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NEWSLETTER

16th DECEMBER 2022

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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

2022

16th Dec	Last Day for Students Term 4
19th Dec	Staff Development Day
20th Dec	Staff Development Day

2023

26th Jan	Australia Day
27th Jan	Staff Development Day
30th Jan	Staff Development Day
31st Jan	Students in Year 7, 11 & 12 Return
1st Feb	Students in Year 8, 9 & 10 Return



Congratulations to Year 12 student, Thomas Reid, who has gained entry into SAE Creative Media Institute for Animation and has been successful in gaining a full tuition scholarship valued at around \$68,000.

Thomas is an exceptionally creative student who has a passion for animation and has wowed students and staff with his amazing stop motion videos.

We are excited to see what the future holds for Thomas and will be on the look-out for his name in film credits in the coming years.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to all members of our extended school community for a fantastic year of schooling throughout 2022. All students, staff, parents, and community partners combined in various unique ways to ensure that the students of our community were supported in their learning and achieved success in a range of activities. No year previously has proven the adage that *'it takes a village to raise a child'*. It has been an privilege as Principal to support our community in this task of raising and educating the children of the community throughout this difficult year.

Our Year 12 - 2022 students have excelled in their studies and have been great ambassadors of our school. HSC results were released yesterday:

- 7 Band 6's
- 27 Band 5's
- To many Band 4's to count

Congratulations to Leeza Goyal on achieving an ATAR of 94.45 and Lili Botfield 93.55 and so many students achieving personal bests. Biology, English Advanced, English Extension 1 and 2, Advanced Mathematics, Textiles and Visual Arts all achieved outstanding results.

We have had at least 70% of our Year 12 students who were on a ATAR pathway receive early entry offers to university, a wonderful achievement.

Thanks to all of our HSC teachers for their efforts in support of our Year 12 - 2022. #teamRTHS.

A couple of weeks ago we welcomed our new Year 7 students for 2023 transition and orientation days. It was great to meet our new students and get them established in their new classes and peer support groups. All 265 new Year 7 students were enthusiastic and excited about coming to High School.

Staff have been working hard on the 2023 timetable and student class placements. Students will get their new classes at the start of 2023 when they receive their timetable.

Congratulations to Michael Richards who was successful at merit in obtaining the Deputy Principal position. Ms Samantha McConnell has also been appointed to the English Faculty, and Mr Michael Heitmeyer to the HSIE Faculty for the start of 2023. A full list of staff will be published on our Website in 2023 as we have several newly appointed staff to our school.

We also welcome to our permanent staff Rod Porter and Lisa Wall as SLSO's in our Special Education Faculty.

Finally, we are saying farewell to some temporary staff that have supported us this year. These include:

Mr Grant Strickland, Ms Jemima Williams, Ms Rachel Fowler, Mr Joshua Potapczyk,
Ms Emily McGrath, Ms Courtney Bender, Ms Abby Shannon, Mr Christian Punch,
Mr Kurt Livens, Mr Michael Schultz.

All of these teaching staff have added to the richness of learning experiences available for students in 2022 and we thank them for their contribution. We also thank our temp SLSO's who have worked in classrooms to support our students.

We also have Mrs Tina Pratt moving to Dungog High School as Deputy Principal. Mr Daniel Hunter is moving into the Catholic system, Mrs Chrystal Meinhardt is moving to Maitland HS, and Mr James Marks is taking extended leave for 2023 before moving into retirement.

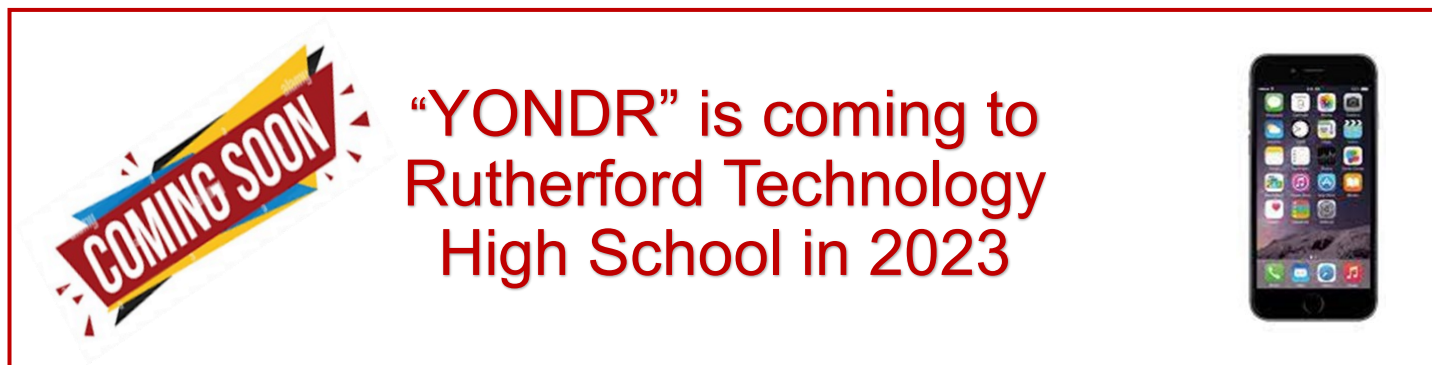
I look forward to seeing all students and staff return in 2023 refreshed and relaxed following the summer break and I hope everyone has a great Christmas.

Staff will return on Friday 27th January 2023 for staff development day. The Administration office will be open for new enrolments and enquiries from Monday the 30th January 2023.

Students in Years 7, 11 and 12 will return on Tuesday 31st January 2023. Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will return on Wednesday 1st February 2023. Week 2 'A' Week on Timetable. Students' timetables will be available just before Students return via the Sentral Portal App.

Ms Simone Hughes
Principal





Rutherford Technology High School acknowledges the educational value of digital devices and online services in supporting and enhancing educational outcomes and student wellbeing.

