



**THE RIVERS**  
SECONDARY COLLEGE

*The heart of secondary education for Lismore*

# NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS AND UPDATES

There has been many exciting aspects to our College and student learning over the last several weeks.

I am pleased to advise that Dave Harvey, ex Principal of Richmond River High Campus (RRHC) is the newly appointed Director of Public Schools in our area. The process of appointing another principal to RRHC is currently underway.

The combined P-12 Staff Development Day held on Tuesday, 26th April began with all staff from P-12 meeting at Southern Cross University for a motivational workshop. The guest speaker for the morning was Alisha Camplin. Alisha won Gold at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games for aerial skiing and was the second ever Winter Gold Medalist for Australia. Her presentation was based on motivation, hard work, perseverance and the importance of having goals. She was an inspiration to listen to and provided staff with tools to move forward and continue to provide excellence in teaching. I would like to thank Aiden (Year 11, KHC) for the Acknowledgement of Country and Wyrallah Road Primary School P&C for providing a beautiful morning tea for over 400 of our staff.

Our combined sporting teams are performing well and the comradery of students between Campus's contributes to their success. The combined senior girls football (soccer) team have achieved another step towards their goal in the statewide competition. The dance ensembles are engaged with preparing for the North Coast Dance Festival.

Parent-teacher interviews are underway across the Campuses. These interviews provide an opportunity for our teachers and parents-students to discuss learning achievements and staff continue to ensure that they maintain currency through quality professional learning.

John Baker  
Executive Principal

## ANZAC DAY

Thankyou to all staff and families across the P-12 Learning Community who participated in the ANZAC Day march. Congratulations to the Lismore High Choir who in tradition sang at the Dawn Service. The choir consisted of both past and present students and teachers. A great reflection of the pride that our students and teachers have within their Campuses. Thankyou to Paul Brady (LHC Music Teacher) for organising choir practice and the choir on the day.



Lismore High Campus in ANZAC Day March



Sarah representing Kadina High Campus at the Centotaph



Richmond River High Campus Leaders

## CALENDAR

### May 27 - June 3

Year 11 Half Yearly Exams

### June 1, 2, 15, 16 & 17

Widjabal Wiyabla Dreaming

### June 14

KHC 10 to 11 Information Night

### June 15

LHC 10 to 11 Information Night

### June 16

RRHC 10 to 11 Information Night

**Date to add to your Diary:**

**24 August**

**RIVERS MADNESS**

## QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

Start by doing what is necessary;  
then do what is possible; and  
suddenly you are doing the  
impossible.

*Francis of Assisi*



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We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wijabal Wiyabal people and other peoples of Bundjalung Nation. We acknowledge that they are the first peoples of this land on which our school stands.

## MEET OUR PRINCIPALS

### IAN DAVIES

My name is Ian Davies and I am the Principal of the Rivers Secondary College, Kadina High Campus.

I have held the position of Principal at Kadina since the beginning of 2010. Prior to working at Kadina I was Deputy Principal at Byron Bay High School for five years, and prior to that Deputy Principal at Pendle Hill High School for five years. As an old muso my passion has always been the Creative and Performing Arts.



### NIGEL BRITO

Hello! I am Nigel Brito, the Principal of The Rivers Secondary College, Lismore High Campus. I have been the Principal here since May, 2013. Prior to Lismore positions I have held with the Department of Education were School Development Officer at Armidale, School Self-Evaluation: State Manager, Principal of Wadalba Community School (K-12, 1400 students), Principal of Bourke High School (7-12, 220 students) and Deputy Principal at Mungindi Central School (P-12, 180 students), Mathematics Consultant and Teacher. Prior to working with the Department I was a Head Teacher Welfare in the private school system and a Mathematics Moderator with the Northern Territory Board of Studies.



### PETER HOWES

I am Peter Howes, acting Principal of The Rivers Secondary College, Richmond River High Campus. I have been acting as Principal since the start of the year. This is my tenth year at Richmond River where I have held the positions of Head Teacher CAPA and Deputy Principal. Prior to arriving on the Northern Rivers I was an Drama and English teacher on the Central Coast at Kincumber High, Woy Woy High and The Entrance High. I have a history of being involved in theatre and the entertainment industry where I found my passion for the Creative and Performing Arts.



**Peter - "It has been fantastic to see the excellent opportunities for our staff and students that the College is providing."**

**Nigel - "The Rivers has improved the way public primary students transition into the College"**

**Ian - "The Rivers Secondary College is an exciting way to present public education to the families of our local community to provide opportunities for all"**



## ABORIGINAL LEADERSHIP

The Rivers Secondary College Aboriginal Student Leadership Team are nearing their final preparations for the official unveiling of Widjabul/Wiyabul Dreaming. Widjabul/Wiyabul Dreaming seeks to inspire Aboriginal students by connecting them with community elders and other prominent Aboriginal people in our community. The primary focus of this initiative is to increase Aboriginal student representation within school leadership forums such as the School Representative Council(SRC).

