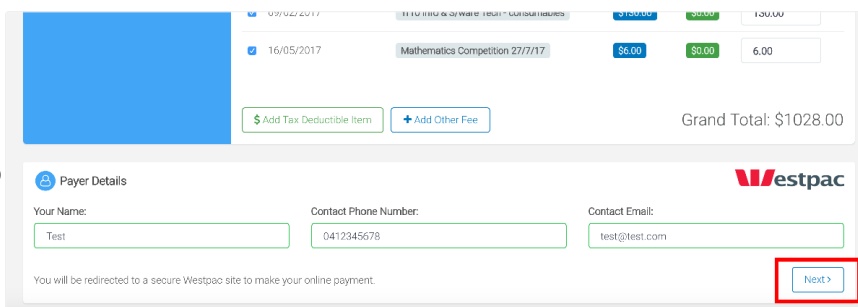


Once clicked you will see the outstanding fees. By default, all fees are selected/ticked for payment. You may untick or change the amount you wish to pay.



Date	Due	Fee Name	Amount	Paid	Balance Owing (\$)
05/04/2017		Gymnastics for Gymnastics	\$40.00	\$0.00	40.00
05/04/2017		Japanese Drum for Japanese Drumming	\$5.00	\$0.00	5.00
05/04/2017		LiteratLevy for Yr 6 Literature Levy Net OC	\$18.75	\$0.00	18.75
05/04/2017		Paper for Paper Levy 2017	\$18.75	\$0.00	18.75
05/04/2017		Science-Levy for Science Levy	\$5.00	\$0.00	5.00
05/04/2017		TecLevy for Technology	\$22.50	\$0.00	22.50

Once you have selected what fees you wish to pay, enter your name, phone number and email address under "Payer Details". This allows identification of the parent/carer making the payment. Then press "Next" to the secure Westpac site to complete your online payment.



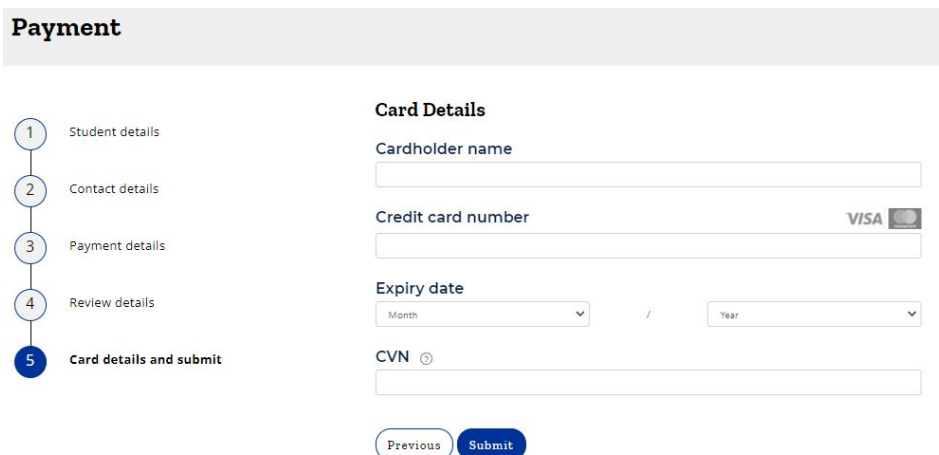
Grand Total: \$1028.00

Westpac

Your Name: Contact Phone Number: Contact Email:

You will be redirected to a secure Westpac site to make your online payment.

Enter your credit card details into the appropriate text fields and then press the "Proceed to Confirmation" button to complete payment.




Payment

- 1 Student details
- 2 Contact details
- 3 Payment details
- 4 Review details
- 5 **Card details and submit**