We also recognise they may cause harm if used inappropriately and that we need to support our students to use them in safe, responsible and respectful ways.

Mobile phones are not to be used during school hours. At the beginning of the school year, every student will be assigned a personal Yondr Pouch with an ID Number, similar to being assigned a textbook. While the Yondr Pouch is considered school property, it is each student's responsibility to bring their pouch with them to school every day.

PROCESS

Building Entrance - As students enter the school, they will:

1. Turn their phone off.
2. Unlock their empty Yondr Pouch using an Unlocking Base at the school Entrance(s).
3. Place their phone inside the pouch, securely close it and store in their backpack.

Each student will maintain possession of their phone inside their Yondr Pouch for the duration of the school day. Late students will complete this process at the Front Office as they sign in.

Building Exit - As students exit the building at the end of the school day, they will:

1. Unlock their pouch using an Unlocking Base at a school Exit(s).
2. Remove their phone from their pouch.
3. Securely close their empty pouch and place it in their backpack for the next day.

(Exception: Approved Early Leavers will unlock their pouch at the Front Office)

VIOLATIONS

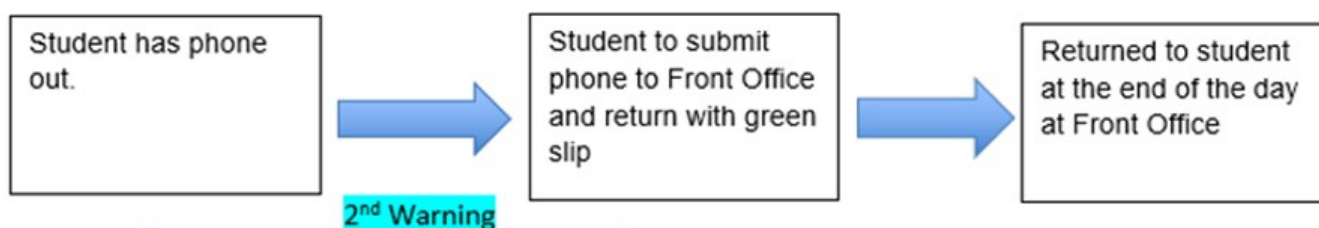
Below are a list of potential student violations. Each of these violations will result in the student's device/phone and/or pouch being confiscated by school staff.

1. Physical damage to the pouch in an attempt to circumvent its intended purpose. (Eg: Discoloration, pen marks, bent pin or stripped lock inside the pouch).
2. Forgetting or losing the pouch – phone will be left at front office.
3. Using their phone during school hours.
4. Other devices, such as laptops, tablets, headphones and smartwatches, pose similar challenges and opportunities. These devices can be linked to mobile phones and therefore the same policy applies to these actions.
5. All digital devices, not just mobile phones, should be used in safe, responsible and respectful ways.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION IF A YONDR POUCH IS DAMAGED

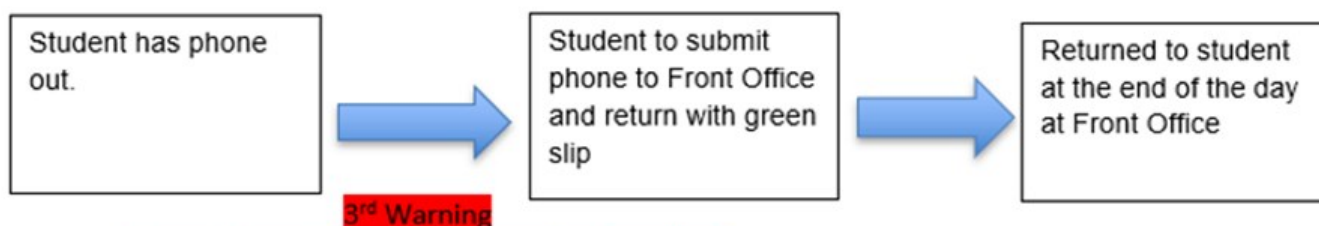
1. Phone + Pouch will be confiscated, and parent/carer will be notified immediately.
2. Student's parent/carer must come to the school to pick up their child's phone and a replacement pouch may be assigned.
3. **Suspension Warning** for damage to school property.
4. Deputy Principal will notify the Business Manager. The Business Manager will invoice student and parents/carer via email and phone call for replacement Yondr pouch.
5. The student will only be allowed to bring a phone back to school if they or their parent/carer pay a \$20 fee to replace the damaged school property.

1st Warning - Recorded on Sentral



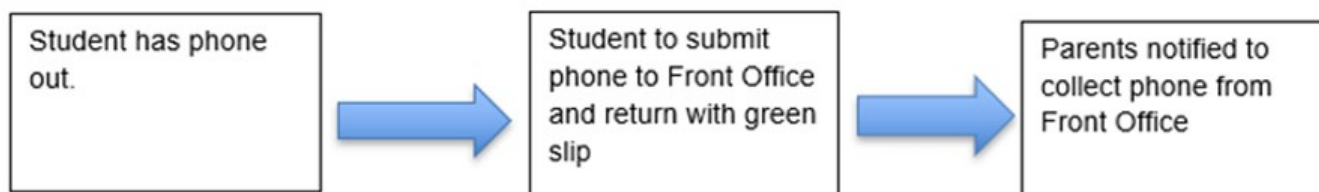
2nd Warning

Recorded on Sentral – Parents Notified



3rd Warning

Recorded on Sentral – Parents called to collect





ICT FACULTY REPORT

It has been another big year for the ICT Faculty in 2022 as we continue to promote the correct usage of technology and promote future career pathways within the ICT industry. We wish to remind parents/carers and students to be mindful of the things they do online and to make sure their accounts always remain secure.

