



# PRINCIPAL'S P&C REPORT

Monday, 11 March 2024

## Enrolment numbers

Yr 7 – 161  
Yr 8 – 130  
Yr 9 – 146  
Yr 10 – 145  
Yr 11 – 152  
Yr 12 – 110  
Total – 844

## Attendance

Overall attendance for year to date:  
92.07%

## CALENDAR

The 2024 staff calendar has been included for approval. Items in blue are school activities and excursions.

## FINANCIAL

We currently have \$319,745 owing to the school from Parents. This amount includes \$235,613 for invoices not yet due.

The introduction of Dunning collection letters with two reminders given prior to a final notice have proven successful. The department then refers the debt onto a collection agency.

## FACILITIES

- Steel picnic tables to be distributed throughout the school as extra seating for students
- Purchased a Kubota ride on mower
- Science block refurbishment in progress
- Security cameras
- Refurbishment of student toilets
- Blue bowl astro turf underlay

## UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is operating between 8am and 11.00am every day.

## YEAR 11 LEADERSHIP DAY

Our Year 11's took part in a day designed to build their leadership skills and connection to each other as a cohort. Led by the team at Unleashing Personal Potential, students engaged in a range of activities designed to challenge and extend student skills with teamwork and communication.

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC GALA DAY CONCERT

The Instrumental Gala Concert showcases the wonderful talents of our co-curricular program music students who learn either string brass, woodwind, or percussion instruments.

100% attendees were presented with certificates acknowledging their commitment to lessons and ensembles for the year. The Year 12 graduating students have been a part of the program for many years. These students have been involved in opportunities such as Commonwealth Games Karawatha District Marching and, SHEP, Karawatha Primary School Workshops, School Musicals, Creative Generation, Arts Fusion, Art Waves, Rotary Multicultural Festival, Senior Formal performances, Gig Nights, ANZAC Day, Awards Night and school assemblies.

## STUDENT & STAFF SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

### TOUCH FOOTBALL

Damon Van Der Woude (Year 12) and Bella (2022 Alumni/School Captain and Lillielle Mahoney (Year 10) competed in the Big 4 International Tag Series between Australia, Indigenous Australia, The Rest of the World and Lebanon. Lillielle was named Player of the Day in her team.

Lillielle successfully competed in the Queensland Junior Youth and Open Women's teams as the Tag20 State Championship at Surfers Paradise.

### SOFT BALL

Ethan Murphy was selected to umpire at the Qld Women's Softball State Tournament in Redcliffe. He was the only umpire under 18 years of age.

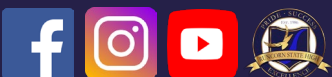
### VOLLEYBALL

Runcorn participated in the junior school's cup volleyball tournament on the Gold Coast.

The boys team came 6<sup>th</sup> overall and the girls team went through their pool matches undefeated. They were silver medal winner in the finals.

## JASSY BHULLAR AND JENNA ROWSELL

Runcorn SHS Touch Academy coaches Ms Jenna Rowsell and Mr Jassy Bhullar were selected to represent their teams in the Australian Touch teams to compete at this year's Touch World Cup in Nottingham, England! Ms Rowsell has been selected in the Women's 27's Australian team and Mr Bhullar has been selected in the Men's 40's Australian team. We wish them the best of luck in bringing home the gold.





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## JAPANESE STUDENTS TO VISIT

Our first group of Japanese students arrive on 14/3/24. The group is from Kyushu and are our official "friendship school". It's their first visit since COVID, so we are excited to welcome them back. The group will be studying here for 2 weeks.

## AUSTRALIAN STUDENTS TO VISIT

### JAPAN

Twenty-one RSHS students from Years 9 to 12 will be visiting Japan for a 10 day immersive cultural holiday experience during the term 1 break.

## INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

Runcorn SHS celebrated this event with our Years 7, 10 and 12 female students as well as Special Guests and staff. We were fortunate to hear from current Associate Professor of UQ and former Runcorn SHS student Ms Kristen Gibbons, who shared her insights into school, Uni, and the workforce as a female. As is tradition, students and guests were also given the opportunity to sign the Honour Roll. We also had some fun with our lucky door prizes - thank you to our very generous sponsors Runcorn Rockets Basketball Club Inc, InVogue Hair Designers, Q1 Nails & Spa, Fernwood Underwood, Sunnybank Plaza & Sunny Park - Experience Sunnybank, and HOYTS Sunnybank, and to James Martin MP for donating the cake.

