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NEWSLETTER

4th JULY 2025

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Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm

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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

21st July Staff Development Day

22nd July Students Return (Term 3)

23rd-24th July H2GP NSW Final Competition

28th-30th July Hunter Dance Festival

1st August All Schools Netball Gala Day



On Friday 27th June 2025, Annabelle & Lila represented the
Coalfields Zone at the Hunter Secondary Cross Country trials.

Annabelle placed first, whilst Lila placed second and from this they have
now both been successful in qualifying to represent the
Hunter at the NSW CHS State Championships.

We are incredibly proud of both girls and wish them the
best of luck for the State Championships.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



On behalf of the staff at Rutherford Technology High School, I extend my warm congratulations to all students and their families on a successful end to Term 2. This term has been filled with consistent effort, progress, and achievement across all year levels. Our students have shown resilience and a strong commitment to their learning, approaching challenges with maturity and determination. It has been especially encouraging to see our core values of **Respect, Responsibility, and Commitment** displayed in their daily conduct and attitudes. From the classroom to the sporting field, and through creative, cultural, and community activities, students continue to represent our school with pride. Their dedication to learning and support for one another is something we celebrate as a school community.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support of our school's uniform policy. Ensuring students wear the correct uniform each day plays an important role in fostering a sense of pride and belonging. It also helps to reinforce the high expectations we hold for all members of our school community. A consistent school uniform promotes equality, encourages positive behaviour, and supports a focused learning environment. We appreciate the effort families make to maintain these standards. The uniform shop is open on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons, with the added convenience of online ordering available at any time.

Rutherford Technology High School is committed to supporting students in all aspects of their learning, including through the availability of dedicated support staff and targeted programs. Regular school attendance is vital to student success, and we encourage all students to seek help whenever needed. Consistent attendance leads to better academic results, stronger peer relationships, and greater life opportunities. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's learning by ensuring they attend school every day.

Our Year 12 students are now preparing for their Trial HSC Examinations, and many are taking full advantage of the Senior Study area to focus their revision. Study tutorials will also be available during the upcoming school holidays, and I encourage all Year 12 students to participate in these sessions. I would like to sincerely thank our dedicated teachers for their time and commitment in supporting our senior students during this important period.

Semester reports for Years 7 to 10 have been published. I encourage all parents and carers to read through these reports with their child, taking particular note of the teacher comments, which offer meaningful insights into student progress and areas for growth. These discussions can provide encouragement, promote reflection, and set clear goals for Semester 2.

Congratulations to Parrka, our winning house for Semester 1. Eligible students from Parrka were invited to participate in the PBL Rewards Excursion this week at the Hunter Valley Gardens Snow Time Experience. Last week, we also acknowledged students from our other houses: Watpa enjoyed hotdogs for lunch, Uwa received bags of popcorn, and Marra were given lollipops. A big shoutout to all students who consistently demonstrated our school values and earned PBL points this Semester. We extend a huge thank you to our PBL Team for making these rewards possible to celebrate our incredible students.

As we approach the school holiday period, I encourage all students to take time to rest, recharge, and return ready for another productive and rewarding term. Please stay safe, enjoy the break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in Term 3.

Mr Andrew Robinson
Principal



Wishing our school community an enjoyable holiday break.
Students return on Tuesday 22nd July 2025.

SNOW TIME

IN THE GARDEN



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TAS FACULTY REPORT

As we reach the end of Term 2, it's clear to see the impressive accomplishments of both our hardworking staff and enthusiastic students. This term has been full of hands-on projects, academic assessments, and community involvement, making it a productive and enriching period for all.

We were fortunate to welcome pre-service teacher Greg French to our faculty for a four week block. Greg brought a unique background to the classroom, having previously worked as a qualified chef. His wealth of industry knowledge and hands on experience has been an invaluable addition to our teaching team, particularly in the areas of Food Technology and Hospitality. Greg's passion for both education and the culinary arts has shone through in his lessons, where students have benefitted from engaging, real-world learning opportunities.

Throughout his placement, Greg demonstrated professionalism, creativity, and a genuine rapport with students. He has enriched the learning environment by incorporating practical skills, industry insights, and innovative teaching strategies that have made a lasting impact. His contribution has been greatly appreciated by both staff and students, and we look forward to seeing where his teaching journey takes him next.