Future growth in Information Communication and Technologies provides exciting new opportunities for students to explore new technology in an ever-changing society. Our Faculty wishes to promote computational thinking and project-based learning to all students using computer aided design and interactive virtual experiences. As we strive to improve the understanding of all computer-based technology, we want to encourage all to learn with us across a range of engaging courses. Throughout 2023, we will be busy updating curriculums and organising fun and engaging activities preparing for new courses being released in 2024. This will be a great time for eager and tech savvy students to navigate towards ICT careers.

Leading into the end of this year, our Stage 4 Digital Technology students are actively learning how to code using text-based programming in environments such as Minecraft and Grok Academy. Within these areas, students have developed further understanding of their digital footprints and the benefits of AI through machine learning. Other skills learnt throughout this semester involve Web Design, Binary Translations and Data Manipulation such as photoshop skills and excel data collection. Along with the engaging content within the course, students have also been offered the opportunity to compete in Nationwide Cyber Security challenges and NCCS competitions which we welcome future students to our classes to participate in for many years to come.



The ICT Faculty continues to also host mini-elective subjects that have always been of great interest to Stage 4 students. Within these subjects, students have engaged in Lego Ev3 Mindstorms robotics and game design using a software called G-Develop. Using these skills, students will be able to enhance their skills if choosing to take on Stage 5 courses in IST or ISTEM. Broadening their experiences in technology focused classes helps to engage students' creative development and allows for hands-on experience working with hardware and software used across many industries.

Currently our Stage 5 students have been working diligently to finalise major term-based projects and while excelling in yearly exams. Students have recently completed projects involving digital media recordings and game design. We are currently preparing the Faculty for the Year 10 transition into Stage 6 courses and wish to thank these students for their determination to engage in ICT courses. The students explored a broad range of ICT skills which can be used in future career choices including python programming, network administration, business database design and managing cyber security threats.

While our Year 11 students have made their transition into Year 12 courses this term, our three Year 12 classes also completed their HSC exams. With Software Design and Design & Technology Multimedia remaining popular courses for next year, we also had students complete VET Information and Digital Technology Yr 12 for the first time. Students in these courses have prepared themselves for careers in programming, digital design, website creation and system analysts. Students were also invited to explore a day of ICT Career presentations at Newcastle University with students representing the school with maturity through participation and questioning. As we continue to work with next year's Stage 6 students, we wish all the best for the finishing Year 12 ICT students. Next year will be a big year with four different courses, with a range of talented students completing their HSC exams.

The ICT Faculty is looking forward to helping students prepare for 2023 and onwards, with new staff joining the Faculty next year. We reluctantly bid farewell to Mr Marks as Head Teacher and wish him well in his adventures as we welcome Mr Short into the relieving Head Teacher role. We have many great events coming up in the new year and industry presentations being held throughout the year. It is a great time of year to relax and enjoy time with family and friends, from the ICT Faculty of Rutherford Technology High School, we wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you back in Term 1, 2023!

Mr Brady Cooper & Mr Peter Short
ICT Faculty



Photos from Varies Support Faculty Events during 2023



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List of the students that received PBL Awards for Semester 2: 2022

Well done!



<u>Year 7</u> Andrea Sherin Teigan Knox Josh Butler Lila McInnes Hayden Banning Matthew Futch Jonathan Priestley Amelia Costa Kyarnah Primmer Saphira Van Der Veen Tyler Towney-Hooper Teigan Knox	Respect Respect Respect Respect Responsibility Responsibility Responsibility Responsibility Commitment Commitment Commitment Commitment Deadly Vivo Champion Overall Vivo Champion for Semester 2	<u>Year 8</u> Maddison Hawes Monique Perez DJ Stevens Tristan Scott Zepplin Burt Tyler Garland Coen Crittenden Ryan Brigden Maddison Hawes Lilly Langlands Monique Perez Emanuel Meers Maddison Hawes	Respect Respect Respect Respect Responsibility Responsibility Responsibility Responsibility Responsibility Commitment Commitment Commitment Deadly Vivo Champion Overall Vivo Champion for Semester 2
<u>Year 9</u> Angus Varcoe Charlie Rowell Alexander Wyborn Nash Nugent Blayde Hoy Jack Stace Zak Anderson Konen Smith Angus Varcoe Braythan Brazier Abraham Jimmy Katelyn Parker Angus Varcoe	Respect Respect Respect Respect Responsibility Responsibility Responsibility Responsibility Responsibility Commitment Commitment Commitment Deadly Vivo Champion Overall Vivo Champion for Semester 2	<u>Year 10</u> Declan Kelly Imogen Burl Nathan Kedwell Jack Price Laura Playford Lewellyn Prinsloo Nathan Kedwell Decan Kelly Toby Johnson Lahtia Platt Allison Boxsell Issabell Seers Declan Kelly	Respect Respect Respect Respect Responsibility Responsibility Responsibility Responsibility Responsibility Commitment Commitment Commitment Deadly Vivo Champion Overall Vivo Champion for Semester 2
<u>Year 11</u> Bethani Fenwick Kade Baker Laura Vallance Phoebe Oldham Mia Soper Angus Edwards Ned Sutherland Kara Matthews Ella.D. Jayden Aitchison Holly Johnson Bethani Fenwick Mia Soper	Respect Respect Respect Responsibility Responsibility Responsibility Responsibility Responsibility Commitment Commitment Commitment Commitment Deadly Vivo Champion Overall Vivo Champion for Semester 2	Semester 2: Overall PBL Champions out of Year 7, 9 & 11 Year 9 Semester 2: Overall PBL Champions out of Year 8 & 10 Year 10 PBL Overall Deadly Champion of the Year Bethani Fenwick	



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**PBL Semester 2 Assembly
6th December 2022**



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Year 7 Report

Congratulations Year 7 on a wonderful first year of high school. We are so proud of the wonderful achievements you have all made. We have seen students compete at sporting competitions, cross country, athletics carnival, Coalfields gala day, school spectacular, dance showcase and many other wonderful events throughout the school and wider community.

We have seen students receive awards at PBL Assemblies, Year Meetings, Faculty Awards and Presentation Day, demonstrating our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Commitment.

