

# RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## For Your Calendar

27 Jan	Public Holiday
28 Jan	Staff Development Day
29 Jan	Year 7, Year 11 & Year 12 Return
30 Jan	Year 8, Year 9 & Year 10 Return
6 Feb	Swimming Carnival
3 April	School Photo Day

## **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 teachers as they have class, playground duty and other commitments during the school day.

The staff of Rutherford Technology High School wishes our students, families and school community a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Safe New Year



## **REGIONAL WORKSKILLS COMPETITION**

Congratulations to our three Year 11 (new Year 12) students who competed at the Regional Workskills competition for Retail at Callaghan College on Friday 6 December 2019.

Phoebe Quilty, Brayden Wallbridge and Jadine Roets undertook a range of Retail industry challenges such as job interviews, sales skills, visual merchandising and financial management. All students competed proudly (and were sharply dressed!) with Phoebe and Brayden being awarded 1st and 2nd in the competition.



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**FROM THE PRICIPAL**

**“Just tell yourself Duckie,  
you are really quite lucky”**

My last Dr Seuss quote.

I cannot express enough how lucky I feel to have been part of this fantastic school community, working with so many wonderful people.

I tell everyone I meet how beautiful and fantastic Rutherford Technology High School kids are and don't let anyone tell you anything different. You have made me so proud.

As you may have gathered I am leaving. I will potter around for the first couple of weeks next term making a nuisance of myself, then take some leave into retirement.

Simone Hughes will be relieving as Principal for Term 1 2020 and Ben O'Leary relieving as Deputy Principal and I know they will do a fantastic job.



Goodbye to the following staff and we thank them for their endeavours and wish them all the best in the future:

- Kali Roraduri (Maths)
- April Dent (Relieving Head Teacher Literacy and Numeracy)
- Erin Carter (Science/Agriculture)
- Kevin McMullen (Science)

Also leaving are the following temporary staff:

- Ashlee Smith
- Brett Garrard
- Andrew Overdijk
- Brianna Saunders
- Karen Watson

## Thank You .....

Thank you to all the effort that has gone into 2019 and previous years from students, staff, parents and community. Lastly thank you for letting me be part of this wonderful school for 10 ½ years.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and enjoy whatever break you get.

I hope 2020 is a fantastic year for the school, our families and the community that supports us.

**Mr Michael Whiting**  
**Principal**





## **ICT/LOTE FACULTY REPORT**

The ICT and LOTE Faculties have been working steadily to provide your child with the best possible learning experiences at Rutherford Technology High School.

Our Faculty members include: Samone Clarke, Sarah Thornton, Peter Short, Michael Schultz, James Marks and Brady Cooper.

We have included some recent activities and lesson content for your information below:

**The PBL Rewards Day** – The rewards day happens once a term. On this day, students are able to engage in a variety of activities and eat a range of food with their B-Bucks behavioural currency that they have acquired throughout the term. ICT and LOTE put together a fantastic gaming afternoon for students in the library. It was exceedingly well attended and the high level of competition between the students was very impressive. The Minecraft, Hunger Games Activity was developed in ICT and involved a significant investment from teaching staff and students. Both parties collaborated to create an online experience that consisted of developing a world where players would spawn and have to secure the best resources to ensure their success. At the end of this process only one student would remain and they received a reward in B-Bucks that reflected their achievement.

**Year 7 Orientation Day** – Incoming students were supported in building and programming their own robots. The students were immediately interested in the process and after a brief introduction set to work in programming their robot. These lessons were developed by Brady Cooper and Peter Short.

**LOTE** – Throughout the year all students are provided the opportunity to learn about Japanese culture. There is a rich heritage within Japan regarding the Shinto beliefs systems that are celebrated during numerous festivals throughout the year. There are several spirits that have been studied recently including: Tanuki (Raccoon dog), Yo-Kitsune (Fox) and Yokai (Supernatural beings). The students always find these creatures interesting and enjoy learning about their traits and why they are significant to the Japanese people.

It has been an amazing year and the entire Faculty are proud of their achievements and commitment to developing engaging content for your child. We wish you a very happy holiday period and look forward to continuing in 2020.

Merry Christmas!

***Mr Sasha Lenskyj***  
***Relieving Head Teacher ICT & LOTE***

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## **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: OUT OF SCHOOL SPORT**

Rutherford Technology High School Year 8 Student, Matthew Wenham, will be competing at the NSW State Swimming Senior Aged Championships on Tuesday 17 December, 2019 at the Sydney Olympic Pool Aquatic Centre in Homebush.

