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# PENDULUM

Riverside High School

Key Dates for 2017

RESPECT, RELATIONSHIPS, ACHIEVEMENT, SAFETY AND FAIRNESS

## FEBRUARY

**Wed 8 Term 1 Starts**

Thu 16 Uniform Sales 8:15-12:15pm

Tue 21 Grade 7 BBQ 5pm - 6:30pm

Wed 22 Launceston Cup  
(Student Free Day)

Fri 24 Leadership Assembly

## MARCH

Fri 3 RHS Swimming Carnival

Mon 6 School Association Meeting

Fri 10 MSP Photos (1)

Tue 14 MSP Photos (2)

Mon 13 8 Hour Day Holiday

W-F15-16 Grade 7 Camp Clayton

Tue 21 Inter-High Diving

Sat 25 Antipodean's Leave

Fri 31 Inter-High Swim Carnival

## APRIL

Sun 2 Daylight Savings Finishes

<b>PRINCIPAL:</b>	Ms N Odgers	<b>GRADE LEADERS:</b>
<b>ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:</b>	Mrs S Matkovich	7 Mr T Elliott
<b>ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:</b>	Mr D Hanson	8 Miss B Hall
<b>ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (A):</b>	Mrs R Donaldson	9 Mrs D Dave
<b>ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (A):</b>	Mrs A Claridge	10 Mr T Musovic
<b>PSYCHOLOGIST:</b>	Mrs Claire Pople (Tue & Wed)	
<b>SOCIAL WORKER:</b>	Mrs Laura Fitzgerald (Mon-Wed)	
<b>CHAPLAIN:</b>	Ms Cecily Rosol	
<b>NURSE:</b>	Mr Peter Jacobson (Tue-Wed)	
<b>BUSINESS MANAGER (A):</b>	Mrs Leonie Johnston	

## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Families,

### Welcome Back!

Welcome to the start of the 2017 school year. I hope that families have had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and that students are feeling refreshed and ready to make the most of the opportunities that this year will bring. After visiting quite a number of classes in the first few days, I believe students have made a very enthusiastic return to school and we have had a positive and settled start. It has been great to see students getting into good routines around their learning and having high expectations for themselves. We have welcomed 190 new Grade 7 students into the school, along with a number of other students in each grade. I have spoken with many of our new Grade 7 students and they tell me with great enthusiasm that they are enjoying high school. Great feedback for us!

### Staffing Changes

I am very pleased to welcome 6 new teaching staff to the school this year. These people bring with them a wide range of skills and experiences and I know that they are going to be a great asset to our teaching team.

New staff are:

- Mr Alan Mowbray - Acting AST, HPE and ICT, Grade 8 team
- Mr Richard Gregory - Maths, Science, ICT, Grade 7 team
- Miss Rachael Smith - HPE, Humanities, Grade 9 team
- Ms Emily McMahon - Drama, English, Humanities, Grade 7 team
- Miss Marilyn Flint - Home Economics, English, Grade 7 team
- Mr Michael Jacobs - Maths, Science, Grade 7 team

In addition we are welcoming a number of new staff in non-teaching roles. These include Cecily Rosol, our School Chaplain, Harry Heathcote, who is an IT Trainee and both Kira Budgeon and Chloe Honeychurch, who have joined our Administration team.

### **High Expectations and a Growth Mindset**

In our first assembly I have spoken to students about our priorities for this year. We have focused on high expectations and that getting into good routines at the start of the year is very important. I would like to commend students on their positive start and their fantastic presentation this week; we appreciate the support from parents in ensuring our students are wearing our uniform and presented well for school.

Central to our learning culture at Riverside High School is a Growth Mindset. This is an exciting area where we are undertaking considerable work as a staff team and with all students. In a Growth Mindset, people believe that their abilities can be developed through effort and hard work - intelligence and talent are just the starting point. Having a Growth Mindset is about having a love of learning and being resilient. In our assembly I have encouraged all students to embrace a Growth Mindset - the belief that you can learn more and become smarter if you work hard and persevere. This includes viewing challenges and setbacks as opportunities to improve your learning and skills. In coming weeks we will share some more information with you about developing a Growth Mindset and how important this is for learning.

### **Values**

Our values are central to how we work together as a school community. At the beginning of the school year reinforcing our values is a key focus for us. Our values are displayed around the school and we encourage you to discuss these with us. I am continually impressed by how well the Riverside High values are embedded across the school and I see these values demonstrated on a daily basis by our students in their behaviour, attitudes and interactions. My hope is that you would see these values reflected in the way we work with and support your young people and also in our interactions with you and the wider community.

**Our values are:**

#### **Respect**

- We value treating everyone, our equipment, buildings and grounds in our school community with respect and care.

#### **Relationships**

- We value building and maintaining positive and respectful relationships with each other.

#### **Achievement**

- We support and encourage everyone to aspire to personal excellence.

#### **Safety**

- We value everyone's personal safety.

#### **Fairness**

- We value everyone being treated fairly by all students and adults in the school community.