When we return in 2023, we have a lot of fun and exciting things happening for our year group! Starting strong with our Great Aussie Bush Camp in Term 1 (Monday 13th– Wednesday 15th March) for those who are attending.

We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer holiday. We can't wait to see you in Year 8.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Mr David Connaughton & Miss Laruen Gear
Year 7 Year Adviser & Assistant Year Adviser



ABSTUDY for High School Students

High school students who live at home or away from home may get ABSTUDY payments for this year if they claim by 31st December.

INFORMATION FOR Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their parents who aren't currently claiming ABSTUDY.

If students are eligible, they or their parents could get payments for 2022 if they claim now.

This could include payments for each term if students lived at home and attended school 85% of most terms. Their parents need to be getting a Centrelink payment or have a Health Care Card.

Further support for students and families:

- read [how much ABSTUDY School Term Allowance](#) parents can get which shows the payment amounts for students living at home
- download our [ABSTUDY high school eKit](#)
- follow us on facebook.com/ServicesAustralia to see future posts about ABSTUDY



Careers Information for 2023

The Careers Team have several excursions/incursions/programs already planned for 2023.

Work Experience:

Work Experience is a marvellous opportunity for students in Years 10, 11 & 12 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 and or weekly basis) what are the education/skills that are required, how to submit an application for and if they are suited for this profession.

When: Any week in Term 1, 2, 3 and 4 except when exams/assessments are due.

Cost: No cost except when transport and accommodation is required to undertake the work experience with an employer, which will be your own expense.

NSW TAFE Youth Engagement Strategy (YES+)

YES+ is an initiative of the NSW Government and part of the NSW Department of Education's Educational Pathways Program connecting young people with Vocational Training. It allows students in Years 10 & 11 to attend a TAFE Campus where their course is running, one day a week for several weeks to explore if this is an area where the student has an interest and would then in Year 11/12 enrol in that course full time as part of their HSC.

See below for courses offered in Term 1. Courses with "Access" at the beginning of the course name are set up for students with disabilities as they have been designed with fewer students and more support in the class.

Term 2, 3 and 4 will be promoted in Term 1 2023.

If you are interested in your child to enrol in one of these courses please email Mr Brian Hunt

Brian.leonard.hunt@det.nsw.edu.au so, he can enrol your child.



TAFENSW

YES+ Initiative

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY YES+ 2023 PROGRAMS

Initiative Objective

YES+ is an initiative of the NSW Government and part of the NSW Department of Education's Educational Pathways Program.

CONNECTING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH VOCATIONAL TRAINING

TAFE NSW invites you to come and be part of the YES+ program.

- Try new skills
- Discover career opportunities
- Navigate a new environment
- Explore your potential
- Discover what you want to do after school

REQUIREMENTS:

- At least 15 years of age (Year 10 or above)
- Students who have previously participated in the TAFE NSW YES program are eligible to enrol into YES+ and students may participate in more than once YES+ program depending on availability of spaces.

PLEASE NOTE:

- YES+ students can access the same student support services as other students enrolled in TAFE NSW. This may include mentoring, counselling, careers advice and learner support. These services may be scheduled within YES+ delivery time or external to it.
- To ensure a student's suitability for the YES+ program, relevant documentation must be made available to TAFE (at time of registration), for students with a history of violence, a health and wellbeing plan, or a student management plan
- The list of programs is tentative/proposed at this stage. The dates and sessions are subject to confirmation of delivery numbers and may be subject to change. Programs normally run from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Do students need to pay a course fee? No, the YES+ initiative is provided to the student at no cost.

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YES+ Initiative

Cessnock Campus

Program Name	Term of Delivery	Start Date to End Date		Days
Individual support: Ageing, Disability, Community services	Term 1	8/03/2023	30/03/2023	Wednesday & Thursday

Glendale Campus

Program Name	Term of Delivery	Start Date to End Date		Days
Access - Animal Care	Term 1	9/03/2023	31/03/2023	Thursday
Access - Auto Light Vehicle	Term 1	9/03/2023	30/03/2023	Thursday
Access - Car Detailing	Term 1	10/03/2023	31/03/2023	Friday
Access - Working in Childrens Education	Term 1	9/03/2022	30/03/2022	Thursday
Auto Paint and Panel	Term 1	9/03/2022	31/03/2023	Thursday/Friday
Recreation Vehicles (Manufacturing and Surface Coating)	Term 1	9/03/2023	31/03/2023	Thursday/Friday
Working in Childrens Education	Term 1	6/03/2023	29/03/2023	Monday & Wednesday

Hamilton Campus

Program Name	Term of Delivery	Start Date to End Date		Days
Access - Hospitality & Bakery	Term 1	8/03/2023	29/03/2023	Wednesday
Hospitality & Bakery	Term 2	3/05/2023	28/06/2023	Wednesday
Hospitality & Bakery	Term 3	26/07/2023	20/09/2023	Wednesday

Kurri Kurri Campus

Program Name	Term of Delivery	Start Date to End Date		Days
Access - Hospitality & Bakery	Term 1	8/03/2023	29/03/2023	Wednesday
Access - Beauty	Term 1	07/03/2023	28/03/2023	Tuesday
Access - Animal Care	Term 1	08/03/2023	29/03/2023	Wednesday

Maitland Campus

Program Name	Term of Delivery	Start Date to End Date		Days
Access - Animal Care	Term 1	7/03/2023	28/03/2023	Tuesday
Individual Support: Ageing, Disability, Community Services	Term 1	8/03/2023	30/03/2023	Wednesday & Thursday
Access - Beauty	Term 1	09/03/2023	30/03/2023	Thursday

Newcastle - Hunter Street

Program Name	Term of Delivery	Start Date to End Date		Days
Access - Screen and Media - Film	Term 1	9/03/2023	30/03/2023	Thursday
Access - Screen and Media - Animation	Term 1	8/03/2023	29/03/2023	Wednesday

