

## IMPORTANT DATES

**28 September** - Last day of Term 3

**15 October** - First day of Term 4

**17 October** - Year 9 REACH Workshops

**18 October** - CCC Breathe to Telarah Public

**19 October** - Year 9 REACH Workshops

**20 October** - P&C Bunnings Fundraiser BBQ

**23 October** - Paul Wade Grassroots Program

**23 October** - Elective History Excursion

**23 October** -

Attendance BBQ

**24 October** - Yr 7 Vaccination Program

## OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Please be aware the office is open Monday to Friday between 8:00am and 4:00pm. Outside office hours, a message may be left on the school answering machine. Parents and caregivers are reminded an appointment is necessary before meeting with



The next P&C meeting will be held 16th October at 6pm in the interview room at the front office. All welcome to attend.

**RESPECT**  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
**COMMITMENT**

# RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



28th September 2018

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## TERM 3: WEEK 9 ASSEMBLY – SUPPORT FACULTY PBL AWARDS

<b>Khyal Banister</b>	Increased Attendance and Creating Independent Learning Goals
<b>Beau Exposito-Bishell</b>	Improved Effort and Attitude towards Class Tasks
<b>Brad Foote</b>	Consistent Application
<b>Ethan Haidinger</b>	Taking on a New Challenge
<b>Joshua Hunt</b>	Increased Classroom Application and Work Completion
<b>Ebony Kelly</b>	Excelling in Work Experience
<b>Logan Rebb</b>	Improved Effort in Communication
<b>Ned Sutherland</b>	Increased Attitude and Classroom Participation



# Congratulations!

## SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT

As the weather warms up and the days get longer, we look through spring to summer. In a bad analogy, the work the staff and students have done over the last 6 - 8 months is about to bear fruit with our HSC students in October/ November.

We wish all students the best in their upcoming HSC exams and remind them that their results will not mark them, more so, their love of learning, battles they have fought and the struggle they have endured will set them up for future success. Rutherford Technology High is no doubt a place of high expectations but also one where we work to prepare students to refine their strengths and develop on areas for improvement - we hope all students leave valuing the journey and armed for their particular future. Year 12 teachers are available over the holiday break to support students in the final weeks leading up to HSC exams. Students should refer to the tutorial timetable emailed to them for times and dates.

As Term 4 begins (Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October), I would encourage all students to focus on their organisation and time management skills as they prepare for the final examinations. Some time in reflection over the holidays, where students identify their learning strengths and some areas for growth will allow each student to form a plan for success in Term 4. The emphasis we place at Rutherford Technology High on reviewing your performance, engaging with feedback and then seeking to grow is a cycle that builds achievement. We hope our HSC students will reap the rewards of their hard work and the fact that they have grown to understand themselves as learners, a journey which began for them six years ago at Rutherford Technology High. Goodbye and good luck Year 12.



***YEAR 12 ENJOYING THEMSELVES DURING MINION DAY AT RTHS.***

## SUBJECT SELECTION

Whilst we are about to farewell one talented student group, our years march on and we would like to recognise the insight of families and collaboration with staff in having students select their pattern of study for 2019. Research indicates that a key component in student success is student self-direction and choice in curriculum pattern. Our subject selection evenings and discussions with students illustrate the engagement our students have in navigating a path of study that interests, excites and challenges each learner.

Our timetable for 2019 is under construction and our timetabling staff are working with students, discussing the best possible fit for individuals where their priority selections may not be available. We would like to thank families for their interest and involvement in the process and we hope to be able to deliver a challenging and engaging curriculum for all.



## SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT (CONT'D) ROAD SAFETY REVIEW – STAFF CAR PARK

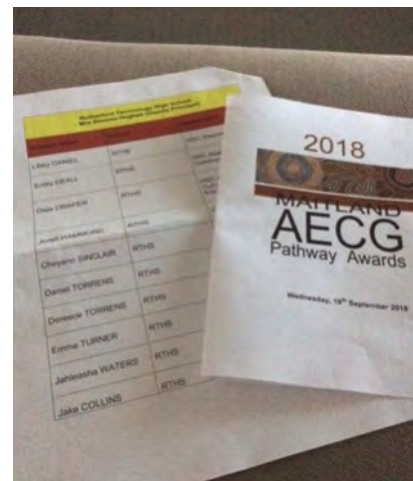
In response to a Departmental safety alert a safety review of our staff car park and bus bay area has been undertaken.

The safety alert has been published in response to a tragic accident at a school in Western Sydney last year which caused death and serious injury to young students at the school. As a result, you will see a few changes to car parking in the school grounds.

More information will be published as this work is undertaken. In the meantime, as always, we ask that parents do not enter the staff car park to drop off or pick up students (with, of course, the exception of disabled students who should park in the designated parking spots).

## MAITLAND AECG PATHWAYS AWARDS CEREMONY

I had great pleasure in attending and presenting at the Maitland AECG Awards Ceremony last week where a number of our indigenous students were presented awards for Year 12 Graduation, attendance and leadership.



## NAPLAN

Students in years 7 and 9 should receive their 2018 NAPLAN results in the mail next week. If you do not receive your child's results please contact our Admin office.