Card Details

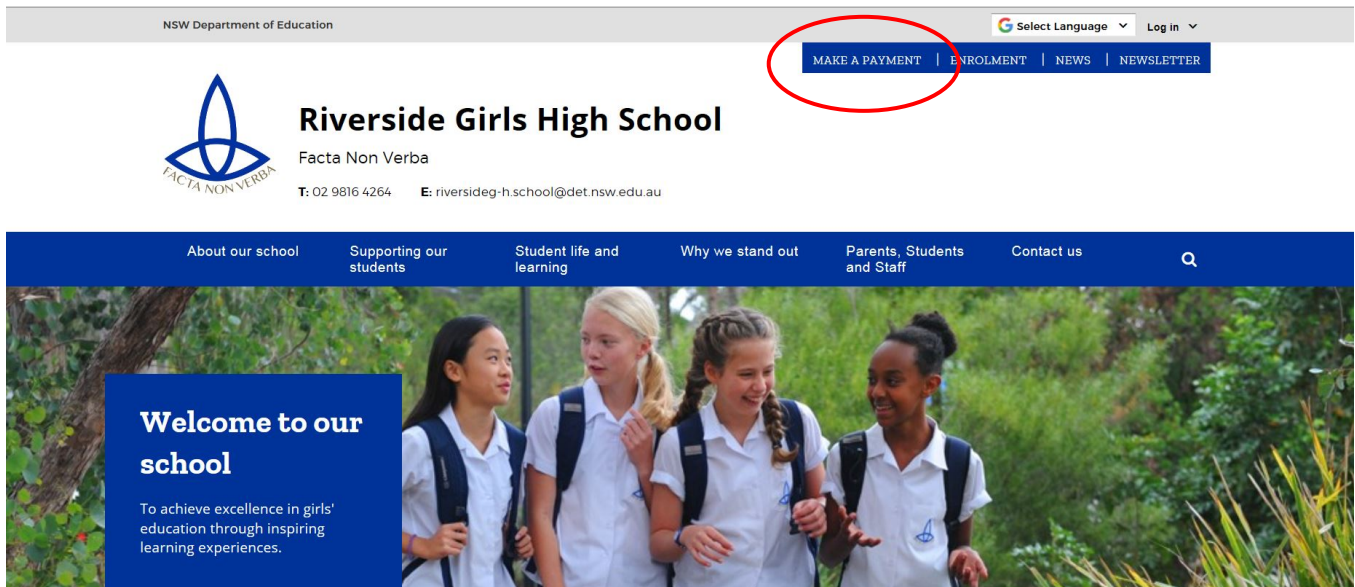
Cardholder name

Credit card number 

Expiry date /

CVN

Alternatively, you may access the "Make a Payment" from the school website.
www.riversideg-h.schools.nsw.gov.au



You will then be directed to this page which is a secure site hosted by Westpac. Follow the prompts to make payment directly to RGHS. There is no compromising the security of your card.

Fields marked (Optional) are NOT mandatory. If you don't know the answers to optional fields leave them blank.

Payment

- 1 Student details
- 2 Contact details
- 3 **Payment details**
- 4 Review details
- 5 Card details and submit

Payment Details

Please enter details what you are paying for.

Payment type
Voluntary School Contribution

Payment description
P&C Contribution

Payment amount
\$ 150.00

Remove item

Payment type
Subject Contribution

Payment description
Design and Technology

Payment amount
\$ 50.00

Remove item

Total amount (AUD)
\$ 200.00

Add another item

Previous Next

You can pay for multiple items in one transaction. If more lines are required select the *Add Another Payment* button.

If you have clicked the *Add Another Payment* button but no longer need it, you will need to *Remove* that line before continuing on. Otherwise the form will return an error.

Once you have filled out this section, click next section and enter your card details.

Once submitted, you will receive a receipt from Westpac, this is your official receipt.

Transport to School

There are several designated school buses to transport our students to school. Details of the different routes are available on our school website.

Opal Cards

If you live outside of 2km radius of the school, your child is eligible for subsidised travel and to apply for a School Opal Card.

If the student's travel route requires more than one mode of transport e.g. train or light rail and then bus, the one School Opal card covers all modes. Whilst our location lends itself to ferry transport, ferry passes are difficult to have approved. Transport NSW only grants application for ferry passes if you live in close proximity to the ferry and there is not a bus route nearby.

The same School Opal card, issued in Year 7, is used for the duration of high school years and can **only** be used for travel to and from school. For public transport outside of school hours, including excursions where public transport is used, please use a normal paid student/concession Opal Card.

To apply for a School Opal card:

Step 1: Complete the application form at www.transportnsw.info/school-students.

Step 2: The Riverside administration staff endorse the application online as requested by Transport for NSW.

Step 3: Once approved, the School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application form. You can expect to receive this during the first month of the school term.

Before the Opal Card Arrives

As all schools start at the same time, Transport NSW allows all students to travel for free whilst they are in school uniform for the first four weeks of school to allow them time to process and distribute all travel passes for the new year.

Students must vacate their seats for paying customers when travelling to and from school. Students who live within the 2km radius of the school, will need to use a paid student/concession Opal Card.

If you change address, lose or damage your School Opal card at any time, please go to the above link to apply for a new card to be issued.

If you live within 2 km of the school, you do not qualify for free travel but you are eligible to purchase a School Term Bus Pass. This pass offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

A School Term Pass can be purchased, at a reduced cost, for one or more terms in a school year.

If your application is successful, eligible travel for the number of terms purchased is loaded onto a School Opal card, which the student keeps. Any subsequent school terms purchased are loaded onto the same card via the same link (see below).

To apply for a School Term Pass:

Step 1: Log onto www.transportnsw.info/school-students.

Step 2: Select option to "Purchase School Term Pass"

Step 3: Complete the online application. Eligible applications will be approved immediately and allows payment to be made for the number of terms required.

Step 4: The loaded School Term Pass will be sent to the nominated residential address.

School Buses

There are a number of school buses available. To find the best bus for your daughter, please visit our website: <https://riversideg-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/location-and-transport.html>.



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Location

Riverside Girls High School is located in the beautiful urban bushland of Huntleys Point. Our grounds overlook Parramatta River and house many varieties of native Australian flora.