Newcastle Tighes Hill

Program Name	Term of Delivery	Start Date to End Date		Days
Access - Hairdressing	Term 1	9/03/2023	30/03/2023	Thursday
Refrigeration and Electrotechnology	Term 1	6/03/2023		Monday & Tuesday
Access - Beauty	Term 1	07/03/2023	28/03/2023	Tuesday

Singleton Campus

Program Name	Term of Delivery	Start Date to End Date		Days
Individual Support: Ageing, Disability, Community Services	Term 1	8/03/2023	30/03/2023	Wednesday & Thursday
Beauty	Term 2	02/05/2023	27/06/2023	Tuesday
Individual Support: Ageing, Disability, Community Services	Term 2	3/05/2023	28/06/2023	Wednesday
Individual Support: Ageing, Disability, Community Services	Term 3	26/07/2023	20/09/2023	Wednesday
Individual Support: Ageing, Disability, Community Services	Term 4	18/10/2022	13/12/2022	Wednesday

Singleton Connected Learning Centre (CLC)

Program Name	Term of Delivery	Start Date to End Date		Days
Beauty	Term 1	07/03/2023	28/03/2023	Tuesday

Provide First Aid:

Students in Years 10, 11 & 12 will be able to gain the qualification HLTAID009 - HLTAID0011 which is highly regarded by employers. Two courses have been organised:

Provider: Surf Life Saving NSW

When: Wednesday 8th March 2023 8:20am–3:20pm
Rutherford Technology High School in Staff Common Room

When: Wednesday 29th March 2023 8:20am–3:20pm
Rutherford Technology High School in Staff Common Room

Cost: \$70.00 (approx. \$100.00 + outside of school)

Prepare to Work Safely in the Construction Industry (White Card):

Students in Years 10, 11 & 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 and work experience in the Construction Industry. Two courses have been organised:

Provider: Coastal OHS

When: Wednesday 22nd February 2023 8:20am–3:20pm
Rutherford Technology High School in Staff Common Room

When: Wednesday 22nd March 2023 8:20am–3:20pm
Rutherford Technology High School in Staff Common Room

Cost: \$90.00 (approx. 100.00 + outside school)

University Road show:

Newcastle University, University of New England, Charles Sturt University and Southern Cross University will be doing a presentation about University courses, University application, University accommodation etc for students in Year 11 & 12. Great way for students to start their pathway to better understand what Universities have to offer them and what students need to do to prepare themselves for University.

When: Wednesday 1st March 2023 10:30am–2:00pm
Maitland High School. RTHS will transport students to Maitland High School.

Cost: \$5.00

Defence Force Recruiting (DFR) Presentation:

Students in Years 10, 11 & 12 have the opportunity to listen from serving Defence Force personnel about a career in the Australian Defence Force.

When: Tuesday 21st March 2023 10:30am–11:30am
Rutherford Technology High School in the Staff Common Room

Cost: No cost

Charles Sturt University (CSU) Explore Day:

Year 11/12 Students have the opportunity to attend CSU Uni at Port Macquarie to explore their campus, accommodation and attend/speak to CSU personnel about the courses they are looking at undertaking when at University and to work out if it is the Uni they want to attend. Students will be transported by school bus.

When: Tuesday 28th March 2023 (leave at 6:00am and arrive back at 6:00pm)

Where: Charles Sturt University Port Macquarie

Cost: \$15.00

University of New England Open Day Armidale:

Year 11/12 students have the opportunity to attend UNE Uni at Armidale to explore their campus, accommodation and attend/speak to UNE personnel about the courses they are looking at undertaking when at University and to work out if it is the Uni they want to attend. Students will be transported by school bus

When: Thursday 4th May–Friday 5th May 2023
(leave at 9:00am on Thursday and arrive back at 6:00pm on Friday)

Where: University of New England Armidale

Cost: \$50.00

Hunter Valley Career Expo 2023:

Students in Years 10, 11 & 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 19th May 2023 at Maitland Basketball Stadium Bent Street Maitland 8:50am–10:45am

Cost: \$10.00

School Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships

SBATs are available for Year 10 & 11 2023 high school students as part of their schooling and or HSC pattern and are designed to take two years to complete. They allow students to commence an apprenticeship or complete a traineeship while at school in Year 11 & 12.

A school-based apprenticeship or traineeship combines paid work (normally one day a week), training (completed online or at TAFE) and school; and as well as an industry recognised national qualification you will gain credit towards the HSC. Some SBAT's can count towards the students ATAR. Visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships> for more information.

If your child is interested in a Career Path in Early Childhood Education and Care, there are still have several host employers looking for students in this field.

Please email Mr Brian Hunt your child's name so he can arrange work experience early Term 1 2023

Still to be organised:

Hunter Valley Coal operations Excursion

Hunter Valley Hospitality Excursion

RAAF Williamtown Excursion

ADFA Open Day Excursion

Newcastle University Open Day Excursion

**Permission notes can be accessed by emailing Mr Brian Hunt - Careers Adviser
brian.leonard.hunt@det.nsw.edu.au**



“Impressions 10”

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of eight (28th-30th November 2022), Year 10 participated in the ‘Impressions 10’ Mock Interview program. ‘Impressions 10’ is an authentic assessment opportunity where Year 10 students demonstrate their employment skills while being interviewed by a panel consisting of a member from the local business community, a staff member and a Rutherford Technology High School 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. Over the three days, 156 students were interviewed and achieved the following results:

High Distinction	43
Distinction	31
Credit	40
Satisfactory	30
Room for Improvement	12

It is clear that students were well prepared and took the opportunity seriously. It was great to see many students build their confidence, achieve above their expectations and gain positive feedback on their performance.

Thank you to the following community members and business people who donated their time to support the program.