## eSPORTS

Mr Wirth and myself have been in conversations with a representative from Harvey Norman Rutherford and are proud to announce a partnership to bring eSports to RTHS. We are currently in the process of recruiting a 'coach' for interested students to work with during Term 4. If your child would like more information, please ask them to see either Mr Wirth or myself.

## INTERIM REPORTS

Student Semester 2 Interim Reports have been emailed home. They have also been uploaded to the Parent Portal. If you have not received an email or are unable to access the Parent Portal please contact the school on 49325999.

## YEAR 7 GALA DAY

Last Friday 100 of our students and 8 staff participated in the Coalfields Gala day at Maitland Park. Sports included Touch Football, Football and Tee Ball. There were some fantastic matches on the day and a fantastic time was had by all that attended. Photos are available for viewing on our Facebook page.

**Simone Hughes**  
**Deputy Principal**



## **EXECUTIVE REPORT SUBJECT SELECTION INTERVIEWS**

This term has been a time of great activity in preparing Year 10 students for senior schooling. During Week 1 this term students attended faculty information sessions to learn about the subjects each faculty had to offer. Additionally, students and parent/careers attended the Subject Selection Evening to gain knowledge about HSC requirements, University and TAFE options and subjects our school can offer students. Students then made their initial subject selections online.

Throughout Week 10 Mr Hunt and Mr Butler have interviewed each Year 10 student individually and discussed their careers ambitions and HSC pathway along with the subjects students have selected for next year. The vast majority of students have now finalised their choices for 2019 and are looking forward to the challenge of senior schooling. Thank you to the parents who took time out of their busy schedules to accompany their students to their interviews.

## **UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS**

Many of our Year 12 students are currently in the process of applying for university through the University Admissions Centre (UAC). Early bird applications close 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Some of our students have also chosen to participate in early entry schemes via UAC's Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS). This allows students to gain entry to university courses prior to gaining their HSC results. UAC uses Preliminary HSC grades and ratings from our school to judge a student's preparedness for university.

## **HSC CAREERS ASSISTANCE**

Although Year 12 students have left the classrooms of RTHS, it does not mean we have forgotten about them. Between now and the end of 2018, Mr Hunt and Mr Butler are available to assist students with career advice and information. Students are encouraged to contact Mr Hunt or Mr Butler to arrange appointments.

## **OUTSTANDING VET ACHIEVEMENT – CAMERON MANNING**

Congratulations to Cameron Manning who was awarded our Outstanding VET Achievement Award at our Year 12 Graduation Assembly. Cameron studied both Metals and Engineering and Construction and excelled in both areas. In addition to this he has been employed as an apprentice by Hunter Valley Buses because of his exceptional work during Metals and Engineering work placement experiences. Well done Cameron!



***Cameron Manning***

What's happening in Term 4?

- RAAF Williamtown Site Tour - Years 10-12 (November)
- Impressions 10 Mock Interviews - All Year 10 students (November)
- University Road trip to Charles Sturt, New England, Southern Cross and Wollongong Universities (Early December)
- Animal Care Excursion to Western Plains Zoo - Years 10-12 (Mid December)

***Mr T Butler  
HT VET/ CAREERS/ LOTE***

## **MUSICIANS OF ALL AGES WORK HARMONIOUSLY TOGETHER.**

Zoe Roots of Year 7, member of the Specialist Band program received a very generous gift of a Yamaha Alto Saxophone from the Jazz and Dance band "The Revelling Wanderers" at a concert at Walka Grange.



***The Revelling Wanderers (left to right) Mr Wilson, Mr O'Connor, Mr Maidens, Zoe's Mum, Mr Brooker, Mrs Brooker, Mr Hamilton and Mr Chalmers. Zoe is the very happy musician in front holding her new saxophone.***

"The Revelling Wanderers" are a talented dance band who perform at many venues and functions including nursing homes, retirement centres, festivals, balls etc. Over a period of time and with donations they have raised money which they decided to put towards the purchase of a musical instrument. As a lovely gesture of kindness they then decided to pay it forward, just as happened to Mr Brooker (saxophonist) when he was young man, "The Revelling Wanderers" did some investigating and selected our school as its target. In building a new friendship with the music department, which we have thoroughly enjoyed, Zoe was eventually selected as the recipient of this extremely kind and very, very generous gift.

As part of this new relationship, we were then invited to participate in one of The Revelling Wanderers concerts. Mr Wilson gifted me a vast array of Music, which I perused at great lengths. I then arranged six pieces for our band and we then had intensive daily rehearsals of a whole new style of music. We went along to the beautiful Walka Grange on Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup> and joined in on an afternoon of music merriment featuring The Revelling Wanderers, a brilliant ukulele ensemble and then we popped in towards the end of the concert. We were very lucky on the day to have Mr Brooker on sax and Mr Wilson on trumpet and clarinet join in and play with our band.

Many thanks to Mrs Brooker as our liaison and for being our MC for our section of the concert. We are looking forward and hope we can continue the partnership with The Revelling Wanderers.

Also, may I thank the wonderful residence of Walka Grange who made our Sunday afternoon so lovely and made us all feel so very welcome. Many thanks to the student's parents, grandparents, siblings and friends for coming along and supporting us on the day.