Huntleys Point Road
Gladesville NSW 2111

Nearest cross road: Victoria Road



School Buses

Riverside has worked with Sydney Buses to provide a number of school special buses to and from the school grounds. There are four bus stands along Huntleys Point Road:

- [Stand 1 - Meadowbank & Chatswood](#)
- [Stand 2 - North Ryde](#)
- [Stand 3 - Macquarie Centre, Balmain & Drumoyne/Fivedock](#)
- [Stand 4 - West Ryde](#)

For the latest information or to find the best bus to catch, please see the [Sydney Buses website](#).

Subsidised school travel

[Transport for NSW](#) provides subsidies to assist school students.

- The [School Student Transport Scheme](#) provides eligible students with free or subsidised travel on public transport between home and school.
- The [School Drive Subsidy](#) may help towards the costs of driving children to school if you live in an area where there is no public transport.

Travel Conduct

Most buses are now fitted with CCTV. This ensures the safety of all passengers and footage is made available for the school to view. We require all girls to demonstrate positive behaviour whilst travelling to and from school.

Code of Conduct for Students Travelling to and from School

- Students using a travel pass must use it only for travelling between school and their home. If you are without your travel pass, or are travelling to another venue, the correct fare must be paid.
- Students should behave in a courteous manner at all times. Loud behaviour on buses or in shopping centres (i.e. shouting, squealing) brings disrepute to both individual students and the school.
- **Students must offer their seat to adult members of the public, particularly those who are elderly, frail, pregnant or with small children. They must not wait to be asked by the bus driver to stand and give their seat to another passenger. They must do it immediately.**
- Students should not break their journey on the way to school in the mornings. All students should come straight to school.
- Students who catch buses in Balmain should not congregate at the O'Connor Reserve Bus Stop. Access to the footpath next to the reserve should be available to all members of the public who wish to pass .
- Students should get on the first bus which arrives after they get to the bus stop.
- Students should not walk alone to the ferry wharf or on the Tarban Creek underpass next to the Gladesville Bridge to or from school at any part of the day.
- If the actions of any bus driver are unfair or unreasonable students should write down the bus number and the bus driver's number and your complaint and inform the Deputy who will advise you about proceeding further with the complaint.
- Students who catch buses outside the school in the afternoon must follow all teacher directions. You should wait in an orderly fashion on the footpath and allow other students to move past.
- Pushing in queues waiting for buses in the afternoon is totally unacceptable.
- All students, including seniors must use the pedestrian crossing to cross Huntleys Point Rd
- The overhead bridge must be used to cross Victoria Road. Running across Victoria Road is totally unacceptable and not permitted.
- Students must enter the school grounds and stay there as soon as they arrive at school in the mornings.
- Students must exit the school using the pedestrian gate.

When you are travelling to and from school in school uniform you represent the school. The community will judge our school harshly if even a few girls act irresponsibly. The good reputation of the school can be damaged by the actions of a few on buses, in shopping centres and at railway stations.

Canteen

The canteen is run by a private company. It is open every day before school (for breakfast and for lunch orders), at recesses and at lunch time. There is a very good selection of food available and girls are encouraged to place their orders before school to ensure fast efficient service.

Girls in Years 7 - 10 are not allowed to buy from the canteen during timetabled lessons. Students are expected to be orderly and respectful.

Online ordering is available via Flexischools.com.au. All online orders must be placed by 9:00am that day.

Flexischools

To register for Flexischools:

1. Download the Flexischools All from the App Store or Google Play. Note – for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notification.
2. Register an account
 - a. Open the Flexischools App
 - b. Click 'Like to register?'
 - c. Enter your email address
 - d. Click 'Register'
 - e. You will be sent a registration email.
 - f. Follow the instructions in the registration email to finish setting up your account.
 - g. Once your account is set up, login to the Flexischools App and select Profile icon on the grey navigation bar
 - h. Select Student and 'Add a student'
 - i. Search for 'Riverside Girls High School'
 - j. Select the student year level and details
3. Top up your account to make ordering more convenient. Automatic top ups can be set up.
4. To order
 - a. Use the Flexischools App
 - b. Press 'Order food' button
 - c. Choose student (if more than one student listed)
 - d. Choose pick up time (eg Recess 2 or lunch)
 - e. Choose date for order
 - f. Choose items to order
 - g. Make a payment selection to complete order
5. Fees
 - a. Online ordering fees - \$0.29 per order
 - b. Account top up
 - i. Direct debit – free
 - ii. Credit card – (VISA/Mastercard) - \$0.15 +1%
 - iii. Paypal - \$0.15 +1%

