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A Tale From A Graduating Senior

Ashleigh Stephens Year 1.2 Graduate

The pieces of the puzzle that we used to hold so close and no longer familiar. The halls we've walked, the classes we endured, are all slowly fading into a memory. One of nostalgia and peace. A comfort for the place that has raised us. Graduation; or the means to an end as I like to call it. Soon there will be nothing left of us within the walls that once held our laughter and screams. Our legacy not forgotten, but rather replaced by another. Falling victim yet again to the echo of time. And while our names may be erased, our spirit will not. For now, we conquer the world and share our triumphs and failures with it. To everyone who will watch the sunset on Thursday, another dawning day has passed for you. But for us, 6 years will flood out. An uncontrollable force of relief and fear as we finally become something more than the white shirts we once wore. One door has closed, another has opened, and while the late nights and hard work may not be over yet, we can celebrate the quiet serenity of independence. Our minds racing and hearts thumping as we see the world through the eyes of a graduate.

Moments are not what has made this year great, but the people within it. The past year has been nothing but the enjoyment of the company of my peers. The small conversations you have with those who you have never considered as a friend. While undoubtedly we are all individuals at heart, we stand on that stage as a collective. We are in union, bonded together by the fortitude we have shown. I trust that we all can value the importance of one another and how we have come together on this day to say goodbye. A memorial of our high school self and a purification of the past to create a future. While some faces seem unknown and unfamiliar, we will recognise each and every one of us as we walk up on stage, accepting the embodiment of our tribulations from over the years. Students have come, and students have gone, but one thing remains, and that is our ability to thrive, even in the worst of times.

While some of us are swimming in excitement for that final school day, others can debate that they already miss the contentment school can bring. We wish for this day all year and count down the days, using it as motivation to get through each rigorous exam and piece of homework. But the counter has struck zero, the sand grains have run out. We no longer have to dream of the feeling, for now, we can live it. The tears we shed have not been in vain, neither will the ones we will soon shed. But they show our commitment and relief as we are no longer tied to the things that have held us down.

I can't begin to describe the suffocation you can feel during school. We have to have faith that we can be carried through because most days it's all you have. The hope that tomorrow things may seem lighter. Now graduation is a beacon of light that has guided us throughout our schooling experience. Luckily, the majority of us have found our way. If I could tell you that every day was a gift, I would be lying but the best things can often be unexpected, and I know that I have gained strength through the mornings when I was at my weakest. Graduation won't be another nothing for me. I will be there crying with the best of them.

So, to those who we may never see again, I wish you all luck. We all know how much we could use it during these times forward. To those of us who have had passing friends, the people we once shared our world with, you were the best at the time, but it's okay to grow apart. To those who we thought we would know forever, there are other universes out there for us, perhaps one day we can all find each other there. And to those we keep, see you next week.

HSC Timber Projects

Mr Symons Teacher TAS

The HSC Timber class recently put the finishing touches on their Major Projects in Week 4 this Term. The whole class including teachers put in a lot of time and effort over the last 16 weeks, including coming into school during the holidays to use the workshop and after school to complete construction and ensure they had a finished product, ready for marking.

This is the third year that HSC Industrial Technology Timber has run at Rouse Hill and the students should be proud of what they've achieved. Not only does this course require them to produce a physical project they get to take home, but a professional Portfolio document to show project management.



Left - Blake: Buffett made from Tasmanian Oak and finished with clear varnish. Soft close drawer runners and turned leg accents.

Right - Harrison: Tasmanian Oak Coffee Table with push to open drawers, finished in Scandanavian Oil.



Left – Andrew: Coffee Table made from Australian Blue Gum, finished with clear varnish and smokey glass top.

HSC Timber Projects cont.

Mr Symons Teacher TAS

Right – Ryley: Hallway Table made from Tasmanian Oak & Blackwood. Finished in Burnishing Oil.



Left – Verity: Tasmanian Oak Buffett with Rose Gum accents, finished in clear varnish, with invisible handles.

Right - James: Hallway Table made from American Walnut finished in Burnishing Oil. Push to open drawers and doors.



Left – Liam: Entertainment Unit made from Oregon and finished in clear varnish. Liam's design of the cabinet allows him to break it down into 3 sections for easy movability.

HSC Timber Projects cont.

Mr Symons Teacher TAS



Left – Mitchell: Daybed made from Australian Spotted Gum finished in Oil. Mitchell designed his bed to fit a standard IKEA mattress. Cushions and styling by Mum.