***Ms Hornery - HT CAPA***



***Left to right: (front row) Rohan Baker-Wade, Kayla Wright, Olivia Playford, Zoe Roots, Aidan Upcroft, Anthony Twaddell, Jeremy Gamueda, Mr Avery, MC – Mrs Bev Brooker. (back row) Phoebe Densley, Mr Brooker (Sax - Revelling Wanderers), Ms Hornery, Mr Wilson (trumpet - Revelling Wanderers).***

***Presentation from the Revelling Wanderers of a plaque to Rohan and Aidan for the Music block and Mr Brooker (representing The Revelling Wanderers) present Zoe her new Yamaha saxophone.***





## **TERM 3: WEEK 10 ASSEMBLY – HSIE FACULTY PBL AWARDS**

### **Year 7**

Samuel Cauchi	Excellent Achievement in HSIE
Michael Duardo	Consistent Effort and Application in HSIE
Madison Fowler	Consistent Effort and Application in HSIE
McKenzie Kingi	Improved Effort in HSIE
Jordan Murphy	Consistent Effort and Application in HSIE
Ashan Parsons	Excellent Effort in HSIE
Jaydan Pepperall	Consistent Effort and Application in HSIE
Fiona Rivera	Excellent Effort in HSIE

### **Year 8**

Leeza Goyal	Always Striving to Improve in History
Zion Jimmy	Consistent Effort and Application in Geography

### **Year 9**

Stephanie Black	Consistent Effort and Application in Elective History
Elizabeth Ferraro	Excellent Effort in Commerce
Imogen Groves	Consistent Effort and Application in Geography
Tanya Jones	Excellent Achievement in Geography
Samuel Tuckwell	Consistent Effort and Application in History

### **Year 10**

Seth Crockett	Working in a Sustained Fashion in Commerce
Charlie Johnson	Working Consistently in Geography
Catherine Law	Consistent Effort and Application in Geography
Hossain Patwary	Consistent Effort in Geography
Leteah Zwirek	Consistent Effort and Application in Geography

### **Year 11**

Aleisha Bailey	Excellent Achievement in Ancient History
Keeleigh Chiodi	Effort and Application in Society and Culture
Natalie Laws	Excellent Achievement in Business Studies
Jaycob MacDonald	Consistent Effort and Application in Ancient History



## CAPTAINS MESSAGE

This is our last ever captains message!

To Jacinta, Braydon and the other Year 12 leaders, good luck and all the best in what you do for the school.

We wish the new Year 12 all the best next year in doing their HSC.

For our year group this year, good luck for the HSC and best wishes for your future endeavours. We hope everyone does the best in their HSC exams and always tries their hardest.

We have thoroughly enjoyed being the school leaders and sharing our news with you.

Goodbye!

**Jake Payne & Clare Faustini**  
**School Captains 2018**



Commencing 30th September 2018 **public routes** will have timetable changes. This will affect how some students travel. Plan your trip at [transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info).

Further information can also be found <https://www.cdcbus.com.au/hunter-valley-latest-news>



### **VACCINATION WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 24th OCTOBER 2018 IN THE COMMON ROOM.**

**Y7 - Vaccination for Dose 2** of the HPV Vaccine and catch up of any students who were absent.

**Y10 and 11 - Vaccination for Meningococcal ACWY** is available for any student in **Y10 & 11** that missed out previously. This is a crucial vaccine to protect a young person from meningococcal. It has been identified by the NSW Health Department as an essential part of the school Vaccination Program.

### **STUDENTS WHO REQUIRE A FORM CAN GET ONE FROM MRS YOUNG IN THE SCIENCE STAFFROOM.**

- Any **Y8** students who have not completed their vaccination program will be called out of class and have their vaccination on the day.
- Please ensure that your child has had breakfast and some lunch as this assists in their well-being after their vaccination.
- If there are any questions please contact Mrs Young (49325999) or email [anne.young6@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:anne.young6@det.nsw.edu.au)

## HELPFUL HINTS FROM THE LaST (Learning and Support Team)

### ***NOTE TAKING TIPS and TECHNIQUES: SYMBOLS***

#### **Symbols for notetaking**

**= equals is equal to, or same as**

**$\neq$  is not equal to, is not the same as**

**$\equiv$  is equivalent to**

**+ and, more, plus**

**> more than, greater than**

**< less than**

**- less, minus**

**⇒ Gives, causes, produces, leads to, results in, is given by, is produced by, results from, comes from**

**↑ Rises, increases by**

**↓ Falls, decreases by**







## YAKKA DAY

A group of Rutherford Technology High School students participated in Yakka Day.

*What is Yakka Day you ask?*

This is a day where students try a skill to learn more about various occupations by attempting some of the skills used in particular jobs. The day encourages students to contemplate their future and the importance an education plays in getting a job.

Students in the photos were enjoying a TAFE carpentry stall.



# EVERY DAY COUNTS.....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but.....

If your child misses.....	That equals.....	Which is.....	And from Kindy to Year 12 that is.....	Which means the best your child can achieve is.....
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed....

**Every day counts!**

### **CONGRATULATIONS SAMARA!**

Rachelle Collins, mother of Samara Harrison in Year 9 contacted the school to share some exciting news of Samara's achievement outside of school.