The Years 7 and 8 Technology Mandatory students have been immersed in a hands-on woodworking project focused on designing and producing a wooden trinket box. This task has allowed students to develop a foundational understanding of timber as a material, as well as essential woodworking skills. A major focus has been on timber joinery, with students learning and applying two key methods: the butt joint and the rebate joint. These techniques have given students practical insight into how different types of joints affect the strength, structure, and aesthetics of timber products.

An exciting feature of this unit has been the integration of digital technologies through the use of laser cutting. Students were introduced to this modern manufacturing process and used it to design and cut custom lids for their trinket boxes. The laser-cut lids added a professional finish to their work and allowed for individual expression through personalised patterns and text.

Our dedicated teaching team has played a key role in guiding students through various practical tasks and assessments. From crafting detailed models to completing high-quality furniture pieces, our educators have created a learning environment that promotes practical skills and real-world application.

A heartfelt congratulations goes to our Year 12 students, who are currently finalising their HSC Major Projects and preparing for the upcoming Trial HSC Exams. These important academic milestones require significant dedication and perseverance, and we are incredibly proud of their determination and work ethic.

As the term comes to a close, we wish all our students, families, and community members a restful and enjoyable break.

We would also like to thank parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring students wear the correct clothing and footwear when undertaking practical activities. This plays an important role in maintaining a safe and productive learning environment in our TAS programs.

We're proud of all that has been achieved so far this year and look forward to the exciting opportunities that lie ahead in the second half of 2025.

Mr Scott Cromarty
Head Teacher TAS Faculty



Year 7 & Year 8 Trinket Box Project

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Year 12 Families

Many HSC teachers are donating their time in the July holidays to assist Year 12 to prepare for exams and complete major projects / performances. If there are sessions running that are relevant for your child, please encourage them to attend.

HSC Study Session Timetable - July Holidays 2025

	Monday 7th July	Tuesday 8th July	Wednesday 9th July	Thursday 10th July	Friday 11th July
10am - 12pm	History Extension - Miss Scott (K24)	Visual Arts - Mr Edwards (H4)	Dance - Mrs Cooper (Dance Studio)	Timber - Mr Robinson (G3/G4)	Food Technology - Mrs Rasmus (Bistro)
10am - 12pm	Timber - Mr Robinson (G3/G4)	Timber - Mr Robinson (G3/G4)	Information & Digital Technology - Mr Cooper (A111)		Drama - Mr Baird (C101)
10am - 12pm			Timber - Mr Robinson (G3/G4)		
Break					
12:30pm - 2:30pm	Timber - Mr Robinson (G3/G4)	Visual Arts - Mr Edwards (H4)	Business Studies - Mrs Smith-Hughes (K1)	Timber - Mr Robinson (G3/G4)	Physics - Mr McGowan (DL2)
12:30pm - 2:30pm		Timber - Mr Robinson (G3/G4)	Timber - Mr Robinson (G3/G4)		Drama - Mr Baird (C101)
	Monday 14th July	Tuesday 15th July	Wednesday 16th July	Thursday 17th July	Friday 18th July
10am - 12pm	History Extension - Miss Scott (K24)	Visual Arts - Mr Edwards (H4)	Engineering Studies - Miss Simpson (G1)	Modern History - Miss Vollmer (K28)	
10am - 12pm	Mathematics Advanced & Extension 1 - Miss Davis (K129)		Visual Arts - Mr Edwards (H4)		
10am - 12pm	Drama - Mr Baird (C101)		Dance - Mrs Cooper (Dance Studio)		
Break					
12:30pm - 2:30pm	Drama - Mr Baird (C101)	Visual Arts - Mr Edwards (H4)	Biology - Mr Hancock (DL6)	Retail Services - Mr Butler (Senior Study)	
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Theme Park Thrills and Real-World Maths

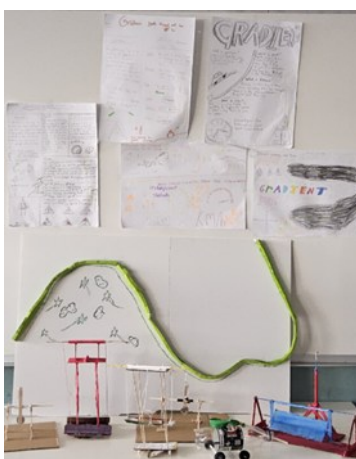
This term, our Year 8 Mathematics elective, '*Theme Park Fun*', took learning to exciting new heights - literally! Students explored the world of force, motion, and axles by building balloon-powered cars out of recycled plastic bottles, launching paper planes (with a little help from paper clips and elastic bands), and constructing their very own catapults and trebuchets to fling objects across the classroom.