This initiative has been embraced by the community including the Bundjalung Elders Council approving the essence and intention of this opportunity. Our educational partners, the Lismore local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (LAECG) and Southern Cross University, Gnibi (College of Indigenous Australian Peoples) have also committed themselves to providing an experience like no other to our Aboriginal students.

## TRANSITION Year 6 into 7

The Year 7 Advisers for 2017 are Jason Caught (LHC), Elise Dessmann (RRHC) and Luke Wigmore (KHC). We are excited about the transition processes and the opportunities of partnerships with our primary schools across the P-12 learning community.

## SHARED CURRICULUM

Year 11 Half Yearly Exams begin Friday 27th May. Exam processes and procedure paper work has been emailed to examination administration staff.

Please ensure that all students who are driving to host Campuses have completed the 'Permission to Drive' note that can be located <http://www.therivers.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-college/rivers-forms/forms> or it is available from the Shared Curriculum Coordinators - Marianne Stickens (LHC), Bob Townsend (KHC) and Paula Moverley (RRHC).



Martika (LHC) receiving tuition from her Hospitality Teacher Mrs Russell (KHC) at LHC.

## DANCE

The Far North Coast Dance Festival is being held on Monday, 16th May at The Gold Coast Entertainment Centre. The festival involves over 1000 students from public primary and secondary schools from The Tweed, Murwillumbah and Lismore District.

The Rivers Junior Dance Ensemble is made up of students from Wyrallah Road, Lismore, Lismore South, Lismore Heights, Goonellabah, Tregeagle and Goolmangar Public Schools. There are also several Year 7 students from The Rivers Secondary College. They have all been working tirelessly to create a dance piece. The Rivers Combined Ensemble consists of 55 students from The Rivers Secondary College and they will be performing a piece that they collaborated together to create. A very promising start to a new year of dance. We wish them all the best for Monday.



Rehearsal at Lismore High Campus



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## RIVERS COMMUNICATON

The Rivers Secondary College website is continually being updated. We encourage you to visit [www.therivers.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.therivers.schools.nsw.edu.au). Our website is quickly becoming a more useful tool for parents and the community.



## Girls Football

The Girls Open Football Team recently defeated Maclean High School in the NSW Combined High Schools State Knockout Competition. The girls team will now play Alstonville High at the Southern Cross University Football Stadium in Lismore, Thursday, 12th May. The girls have been extremely committed by attending additional training sessions run by their coach, Tony Wilson (KHC). Good luck girls!



The Rivers Girls Football Team

## Table Tennis

The Rivers Secondary College team will be competing on Thursday, 12th May at the Bogangar - Cabarita Community Centre. Good luck team.



The Rivers Girls Softball Team

## Softball

On Friday, 6th May, The Rivers Secondary College (TRSC) Softball Team played Mullumbimby High School in the Open Girls NSW State Knockout Competition. There were some great hits from Shae-Lea, Abbey and Jakira. Racquel had an excellent game as pitcher and there were some fantastic plays in the field. In the first innings TRSC lead 2-1. Mullumbimby had a great 2nd innings taking the game to 4-all and in the final innings confirmed their victory 7-5. The girls displayed great sportsmanship on the day. Great representatives for TRSC. Thanks Jo Giles (LHC) for coaching the girls.

## Hockey

The Rivers Secondary College Boys Hockey Team will play Evans River K-12 High School on Tuesday, 17th May. This is the first round of the NSW Combined High Schools State Hockey Knockout. This will be a team to watch as good things are expected. Good luck boys.

## Basketball

On Friday, 6th May, the Open Boys and Girls Rivers Secondary College Basketball Teams took to the courts to compete in the NSW Combined High Schools Knockout against Southern Cross K-12 in the North Coast Final. The girls started strong in what was quite a physical game and were leading by 10 points into the fourth quarter. Unfortunately, Southern Cross fought back in the last quarter taking the game by 2 points. The girls had a great season of basketball taking out previous rounds against Casino, Woodenbong and Kyogle High School.

The boys team then took to the court. Extremely determined they came out strong and Southern Cross was on the back foot from word go. Over the four quarters the boys took the score to a convincing win of 101-53. The team will now play the preliminary round of State Championships at the Lismore Stadium on Tuesday, 17th May. The girls team was coached by Maxine Amor (KHC) and the boys team continues on with Mark Pestall (KHC) at the reigns.



The Rivers Boys Basketball Team



The Rivers Girls Basketball Team