Samara competed in a weeklong tenpin bowling competition held at SuperStrike Rutherford incorporating many local bowling centres.

Samara successfully achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place in both her singles and doubles event and qualified 2<sup>nd</sup> overall for the Masters event. This then seen Samara having to bowl eight games against the Top 10 Bowlers which she finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place and is now the 2018 Junior SuperStrike Champion.

Rachelle is a very proud mum and what a great achievement for such a quiet and reserved person - congratulations and well done Samara!



### **SKATE PARK EVENT @ RUTHERFORD**

Maitland City Council, in partnership with a number of local service providers, are holding a 'Skate Park Event' at Rutherford Skate Park on Thursday 11 October 2018 from 12:00pm–4:00pm and Entry to the event will be free.

This will be one of a series of events, which is being held at various Skate Parks across the Maitland area, attracting local young people, families and skate and scooter enthusiasts from the Hunter region.

These events address a demand and keen interest for youth focused, social and recreational activities, within Skate Park hubs around the City.

This project also has the aim of activating youth spaces, resulting in increased sense of ownership and pride of place, connecting and engaging with local young people, and giving our young people opportunities to highlight and celebrate their talents.

The event will include appearances and demos by some of the Hunter's local skate and scooter talent with additional street art activities and a chill zone that will be run by collaborating youth service providers.



# ***Rutherford High School***

## *Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours*

2018 - 2019



### **December 2018**

Monday	3rd. December	4:00PM - 8:00PM
Tuesday	4th. December	8:00AM - 2:30PM

### **January 2019**

Tuesday	22nd. January	9:00AM - 4:00PM
Wednesday	23rd. January	8:00AM - 4:00PM
Thursday	24th. January	8:00AM - 4:00PM
Friday	25th. January	8:00AM - 4:00PM
Monday	28th. January	CLOSED
Tuesday	29th. January	8:00AM - 4:00PM
Wednesday	30th. January	8:00PM - 12:00PM
Thursday	31st. January	8:00PM - 12:00PM

**THEN EVERY TUESDAY:**

**8:00am - 12:00pm**

**THURSDAY:**

**8:00am - 12:00pm**

SHOP CLOSED 28th Jan 2019. Normal shop hours resume Thursday 31st January 2019

Uniform shop contact: Kylie 0478920262 during shop hours

**Purchase Online: [daylightsportswear.com/rutherford](http://daylightsportswear.com/rutherford)**

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**Rutherford High School UNIFORM SHOP**
**Price List**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ REC# \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM		<u>PRICE</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> INCL GST
Girls	JNR Blouse Sky	28.00			
	SNR Blouse Lemon	28.00			
	JNR/SNR Girls Shorts	35.00			
	JNR Skirt	48.50			
	SNR Skirt	48.50			
	Bootleg Slacks	39.00			
Boys	JNR/SNR Boys Shorts	35.00			
	Unisex Everyday Shorts	35.00			
	JNR/SNR Trousers	39.00			
	Black Trousers Elastic Waist	39.00			
Unisex	Fleecy Jacket	40.00			
	JNR Polo	29.00			
	SNR Polo	29.00			
Knitwear	Jumper	72.00			
Sports	Jacket	65.00			
	Sports Shorts Std	25.00			
	Trackpant	38.00			
	Sports Polo	35.00			
Accessory	Scarf	20.00			
	White Sock Short Cut x 5	20.00			

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### October is Mental Health Month!

At Rutherford Technology High School we are going to recognise the positive things that happen every day at our school and the power that a simple act of kindness has to change a person's life!

We will be recognising acts of kindness during Week 1 and Week 2 of Term 4, 2018!

Students are encouraged to nominate a person that has done something kind for another person at the school. Nomination forms can be found at the front office and in the Well-being staff room.

Just write out who the person is and what they did, then place the note in the nomination box. At the end of the two weeks, a prize will be given to the kindest person from each year group.

Forms available Week 1  
first day back!




















# Kindness





# Parking and traffic rules in school zones






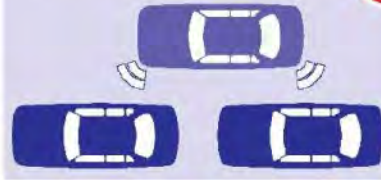



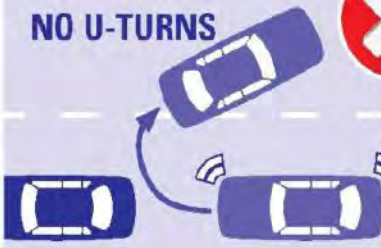


You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting not only your child but other children at risk. The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you will be fined. **Please choose safety over convenience.**