Throughout the term, students applied maths concepts including gradients, speed, distance and time, g-forces, and measurement. The highlight of the course was a thrilling excursion to Luna Park, where students experienced these mathematical principles in action while also enjoying the many rides, laughter, and a few well-earned screams. They were joined by Ms Hewitt's Year 12 Numeracy class, who explored the design of the park and the practical application of mathematics in its layout. All students represented the school with exceptional behaviour and enthusiasm on the day.

In addition, on Wednesday the 2nd July 2025, five students from Years 9 to 11 attended the '*Maths in Surveying Day*'. They had the opportunity to use real surveying equipment, learn about the role of drones in the industry, and observe advanced technology demonstrated by professional surveyors. The day provided valuable insight into how mathematics is used in a range of careers from construction and mining to military and marine navigation.

Well done to all students involved for making the most of these exciting learning opportunities.

Mrs Debbie Evans
Mathematics Teacher





Term 2: Week 9 PBL Awards

Year 7

Charlotte.A
Mabel.D
Emma.F
Alexis.B
Jasper.M
Mason.H

Commitment to learning in Agriculture
Diligent approach to Visual Arts
Dedication and commitment to learning in English
Consistent effort and application to course work in ICT
Demonstrating an enthusiastic approach to Science
Achieving great results in Technology Mandatory

Year 8

Luke.G
Aliqua.O
Lily.S

Respect for learning in Visual Arts
Commitment to learning in Visual Arts
Commitment to learning in Visual Arts

Year 9

Marcus.J
Layla.I
Benjamim.Y

Effort and achievement in Visual Arts
Consistently working in all areas of Industrial Technology Woodwork
Consistently displaying commitment to learning, respect for all and responsibility in the classroom in Science lessons

Year 10

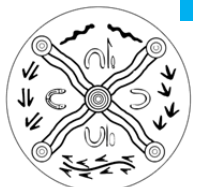
Ethan.W
Zac.S
Taya.N
Ava.S

Commitment to learning in Agriculture
Commitment to learning in Visual Arts
Respect for learning in Visual Arts
Commitment to learning in Geography

Year 11

Tomiko.H
Zoe.S
Madelyn.J
Riley.S

Commitment to learning in Visual Design
Exceptional commitment across a range of VET subject areas
Outstanding commitment to Physics & Chemistry
Consistently working in every lesson in Industrial Technology Timber



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Rutherford Technology High School Uniform Shop

NEW OPENING HOURS


RTHS

Uniform Shop Hours

Tuesday 8am - 12pm
Thursday 12:30pm - 4:30pm

Shop Coordinator
Vanessa

[Shop Now](#)

** Standard uniform shop trading hours during school terms

www.daylightschoolwear.au/rutherford



Please note that Daylight Sportswear have informed us of an upcoming price increase coming into effect on Monday 25th August 2025

Purchase Online: <https://daylightschoolwear.au/rutherford>

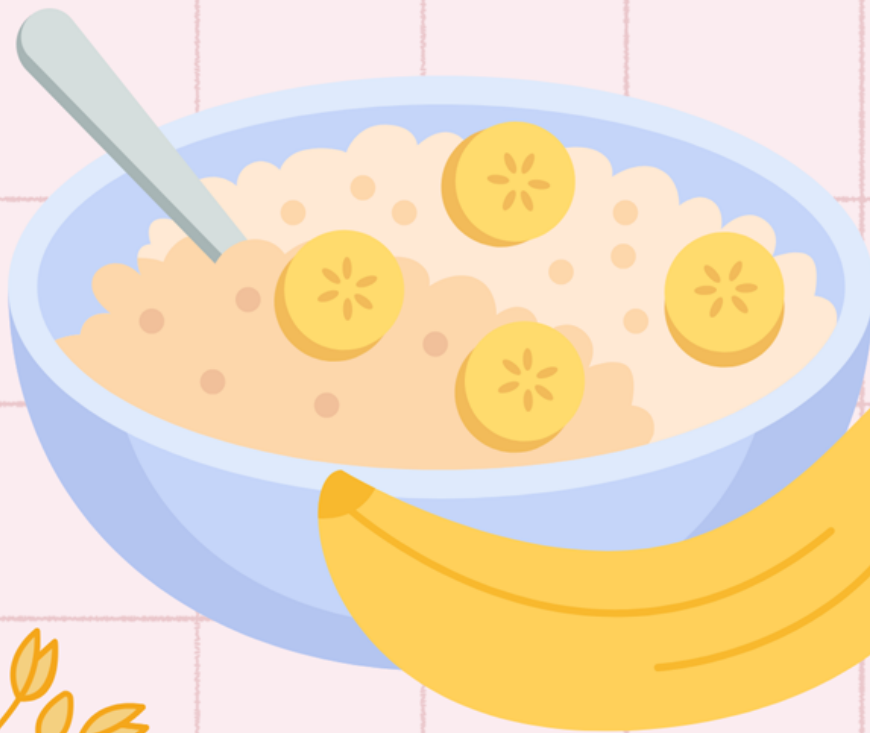
Please ensure all orders are collected from the Uniform Shop

