



# RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

26th NOVEMBER 2021

## Rutherford Technology High School

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### Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm  
Friday 8:00am-3:30pm  
Outside of office hours, a message  
may be left on the school answering  
machine.

An appointment is necessary before  
meeting with a staff member, including  
the Principal or Deputy Principal, as  
they have class, playground duty and  
other commitments during the school  
day. Please call our Administration  
Office to make an appointment.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 Dec	Provide First Aid Course
7 Dec	Yr 12 Formal @ Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley
9 Dec	White Card Course
9 Dec	Yr 12 Graduation Assembly
10 Dec	End-of-Year Presentation/s

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THE SCHOOL  
IS CURRENTLY OPERATIONAL  
ON LEVEL 3 RESTRICTIONS\*\*

## NEWSLETTER

# *Congratulations!*



Congratulations to our newly elected 2022 Leadership Team

School Captain  
School Captain  
School Vice Captain  
School Vice Captain  
Senior Leader  
Senior Leader  
Senior Leader  
Senior Leader  
Senior Leader

Isabella Faustini  
Leeza Goyal  
Samuel Borg  
Zion Jimmy  
Isabelle Gray  
Ainsley Harris  
Ella Henrikson  
Thomas Reid  
Aidan Upcroft

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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Students & Staff

I acknowledge the Wonnarua People as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we meet. I pay respect to all Aboriginal Elders, past, present, and future with a spiritual connection to these lands.

### Year 12

The HSC examination commenced on Tuesday the 9th November with English and will finish 19 days later with Food Technology on the Friday the 3rd December. It has run smoothly, and our students have been working hard to give their personal best in all of their exams. I asked Tanya and Kashanti how their HSC exams were going.

*"Tanya said her exams have been good and they have been run really well. The exams have been easier than the trial examinations. I have one exam left which is CAFs and I am done. Kashanti had CAFS today and in two weeks has Chemistry which is her last exam. I have been working hard to do the best I can."*



Rutherford Technology High School Year 12 teachers have worked tirelessly to ensure our students had the best possible chance of success. They have put in endless hours in and out of school time to support students' learning and have ridden the rollercoaster journey to ensure all students have the support they need to make it to the finish line. I would like to acknowledge their effort and thank them for their contribution to Year 12. I would like to give a special thanks to Ms. Scott who is the Year 12 Year Advisor for her ongoing professionalism, support, and commitment to all year 12. She is an energetic, talented, and compassionate teacher who has done a fantastic job with all students in her year group.



Mr Potapczyk taught this years Year 12 Personal Health and Physical Education HSC Examination class. He greeted his students before the exam offering encouragement and support.

### Life after Year 12

A large number of our students have gained full time work, apprenticeships, traineeships and been accepted into early entry programs with University of Newcastle, Charles Sturt University, University of New England and Western Sydney University.

Some of the course's students will be studying next year include:

Bachelor of Advanced Science (Pre-Medicine); Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (Hons);  
Bachelor of Visual Design; Bachelor of Law; Bachelor of English; Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Science;  
and Bachelor of Biomedical Science.

### Important Dates

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|------------------------------|--|
| • Tuesday 7th December 2021  | Year 12 Formal @ Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley    |
| • Thursday 9th December 2021 | Year 12 Breakfast & Graduation Ceremony @ RTHS |
| • Monday 24th January 2022   | HSC Results Released                           |



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## 2022 Year 7 Orientation

This term the transition team led by Ms Basedow has organised orientation and transition days for Year 6 students from our partner primary schools that will be starting in Year 7 in 2022. The days have been fantastic, and students have had a chance to have a taste of high school, meet their teachers and make new friendships. Students have undertaken taster lessons in Agriculture, HSIE, TAS, Art, PDHPE, Music, ICT, English and worked with Peer Support Leaders to find their way around the school and learn how a school day at Rutherford Technology High School operates.