To make school lunches easier, and save time, online orders are encouraged

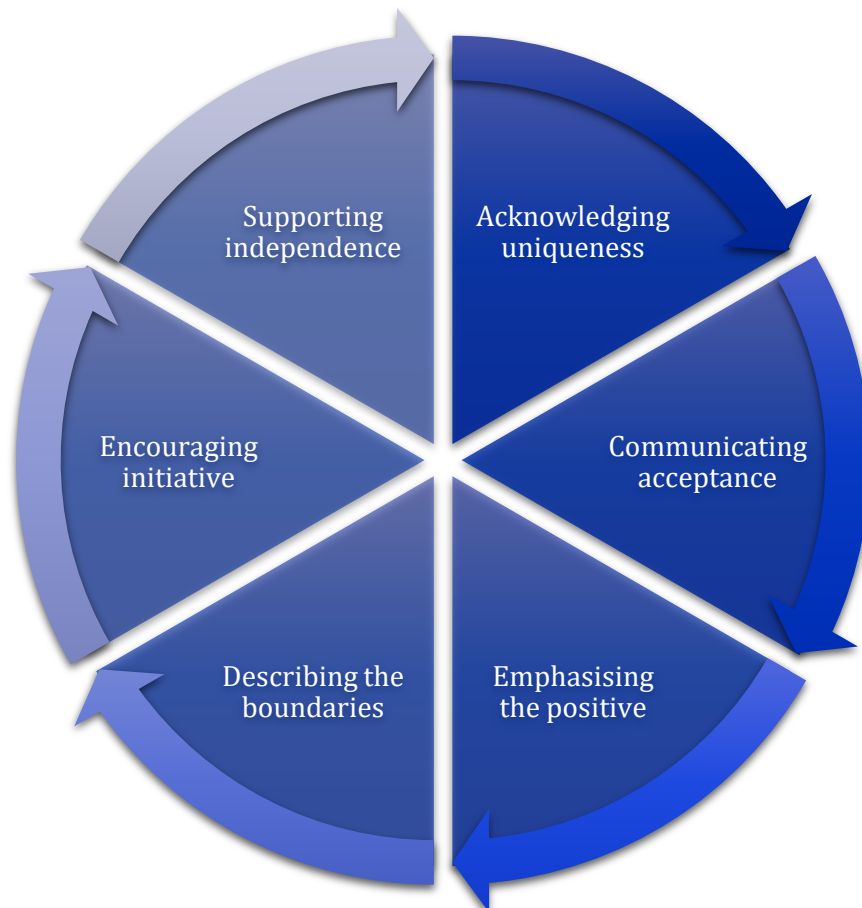
Student Wellbeing



Wellbeing at Riverside

At Riverside we nurture our girls from childhood to adulthood through encouragement, training, accountability and support.

We work towards this by:



Classrooms at Riverside Girls High School are for:

Learning and Teaching and respecting the rights of other students to learn

For successful learning to occur, students must:

- work co-operatively with their teachers and fellow students
- follow the teachers' instructions
- complete set work, including homework
- accept responsibility for their own learning
- respect school property and equipment and the personal possessions of other students
- engage in the lesson
- refrain from calling out and making inappropriate comments about the answers of fellow students
- concentrate on learning rather than talking to friends
- bring their diary, books and equipment to lessons
- present their best effort

Essential aspects of successful learning

- Courtesy
- Co-operation
- Commitment

Personal Difficulties

You can talk to your Year Adviser, Head Teacher Student Wellbeing or the Deputy or make an appointment to see the Counsellor.

Trouble understanding school work

You should talk to your class teacher first. Then you can talk to your Year Adviser or the School Counsellor. You can also talk to the Head Teacher of the subject. You can also seek help through self-referring through the Learning & Support Team.

Charter of Responsibilities

Riverside Girls High School is committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for all students by creating a safe and happy learning environment. This is best achieved when both the school and the students fulfil their responsibilities.

We have the responsibility to enable you to:	You have the responsibility to:
Express informed opinions, ask questions, be consulted on key issues affecting learning conditions through the SRC, Student Leadership Groups and teachers	Respect the opinions of others Become actively involved in the school community Maintain a commitment to excellence
Feel safe and secure as individuals, free from harassment, bullying, racism, intimidation, violence and sexism	Respect the rights of others Treat others with compassion and respect differences (in race, culture, religion, academic achievement)
Receive regular feedback on progress, achievements and problems associated with learning and achievement	Be active learners Submit all work on time Be responsible for your learning
Be treated fairly, with dignity, courtesy, compassion and confidentiality	Respect teachers, follow instructions Show courtesy to others at all times
Be provided with quality stimulating, relevant learning experiences	Not interfere with the learning of fellow students Encourage others to learn
Be supported by the student wellbeing system, especially if facing difficulties	Be proud of the school and the school's achievements Accept rules governing the wearing of school uniform Attend all sports carnivals Behave well at school and in public and respect visitors Keep the school clean Take care of buildings, furniture, grounds and all facilities provided by parents and other taxpayers
Have access to educational resources in the Library and specialist rooms	Work safely in these learning areas Return all books on time and borrow responsibly Take care of all equipment
Become successful learners	Pay attention to teachers Ask for assistance when it is needed Join in all school activities to develop skills Fulfil course requirements for all subjects Complete all homework and assessment tasks on time to the best of their ability Attend all lessons Promote a positive attitude to learning and education Meet all school excursion requirements by the due date

General Information



The Riverside A to Z

Attendance

Attendance at school is compulsory for all students under 17 years of age.