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO IMPORTANT SAFETY TRAFFIC RULES				
ZONE	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHY IS IT THERE?	PENALTY	DEMERIT POINTS*
	You cannot stop in a <b>NO STOPPING</b> zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space). 	Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children / pedestrians.	EXCEEDS <b>\$330</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You can stop in a <b>NO PARKING</b> zone for a max. of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times and cannot leave your vehicle unattended.	Provides a safe place for children / pedestrian set down and pick up.	EXCEEDS <b>\$183</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You must not stop or park in a <b>BUS ZONE</b> for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus. If times are shown on the sign, you are not allowed to stop during those times.	Provides a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.	EXCEEDS <b>\$330</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You must not stop on or within 20 metres before a <b>PEDESTRIAN CROSSING</b> or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.	So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.	EXCEEDS <b>\$439</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	<b>DOUBLE PARKING</b> You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.	Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.	EXCEEDS <b>\$330</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You must not stop on any <b>FOOTPATH</b> or <b>NATURE STRIP</b> , or even a <b>DRIVEWAY</b> crossing a footpath or nature strip for any reason.	You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.	EXCEEDS <b>\$183</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 

**Please note:** The above information is current as of 1 December 2017. Penalties set by NSW State Government and reviewed on 1 July each year.



## Safety tips for school zones:

<b>EXITING THE CAR</b>   Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.	<b>APPLY BRAKE</b>   Make sure the park brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
<b>PARKING</b>   <b>NEVER</b> double park.	<b>CROSSING</b>   <b>NEVER</b> park across a pedestrian crossing.
<b>NO U-TURNS</b>   <b>NEVER</b> undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.	<b>NO 3 POINT TURNS</b>   <b>NEVER</b> undertake a three-point turn in close proximity to the school.

## Safety tips for students:

<b>BUCKLE UP</b>   Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped.	<b>STORE ITEMS</b>   Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position.	<b>BE READY</b> Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seat belt.	<b>EXIT SAFELY</b> Always get in and out of the back seat through the safety door - the rear footpath-side door.
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## Demerit Points:

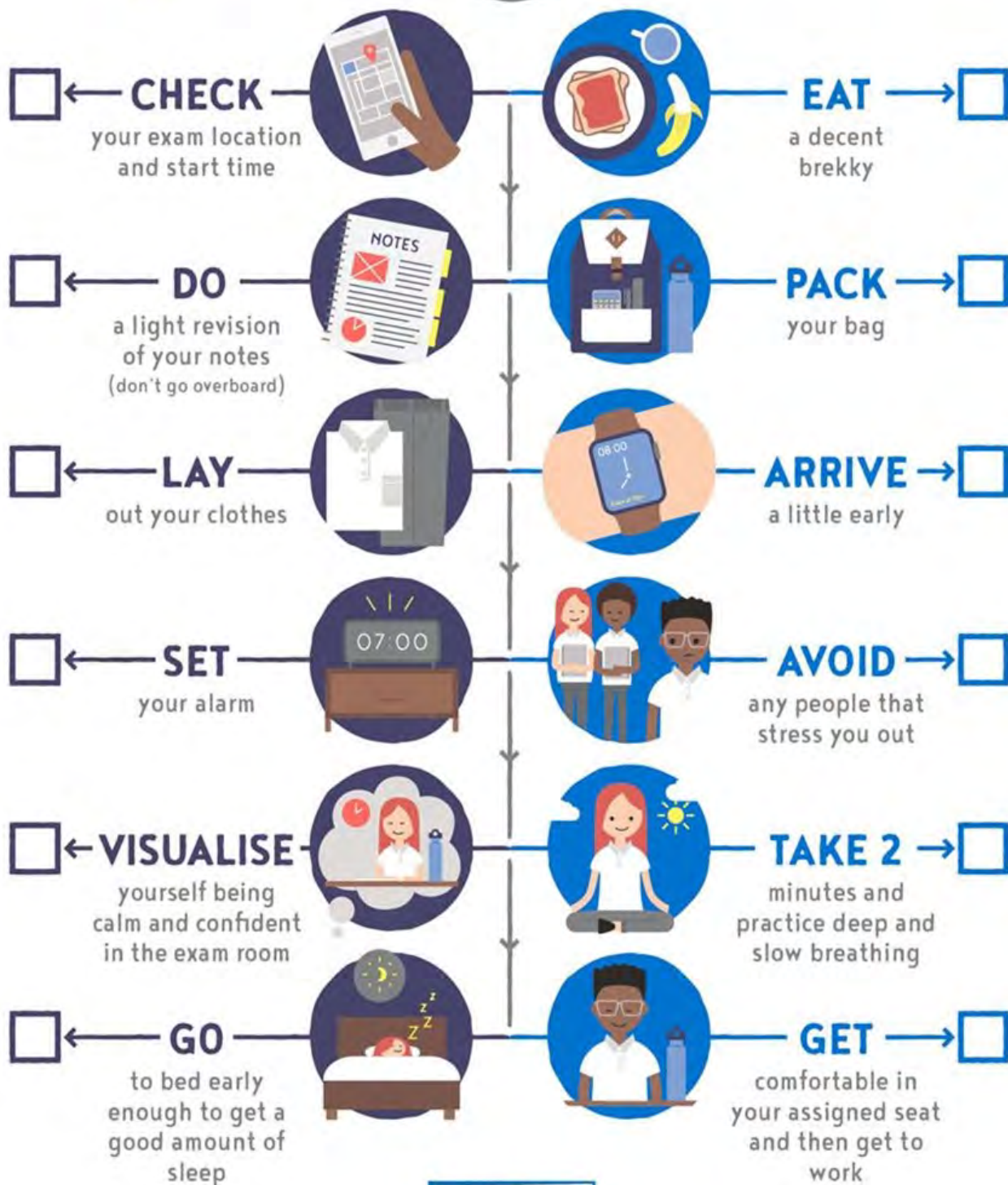
\* The **Demerit Points** Scheme is a national program that allocates penalty points (demerits) for a range of driving offences. A driver who has not committed any offences has '**zero**' points. If you commit an offence that carries demerit points, the points are added to your driving record. If you incur the threshold number of demerit points within a three-year period, a licence suspension or refusal is applied. The three-year period is calculated between the dates the offences were committed. It ends on the day your most recent offence was committed.

