



# THE RIVERS SECONDARY COLLEGE

*The heart of secondary education for Lismore*



21 March 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The city of Lismore and surrounding areas have experienced the worst floods in living memory. As the catastrophic devastation unfurled around us, so too did the generosity, kindness and compassion from within our community. The strength and resilience needed to keep going in the face of such overwhelming scenes, bears testament to the spirit and motivation that will also see The Rivers Secondary College bounce back and continue to be the heart of secondary education in the Lismore region. Some of our primary feeder schools have also been impacted, and as the combined face of public education in Lismore, together we will continue to ensure your children have access to high quality education and wellbeing support.

Richmond River High, Kadina High and Lismore High campuses continue to be operational having resumed academic and extra-curricular activities. The site of Richmond River High Campus, although badly damaged in the floods is currently being cleared, cleaned and assessed with an expectation that it will return to normal operation in 2023. For the remainder of this academic year, all the staff and students of Richmond River High have been relocated to the Lismore High site.

The cooperation, hard work and commitment required to facilitate this temporary transition demonstrates the strength of our three-campus college. We're used to working together to ensure every student is safe, supported and successful with a bright future. The unique identity and character of each campus will be maintained, as together they create and contribute to our learning community of The Rivers Secondary College.

Enrolments into the college for Year 7, 2023 are currently underway for all three campuses. While Richmond River High Campus is currently sharing a site, enrolments are being accepted for 2023, at all 3 of our campuses, based on the current school zones. Due to the disaster, we have amended our transition timeline. The Expression of Interest (Placement in Year 7 2023 High School) was originally due on 18 March, 2022. This has now been extended for flood affected areas to 8 April, 2022. Applications for TRSC High Achievers Class will now be due on 6 May, 2022.

As we recover and rebuild as a college and community, we will have greater knowledge and detail about the transition arrangements for all our students. We look forward to meeting with you at our Year 6 Parent Information Evenings in Term 2, at the following times:

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|  Kadina High Campus            | 10 May, 5:30pm-7:00pm |
|  Lismore High Campus           | 10 May, 5:30pm-7:00pm |
|  Richmond River High Campus ** | 12 May, 5:30pm-7:00pm |
- \*\* Please note this will occur at the Lismore High Campus

Lastly, we would like to extend our heart-felt thanks and appreciation to everyone who has worked so hard to support our students, their families and the Lismore community as a whole. Challenges and tough times are still ahead of us, but as has been shown in recent weeks, when we stand and work together, we are able to achieve great things and be proud of the strength, resilience and resolve of our college and our wider community.

Yours sincerely,

The Principals of The Rivers Secondary College

Chris Williams	James Witchard	Kirt Swanbury	Luke Woodward
Executive Principal	Kadina High Campus	Lismore High Campus	Richmond River High Campus