Absent from school

On the day of your child's absence you will receive an SMS from the school. Please reply to this SMS with the reason for your daughter's absence. Alternatively you may telephone the school providing details of the student's full name, year and reason for absence. On the day of return after an absence, students are required to bring an Explanation of Absence note from a parent or caregiver to their roll teacher explaining why they were absent. Please ensure the full name, roll class, date and the detailed reason for absence are clearly marked on the note. If you are likely to be away three days or more, a medical certificate is required.

N.B. "Sick" is insufficient explanation. Please provide more detail.

Holidays

Holidays should not be taken during school term. If travel cannot be avoided during school terms and more than 3 consecutive days of school are missed an application for extended leave will need to be submitted to the Principal at least one month prior to travel for approval. Application forms are available at the office.

Punctuality

Students should be on time at all times.

Late Arrival to school

When arriving late, students need to sign in at the Student Services Counter. You will be issued with a Late Pass which you need to give to your teacher. You will not be admitted to class without the Late Pass. A note from home is required to explain the lateness (see Absent from school).

If your daughter is late to school, you will receive an SMS with a timed absence. Please reply to this SMS with the reason for your daughter being late.

Need to leave early (Early Leavers Pass)

Students need to bring a note from their parent or caregiver clearly stating student's name, year group, the reason and the time you need to leave early. Before school starts you need to ask a Deputy Principal to sign the note. Keep the note with you and show the class teacher that you have permission to leave. Go to the Student Services Counter to collect your Early Leave Pass.

Need to go home sick or injured

Notify your teacher who will send you with a buddy to the student services counter for assistance. Staff will determine what care you require and provide first aid and/or contact your parents so they can collect you from school. Students are not to contact parents if they are feeling unwell, if parents receive a call from their child please support the school by telling them to come to the office. Sometimes the school will call an ambulance if an injury/illness cannot be treated at school. Parents are informed if we call an ambulance.

Late to class

If you are late to your class, you will be required to present a written, signed explanation for your lateness.

SMS Service to parents/caregivers

If a student does not arrive by their timetabled start time, an SMS message will be sent to one parent. Your response and the detail you provide will help the school to accurately record the absence whether whole day, lateness or truancy. Your reply is very important and whether your response is by text, email or letter, it will count as a legal explanation for non-attendance.

In your response text message, you must provide student name; school year group; date of absence and reason. These details will make it efficient for office staff to amend the roll. Please do not reply with the reason only.

e.g. Jane Smith - Yr. 9 - 17/7/21 has a stomach ache / sore throat / getting tested for COVID

Annie Wang - Yr. 11 - 19/7/21 is late because of an orthodontist appointment.

Assemblies

A full school assembly is held every two weeks in the school hall. Student leaders chair the assembly and give regular reports on issues being addressed by the SRC (Student Representative Council).

Accidents at school / sick at school

If you need emergency first aid, report to the nearest teacher. If necessary, you will be sent to the student services counter for first aid or so that your parents can be contacted to collect you from school. Sometimes the school will call an ambulance if an injury cannot be treated at school. Parents are informed if we call an ambulance.

Correspondence

Most correspondence from the school is sent to parents by email. Newsletters, permission notes, financial statements, notification about parent teacher interviews and school reports are examples of important information that is sent via email.

Formal notifications are sent by postal mail. For this reason, it is very important that we have an up to date mailing and email address for parents at all times.

Please ensure all current contact information is kept up to date including email, phone, address, emergency contacts and change of family status. Forms are available at the office and on the Parent Portal.

Classes

Year 7 classes are named after famous Australian Women.

7B	Marie Bashir is the previous Governor of New South Wales. She is of Lebanese / Australian background, brought up in rural New South Wales. She personifies the successful multicultural Australian woman. Premier Bob Carr described her as "the most qualified Governor NSW has seen."
7M	Karen Moras is an ex-student of Riverside. She represented Australia at the Olympics where she gained a bronze medal for swimming while still at school.
7O	Susie O'Neill held a record 35 Australian titles, 8 Olympic medals and a string of victories at international level. The first Australian female swimming gold medallist since 1980, Susie is also the first Australian female ever to win the 200m Butterfly.
7P	Cheryl Praeger was the first Australian born woman to become a Professor of Mathematics in 1983. She grew up in southern Queensland, completed a Science Masters degree before studying at Oxford University.

Computers

You are able to access the Internet via the computers in the Library, the Multimedia Centre, Rooms 15, 44 and 42. Library computers are available before school and during lunch time. The computers in the Multimedia Centre are available for your use during lunchtime for school work. Each student is given an individual login account to access the school's intranet. Through this account a student can access their storage space, the intranet and printers. It is possible for students to print an assignment or assessment task at school provided there is compatible software with what you used to prepare the document.