Megan Reynolds	Department of Education
Jazmin Williams	Department of Education
Mick Lee	Department of Education
Susan Butler	TAFE NSW
Denika Green	St Nicholas Early Education
Ian Martin	Club Maitland City
Matthew Johnston	Club Maitland City
Alex Jervis	Club Maitland City
Mayor Phillip Penfold	Maitland City Council
Katie Notley	Maitland City Council
Crystal Fripp	Maitland City Council
Marilyn Porter	Rotary
Anne Young	Rotary
Anthony Fraser	Regional Development Australia
Frank Alshamrani	University of Newcastle
Stephen Krick	Tocal College
Erin Hennessy	Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley
Heidi Brimble	The Mutual Bank
Kirsty Bryson	The Mutual Bank
Maddison Jenkins	The Mutual Bank
Vanessa Edwards	RTHS P&C
Ben Wallace	HunterNet Group Training
Jane Thompson	Youth Express
Timmie Hughes	Youth Express
Eve Maguire	Youth Express
Denise Rafferty	Youth Express
Jarrold Gorsuch	Verto
Mikhaila Halford	AMP Control
Kaysie Jackson	AMP Control
Katrina Wallace	AMP Control
Janelle Campbell	AMP Control
Mark Ivers	Bunnings Warehouse Maitland
Ellie Brown	Bunnings Warehouse Maitland
Katrina Wirth	St Johns

Mr Toby Butler

Head Teacher Vocational Education & Training

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End-of-Year Presentation Day

9th December 2022



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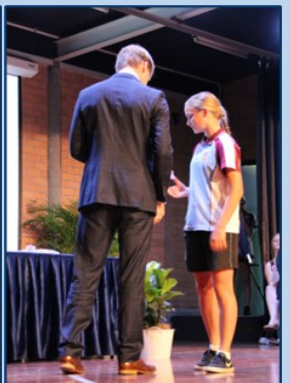
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End-of-Year Presentation Day

9th December 2022



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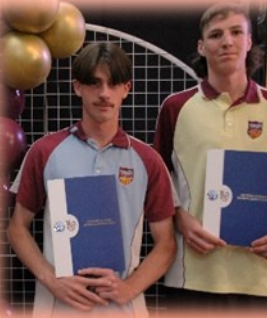


THANK YOU!

The students and staff of Rutherford Technology High School would like to thank the following businesses and community members for their support of their School 2022 End-of-Year Presentation and 2022 Sport Presentation

Mayor Phillip Penfold
Jenny Aitchison MP
Meryl Swanson MP
Australian Defence Force
Bunnings Warehouse Maitland
Clements Air Conditioning Refrigeration Electrical
Club Maitland City
Daylight Schoolwear
Domayne Maitland
Dullboy's Social Co. Rutherford
Eckersley's Art & Craft
Hair by Natalie
Harvey Norman Maitland-Computers
J&S Engineering Maintenance
Lifelike Atmospheres
Lions Club of Maitland
Maitland District Careers Advisers Association
Maitland Indoor Sports Centre + Inflatable World Maitland
Maitland VIEW Club
Margaret Sivyer
Rutherford Technology High School P&C Association
Rotary Club of Maitland Sunrise
Sexton Business Services
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The Mutual Bank
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University of Newcastle
Wendy White
Woodbury Family
Youth Express

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Congratulations to the following student on completing the 2022 Premier's Reading Challenge.
This is a wonderful achievement. Well done!

Year 7 Abby; Andrea; Angel; Ava; Dejha; Jade; Kaleb; Kaley; Kayla; Lara.B.; Lara.P.; Maddy; Matthew; Mikaylah; Olivia; Tahlia & Taya

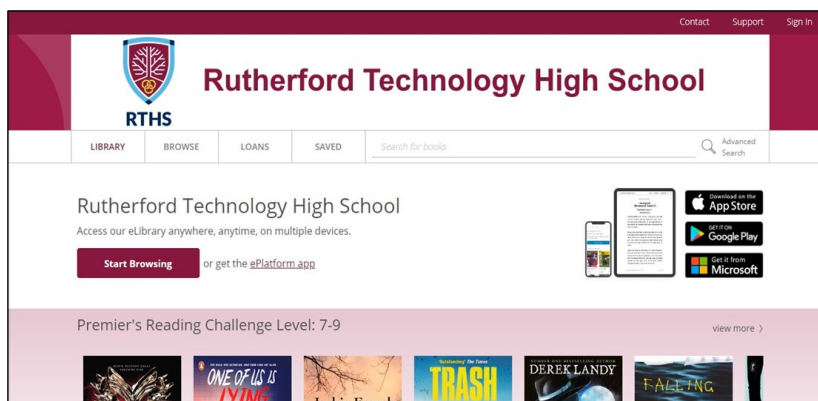
Year 8 Haylee; Lorelai & Tomiko



To complete the Premier's Reading Challenge students were required to read 20 books from the Years 5-6, 7-9 and/or 9 Plus reading lists within the year.

All students from Years 7–10 will have the opportunity to participate next year. Students should begin keeping a list of the books they read during the school holiday break, then listen out for announcements on how to enter the challenge in the daily notices during roll call in 2023.

DON'T FORGET the school has access to eBooks <https://rths.wheelers.co>.
Students can access these at any time during the holiday period.



Student Achievement News



Congratulations to Year 11 student, Matthew Wenham, who has been successful in being selected to compete at the 2022 NSW Senior State Age Championships at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre on Wednesday 14th December 2022. Matthew competed in the 17 years and over men's 100 metre back stroke.

Mathew has been swimming for a number of years and is very committed and dedicated to his sport. Matthew's Swim Club is 'Hunter Valley All Stars' and he currently trains at 'Just Like a Fish' at Rutherford eight times a week.



Congratulations to Year 10 student, Zakorie Hutchison, who competed in the ISKA (International Sport Karate Association) Australian National Championships on Sunday 4th December 2022 in Blacktown.

At this event, Zakorie was crowned Australian Champion in the 'Traditional Forms' and will now compete at the World Cup in October 2023.