Matthew is competing in the 14years boys 100metre backstroke. Matthew has had a tough year with a double shoulder dislocation while training in July, he has had minimal training and has only just been allowed to start sprinting in the last few weeks.

Matthew has previously competed at NSW Country Level and NSW Junior State level, this is his first time at Senior State level and we wish him the best.

Thank you to Deeanne Wenham for letting us know of Matthew's achievement and best wishes on Tuesday.







### **BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE INFORMATION (BYOD)**

From 1 December 2019, Rutherford Technology High School has joined the HP BYOD initiative.

HP have advised that all pricing on BYOD devices includes 3 Years Onsite Warranty along with the option for parents/carers to purchase the Accidental Damage Protection (ADP). For Windows devices, the ADP Insurance covers the device for 3 claims over 3 years with a **Zero** excess fee.

Devices and items include: ENTRY, MID and HIGH Level Windows devices and Accessories.

As an introduction special, HP have an eCoupon code unique to our school valid between now and the end of January 2020, giving an additional 5% discount - the code is: **rutherford5%**. When making an online purchase, at check-out add the eCoupon code and 5% will come off the total order with all pricing including delivery.

HP have interest free finance available, should you wish to discuss this further please contact, Katrina Parker, HP BYOD Specialist either by email: [katrina.parker@hp.com](mailto:katrina.parker@hp.com) or mobile: 0438 898 814.

For further information or purchasing please click on the direct link: [www.hpshopping.com.au/rutherfordbyod](http://www.hpshopping.com.au/rutherfordbyod)

If you have any questions regarding our school BYOD requirements please contact Helmut Wirth, Technical Support Officer via the school administration office on 4932 5999.

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### **CAPTAIN MESSAGE**

Well, what an end to the term it's been!

During these last few weeks, the SRC introduced their new members for 2020, and we're very excited to start working together with the school and the community, to continue in the improvement of RTHS!

Recently, every SRC member brought a friend along to our last meeting, where we received feedback on how the student body thought of our fundraising and awareness events and other campaigns throughout the year. It was a good experience to receive outside feedback which we will continue to receive in 2020. Friday 13 December 2019 was also our End-of-Year Presentation Assembly, where Jadine and myself chaired the event, supported by other SRC members who read out the names of award winners and help in procedures of the assembly. I want to give a huge congratulations to everyone who was involved in the assembly and all the award winners!

The SRC is looking forward to a refreshing and exciting 2020 for Rutherford Technology High School, and I wish everyone a safe and happy holidays!

**Noah Curry**  
**School Captain**



## **CAREERS FACULTY UPDATE**

The Careers Faculty have a number of Excursions/Incursions/Programs already planned for Term 1 2020.

Please see below:

### **Work Experience:**

Work Experience is a marvellous opportunity for students over the age of 14 1/2 to explore their Career options by attending a workplace in an occupation of their choosing. It enables students to ascertain if they are suited to this occupation by spending 5 days working with an organisation, exploring what the occupation entails on a daily/weekly basis, what are the education/skills that are required, how to apply and are they suited for this profession.

**When:** Any week in Term 1 except when exams/assessments are due  
**Cost:** No Cost  
*(except if transport and accommodation is required to undertake work experience with an employer)*

### **Provide First Aid:**

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will be able to gain the qualification HLTAID003 which is highly regarded by Employers.

**When:** Thursday 20 February 2020  
**Time:** 9:00am–3:20pm  
**Location:** Rutherford Technology High School  
**Cost:** \$70.00

### **University Road Show:**

Newcastle Uni, UNE Uni, Charles Sturt and Southern Cross Uni will doing a presentation about University application, University accommodation etc for students in Year 11 and 12.

**When:** Wednesday 4 March 2020  
**Time:** 11:44am–12:44pm  
**Location:** Rutherford Technology High School  
**Cost:** No Cost

### **Construction Induction (White Card):**

Students Years 10, 11 and 12 will be able to gain the qualification CPCCWHS1001 needed to be able to work on a Construction Site. This is also a mandatory requirement for students undertaking Year 11/12 Construction VET course.

**When:** Thursday 5 March 2020  
**Time:** 8:20am–3:20pm  
**Location:** Rutherford Technology High School.  
**Cost:** \$90.00

### **Komatsu Rutherford and Kurri Kurri TAFE:**

Students Years 10, 11 and 12 will attend Komatsu Rutherford and Kurri Kurri TAFE to gain information and knowledge about a career in the Heavy Vehicle/Plant Mechanic /Mining Industry.