Each student is given a nominal amount of credit on their ID card for printing and photocopying. Students may purchase additional printing credit on their ID card by making a payment at the Student Services payments counter during opening hours.

Please try to keep your costs to a minimum by:

- Using Print Preview before you print any document.
- Printing only essential documents or documents which have been edited.

Diary

The diary is used every lesson to record homework and/or assignments. It has information about the school and learning tips. The school diary is issued each year to all Year 7 students for an \$10.00 outlay. Students will receive a school diary at the beginning of the year. Students who lose their diary will need to pay a replacement charge of \$10.00 to the Student Services payment counter during opening times. Diaries should be on the desk for every lesson.

English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D)

Specialist teachers are available to provide additional learning support to students with a non-English speaking background.

Excursions

Students will be permitted on excursions only if requirements are met concerning

- Payment by the due date advertised
- Written permission received by the due date advertised
- Uniform or appropriate clothing
- Conduct

N.B. Students who fail to follow school policy consistently are not allowed to go on excursions

Evacuation & Lockdown

All classrooms have evacuation procedures and a map showing how to get to Gladesville Reserve in an emergency. In an emergency, students should ensure they follow teacher instructions quickly. When you leave the classroom during evacuation you must take only your wallet with you. We have evacuation drills

during the year so that you can become familiar with the procedure. It is important to everyone's safety that you remain calm and sensible.

In a lockdown, students will remain in secured classrooms maintaining silence and calm with mobile phones turned off.

Fund Raising

Generally, each house participates in fund raising to support important medical, humanitarian and social projects. The school also supports Amnesty International, Aboriginal Reconciliation, International Women's Day and The Exodus Foundation.

Health – Caring for our Students

Schools must regularly seek information from parents about allergies and other health conditions that may affect their child at school. The purpose of collecting this information is to identify students who are at risk of a severe allergic reaction and/or to ascertain any medical conditions that staff need to be aware of. Information provided by the parents/carers will be used to assist the school in determining what actions need to be taken in regards to a student with an allergy or other medical condition. If your child suffers from a severe or high risk allergy or severe asthma, it is imperative that health records are updated annually. This is a legal requirement as part of the school's mandatory health records. We appreciate your assistance with the up to date maintenance of these records so we can insure the best possible care for your child at school.

Homework

Homework at RGHS is:

- Relevant to each student's needs
- Purposeful and designed to meet specific learning goals
- Varied and challenging, but achievable
- Built on knowledge, skills and understanding developed in class
- Clearly stated and requirements made explicit during class time
- Supported by teacher strategies for students having difficulties with homework.

In secondary schools there is more evidence, especially in senior years, that homework can enhance student learning. Effective homework in secondary schools may help students to develop and broaden their understanding and skills across new and familiar curriculum areas. One of these includes the school diary.

In Years 7-8, homework may be set across the curriculum. Homework may include regular tasks, assignments that require investigation and preparation for examinations. Some subjects may provide homework every night where others are more assignment based. Therefore, the amount of homework on any day will be partly due to subjects studied that day and student time management, e.g. not leaving an assignment to the last minute.

It is important to check your diary nightly to ensure all required homework or assignment work are complete.

ID Cards

Students are issued with a Student ID Card. This card needs to be brought to school each day. It is used to borrow library books for printing and photocopying at school and also for signing in late or signing out early (as per procedures). Students who lose their ID card will need to pay a replacement charge of \$5.00 to the Student Services payment counter during opening times.

Library

The library opens at 8:30am, is open at recess and lunch time and until 3:15pm each day. The library may be closed occasionally for special meetings/events.

Lost Property

Check at the Student Services Counter or in the lost property cupboard located outside the photocopy room in the Inwood block. Items with names on will be returned to students.

Parent Portal / Important Information

On the Riverside Girls High School Parent Portal, parents can view your daughter's timetable, attendance, reports, and download permission notes. Parent Teacher interviews are also booked via the Parent Portal.

Access to the Parent Portal happens in three steps:

1. Register as a parent here: <https://web2.riversideg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/register>
2. Login here: <https://web2.riversideg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login>
3. Connect to your daughter/s using an access code given out by Riverside. These codes will be emailed out to the main family email address in Week 2 Term 1 2022. If you do not receive this email, please contact us to update your family email address.

If you have forgotten your password you can reset it here:

https://web2.riversideg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/forgot_password

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Apart from the designated parent and teacher evenings (which are advertised in the monthly newsletter and on parent portal), parents can make appointments to see the Principal, the Counsellor or Head Teachers, by contacting the Administration Office. Sometimes the school will contact parents to establish an interview time.

Playground Areas / Wet Weather

Before school and during Recess 1 all students are required to stay in the main playground area which is the quadrangle. During Recess 2 and Lunch, students can use the Science lawn. The southern lawns overlooking the river are to be used only by senior students.

When it is raining or when the grounds are very wet, students may stay inside the buildings before school and during recess and lunch time. Specific areas will be allocated for Year 7. There are maps provided in each classroom.

It is important that all playground and wet weather areas are left free from rubbish.