MASTERCARD, VISA & EFTPOS ACCEPTED & CASH ACCEPTED - NO CHEQUE PAYMENTS. NO LAYBY.

**Prices are subject to change without notice*

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.

BREAKFAST CLUB



When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Time: 8:15am - 8:45am
Where: Wellbeing Hub



School Canteen Manager

Rutherford Technology High School P&C Association is seeking a highly motivated and organised Canteen Manager.

The position is permanent part-time five days a week during school terms **ONLY**.

To be successful you will need:

- hold a current Food Safety Supervision accreditation
- hold a current Food Handler Basic accreditation
- be hardworking, reliable and friendly
- have strong customer service
- have food preparation skills
- have cash handling and EFTPOS experience
- be computer literate
- ability to follow instructions and work autonomously
- attend all P&C meetings to present canteen report (meetings currently held twice a term)

Experience with HACCP and Food Safety and in a similar role in a canteen, café or restaurant is not essential but would be an advantage.

The successful applicant **MUST** be available Monday to Friday for rostered hours and also when required on a casual basis for school events as well as provide a current Working With Children Check.

If you wish to apply please send a covering letter, CV and relevant qualifications marked "Private & Confidential" to the P&C President by email: rutherford-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or alternatively hand deliver to the school administration office in a sealed envelope.

Our school canteen provides a very important service for our students and staff every day. Although the P&C employs some workers to ensure the smooth operation of the canteen, we still rely heavily on parents and the community members to help on a daily basis.

Applications close 5:00pm Friday 18th July 2025.



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Casual School Canteen Assistant

Rutherford Technology High School P&C Association is seeking a highly motivated and organised Canteen Assistant.

The position is casual, currently three days a week from 10:00am to 2:30pm during school terms **ONLY**.

To be successful you will need:

- hold a current Food Safety Supervision accreditation
- hold a current Food Handler Basic accreditation
- be hardworking, reliable and friendly
- have strong customer service
- have food preparation skills
- have cash handling and EFTPOS experience
- be computer literate
- ability to follow instructions and work autonomously
- attend all P&C meetings and if canteen manager not in attendance present the canteen report (meetings currently held twice a term)

Experience with HACCP and Food Safety and in a similar role in a canteen, café or restaurant is not essential but would be an advantage.

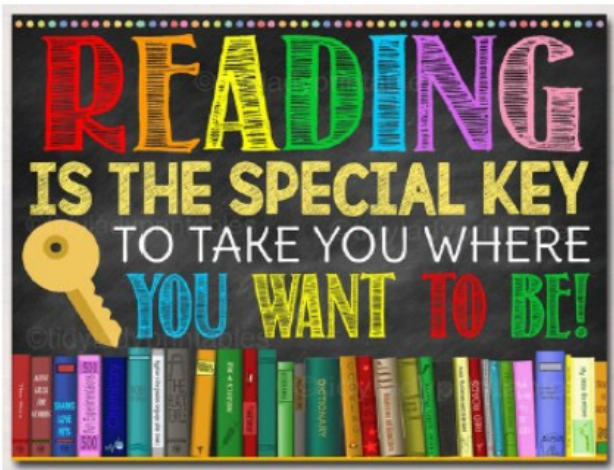
Previous volunteer experience in Rutherford Technology High School's Canteen will be highly regarded.

The successful applicant **MUST** be available Monday to Friday for rostered hours; to fulfil the Canteen Manager position if/as required and also when required on a casual basis for school events as well as provide a current Working With Children Check.

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RTHS students can easily loan books, eBooks & Audiobooks.

- Students can browse and borrow a wide range of Picture books, Fiction and Non-Fiction books in paperback & hardcopy from the RTHS school library.
 - Students can borrow up to 3 books at one time with a 1 month borrowing period.
- Students can access and borrow eBooks & Audiobooks in the Wheelers collection.
 - Sign In (using student DET login) to <http://rths.wheelers.co/>

Rutherford Technology High School Ebooks

Access our eLibrary anywhere, anytime, on multiple devices.