Our values are at the heart of everything we do at Riverside High School. They are about how we expect everyone to behave. We expect everyone at Riverside High School will 'live' our school values every day.

#### **Thankyou!**

The week prior to the start of the school year is a busy time and there is much activity in our school to ensure that we are prepared for a smooth, well organised start for students. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution that a range of people have made in assisting with us getting the school year underway.

- A special thank-you to our Admin team for their hard work in planning, organising and managing the Book Sales process. We have had some great feedback from families that this was a welcoming, efficient and well organised process.
- I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Sue Purcell, Wendy Stingel and Yati Bailey who worked tirelessly to provide a great service to families in the Uniform Shop. Thank-you very much for your support of our school.
- Thank-you also to our wonderful Prefect Board for their hard work during Book Sales and Uniform days. We really appreciated their friendly manner with families and their flexibility in working with the Admin team to make this an efficient process.
- I would also like to thank our Peer Support Leaders for being at school on Tuesday afternoon to assist our Grade 7 students on their first afternoon. I know your friendly and welcoming faces was a great support to many students as they settled into our school.
- Joel Parkinson, Sienna Cook and Mia Deans worked together to create a film clip for our assembly on the first day. This was a great way to welcome students back and to

provide some important messages for students to consider as we refocus on the year ahead. Thank-you to these students; we really appreciate your creativity and contribution to this occasion.

### Canteen Help

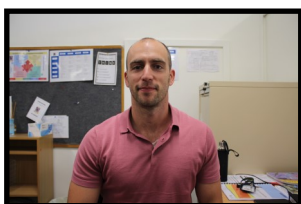
Our canteen is currently in need of some more volunteers to assist us. If you are able to help between the hours of 10.00am and 2.00pm that would be much appreciated. Parents, grand-parents and guardians are all welcome. Please contact our Canteen Manager, Gail Wade, through the School Office.

### In closing

A reminder that the Pendulum is published every Friday. While we have published a paper copy for students to take home this week, following this it will be available on the School App, through our email distribution list and available in hard copy for families who may not be able to access the electronic version. We are currently reviewing our distribution to ensure that the Pendulum is accessible to all families and will send home a short letter requesting details of those who require paper copies or would like to be on the email distribution list. Please take the time to read this each week as it is a very important way for us to communicate with you. I am really excited about the opportunities that this year will bring and am looking forward to working with our school community to ensure that students at Riverside High School are well supported and have a fantastic year of learning.

### Ms Natalie Odgers

#### RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL NEW STAFF



**Alan Mowbray**  
A/AST Grade 8 Team  
HPE/ICT



**Richard Gregory**  
Grade 7 Team  
Maths/Science/ICT



**Lyn Flint**  
Grade 7 Team  
Home Economics/English



**Michael Jacobs**  
Grade 7 Team  
Maths/Science



**Emily McMahon**  
Grade 7 Team  
Drama/English/Humanities



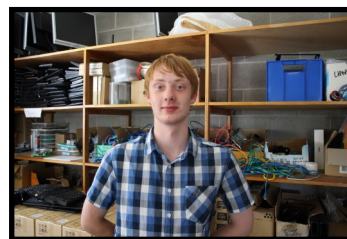
**Rachael Smith**  
Grade 9 Team  
HPE/Humanities



**Chloe Honeychurch**  
Admin Team



**Kira Budgeon**  
Admin Team



**Harry Heathcote**  
IT Trainee

### TERM DATES FOR 2017

<b>Term 1</b>	Wednesday 8 February to Wednesday 12 April Easter Friday 14 April - Tuesday 18 April (Thursday 13 April SFD Moderation)
<b>Term 2</b>	Tuesday 1 May to Friday 7 July
<b>Term 3</b>	(Monday 24 July SFD) Tuesday 25 July to Friday 29 September
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 16 October to Thursday 21 December (Friday 3 November SFD)



## WELCOME GRADE 7



Grade 7 students have made an outstanding start to their time at Riverside High School. Students arrived on Tuesday afternoon to ensure they were fully prepared for their first full day of high school. Home group teachers have commented on their positivity, their willingness to help each other and try new things.

Information regarding several upcoming events will be sent home in the next week or so, and we ask that parents and carers return forms promptly. We are very excited about continuing our work with these young people.