Well done Zakorie.





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Hunter New England
Local Health District



NSW
School-Link
Health and Education Working Together



If you are not yet familiar with **Be You**, it is a national mental health in education initiative delivered by Beyond Blue in collaboration with Early Childhood Australia and headspace. Be You offers educators free evidence-based mental health professional learning, tools and resources and also support in preparing for and recovering from critical incidents and natural disasters. The material provided is relevant to educators and learning communities who work with children and young people in early learning, primary and secondary school settings across Australia. The site provides a very sound starting point if you are interested in learning more about mental health or are seeking evidence-based tools and resources to support wellbeing at school.

Students:

As we move into the holiday period we wanted to remind you of the supports that are available to you when you are not at school. Changes to routine can be challenging and you may have times where you feel sad, stressed, disconnected or lonely.

During the holidays we encourage you to continually check in with yourself and have a yarn with friends to support your wellbeing. It can be helpful to stay connected with friends, look after your physical health and engage in the activities that you enjoy.

As you check in with yourself it's important notice when you might benefit from chatting with someone and where to go for help. We encourage you during the school holidays to continue to use help seeking supports. This may be speaking with someone you trust, engaging with your local headspace centre, GP or access online or telephone supports through eheadspace (1800 650 890) or kidshelpline (1800 55 1800). Please take the time to save these numbers and websites in your phone today. Alongside this we encourage you to speak openly with the people around you about how you are feeling, and what support you need.

Parents:

As we move into the holiday period we wanted to make you aware of the supports that are available to your young person when they are not at school. Changes to routine can be hard and your young person may experience times when they feel a range of challenging emotions such as sadness, stress, or lonely.

During the holidays we encourage you to check in/yarn with your young person. It can be helpful to let them know that you are available to speak with them if they ever need. You may also like to encourage them to stay connected with friends and family, look after their physical health and engage in the activities that they enjoy.

If you notice that your young person may benefit from chatting with someone, we encourage you to make them aware and support them to access services. This may be engaging with your local headspace centre, GP or access online or telephone supports through eheadspace (1800 650 890) or kidshelpline (1800 55 1800). Please note that you can also call these numbers to help guide your support, alongside parentline (1300 1300 52).

Apps and Websites for Support:

- **My Compass** <https://www.mycompass.org.au/>
This is a resource created by Black Dog which creates personalised support for mental health. This is focused on providing psychoeducation and skill development. This website can be used by staff and students.
- **Mood Gym** <https://moodgym.com.au/>
An online resource that can help support and manage symptoms of mental health challenges.
- **eheadspace** <https://headspace.org.au/eheadspace/> 1800 650 890
Online access to a mental health clinician via telephone or webchat. It can be encouraged that students create an account with eheadspace, so that if they have to use this when distressed this is not a barrier for use. Parents can speak with a clinician for help supporting a young person.
- **Reachout** <https://au.reachout.com/>
Tools and resources for stress management and mental health support strategies.
- **CalmHarm** <https://au.reachout.com/tools-and-apps/calm-harm>
Support develop strategies to deescalate when feeling distressed. It can be encouraged for students to download, or for use in classroom or advisory group. This can be used for staff and students. Use can be encouraged when not distressed, to establish the use and learning of a helpful coping strategy. Can also be used after an incident, in the hope to long term replace or at least challenge, maladaptive strategies.
- **Parent Line** <http://www.parentline.org.au/> 1300 1300 52
A resource to support parents to manage concerns with supporting their young person.

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Help-seeking resources for school holidays

Whole school community

- Be You support services infographic access [here](#) (and attached)
- [13YARN](#) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Support – Crisis line

Staff

- Be You [Educator Wellbeing resources](#)
- Encourage staff to stay connected to their informal (friends, family and colleagues), formal (EAP or GP/private mental health professional) and professional (mentors or teacher associations) wellbeing supports

Primary Schools

Students

- Kids Helpline [Positive self talk](#)
- Kids Helpline [Think calm thoughts](#)
- Kids Helpline [Resilience strategies for emotional strength](#)
- Kids Helpline [Problem solving](#)
- Reach Out [Ways to chill for cheap](#)

Families

- Telephone support: [Parentline](#) NSW 1300 1300 52
- Headspace [Keeping healthy over the holidays - for friends and family](#)
- Kids Helpline [Feeling sad over the holidays](#)
- Kids Helpline [Coping with Family holiday Stress](#)
- Raising Children Network [Signs of mental health concerns in pre-teens and teenagers](#)
- Raising Children Network [Helping pre-teens and teens manage emotional ups and downs](#)
- Kids Helpline: [My child struggles with mental health](#)
- Kids Helpline: [How Kids Helpline can help your child](#)

Secondary Schools

Students

- headspace [How to stay healthy over the holidays](#)
- headspace [Tips for a healthy headspace](#)
- headspace [Healthy headspace Action Plan](#)
- headspace [How to help a friend going through a tough time](#)
- Reach Out [Helping friends](#)
- Reach Out [Ways to chill for cheap](#)
- If your friend is not okay click [here](#)
- e-headspace flyer click [here](#)
- How to handle a tough time, [PDF here](#).
- You can find a variety of other headspace factsheets [here](#).

It can also be useful to have some information available about what to expect when receiving support online or phone, such as:

- Reach Out's video about ['What happens when I call a helpline?'](#)
- Reach Out's factsheet ['How to call a helpline'](#)

Help-seeking resources for school holidays

Secondary Schools (cont.)

Work and Study Support

- headspace Work and Study Programs support 15-25-year-olds to plan a career, find employment or work towards further education access here: [Work and Study Program](#) and [Career Mentoring Program](#).

