From the Principal

Annual School Report
The 2012 Annual School Report is underway and will be finalised by the end of March. This document profiles the achievements of the school over the last year. For me, the highlight of the report is the opportunity to reflect on the successes of all of our students and staff over the year.

Our motto, “Guiding young men to success”, suggests to me the process involved in the maturing minds and personalities of our young men. The Annual School Report provides an opportunity to see how our young men have grown.

Open Night
Next Tuesday, March 12, will be Open Night, a time to showcase our school for prospective parents. With enrolments up for 2013, I am looking forward to meeting many of the parents who are exploring the possibilities for secondary education.

Randwick Boys’ High School offers a lot that is unique in an all-boys environment. One of our great strengths is our multicultural community and it is a community nurtured by caring staff, responsible boundaries and a desire to see each young man achieve the best he can.

W Duncombe
Principal

DEBATING
The opportunity to learn debating and public speaking skills will be offered through the English faculty on Friday lunchtimes in O6. Our hope is to enter teams in the Premier’s Debating Challenge for Years 7, 8 and 9 against other public schools in our region.

Mr Warren will be visiting English classes to invite students next week. Mr Warren and a volunteer Ms Rosie Mobbs will conduct the sessions. Boys may bring their lunch. It should be an excellent opportunity to develop confidence and skills in speaking. Even boys who may have doubts about debating or public speaking are encouraged to attend. There will be no pressure to actually debate if students do not want to proceed.

P Warren
Head Teacher English

Is your son going to be absent from school?
You can now ring in outside of school hours and leave a message in the student absentee mailbox.

Call 9399 3122 and follow the prompts and select Option 6.
Leave your message stating your son’s name, his year group and the day/s of his absence.
ABC Visits

Last week various students from Drama, English, Music, Visual Art and Design and Technology participated in the ABC exhibition trailer visits and were lucky enough to have industry professionals speak to them about all elements of radio and television production.

The ABC exhibition trailer gave students the opportunity to experience the magic of television and the excitement of reading the news or weather from a teleprompter in the trailer’s television studio. Students were also able to experience the thrill of hosting their own radio show in the trailers and were then able to download their performances for free via the trailer website.

What did the boys think of the experience?

“It was exciting! I had an amazing time!”

“The ladies in the ABC van were very helpful, easy to understand and positive.”

“The guest speaker was intelligent and got me thinking about my career.”

“This was my first time experiencing how news reporting works. I loved this experience!”

“I found the speakers story interesting but what I really liked was his message to follow your dreams”

“I felt like I was in a real television studio!”

You only need to look at the photographs to see how much fun the boys had being television and radio stars!

Ms Pappin – Year 10 Adviser
Getting Our Hands Dirty in English

What does sculpting monsters from clay have to do with English?
EVERYTHING!!

Miss Richmond’s Year 9 English class is studying a novel about monsters, and so they spent one lesson in Miss Ford’s art room creating their own interpretation of a “monster” out of clay. The boys rolled up their sleeves and got right into the task, with fiends forming freakishly out of the blobs of clay plonked on the table before them. The results were fabulously creative, frightening and, sometimes, amusing! You will be able to view the sculptures on Open Night 12 March.

This activity is one example of how the English department is exploring ways to extend learning beyond the page. Last year, many units were put onto Moodle, giving students access to learning materials, digital forums and external links both in the classroom and at home. The school now has two literacy sites for Stages 4 and 5 to help the boys prepare for the forthcoming NAPLAN tests. These sites can be accessed from home also, so parents are welcome to hop online and take a peek! We will continue to develop our virtual classroom resources, so keep an eye out.

But wait! There’s more! Our English staff is putting on their thinking caps to come up with new and inventive ways to keep our boys on their creative toes. Recently, we had the good fortune to have none other than the ABC themselves pay us a visit in their mobile production trailer, allowing students to try their skills in television presenting and journalism. Feedback from the ABC would suggest that there are a few budding Karl Stefanovics in our student body! In the forthcoming months, students will be able to enjoy activities that enhance and explore their different talents, such as creating set models for Shakespeare, using the new multimedia centre to produce films and animations, visiting museums to support understanding of texts and delving into the world of visual texts.

English is alive and kicking here at Randwick – so get ready to get your hands dirty, fellas!

Miss E Richmond – Teacher, English

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Randwick Boys’ High School

YEAR 7 FAMILIES
Welcome BBQ and Friendly Soccer Game

6:00 – 7:30pm Thursday 21st March
at the school in front of the Admin block - near the playing fields.

• Come along and get to know the families that your son will be at school with until 2019. All family members welcome.
• Join in the Kids vs Parents soccer game!
• FREE Sausage sizzle (Halal & Vegetarian Sausages available) & soft drinks

For catering purposes, please RSVP letting us know how many people from your family will attend.

Email Sally on pearls8@optusnet.com.au or text a message to 0419 113 942 by Monday 18th March.
School photo day

Years 7-12  Monday 11th of March  ALL DAY
Catch up session  Wednesday 13th of March  9- 11pm

Students are requested to wear FULL School uniform for photos as ALL students will be photographed.
(White shirt/ grey pants/ black shoes)

Two separate photo days have been scheduled to accommodate students absent on Monday.

ENVELOPES were issued to the students on WED 6th March. These need to be brought into school ON PHOTOGRAPHY DAY (Monday 11th March), with the appropriate amount of money enclosed - no change can be given by Photographers. Credit card is available simply fill out top section with CC details insert in envelope and seal.

For those students wishing to have family photos taken, 1 envelope per family is to be collected from the office prior to photo day. These photos will be taken on the same day.

Envelopes will not be accepted before or after photo day to the office they must be given to the photographers on the day - any enquiries after photography day to be made to Academy Photography at www.academyphoto.com.au.
RANDWICK BOYS’ HIGH SCHOOL
Guiding young men to success

OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 12th March, 5 - 7pm

Come and speak to our student leaders and hear about our outstanding educational, cultural, sporting & civic programs. We’ll have:

- BBQ and light refreshments
- Displays in English, History, Maths, Social Science, Visual Arts, Design and Open High School
- Dance, Drama and Music performances
- Science experiments
- Our technology rooms, workshops and Library open for viewing

Randwick Boys’ High School is a co-operative, caring school with a tradition of academic, sporting and creative achievement.

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