As Deputy Principal of Year 7 next year, I am really excited to get to know and work with students and their families to give students every chance to succeed. My door will always be open for students and parents/carers if you would like help or need to speak about any concerns



2022 Year 7 Year Advisor Mr. Connaughton and Assistant Year Advisor Ms. Gear



Mr. Shute and Ms. Todorovski science taster lesson



2022 Support Class

### Peer Support

Ms Rooney oversees the 2021-2022 Peer Support Program and has worked hard to prepare the Year 9 and Year 10 Students for the transition days. Students stepped up and did an excellent job working together to support the Year 6 group they were leading. Here is what they had to say about their role as Peer Support Leaders.

*"Peer support has been fun; the best part has been helping the kids and getting to know them. They are starting to talk more, and I am getting to know their personalities. It's fun making new friendships."*



### CCC

The third CCC Rotation has started this term and students in Year 7 had a chance to select a Passion Project which they found interesting. One of the CCC projects running this term is "We Walk Walka" run by Ms Bartlett and Ms McConnell. Students engage in physical activity through walking which helps students physical and mental wellbeing. I was lucky enough to go with the group and it was a lot of fun. Some of the students said, *"I really like this CCC because you get to walk and exercise and talk to your friends. I also like being outdoors and I don't have to wear a mask."*



**Mr Robert Jovanovski**  
Deputy Principal





## **Support Faculty News**

This semester has seen an abundance of achievements for all support students. The Faculty had excellent attendance and engagement from students across all 5 classes during home learning, and all staff were extremely happy to see all of their faces returning back to school for face to face lessons.

Straight back into school, the support students completed their annual Cross Country Carnival. It was excellent to see all student and staff participating, whether as a competitor or social jogger, enjoying some exercise with their friends. A big congratulation to all students for their efforts, and an extra congratulations to Aaron Mitchell, Kadie Reis, Konen Smith, Taliah Joyce, Jack Price, Eliza Keirnan, Blade Hayes and Allison Boxsell taking out the Age Champions.



It has been an extremely busy semester and year, with many student achieving excellence across various domains. This being sporting, social, academic and reaching personal goals. An extra congratulations goes out to:



Blake Baxter and Angie Chapman:  
Achieving excellence in NAPLAN results,  
improving in all BANDS in both Literacy and Numeracy.



Hollie Fogarty:  
Excellence during Work Experience



Blair Morawetz and Jack London:  
Excellent improvement and commitment to communication skills  
and development in all key learning areas.

All teachers and SLSOs are extremely proud of the progress of all students in 2021 and are very much looking forward to meeting all new students in 2022.

**Ms Teliah Buckton**  
**Head Teacher Support Faculty**

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## News from Amy, our school Wellbeing Nurse .....

### Caring for your Child's Teeth

Caring for your child teeth is important. The main cause of tooth decay is an acid attack on the surfaces of the teeth. This acid is produced by bacteria that cling to the surface of the teeth in a film called dental plaque. Sweet, sticky, sugary foods help the plaque to make acid that causes tooth decay and bleeding gums.

Tips to prevent dental disease include:

- ▶ Brush twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste (low fluoride toothpaste for under 6-year-olds)
- ▶ Drink fluoridated water every day
- ▶ Avoid soft drinks and fruit juices, especially between meals
- ▶ Visit your dentist regularly (every 6-12months)

All children under 18 years and who are eligible for Medicare can access free public dental services in NSW. Some children may also be eligible for the Commonwealth's Child Dental Benefits Schedule. Maitland Hospital Dental Clinic offers a free service to children under 18 years with a Medicare card - phone (02) 4939 2248 to make an appointment.



A reminder to parents/carers that our school administration office staff are unable to get students out of class to leave early from 3:00pm Monday; Wednesday; Thursday & Friday and from 2:00pm Tuesday.

If you require your child to leave early, it is advised that a note from yourself must be brought to the school administration office prior to 9:00am (or at the first break) so the student can be given an 'early leaver pass' or alternatively parents/carers can send an email to the school stating the time and reason the child is to leave.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this regard.