This information would also be helpful for parents of Yr. 12 students

Families

- Headspace [Keeping healthy over the holidays - for friends and family](#)
- [Parentline](#) NSW (1300 1300 52) has tips and advice around a range of topics that can assist parents in supporting young people. Information relating to older children [can be found here](#)
- [Head to Health](#) is a go to place to help you find information, services and resources to help yourself or your young person.
- Reach Out has [tips to support teenager wellbeing](#)
- Beyond Blue has some tips on [Supporting healthy home and habits](#)
- [Beyond Blue](#) also has some practical tips on how to start conversations when you are worried about your young person



Mental Health Services and Support

Beyond Blue

24/7 mental health support service

1300 22 4636
beyondblue.org.au

headspace

Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25

1800 650 890 (9am-1am daily)
For webchat, visit: [headspace.org.au/eheadspace](#)

Kids Helpline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25

1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au

1800RESPECT

24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse

1800 737 732
1800respect.org.au

Lifeline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services

13 11 14
lifeline.org.au

Suicide Call Back

24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide

1300 659 467
suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Mensline

24/7 counselling service for men

1300 78 99 78
mensline.org.au

QLife

LGBTI peer support and referral

1800 184 527 (6pm-10pm daily)
qlife.org.au (online chat 3pm-12am daily)

If you are concerned about someone at risk of immediate harm, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.





**Math
@Home**

Head Full of Numbers

This is basically the Maths version of Boggle.

Players roll six dice out of a shaker. They then place the dice in a tray and try to make as many mathematical equations as possible using the numbers rolled out.

Oh, and did we mention that there's a strict time limit?

Beginners can use addition and subtraction, while division and multiplication can be introduced for more experienced players.

Thank you,
RTHS Numeracy Team



Would you be willing to donate any pre-loved school uniform items?

All uniform items will be gratefully received:
skirts, polo shirts, jumpers, shorts, button up shirts, tracksuit pants
and any clothing item that has our school logo

We also accept donations of **new** socks, stockings; shoes,
backpack/school bags any school items really

ALL DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

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Rutherford Technology High School

The Uniform Shop is located within our school

Ways to Order:

Simply come in and visit our Uniform Shop

or

Online Ordering <https://daylightsportswear.com/rutherford>



Ready for click and collect from the uniform Shop

January 2023 School Holidays Trading Hours

By Appointment only

Please check the available times via link below

<https://calendly.com/rutherfordhigh>

Orders placed online can be collected once notified
via text message or email

**APPOINTMENT
ONLY**

January 2023 School Holidays Trading Hours			
SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOURS	Friday	20th January 2023	8:00am – 2:00pm
	Monday	23rd January 2023	8:00am – 2:00pm
	Tuesday	24th January 2023	10:00am – 4:30pm
	Wednesday	25th January 2023	10:00am – 4:30pm
	Thursday	26th January 2023	CLOSED (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)
	Friday	27th January 2023	8:00am – 2:00pm
	Monday	30th January 2023	8:00am – 3:00pm
	Tuesday	31st January 2023	8:00am – 12:00pm
	Wednesday	1st February 2023	8:00am – 12:00pm
	Thursday	2nd February 2023	1:00pm – 5:00pm
	Friday	3rd February 2023	CLOSED

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Rutherford Technology High School Uniform Shop

Rutherford High School UNIFORM SHOP

Order Sheet

ITEM	PRICE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Girls				
Junior Girls Blouse	34.00			
Senior Girls Blouse	34.00			
Tartan Skirt	50.00			
Boys				
Senior Boys Shirt	34.00			
Unisex				
Softshell Jacket	75.00			
Everyday Shorts	35.00			
Maroon Knit Fleece	65.00			
Junior Polo	38.00			
Senior Polo	38.00			
Sports				
Sports Short	30.00			
Trackpants	45.00			
Sports Polo	37.00			
Accessories				
Beanie	15.00			
Scarf	20.00			
White Socks Short-cut x 5	20.00			
Others				
Reusable Tote Bag	1.00			
TOTAL AMOUNT \$				

Uniform Shop Hours:

Tuesday 8:00am-12:00noon

Thursday 1:00pm-5:00pm

Purchase Online: <https://daylightsportswear.com/rutherford>

Please ensure all orders are collected from the Uniform Shop

MASTERCARD, VISA & EFTPOS ACCEPTED. CHEQUES NOT ACCEPTED. NO LAYBY.

*Prices are subject to change without notice

Uniform Shop: Contact Vanessa - 0478 920 262 during business hours

The wearing of school uniform at Rutherford Technology High School Is mandatory. The school uniform is manufactured and sold by Daylight Sportswear at a dedicated onsite Uniform Shop at the school. This is the ONLY location that the school uniform is available for purchase.

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GERRIC for Gifted Students Program

Helping bright young minds thrive

January 2023

Online & on-campus



9-13 January
2023



Online



UNSW Campus,
Kensington



9:00am - 3:00pm

We are excited to announce that our GERRIC Student Programs will return in January 2023! Our Scientia programs will be run both online and on-campus to provide students with the choice of what works best for them. This is a school holiday program that expands the minds of bright, inquisitive individuals looking for an intellectual challenge that is more demanding and more fun than they may sometimes experience at school.

All courses are 3-day workshops. Registration will be available from 10 November 2022.

Junior Scientia: Years 3 - 6

The Junior Scientia program is designed for gifted and talented primary school students in Years 3-6. To participate in the program, students will select one three-day workshop from a range of options.

All workshops are developed and presented by experienced teachers who are qualified or experienced in gifted education. They possess the expertise and skills to encourage the interests and pique the curiosity of gifted children.

Scientia Challenge: Years 7 - 10

The Scientia Challenge program features a range of exciting workshops taught over three days designed for gifted and talented high school students in Years 7-10.

Developed and led by practising experts, the workshops follow a university-style investigative structure with intellectually-stimulating content. With the level of study aimed two years higher than the students' grade level, these dynamic workshops offer gifted students a rigorous and challenging program.



Follow the QR code for more
information about our
program



Scholarships Available!

Contact us: gerric@unsw.edu.au

RTHS SUPPORTERS

Harvey Norman

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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>

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