For further information regarding demerit points please visit: [rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits-offences/](https://rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits-offences/)

# EXAM SLAYING CHECKLIST

NIGHT BEFORE

On THE DAY





# NAPLAN Online fact sheet for parents and carers

**In 2018 schools across Australia started the move from pencil and paper to online testing. The move to NAPLAN Online will bring new benefits for teachers and students.**

## Why are schools moving to NAPLAN Online?

Significant planning, research and trialling has been ongoing since 2012 to support the move to NAPLAN Online. Online testing creates new opportunities for teachers and students that are not possible with pencil and paper tests.

## What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

- NAPLAN Online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.
- Most students find online assessment more engaging.
- NAPLAN Online will use tailored testing, which gives students questions better suited to their ability, resulting in more detailed individual assessment.
- By 2020, your child's results will be returned within weeks of the NAPLAN test, as opposed to months.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools and teachers.
- The precision and improved timing of the results will help teachers streamline their teaching more specifically to student needs.

## School readiness test

NSW schools intending to transition to NAPLAN Online in 2019 will participate in a school readiness test between 20 August and 7 September 2018.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to participate in a trial NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability but will allow schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN online test format and processes;
- check they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online; and

- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 & 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

The NAPLAN Online website provides more information about the school readiness test: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online/nsw-transition-approach/readiness-activities>

## For more information

More information about the NSW transition approach to NAPLAN Online, including answers to frequently asked questions, can be found on the NSW Department of Education NAPLAN Online website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online>

Parents wanting to familiarise themselves with the NAPLAN Online platform can visit ACARA's demonstration site, which includes sample online mini-tests for each NAPLAN year: <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

General questions around the NSW Department of Education's approach to the move to NAPLAN Online can be addressed to the NAPLAN Online transition team: [NAPLANOnline@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:NAPLANOnline@det.nsw.edu.au)



## Frequently asked questions

### When will NSW schools transition to NAPLAN Online?

Education ministers have agreed to full participation in NAPLAN Online by 2020. In 2018, around 550 NSW schools transitioned to NAPLAN Online.

### Is NAPLAN Online compulsory?

NAPLAN Online will replace the current pencil and paper NAPLAN tests. When schools have transitioned to NAPLAN Online, all eligible students in Years 3, 5, 7 or 9 must participate, unless they are exempt or withdrawn from NAPLAN testing by parents or carers.

### Will the Year 3 writing test be online?

No. At this stage, the Year 3 writing test will continue to be paper-based. All other Year 3 NAPLAN tests (numeracy, reading and language conventions) will be online.

Education ministers have requested more research about the benefits or disadvantages for Year 3 students composing text in an online environment before any future decision is made.

### What is tailored testing?

NAPLAN Online uses tailored testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level. This allows students to better demonstrate their knowledge and provides teachers and schools with more targeted and detailed information on students' performance. More information about tailored testing can be found on the NAPLAN Online website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online/whats-changing/tailored-tests>

### How will NAPLAN Online tests be marked?

Automated marking is currently used in the pencil and paper NAPLAN test to mark numeracy, reading and conventions of language and will remain in use for NAPLAN Online.

Trained markers will mark student writing as is currently the case with pencil and paper tests. Automated essay scoring will not be used to mark NAPLAN Online writing tests.

### Will students' personal information be safe?

Yes. Information about your child is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained. The NAPLAN Online platform has been built with state-of-the-art security features that comply with national data security policies and data encryption standards.

### How will parents receive their child's NAPLAN Online results?

Printed individual student reports will be sent to parents and carers by the NSW Education Standards Authority, as they currently are with pencil and paper NAPLAN tests. Once all NSW schools have transitioned to NAPLAN Online, all individual student reports will be returned to parents within weeks of the completion of the NAPLAN test window.

### What if my child's school is not participating in NAPLAN Online in 2018?

Pencil and paper tests will be undertaken by schools that are not moving to NAPLAN Online in 2018. These will take place at the same time as NAPLAN Online, but within the current paper-based test window period of three days, as opposed to nine days for NAPLAN Online.

NAPLAN paper-based and online tests assess the same skills in literacy and numeracy taught through Australian curriculum content. Whether they complete the pencil and paper or online test, students will answer the same number of test questions and their results will be measured and reported against the one NAPLAN assessment scale.

### Will NAPLAN Online be accessible to students with disability?

Yes, for most students. The accessibility adjustments provided in NAPLAN Online for students with disability will be equivalent to what is currently provided in pencil and paper NAPLAN tests in most instances.

