

# NEWSLETTER

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### From the Principal

What a busy year it has been! It has been wonderful to see all the reward activities being run this term. Our Year 11s enjoyed a day out at the Movies in their last week. Year 7 and 8 students also attended a good standing excursion to the movies and our Year 9/10 students celebrated the end of the year with a River Cruise on the Swan River. This week we also celebrated students academic achievements at our Academic Awards Assembly, congratulations to all students who received an award this semester. It's great to see so many more students receiving Gold and Silver awards each semester.

This term we welcomed our Year 6 students from our feeder primary schools for Transition and students enrolled into Year 7 2025 for orientation day. Students had a great day and we can't wait to see you all next year! Year 10 students completed ST@R transition, which prepares them for their transition into senior school.

We have said goodbye to our wonderful Year 12 students and I wish them well in their future endeavors. A big thank you to Rihare and Indi for the amazing job they did as School Captains. We look forward to welcoming our two new School Captions Ruby and Layla and are excited to see what plans they have.

Thank you to all of our students, staff, parents, caregivers and community members for their support in making this such a wonderful and productive year. My very best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I look forward to continuing this journey with you in 2025.

Best wishes,

Stan Koios  
Principal



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## YEAR 7

Here we are again, the end of another year! It has just flown by! The Year 7 students have navigated and made it through their first year of high school! It has been a year of change as they adjusted into high school life, new friendships were made, they adjusted from being the oldest in their schools last year to the youngest this year, they tried new subjects and they've grown socially and emotionally. They were involved in many activities that link to our school culture throughout the year.

In Term 4 some of these included games in their break time area, Multicultural Week activities, lunch time activities with the local youth group, Just Dance, the end of term reward event to the movies and so much more! It has been a pleasure working alongside this amazing cohort of students and I look forward to seeing what 2025 brings for each and every one of them!

- Matt Di Gregorio, SSO



## YEAR 8

During week 8 RSHS celebrated multicultural, and diversity with a cultural journey around the world. The Buddy Zone was transformed with vibrant themes representing New Zealand, Greece, Africa, and Thailand. Students engaged in a variety of activities, such as crafting Māori Ta Mokos, and creating artistic designs to represent multiculturalism. Special activities including Thai dance lessons. Throughout the week, Constable Care presented the 'No Offence' program to different year groups, addressing important topics like racism, bullying, and microaggressions.

In addition to the performances and activities, students had the opportunity to take part in unique cultural experiences, including decorating hand fans, an African Drum Circle, and workshops by Red Cross sharing lived experiences on refugees. At the end of the week, a large map was set up for students to mark their family heritage, celebrating the rich diversity within our school. It was a week of fun, learning, and cultural exploration, bringing our community closer together.

- Elle Murdock, SSO



## YEAR 9

As the school year draws to a close, Year 9 students have been marking a series of impressive accomplishments. During lunchtime, House Leaders organised fun and engaging activities that brought students together, fostering team spirit and collaboration. From friendly competitions to creative challenges, the events were a hit, offering a refreshing break from the academic grind.

In addition to these extracurricular activities, the students successfully completed their NAPLAN testing, showing great dedication and focus throughout the process. Their perseverance during this critical assessment is commendable.

Another highlight this year has been the excellent attendance rates, with Year 9 students demonstrating commitment and responsibility by attending school regularly. This consistent effort has been key to their academic progress and personal growth.

As they wrap up their time in Year 9, the school community congratulates the students on all they have achieved. We wish them all the best as they step into Year 10, where even greater challenges and opportunities await. Keep up the great work, GYear 9!

- AJ Lang, SSO

## YEAR 10

Year 10 students are gearing up for an exciting transition into Senior School next year, and the preparation has been both fun and engaging. The River Cruise was a highlight, offering a memorable experience to bond with classmates and celebrate the end of their junior years. House activities during lunch and recess have been a big hit, fostering friendly competition and teamwork. As they look ahead, the Year 10s are ready for the challenges and opportunities that Senior School will bring, with a strong sense of camaraderie and excitement.

- Nadine Stone, SSO

## STUDENT SERVICES

This year RSHS partnered with Love Rockingham to donate food items to their 2024 Christmas Appeal. Love Rockingham is a community-driven movement of local churches, supported by individuals, households, businesses, and organisations across the City of Rockingham. This year they are planning on providing over 1000 food hampers and gifts for local families this Christmas.

We started collecting donations in week 6 and were blown away with how many food items we were able to donate toward the appeal. On Wednesday of week 9 we dropped off our collection of donations to the Salvation Army Rockingham and they were extremely grateful. We would like to thank all students, staff and families that donated. It's our privilege to serve the wider community!

- Dan Pinelli, Chaplain

## RUGBY ACADEMY

This was my second year at the helm of the Rockingham Rugby League Academy after spending much of last year finding my feet. I came in this year re-establishing the standards and expectations of the program, which the boys accepted gracefully and took it upon themselves to keep each other accountable.

Across all grades I saw exceptional commitment and drive buying in to the culture that is established here, leading to many achievements and success throughout the year. Notably seeing victories across the 9-a-side carnivals for all grades. The program also had our Year 8's, 9's and 10's participate in the NRLWA Interschool Competition with all 3 sides making it to their respective Grand Finals, a very special achievement to see Rockingham feature in every game against 3 different opponents. Although we only finished with 1 victory out of the 3 in the end, I am proud of their efforts, and I am excited to see what these teams are capable of in 2025.

- Mr Lis

## SPECIALIST SPORTS PROGRAM NETBALL

Term 4 was an eventful term for the SSP Netball Program. The highlight of the term for the year 7s was their camp at Point Peron, where students engaged in various activities designed to enhance their teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving skills. Through group challenges and interactive exercises, they learned to communicate effectively and support one another.

In addition to the camp, the Year 7 team had the exciting opportunity to compete in the inaugural West Coast Fever Cup, joining forces with the Year 8 and Year 9 teams. This competition featured a round-robin format against other specialist netball schools, providing the students with experience playing at a higher level. The matches were intense, showcasing their developing skills and sportsmanship. Throughout the tournament, the players not only improved their individual and team performance but also gained confidence in their abilities.

Each year level also competed in match play against various schools on their South Netball Tour, which has added to our busy term.

Overall, Term 4 was a great end to the year for the SSP Netball Program!

- Miss Italiano



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Saturday 18th January	9am - 1pm
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