Printing and Photocopying Access

The Student ID Card has been loaded with a nominal amount of credit for printing and photocopying. Students have access to black and white printers in computer labs and multi media centre, they also have access to black and white and colour printing and copying in the library.

Students may purchase additional credit on their ID card by making a payment at the Student Services payments counter during opening hours.

Riverside Currents

This is the name of the termly school newsletter which will be available on the website and emailed to all families. Student contributions are welcome.

Scripture

Scripture is organised by the volunteer scripture instructors from the local community. This may take the form of seminars or a sequence of lessons for one term only. A more detailed outline delivery of scripture will precede any attendance or non-attendance in the program.

School Reports

School reports are generated each semester. An email will be sent notifying that the school report is available for download from the Parent Portal.

School Song

The music used for the school song was composed especially for the school by Alfred Hill.



Sport Houses

All students at Riverside belong to one of four "houses". These are named after four female artists from the 1960's.

Coen – named after noted artist, Margaret Coen (Mrs Douglas Stewart – famous Australian poet), well known for her flower paintings. Her advice to the girls, "Give much appreciation to the fine arts and much finesse to the applied arts."

McKenzie – named after Isobel McKenzie. Her advice, "Originality and honesty in one's work and courage to keep on trying when things go wrong."



O'Harris - named after noted painter Pixie O'Harris. Her original stories and numerous book illustrations made her a household name in the last century. Her advice, "Nothing hurts those who have no fear."

Mallinson - named for Mavis Mallinson an art teacher at Riverside. Her advice, "To encourage an appreciation of good art is to develop a love of beauty and harmony in all things."



Student Leadership

Opportunities exist for all students to participate in decision making in the school. There is the Junior Student Representative Council (SRC) and the Senior SRC. The SRC representatives have been elected by the students to represent their views and present ideas to the school. The Senior SRC and Senior Leaders meet daily during roll call to discuss issues and seek solutions to problems. The student leaders would like to hear your views, so please seek them out and speak to them. Remember it is your school and you do have a voice.

Student Portal

The Riverside Girls High School Student Portal allows students to view their timetable for room changes, read the daily notices, check their attendance, and download their Semester Reports. They can also use the Student Portal to download permission notes and resources, upload work samples, and keep a school journal.

Access to the Student Portal will be given in the first week of Term 1 2022. The link is:

<https://web2.riversideg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/>. The login is the student's Department of Education username and password. If students have trouble accessing the Student Portal, they can see their Year 7 ICT teacher.

Swim Program (6-day lifesaving award)

As part of the PDHPE Syllabus it is a requirement that all Year 7 students participate in an intensive swimming and lifesaving course. This is a compulsory activity and Year 7 students must attend all day, every day of the 6-day course. The cost for swim school is itemised separately on the Year 7 Fee Schedule and must be paid for by Term 4. This cost covers the venue hire, bus travel to and from the school, and Life Saving Award certificates on completion of the course.

Valuables

Keep your wallet with you at all times. Your phone should be switched off and in your bag when you enter the school gates in the morning. You should not access your phone again until you exit the school gate at the end of the school day.

Student lockers are available for an annual hire fee of \$30. To obtain a locker, simply pay the \$30 and complete a Locker Agreement Form which outlines the conditions for locker use.



Co - Curricular Activities



Co-Curricular Music

Outline

The Riverside Girls High School Co-Curricular Music Program caters for students at all musical levels. We offer opportunities for students to participate in music ensembles and individual music lessons across a variety of instruments. Learning music at Riverside helps promote self-confidence, develops a sense of discipline and organisational skills, and encourages students to connect with others from different year groups who share a common interest.

Junior and Senior Orchestras

The Orchestra comprises of woodwinds, strings, brass and percussion instruments. It is recommended for students to have at least one year of playing experience to take part in the Junior Orchestra. Participation in the Senior Orchestra is by audition, usually held at the start of the school year.

Jazz Ensemble

The Jazz Ensemble comprises of alto, tenor and baritone saxophones, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, keyboard and percussion instruments. The music repertoire in the Jazz Ensemble caters for students with a minimum of two to three years playing experience.

Vocal Ensemble

The Vocal Ensemble is open to all students with an interest in singing, learning harmonies and performing at school and community events. The group is taught by Jenny Nylund, a local performing arts teacher who runs several school and adult community choirs. The ensemble is designed to be fun and challenging. Jenny teaches engaging repertoire, ranging from beautiful choral pieces to inspiring arrangements of pop songs, classic songs from movies and dynamic music from different cultures. Students work on pitch, tone and blend, breath control and vocal health.

Rehearsal times

Vocal Ensemble	Weekly Mondays	8:15am - 9:00am (before school)
Jazz Ensemble	Weekly Mondays	1:15pm - 1:55pm
Junior Orchestra	Weekly Thursdays	1:15pm - 1:55pm
Senior Orchestra	Weekly Thursdays	2:40pm - 4:00pm (after school)

Individual Music Lessons

Individual music lessons are available for students from beginner to advanced. Lessons are taught by experienced and qualified tutors who can provide support up to the HSC Music level. Riverside Girls High School currently offers tuition during school hours for flute, clarinet, piano, saxophone, voice, acoustic and bass guitar. Lessons are recommended as support to members in music ensembles who would like to improve their individual skills.