## WELCOME GRADE 7





## LAUNCESTON COLLEGE ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY

SUBJECT AWARDS		OUTSTANDING YEAR 11 RESULTS	YEAR 12 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
<b>Toby Bott</b>	Mathematics Methods 3C Physical Sciences 3C	<b>Toby Bott</b>	<b>Matilda Boutcher</b>
<b>Matilda Boutcher</b>	Australia in Asia & the Pacific 3C Accounting 3C Biology 3C	<b>Sophie Burgess</b>	<b>Lauren Connolly</b>
<b>Monte Bovill</b>	Media Production - Radio 3C	<b>Thomas Godfrey</b>	<b>Claire Farrell</b>
<b>Sophie Burgess</b>	Sociology 3C Mathematics Methods 3C Physical Sciences 3C	<b>Deri Guinane</b>	<b>Madison Gilpin</b>
<b>Olivia Campbell</b>	Sociology 3C	<b>Surya Kannan</b>	<b>Nicholas Glanville</b>
<b>Shanice Chuku</b>	Music Performance (Conservatorium Music)	<b>Harichand Ravichandran</b>	<b>Matthew Hill</b>
<b>Claire Farrell</b>	Ancient Civilisations 3C English Writing 3C Music Performance (Advanced Practical)	<b>Emily Reeve</b>	<b>Lauren Hill</b>
<b>Madison Gilpin</b>	Accounting 3C	<b>Samuel Roberts</b>	<b>Lucy McDonald</b>
<b>Nicholas Glanville</b>	General Mathematics 3C	<b>Jessica Ross</b>	<b>Mikaela McKnight</b>
<b>Thomas Godfrey</b>	Mathematics Methods 3C		<b>Phoebe Meyer</b>
<b>Deri Guinane</b>	General Mathematics 3C		<b>Emily Scott</b>
<b>Lauren Hill</b>	Psychology 3C		<b>Anja Verhoeff</b>
<b>Matthew Hill</b>	Accounting 3C Food and Nutrition 3C		<b>Bronte Whish-Wilson</b>
<b>Surya Kannan</b>	Mathematics Methods 3C Physical Sciences 3C		<b>Victor Wilson</b>
<b>Lucy McDonald</b>	Theatre Performance 3C		
<b>Mikaela McKnight</b>	Biology 3C		
<b>Phoebe Meyer</b>	English Writing 3C		
<b>Travis Parkinson</b>	Music Technology Projects 2		
<b>Joshua Partridge</b>	English Communications 3C		
<b>Luke Pash</b>	Drama 3C		
<b>Sebastian Philpott</b>	Modern History 3C		
<b>Harichand Ravichandran</b>	Physical Sciences 3C		
<b>Emily Scott</b>	Biology 3C		
<b>Bronte Whish-Wilson</b>	Theatre Performance 3C		
<b>Maegan Williams</b>	Housing & Design 3C		
<b>Victor Wilson</b>	Legal Studies 3C		
		YEAR 12 ACADEMIC MERIT	
		<b>Alara Bird</b>	
		<b>James Booth</b>	
		<b>Monte Bovill</b>	
		<b>Timothy Burgess</b>	
		<b>Olivia Campbell</b>	
		<b>Zoe Casburn</b>	
		<b>Emma Caunce</b>	
		<b>Caitlin Clive</b>	
		<b>Abbie Donnelly</b>	
		<b>Jamie Easter</b>	
		<b>Tea Gibson</b>	
		<b>Sarah Giles</b>	
		<b>Travis Parkinson</b>	
		<b>Sebastian Philpott</b>	
		<b>Imogen Pinnington</b>	
		<b>Jessica Rigby</b>	
		<b>Kate Scolyer</b>	
		<b>Jed Sutherland</b>	
		<b>Jessica Wilkie</b>	
		<b>Maegan Williams</b>	
		<b>Eloise Young</b>	
			<p>Congratulations to former students of Riverside High School on your success at college.</p> <p>Our very best wishes for the future.</p>

## **LAUNCESTON COLLEGE ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY**

**Steve Tully Memorial Prize for Visual Arts and Media**

**Monte Bovill**

**Edward Wesley Memorial Prize for Music**

**Claire Farrell**

**Camerons Accounting Prize**

**Matthew Hill**

**Launceston Historical Society Ratcliff Prize**

**Phoebe Meyer**

**UTAS Applied Science Award**

**Emily Scott**

**Lewis Bardenhagen Memorial Prize for English**

**Phoebe Meyer**



## **SCHOOL IMMUNISATIONS**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

West Tamar Council will be offering immunisations for Grade 7's this year at your school. As you may already be aware, consent forms have been sent home with all Grade 7 students. All completed consent forms are to be returned to your school's office by no later than 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017.

Please ensure you check your child's immunisation record and read all of the information provided before completing the consent form. If you have any queries or require more information regarding the immunisations, please contact West Tamar Council's Environmental Health Department on (03) 6323 9300.

## **CHANGES TO MUSIC TUITION PROGRAM 2017**

In past years we have run our Music Tuition Program over three blocks. This year we have decided to amend this by offering Music students 2 blocks of 15 weeks. This means less change and confusion for our students and Music Tutors. Block 1 will commence in Term 1 and continue through Term 2. Block 2 will commence in Term 3 and continue through Term 4.

We will be sending forms out with students very soon to sign up for private music lessons. Our Music Tuition Program is available to students who are already studying Music. The cost will be \$180.00 per Block to be paid in full prior to the Music Tuition Program commencing.

Please contact Melissa de Jong if you have any questions.



## How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

### For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



### For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
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Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

### For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.



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