**When:** Tuesday 10 March 2020  
**Time:** 9:00am–3:00pm  
**Cost:** \$10.00



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## Meet a Keeper:

Meet a Keeper is a one-day program at Taronga Zoo Sydney for school students aged 14 years and over who have expressed a keen interest in pursuing a career at the Zoo or in the captive animal care industry. This unique program includes a seminar presented by a talented panel of Zookeepers, Zoo educators and other Zoo staff members. Students have the opportunity to learn about all aspects of zoo-keeping, including:

- Qualifications required
- Career opportunities
- Core responsibilities
- Careers structures and wages

**When:** Friday 27 March 2020  
**Time:** 6:30am–6:30pm  
**Location:** Sydney Taronga Zoo Sydney  
**Cost:** \$37.00

## Hunter Valley Career Expo 2020:

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will have an invaluable opportunity to develop their knowledge about career pathway options by giving them access to over 100 representatives from Tertiary Institutions and Industry groups.

**When:** Friday 15 May 2020  
**Time:** 8:50am–10:45am  
**Location:** Maitland Basketball Stadium  
(Bent Street, Maitland)  
**Cost:** \$10.00

Permission notes can be accessed by emailing Brian Hunt Careers Adviser: [brian.leonard.hunt@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:brian.leonard.hunt@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Still to be Organised:

### **-Defence Force Recruiting Presentation**

### **-Wollutuka Institute at Newcastle University iBelieve Program:**

This program is for Year 7 and 8 Indigenous students to engage them to reach their potential. The program is run at school during normal school times with a Wollotuka visit sometime in Term 4 2020.

### **-Google Excursion:**

This has been brought over from 2019 when it was postponed because of fire issues on M1. There are no places left on this excursion unless when the new date set doesn't work for existing students. I will then open it up to a reserve list. So, if you want to be put on reserve list pls see Mr Hunt ASAP.

### **-University Road Trip:**

I did this a couple of years ago and was a big success. Looking at travelling up to Coffs Harbour to attend Southern Cross University for a campus visit. Then travelling over to Armidale for University of New England campus visit, then travelling to Charles Sturt Bathurst campus for a campus visit, then traveling to Wollongong University at Wollongong for a campus visit and then travelling up to Sydney for a Sydney University visit and then home. The trip will be over four days with some accommodation being in the University. It is a marvellous opportunity for students looking at University as a career path to explore what other Universities have to offer. I am hoping to organise for Week 10 Term 1 2020 with a cost of approx. \$200.00.

**Mr Brian Hunt**  
**Relieving Careers Advisor**



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The students and staff of Rutherford Technology High School would like to thank the following businesses and community members for their support of their annual school presentation day:

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## **IMPRESSIONS 10**

From the 9th to the 11th of December Year 10 participated in the 'Impressions 10' job interviews. 'Impressions 10' is an authentic assessment program where Year 10 students are interviewed by a panel consisting of members from the local and business communities, staff and a Year 9 student. Its primary focus is to develop students' skills in preparing for and undertaking job applications/interviews and help students to achieve their current and post-school employment goals.

Students were required to submit a portfolio at the interview containing a resume, cover letter, school reports and work samples. In addition to this, students have to prepare and respond to a number of predetermined questions about themselves, their school performance, future plans and current affairs issues.

Year 10 students represented themselves extremely well being sharply dressed and well prepared for their interviews with 32% of students gaining High Distinctions, 21% gaining Distinctions and 22% gaining Credit grades.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this event a success, particularly the business people and community members who donated their time to be panellists.

**Mr Toby Butler**  
**Head Teacher Careers/VET**




# Rutherford Technology High School

## Uniform Shop



Our school uniform shop will close at 12:00noon Thursday 12 December 2019 and re-open at 8:00am Thursday 23 January 2020.  
Please see below for special opening hours during January 2020.  
Normal trading hours will re-commence from Tuesday 4 February 2020.

<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>23 JAN</b>	<b>8am – 4pm</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>24 JAN</b>	<b>8am – 4pm</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>27 JAN (Public Holiday)</b>	<b>SHOP CLOSED</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>28 JAN</b>	<b>8am – 4pm</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>29 JAN (Yr 7, 11, 12 Commence)</b>	<b>8am – 4pm</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>30 JAN (Yr 8, 9, 10 Commence))</b>	<b>8am – 4pm</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>31 JAN</b>	<b>8am – 4pm</b>



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<b>Unisex</b>	Fleecy Jacket	40.00			
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## Rutherford Technology High School P&C Association



Rutherford Technology High School P&C Association is seeking new members – everyone welcome!

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month during school terms from February to November inclusive in the school administration office commencing at 6:00pm.

The Annual General Meeting is held annually in March, also on the third Tuesday, and voting members must be financial for a month prior - membership is \$2.00.