Performance Opportunities

- School events
- Local community events
- Music camp
- Performing Arts evenings for soloists and ensembles
- Junior and Senior Creative and Performing Art Soirees
- School musical productions

How do I join?

Please fill out the Instrumental Survey and email your form to Ms Wang at clarina.wang@riversideghs.net.

What about an instrument?

It is recommended that students own their instrument, however the school has a number of instruments for hire if required.

What does it cost?

Student participation in the Orchestra and/or Jazz Ensemble costs \$100 per term. Participation in the Vocal Ensemble costs \$50 per term. Fees cover the cost of ensemble direction and program administration, purchase and maintenance of instruments and music equipment. The school has an instrumental hire program with reasonable hire rates. Enquire with Ms Wang at clarina.wang@riversideghs.net.



Co-Curricular Dance



Dance

Dance is a fantastic and fun way to be involved in the Riverside community. It also helps extend your technical and performance skills while working as part of team.

At Riverside we have a co-curricular dance program that complements the subject Dance, which runs as an elective subject in Years 9 & 10 and as a senior course in Years 11 & 12. The program currently encompasses the following teams:

Dance Company

This group is for the committed dancer who has experience in different styles and who loves performing. Dance Company performances include Sydney North Dance Festival, Ryde Schools Spectacular, Granny Smith Festival, Schools Spectacular and school events. Rehearsals are held once a week after or before school.

Dance Ensemble

Dance Ensemble Dance allows students still developing their dance skills to do so in a positive environment. Students in Ensemble have many performance opportunities throughout the year including Sydney North Dance Festival, Granny Smith Festival and school events. Rehearsals take place outside of school hours on a weekly basis.

Dance Club

Dance Club is an initiative that started in 2016, growing from an increasing interest in Dance at Riverside. It is for students who love to dance but may not have a lot of dance experience. Dance Club runs once a week at lunch and is a fun and inclusive environment where students come together to learn and practice skills and choreography.

Who Can Be Involved?

Anyone can be involved in Dance at Riverside regardless of their experience level or styles learnt. While possessing or demonstrating the passion to learn technical and performance skills is important, there are other values that this program holds in high regard. These include:

- the ability to work as a team
- being respectful to your team, peers and teachers, including being committed to all rehearsals and performances
- being an ambassador for Riverside, including conducting themselves beyond reproach both inside and outside the school community

How Do I Join?

At the beginning of the year, auditions are held for the Dance program. This will involve students learning a short dance sequence and then performing this in smaller groups. These auditions normally take place after school hours between Weeks 2 and 3.



Other Co-curricular Activities

Students can participate in many co-curricular activities. These are:

Student Representative Council (SRC)	Mock Trial	Public Speaking
Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME)	Amnesty International	Chess Club
Environment Club	Media Team	Christian Student Club
Knockout teams	European Handball	Duke of Edinburgh
Homework Club		

Community



The P&C

The Riverside Girls High School P&C welcomes all parents & carers of the 2022 Year 7 Students. Riverside is a vibrant school community with much to offer new students. Participation is the key to gaining the best experience from all aspects of life at Riverside.

The P&C is a great forum for parents and carers to find out just what is happening at the school. Secondary School is quite different to the Primary School experience and many parents & carers find they are more distant from the school as their students become more independent. I strongly encourage participation by parents/carers as well at the school. The school is a community and by attending P&C Meetings you can meet other parents, raise concerns and be involved in decision making on the distribution of funds raised to benefit the students experience within Riverside as well as outside the school.

Each year P&C members are involved in panels to interview and employ new teachers, represent the community at school events and have helped beautify the school at working bees. Funds raised have contributed to a number of programs and improvements in 2021 such as assisting with the schools purchase of synthetic turf and shade umbrellas, refurbishment of the library and year 12 study space and contributing to the Musical and livestreaming of the Graduation Ceremony.

The support of the school community at events throughout the year is essential but more importantly it is a very enjoyable way to stay in touch with the school. Keep a keen eye on the school calendar for all the great events and don't miss Mecca Night. I am always blown away by the artistic talents of the students presenting at this event, be it singing, playing musical instruments, dance and production of film. An amazing opportunity for the students to build confidence in performing and show off their skills.

The P&C annual fee of \$150 per family goes a long way to supporting all the work the P&C achieve each year and a \$2 membership fee is required each year to be a voting member of the committee.

In 2022, I encourage you all to attend at least one P&C meeting. It is really a great opportunity to hear from the Principal and the amazingly dedicated teaching staff that present information and provide great insight into the school and its community. Meetings are on Wednesday nights at 7pm, all the dates for 2022 can be found on the school website.

Belinda Brodrick

P&C President 2021