## Science, LaST & Library PBL Awards Term 4: Week 7

### Science

Ava	Outstanding Achievement in Science
Charli	Outstanding Commitment in Science
Ciara	Outstanding Commitment in Science
Devyn	Continued Application & Dedication in Physics
Drew	Commitment to Class Work-F1 in Schools Challenge
Dylan	Commitment to Studies in Science
Emily	Commitment to Studies in Science
Isabella	Continued Application & Dedication in Biology
Jack	Outstanding Achievement in Science
Jasmine	Commitment to Participating in Engineering Challenge
Kalynda	Commitment to Studies in Science
Keishanta	Outstanding Commitment in Science
Mahi	Outstanding Achievement in Science
Mikayla	Outstanding Commitment in Science
Sam	Commitment to Participating in Forensics
Tim	Outstanding Commitment in Science
Tyler	Outstanding Achievement in Science
Tyson	Continued Application & Dedication in Chemistry

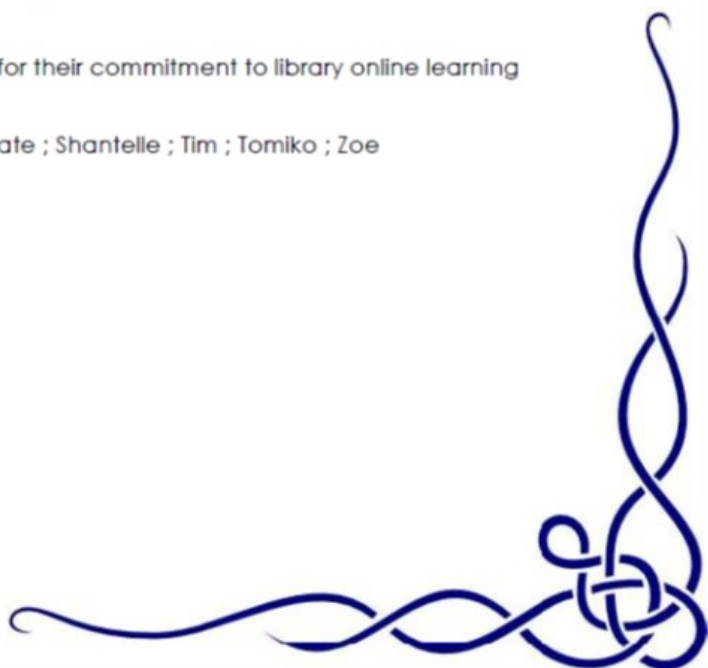
### LaST

Amelia	Commitment to Learning
Charlotte	Commitment to Learning
Dylan	Responsibility for Being Engaged in Learning on Return to Face-to-Face
George.P.	Commitment to Learning
Hayley	Responsibility for Being Engaged in Learning on Return to Face-to-Face
Indyanna	Commitment to Learning
Jordan	Assisting with the Year 2 2022 Orientation Website
Karla	Assisting with the Year 2 2022 Orientation Website
Katie-Rose	Assisting with the Year 2 2022 Orientation Website
Mikayla	Assisting with the Year 2 2022 Orientation Website
Matilda	Commitment to Learning
Wil	Commitment to Learning

### Library

All awards are for students in Year 7 and being for their commitment to library online learning lessons whilst working from home:

Charli ; Darcie ; Emmerson ; Nate ; Shantelle ; Tim ; Tomiko ; Zoe







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## TAS & VET/Careers PBL Award Term 4: Week 8

### TAS

Blake	Consistent Effort in all Areas of Learning -IT Metal
Connor	Consistent Effort in all Areas of Learning -ITMetal
Connor	Consistent Effort in all Areas of Learning-IT Timber
Dalton	Outstanding Achievement in IT Timber
Dylan	Consistent Effort in all Areas of Learning -IT Metal
Ella	Outstanding Achievement in IT Timber
Isaiah	Always Willing to Help and go Beyond -IT Timber
Laura	Outstanding Achievement in IT Timber
Levi	Consistent Effort in all Areas of Learning-IT Timber
Nathan	Consistent Effort-IT Metal
Rhys	Always Willing to Help and go Beyond-IT Timber
Thomas	Outstanding Commitment in IT Timber
Tristan	Consistent Effort-IT Metal