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

What a day to be in the water! Our annual swimming carnival took place with our students taking to the water and showing off their speed and skill. House spirit was in abundance, with a close race from Tarsset and Nathan house to take out first place.

## ACADEMIC CLASSES YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8

In week 5, our Year 7 and 8 Academic Excellence classes attended SPARQ-Ed at the PA Hospital for a Science excursion. On the day they got to experiment in a professional Science Research Laboratory and use state of the art equipment. They studied cells and microbiology to develop their Scientific skills and enhance and extend their Scientific thinking. Students and teachers were very impressed with the program and facilities and students are now motivated to pursue further opportunities in science.

## LINK AND LAUNCH

This year we welcomed the Link and Launch Officer, Nathania Waihape.

There are lots of options out there for work, study and training after Year 12 but sometimes it can be difficult to navigate all the information on your own. Nathania supports recent graduates to get started with careers after school.

## KELLOGGS

Through their 'Breakfast Buddies' program, Kellogg's has generously provided our Brekkie Club with a year's supply of cereal. Each day, Chappy Tina and her team serve over 70 students a wholesome breakfast. If you would like to join the Brekkie team and have a Blue Card, or would like to get one, please contact the school.

## QUT

QUT visited our Year 12 students. They presented a workshop on different entry pathways for ATAR and Non-ATAR students. In addition, they covered how to get an early entry place to QUT. This means students could have their offer to study at QUT in 2025 secured before they sit their external exams at the end of term 4! Other topics will include scholarships, new courses, and industry trends for 2030 and beyond. Any students currently in year 12 who may be interested in studying at QUT as one of their top three preferences was strongly encouraged to attend.

## DRAMA – SHOCK THERAPY

Senior Drama students were given the opportunity to watch an engaging live performance by Shock Therapy Arts. Titled 'Fuel'. This thought-provoking, powerful performance gave our students an insight into current real-world issues such as toxic relationships and coercive control; our students were then able to ask questions about the performance in a Q&A session. What a valuable experience for our Runcornians.

## VALENTINES DAY

Well done to our Senior student leaders on successfully carrying out another memorable Valentine's Day for our students and staff! There were serenades, roses, and teddys aplenty.



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## UQ VISIT

University of Queensland visited our Year 12 students to present a talk about Uni courses (existing and new), entry requirements, medicine and dentistry entry, scholarships and pathways.

Students in Years 10 or 11 who were interested in studying medicine, dentistry or vet science at university, were welcome to join the session.

## UNLEASH YOUR POTENTIAL

On Friday all 84 of our student leaders participated in numerous teams building exercises facilitated by Bec Fox and the 'Unleash Your Potential' team. It was a great opportunity for our student leadership team to get together and develop their leadership skills and share their knowledge with their peers. Our leadership team have planned activities and events to ensure all students are feeling included and motivated throughout the year. Thank you to all those involved in making the day a success!

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

Today we were honoured to present our 2024 Leadership Team to our students, families and community. A huge thank you to all who attended the Student Leadership Induction Ceremony, your support and encouragement means everything to our new leaders as they embark on this exciting journey.

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Each year the Scholar's Parade is held early in the school year to acknowledge the outstanding academic achievements of students from the previous year. In addition to acknowledging the top academic student from each year level, we welcome back our top performing graduates from the class of 2023.

At this parade we recognised and congratulated:

- ★ 2023 Graduate Amber Wilson - top QCE (41 points accrued)
- ★ 2023 Graduates Jessica, Joanna and Julia Zhu - top ATAR (all scoring 99+, the highest being 99).
- ★ Our Harding Miller Foundation Scholarship winners, as well as our top student in each year level for 2023, and our QATSIF Scholarship recipients. Our scholar's parade acknowledges the hard work and dedication of these students as we celebrate their achievements as a school community.

## YEAR 12 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

EARLY ENTRY – Griffith University

Congratulations Mack McDowell! Mack has been accepted into a Bachelor of Psychological Science/Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice in 2024.

EARLY OFFER – Griffith University

Emmanuel Siboniyo and Orlando Franklin were both offered early entry to Griffith University to study a Bachelor of Exercise Science.

EARLY OFFER - QUT

Alex Loft, our 2023 school captain! Alex has been accepted into a Bachelor of Engineering at QUT in 2024. Using his Diploma of Business as a pathway for entry to university.

EARLY OFFER - QUT

Congratulations to Chelsea McGaw. Our 2023 wellbeing captain, who has been offered early entry into a Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Fine Arts (Film, Screen and New Media) at QUT in 2024.