It challenges some long held beliefs held by some in the community about the value of privately funded education. Some of the key findings were:

- Paying private schools fees does not guarantee a better job after university;
- There is no long term employment advantage to be found from having attended a private school;
- Public school graduates earned as much as their private school counterparts in equally prestigious jobs;
- Private school graduates are no more likely to obtain full-time employment than public school graduates and
- While private school students were more likely to attend one of Australia’s most prestigious universities, even this did not lead to higher income!

Now there’s an interesting bbq conversation next time you’re out with friends whose children attend private schools!

2015 SRC and Prefect Elections underway

Nominations have been received for the 2015 SRC and Prefect body. Elections will be held this week, except in those years where the number of nominees was the same as the number of positions available.

On September 11, we will welcome our new student leaders into office. Our students are wise in choosing their leaders and I look forward to congratulating the new leadership team as it takes office.

Wayne Duncombe
Principal

Private Schools – Where’s the benefit?

Indigenous Guest Speaker - Victor Simon

Battle of Long Tan

Monday, the 18th of August, Year 10 History students and our Indigenous students had the opportunity to learn about the Vietnam war, first-hand from an Indigenous Vietnam veteran, Victor (Vic) Simon. Vic Simon is a South Sydney local, who fought in the Vietnam War, specifically the Battle of Long Tan in South Vietnam. Vic chose this date, 18 August, to come to RBHS as it was the 48th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. Vic enlisted in the army when he was just 19 years old. He described the conditions in the battle as extremely harsh and dangerous due to the horrendous weather and the North Vietnamese guerilla tactics of digging holes filled with spikes and setting up trip wires covered with leaves to deceive the enemy. Vic feels immensely lucky to be alive today as he survived many near-death experiences. Vic admits that he regrets going to war because to this day he is haunted by horrible memories of many close friends passing away due to the war.

This was a wonderful experience for me and all of the students who attended. We were all entranced by Vic’s stories and memories. We learnt a lot from Vic’s insightful speech as it was from the perspective of somebody who was actually in the war. It was truly an honor to have an Indigenous Vietnam veteran share his experiences and memories with us.

I would like to thank Ms Cassar for organising this brilliant event and Victor Simon for making this event possible. Thank you.

Dylan Darmawan
Year 10

The 18th of August, 2014 marked the 48th anniversary of The Battle of Long Tan (1966). Although we remember this important event of human history, being visited by an Indigenous veteran of this historic battle reminded us that war is not a thing to be celebrated, as some wounds never really heal.

Dante Davies
Year 10

I would like to thank the Williams family, Shayne, Ruth and Hugh (Year 7) for coordinating this event. In addition, thanks to Hugh and his mother, Ruth for researching and organising the PowerPoint presentation. And thanks to Beverly Simon (Vic’s wife), and Shayne Williams for accompanying Victor and also presenting some insightful information. Thanks also to Mr Thornton and Ms Pappin.

Finally, thank you to Victor Simon for sharing his experiences with our students. A number of students were so honoured and appreciative of Victor’s courage and generosity that they asked to have a photograph with him.

Mss Simon, Victor Simon, Shane Williams and Hugh Williams
The Invincibles!
The 14s Rugby team - North West Metropolitan Zone Premiers (Undefeated).

This team also won the NSW Future Waratahs 7-a-side Tournament last Thursday at Forshaw Park, winning 4 games against Endeavour Sports High School, Punchbowl BHS and Port Hacking HS.

Pictured:
Bottom Row from left: Jake Fisher, Supriyo Barua, Osaiai Vei, James Moloney, Evan Alexandrakis, Brandon Zee, Kalani Aniteala-Hand (Captain), Duncan Evans (V Captain).
Top Row from left: Ms K. Mould (Coach), John Skleparis, Tolga Selim, Joshua Chan, Daniel Alterator, Jack Harland, Tyrell Mayfield, Raine Dellow, Jarrod Hooper-Tau, Zac Doherty, Jacob Ngarotata, Scott Dyson.

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