<https://rths.wheelers.co/>



Apps to access Audio & eBooks.



Home screen once accessed.

- Students can borrow up to 2 books (either Audio or eBooks) at one time with a 2-week loan period.
- Books return automatically after 14 days. If students are still reading, they need to renew the loan.
- Students can reserve books and will receive an email when the loan is ready to borrow.
- Check out the accessibility features to provide a more enjoyable experience when reading.
- There is over 2000 books to select from with new titles being added each month.
- Audiobooks are perfect for students who are hesitant to read.


At RTHS We encourage students to participate in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.



If you are experiencing problems or have any further questions with accessing reading material, please contact library staff.

Happy Reading Everybody!

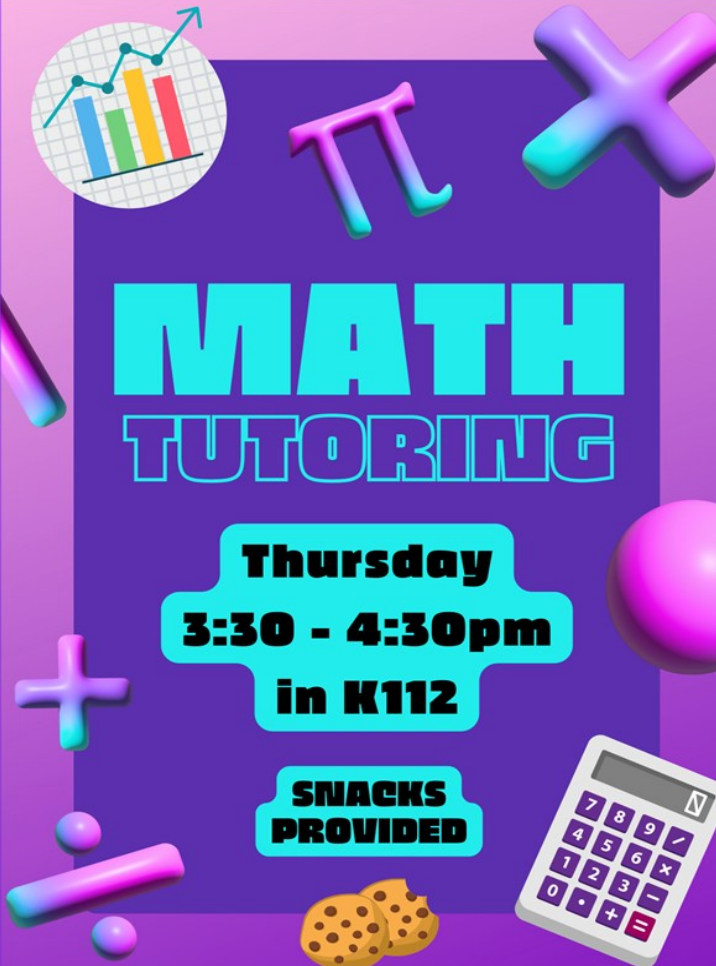
HSIE WRITING



WILL RUN EVERY THURSDAY

AND HOT CHOCOLATES

WHEN: 8AM-9AM
WHERE: K24
BRING: HSIE BOOK, PEN, ASSESSMENTS



MATH TUTORING

Thursday
3:30 - 4:30pm
in K112

SNACKS PROVIDED

RTHS HOMEWORK CENTRE



OUR TRAINED STAFF ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!!

WE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Homework
- Assessment Tasks
- N-Awards
- Catching up on missed work



Wednesdays
3:25pm-4:00pm
Library


Refreshments Provided



THE LEARNING COMMON

open for both schoolwork access and general access.

<p>Before school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schoolwork access is from 8:20am each morning. - General access is from 8:45am. 	<p>Recess & Lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schoolwork access is available during the first 10 minutes of the break onwards. - General access is approximately 10 minutes after the initial bell to allow students time to eat and drink outside. As well as allowing quiet time for the students working in the library.
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RTHS SUPPORTERS

Harvey Norman

Maitland



Maitland



Bakers Delight *Rutherford*
We're for real.

The staff and students who are involved in the Wellbeing programs would like to acknowledge the generosity of 'Bakers Delight' Rutherford who provide us with bread and Woolworths Rutherford who provide us with a variety of fresh fruit.

We express our appreciation and hope our school community can reciprocate.

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The fresh food people

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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