As part of the P&C you will be able to know more about the school and the things that are happening as well as be involved in what is going on.

Our school canteen is operated by the P&C with one paid supervisor assisted by volunteers and we **URGENTLY** need more help - without your help the canteen may be at risk of not operating five days a week. All profits from the canteen are returned to the school to benefit the students.

For further information please contact P&C President, Mrs Lexi Fitzgibbon, during school hours via the school administration office (4935 2999).

## Help is available

If you, or someone you know, are thinking about suicide or are experiencing distress, help is available. No one needs to face their problems alone. Contact one of the services below for support or talk to your General Practitioner (GP):

<b>Lifeline</b>	Provides all Australians experiencing a personal crisis with access to 24-hour crisis support and suicide prevention services	<b>13 11 14</b> <a href="http://www.lifeline.org.au">www.lifeline.org.au</a>
<b>NSW Mental Health Line</b>	A single number, state-wide 24-hour mental health telephone access service	<b>1800 011 511</b>
<b>Suicide Call Back Service</b>	A nationwide service that provides 24/7 telephone, video and online professional counselling	<b>1300 659 467</b> <a href="http://www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au">www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au</a>
<b>beyondblue</b>	Provides information and support to help everyone in Australia achieve their best possible mental health	<b>1300 22 4636</b> <a href="http://www.beyondblue.org.au">www.beyondblue.org.au</a>
<b>Kids Helpline</b>	A free, private and confidential, telephone and online counselling service specifically for young people aged between 5 and 25	<b>1800 55 1800</b> <a href="http://www.kidshelpline.com.au">www.kidshelpline.com.au</a>
<b>headspace</b>	A free service that supports young people aged between 12 and 25 and their families going through a tough time	<b>1800 650 890</b> <a href="http://www.headspace.org.au">www.headspace.org.au</a>
<b>Mindspot Clinic</b>	An online and telephone clinic providing free assessment and treatment services for Australian adults with anxiety or depression	<b>1800 61 44 34</b> <a href="http://www.mindspot.org.au">www.mindspot.org.au</a>
<b>MensLine Australia</b>	A telephone and online support, information and referral service for men	<b>1300 78 99 78</b> <a href="http://www.mensline.org.au">www.mensline.org.au</a>
<b>QLife</b>	A nationally-oriented counselling and referral service for LGBTI people	<b>1800 184 527</b> <a href="http://www.qlife.org.au">www.qlife.org.au</a>
<b>National Indigenous Critical Response Service</b>	Provides emotional and practical support to bereaved families and individuals impacted by a suicide or other traumatic loss	<b>1800 805 801</b>
<b>Carers Australia</b>	Short-term counselling and emotional and psychological support services for carers and their families	<b>1800 242 636</b> <a href="http://www.carersaustralia.com.au">www.carersaustralia.com.au</a>
<b>1800RESPECT</b>	National sexual assault, domestic and family violence counselling service	<b>1800 737 732</b> <a href="http://www.1800respect.org.au">www.1800respect.org.au</a>
<b>Child Protection Helpline</b>	Call if you are concerned that a child or young person is demonstrating suicidal or self-harming behaviours and they are a danger to themselves and their parent/carer is neglecting their mental health care	<b>132 111</b> <a href="http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au">www.facs.nsw.gov.au</a>
<b>Relationships Australia</b>	A provider of relationship support services for individuals, families and communities	<b>1300 364 277</b> <a href="http://www.relationships.org.au">www.relationships.org.au</a>
<b>Men's Referral Service</b>	Men's Referral Service provide telephone counselling, information and referrals for men who use domestic and family violence	<b>1300 766 491</b> <a href="http://www.ntv.org.au">www.ntv.org.au</a>
<b>SANE Australia</b>	Information about mental illness, treatments, where to go for support and help for carers	<b>1800 187 263</b> <a href="http://www.sane.org">www.sane.org</a>

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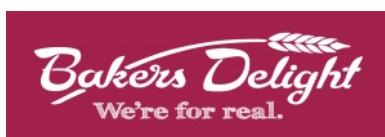
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The staff and students who are involved in the Breakfast Club would like to acknowledge the generosity of 'Bakers Delight' at Rutherford who now provide us with bread. There are many local businesses who donate their time, service or products to our school. We express our appreciation and hope our school community can reciprocate.

Rutherford Technology High School has an Official Facebook Page – just go to Facebook and look for "Rutherford Technology High School NSW Official Site" and click on "Like".



We will be using the Facebook page to keep everyone informed about events at the school, important dates for your diary, and general information about the school.

Link: <http://www.facebook.com/RutherfordTechnologyHighSchool>