ACARA will provide new adjustments for NAPLAN Online, such as alternative items for students with visual, hearing or motor disabilities. Students requiring braille, or print larger than what the NAPLAN Online platform or assistive technology can provide, will sit pencil and paper tests.

### Do students need headphones or earphones to complete NAPLAN Online?

Yes. Headphones or earphones are required for each student to complete NAPLAN Online, as some questions include audio. For example, the spelling test includes audio delivery of words that students are required to type in.

Schools will be responsible for ensuring that all students have the appropriate headphones or earphones to complete NAPLAN Online.

### Can students use their own devices to complete NAPLAN Online?

Yes, however it will be at the discretion of the individual school. Each device will require the installation of a locked down browser application, which prevents students from accessing unauthorised websites, applications and spellcheck features.

The ACARA website has more information on technical requirements for NAPLAN Online: <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/technical-requirements>

### What happens if a computer experiences issues during a test session?

No student is disadvantaged if their device stops working during the NAPLAN Online test. In the case of interruptions, tests can be paused and resumed as required with no time lost. If a device stops working, all responses will be saved and the student can complete their test in a rescheduled test session.

### Who is responsible for administering the NAPLAN tests?

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) is the test administration authority responsible for the administration and delivery of NAPLAN tests in NSW, including pencil and paper test and NAPLAN Online.

### Who is ACARA?

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is an independent statutory authority responsible for the development of national curriculum, and the administration of national assessments and associated reporting on schooling in Australia.





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### **COLLECTING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL EARLY**

We appreciate and understand that Parents/Carers at times need to collect their child (or children) during class time or earlier than the end of the normal school day. We would like to remind parents/carers of the school procedures in this regard.

We advise Parents/Carers if they need to collect their child then it should be pre-arranged. A hand written note is to be sent with the child detailing the reason for early departure and the time, or alternatively an email can be sent, with the same information, to the school email address:

[rutherford-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rutherford-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

- If a parent/carer arrives to collect their child and it has not been pre-arranged, please be aware that it will take at least 15 minutes to have the student located and removed from class, which means the person collecting will have to wait in the front foyer.
- If a parent/carer contacts the school via telephone to inform that they will be collecting their child at a particular time they will be advised that this will not occur until they have actually arrived at the school and again it will take at least 15 minutes before the child will be at the front foyer. This is necessary protocol as the school has experienced situations where parents/carers do not arrive to collect the student at the specified time.
- The front office staff will not locate and remove students from class for collection from 3:00pm onwards unless in the case of an emergency.
- As you would be aware, disruptions to the classroom affects student's valuable learning time and these procedures are in place to minimise this occurring.
- In the case of an emergency, the school has alternative procedures in place.
- If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our School Administration Manager.

***Thank you for your understanding and cooperation regarding this matter.***

### **ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ASSESSMENT SUPPORT AT SCHOOL.**

Assessment/Assignment support is now available in the Ab Ed room at the following times:

Monday: Recess

Tuesday: Recess & Lunch

Wednesday: Recess

Thursday: Lunch

Friday: Recess

If you have any assignments/work you need to catch up on such as N Awards or if you would just like some extra assistance with work. Please come and see myself, Aunty Barb or Derek. We are located on the top of A block in the Ab Ed room just down from the Senior Study and the Learning Common.

**Matthew Marselos**

**Learning and Support Teacher**







## Maitland Junior Football Club Inc

### Trial dates for 2019 development teams

All trials will be at Tenambit No 2 (off Maize Street Tenambit)

To register to trial please text your name and DOB to 0432 945 237

12years	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 5.30-6.30pm
9years	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 5.30-6.30pm
10years	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 6.30-7.30pm
11years	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 5.30-6.30pm
13years	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 5.30-6.30pm
14years	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 5.30-6.30pm
15years	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 6.30-7.30pm
10 – 16 girls	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 5.30-6.30pm
16years	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 6.30-7.30pm

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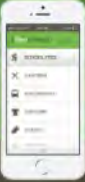
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## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>17th October</b>	<b>Shelly Sinclair</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18th October</b>	<b>Shelly Sinclair</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>19th October</b>	<b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>22nd October</b>	<b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>23rd October</b>	<b>Shelly Sinclair</b>
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# IMPROVING LITERACY AND NUMERACY

## ADVICE FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 10 STUDENTS

February 2018 update

A **minimum standard** of literacy and numeracy is required for your child to receive their Higher School Certificate (HSC).



Meeting the HSC minimum standard will mean that your child has the literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for success in learning and life after school.

### THE ONLINE TESTS

Most students will show they have met the HSC minimum standard by passing minimum standard online tests. Students master basic skills at different stages so there are **multiple opportunities** available to pass the tests, from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12.



There are three 45-minute online tests:

- ✓ a multiple choice **reading** test
- ✓ a multiple choice **numeracy** test
- ✓ a short **writing** test based on a choice between a visual or written prompt

### 2017 NAPLAN TESTS

If your child achieved Band 8s or above in one or more of the 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN tests they are recognised as having met the HSC minimum standard in that area/s and will not need to sit the corresponding online test/s.

## TEST DATES

Students will have two opportunities a year, from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12, to pass each online test.