### VET

Charlie	Successfully Managing School, TAFE and School Based Traineeship commitments
Chloe	Exceptional Progress in her Early Childhood Education School Based Traineeship
Courtney	Outstanding Commitment to TAFE Studies
Hannah	Exceptional Progress in her Early Childhood Education School Based Traineeship
Kiara	Successfully Managing School, TAFE and School Based Traineeship commitments
Lily	Outstanding Commitment to TAFE Studies
Natasha	Excellence in all Areas of her Early Childhood Education School Based Traineeship
Samuel	Completing his School Based Traineeship and Gaining a Certificate III in Retail
Taylah	Excellence in all Areas of her Early Childhood Education School Based Traineeship





## Staff SPOTlight

Name:

**Lexi Fitzgibbon**

**Where can we find you in the school?**

In the front office as the School Administration and Business Manager.

**How did you come to be a member of staff at RTHS?**

After working in a Pharmacy for 16 years and with my eldest child starting Kindergarten, I received an opportunity to work as a casual in schools in the Maitland area. After working as a casual, I gained permanency here at Rutherford Technology High School and have been here since.

**How long have you been at Rutherford Technology High School, and what has your role looked like in that time?**

I have worked at Rutherford Technology High School for 18 years. My role has evolved over those 18 years to where I am now as the School Adminsitation and Business Manager.

**What is the proudest achievement of your career to date?**

I love that I work in a school that I attended myself from Year 7 to Year 12. Rutherford Technology High School is a school that I am passionate about and I love working with my amazing team.

**When you aren't busy working, what is one of your favourite things to do?**

I love to travel around Australia in my caravan.





## Teach your child how to earn, save and spend with FLX New FLX is exclusive to Flexischools users!

**\$5 bonus when you activate your FLX prepaid Mastercard\***

If you're like most Aussie parents, you're probably wondering how to teach your kids about money. And frustrated when the kids pester you for pocket money or extra cash! Your child will love the new FLX Prepaid Mastercard and Savings App

Learning financial responsibility is an important part of every child's growing independence. But in today's cash-free world, it's getting hard to teach kids the power of earning and saving.

FLX is a new and easy way to teach your child how to earn, save and spend their pocket money. It's another way the team here at Flexischools is helping parents.

FLX prepaid Mastercard and Savings App for Kids!

FLX comes with a prepaid Mastercard and a savings App specifically designed to help parents teach kids how to earn, save and spend their pocket money. FLX can help you teach your child to save and nurture their savings, instilling helpful financial habits while they are rewarded with the satisfaction of buying things they really want.

Just imagine – your child's fun FLX App will link with your existing Flexischools Account and App so you can easily keep track of your child's spending and top up straight from your Flexischools Account.

- > You can see all your child's transactions
- > Blocks inappropriate store types for kids' safety
- > Set regular pocket money contributions



### CONVENIENCE

Transfer funds to your child's FLX account straight from your Flexischools Parent Wallet - anywhere/ anytime