The online test dates (school days only) for 2018 are:

- Term 1: 19 February to 23 March 2018
- Term 2: 21 May to 22 June 2018
- Term 3: 13 August to 14 September 2018
- Term 4: 5 November to 7 December 2018

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

To help your child understand what to expect in the online tests, they are encouraged to visit [educationstandards.nesa.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard](http://educationstandards.nesa.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard) to:

- ✓ try demonstration questions to get a feel for the test format
- ✓ view sample test questions and answers online

Your child's school may also organise short practice tests.



## STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Some students with disabilities will be eligible for extra provisions for the minimum standard online tests, or an exemption from the HSC minimum standard requirement.

Students are encouraged to talk to their teachers to determine whether they are eligible for provisions. A Disability Provisions, Exemptions and Appeals policy, which contains further information, is available on the NESA website.

## MORE INFORMATION

Contact your child's school principal for more detailed information about the HSC minimum standard or visit the NESA website:

**[educationstandards.nesa.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard](http://educationstandards.nesa.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard)**

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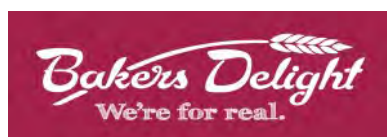
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# RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL 2018 CANTEEN MENU



Everyday Food, Occasional Food

## SANDWICHES, ROLLS & WRAPS:

### Sandwiches:

-Vegemite	\$3.00
-Egg & Lettuce	\$4.00
-Curried Egg	\$3.60
-Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00
-Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$3.60
-Salad	\$4.00
-Chicken Salad	\$4.50

### Rolls:

-Salad Roll	\$5.00
-Ham Salad Roll	\$5.50
-Chicken Salad Roll	\$5.50

### Wraps:

-Salad Wrap	\$5.00
-Chicken Salad Wrap	\$5.50
-Ham Salad Wrap	\$5.50
-Caesar Salad Wrap	\$5.00
-Chicken Caesar Wrap	\$5.50

## EXTRAS:

-Extra Fillings	\$0.40
-Butter/Mayo/Mustard	\$0.20
-Bread Roll	\$0.90
-Toasting	\$0.50

## SAUCES:

-Tomato/BBQ/Sweet & Sour	\$0.40
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## SALADS:

### Salad Box:

-Small	\$3.50
-Medium	\$5.00
-Large	\$6.50

### Chicken Salad Box:

-Small	\$4.00
-Medium	\$5.50
-Large	\$6.50

### Caesar Salad Box:

-Small	\$3.50
-Medium	\$5.00
-Large	\$6.50

### Chicken Caesar Salad Box:

-Small	\$4.00
-Medium	\$5.50
-Large	\$6.50

### Medium Zucchini Box

Medium Frittata Box	\$5.50
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## ICE CREAMS:

-Juice Ice Blocks	\$1.00
-Vanilla Buckets	\$1.50
-Frozen Blizzard	\$2.00
-Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.00

## DRINKS:

### Water:

-350mL	\$1.00
-600mL	\$2.00

### Juice-250mL:

-Orange	\$2.50
-Apple	\$2.50
-Apple Blackcurrent	\$2.50

### ChilliJ Drinks-250mL:

-Watermelon	\$2.00
-Raspberry	\$2.00
-Blackcurrent	\$2.00

### Chill Sparkling Water-500mL:

-Lemonade	\$3.50
-Black Raspberry	\$3.50
-Raspberry Lemonade	\$3.50
-Orange/Mango	\$3.50
-Lemon/Lime	\$3.50

### Milk-300mL:

-Chocolate	\$2.50
-Strawberry	\$2.50
-Iced Coffee	\$2.50

### Milk-500mL:

-Chocolate	\$3.50
-Strawberry	\$3.50
-Iced Coffee	\$3.50

### Plain Milk-600mL

	\$2.50
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## HOT FOOD:

Chicken Burger	\$4.50
Chicken Burger Salad	\$5.00
Cheese Burger	\$4.50
Cheese Burger Salad	\$5.00
Chicken Gravy Roll	\$4.50
Rissole & Gravy Roll	\$4.50
Hot Cheese Roll	\$3.50
Garlic Bread	\$1.30
Plain Pie LUNCH ONLY	\$3.30
Cheese & Bacon Pie LUNCH ONLY	\$3.60
Sausage Roll LUNCH ONLY	\$3.00
Chicken Chippies (6)	\$3.50
Chicken Nuggets (6)	\$3.50

## SNACKS:

-Freshly Cut Watermelon	\$3.00
-Freshly Made Fruit Salad	\$3.00
-Yoghurt	\$3.00
-Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	\$3.00
-Hommus with Carrot & Celery Sticks	\$2.00

## Deli Rock Chips:

-Sea Salt	\$1.00
-Honey Soy Chicken	\$1.00

## DAILY SPECIAL:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday:	\$4.50
Nachos	
Tuesday & Thursday:	\$4.50
Lasagne	



Canteen is open before school from 8:15am and at Recess & Lunch

Volunteers are always needed—please contact the school

on 4932 5999 to find out more!

RTHS Canteen is operated by the P&C with one paid supervisor assisted by volunteers. All profits from the canteen are returned to the school to benefit the students.