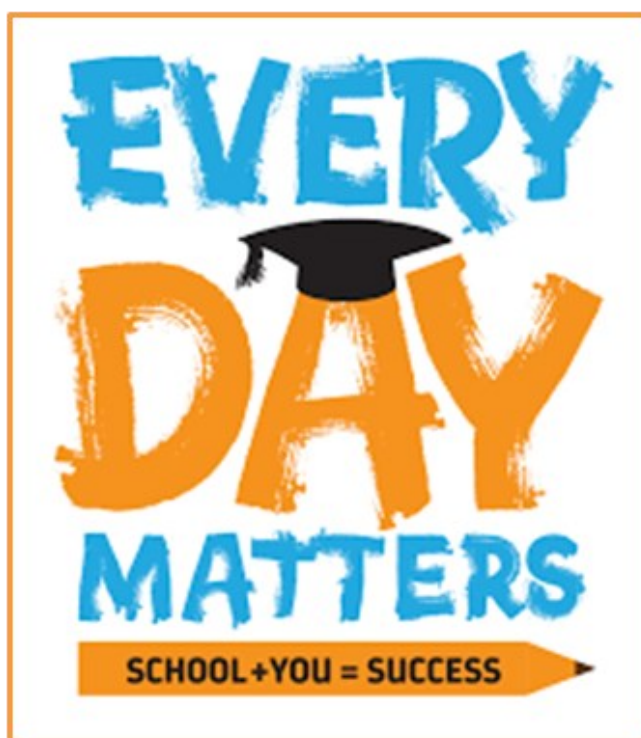
### VISIBILITY

Help your child to make responsible decisions with a complete view of the FLX transaction history through your Flexischools App



### CONTROL

Support your child's growing independence by providing freedom within boundaries (including no cash out)



# School Travel for 2022



## 2022 School Travel Applications are Now Open

Students who need a School Opal Card or Travel Pass for 2022 can apply now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (Eg. Joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should renew or update their details before **the end of Term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal Card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal Card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal Card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

## School Student Transport Scheme Site Change

On 1st October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application period was moved to **transportnsw.info**. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

## Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal Card or Child/Youth Opal Card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can apply or update details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal Card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal Card or Travel Pass for the start of the term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal Card until they receive their valid School Opal Card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their local bus operator to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal Cards must tap on and tap off in line with the Student Code of Conduct and Opal Terms of Use.



Transport  
for NSW

Further information can be found at [transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel](https://transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel)  
Enquiries can be submitted at [transportnsw.info/contract-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback](https://transportnsw.info/contract-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback)

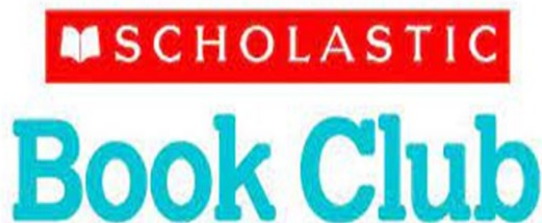
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# LIBRARY NEWS

The logo for the Scholastic Book Club. It features a red rectangular box with a white book icon and the word "SCHOLASTIC" in white capital letters. Below this, the words "Book Club" are written in a large, blue, rounded font.

Scholastic Book Club brochures are located in our school library or online at:

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>

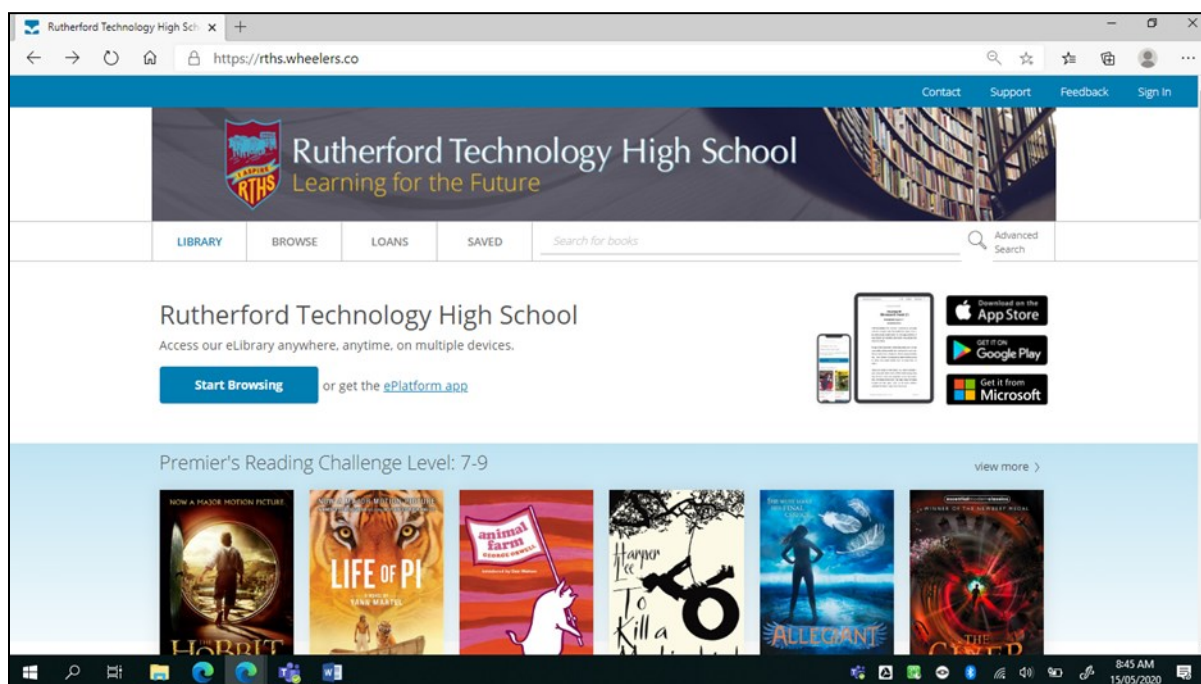
Orders **MUST** be ordered and paid for by the due date and through the Book Club Loop Online.

All orders receive reward points towards your selected school.

Reading is an important life skill.

Support your child's growth and mindset today by reading!

## Rutherford Technology High School Ebooks



Students will need to sign in with their usual DET login.

Students can borrow two books at a time with a two-week loan period. When students finish the book before the two weeks, they are able to return the book allowing them to choose another book. Students are also able to reserve books if required.

Premier's Reading Challenge books are listed making it easier for students to access and participate. Twenty (20) books need to be read from September 2020 to August 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact library staff or look at the [Ebooks Information Guide](#)

There is over 2000 books to access.  
Happy Reading!



## 2021 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE



2021 has been an incredibly difficult year for many of our local families. This year we are supporting Maitland neighbourhood centre to fill their Christmas Hampers with toys and luxury goods so that all our families can celebrate the Christmas season

**ALL DONATIONS MUST BE AT  
RTHS BY 30 NOVEMBER**

We are asking for donations of new toys and luxury food items. Some examples of donations: Lego, Stem Kits, Arts & Craft, Dolls, Unicorns, Cars, Dinosaurs, Sports items, Hair/Beauty kits. For food items: Lollies, chocolates, chips, Bon Bons, dessert snacks, biscuits.

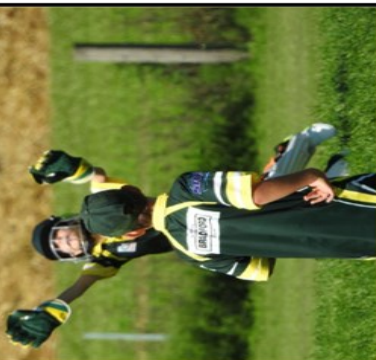


To minimise contact please give your donations to your child to bring to school. They can drop off their donations to the front office or to wellbeing.  
Thankyou for supporting our SRC in this initiative to make Christmas a wonderful time for all of our community





## WESTERN SUBURBS CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR CRICKET



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## City United Cricket Club Registrations



**City United is taking registrations for the  
2021-22 season for the following:**

- Junior Blaster 5-8 years
- Master Blaster 8-10
- Junior competitions from 8yrs to 16yrs  
and Senior competitions

**All registrations can be completed via**

- [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au) or

**For further information contact**

**Paul 0419294033 or  
[paul.brownlee1@outlook.com](mailto:paul.brownlee1@outlook.com)**

**<http://cucc.nsw.cricket.com.au/>**

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**Harvey Norman**

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*Bakers Delight*  
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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.

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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>

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