Right – Adam: Daybed constructed from Jarrah and finished in Oil. Adam designed his bed to fit a standard IKEA mattress. Cushions and styling by his girlfriend Izzie.



Mr Symons and Miss Bruinsma would like to thank the students (and their parents) for their resilience in completing their projects. We are so proud of the overall quality of the projects produced this year and we'd like to wish our students the best of luck in their HSC Examinations.



RHHS Students Have Been Sew Busy!

Ms Twigg Teacher TAS

Measuring twice and cutting once, experimenting with shibori resist dyeing methods and learning new construction methods. Boy! The Textiles students at Rouse Hill High School have been sew busy!

Some classes within Year 7 Technology (Mandatory) have been moving in leaps and bounds this semester in the K16 Textiles classroom. Having finished their boxer shorts in record time, making numerous drawstring bags and even completing some textile items typically reserved for Year 9 and 10, both 7Tech4 and 7Tech8 have made significant growth in their confidence and understanding of foundational textile construction methods this semester. Year 9 Textiles Technology have been learning the importance of the elements and principles of design and their impact on their overall appearance and success of a textile item, particularly in relation to furnishing. Yep, Year 9 were learning the basic concepts of interior design and the importance of colour, shape, balance and uniformity this Term.



Creating a scatter cushion of their own, embellished with a heavy gold YKK zipper, students were given an opportunity to experiment with a variety of shibori dyeing methods. With an order of superior quality indigo dye from the design duo Pepa Martin and Karen Davis of Shibori Textiles, and an instructional video, the class were off and took to their discovery-based learning with enthusiasm and care. After a two-hour lesson the class had tried close to a dozen differing resist dyeing methods and were all able to justify and explain their favourites using the terminology learnt in class.



RHHS Students Have Been So Busy! cont.

Ms Twigg Teacher TAS

Year 10 Textiles Technology have been making connections between textiles and its importance within society. Understanding how clothing can be a medium for self-expression and learning about cultural influences on textile design, the class have been researching the significance of indigo dye within Japanese history and how it has developed over the centuries. As fashion is a cyclic process, Year 10 have identified that shibori resist dyeing with indigo is making a comeback! Focusing on furnishing again, the class have been busy making a series of items that could be used to decorate a table, vanity or coffee table.



RHHS Students Have Been Sew Busy! cont.

Ms Twigg Teacher TAS

HSC Textiles and Design students have been on a design process journey this year working on their Major Textiles Projects and Supporting Documentation (portfolio). Using sources of inspiration, the small class of six were able to design, develop, refine, produce and complete their Major Textiles Projects. With the support of their teachers, parents and a few sneaky lemon slices made in the cooking rooms next door, many students put in copious amounts of time both inside the confines of K16 and at home working on their apparel, costume, textile arts, furnishing and non-apparel items. Completing HSC Major Projects is not an easy feat and I would like to compliment the girls on their resilience and determination to get over the finish line earlier this term. But remember girls, we still have an exam to go!

Having the opportunity to teach all of these classes this year has been a pleasure and genuinely fun to be a part of. Well done students of Rouse Hill High School. I can't wait to see where you go from here.





Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





Pharmacy Assistant – Part Time/Casual – Afternoon Shifts

Optimal Pharmacy Plus Bella Vista is currently seeking a motivated Part-time/Casual Junior Pharmacy Assistant to join our friendly pharmacy team. No previous pharmacy experience is required however customer service and cash handling experience preferred. The successful applicant will be expected to work afternoon shifts and must possess excellent communication skills. They will help the team undertake a variety of tasks to ensure effective operation of the pharmacy.

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- Basic stock control abilities
- Setting up the shop for catalogue promotions
- Assisting in the dispensary with scripts in/out
- Assisting the pharmacist with providing OTC medicines and prescriptions
- + much more

The successful candidate must have the following skills:

- Reliability & Punctuality
- Enthusiasm and positive attitude
- Outstanding communication skills
- Ability to work well in a team and autonomously
- Willingness to learn and show initiative
- Eye for detail and accuracy
- Applicants with flexibility throughout the week and weekend are preferred.

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P & C NEWS

The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 30 October. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

If you would like to be added to the P&C email list, simply email the Secretary at nicoletheissen@optusnet.com.au or log on to www.rousehill-h.schools.nsw.edu.au and click on the P&C tab for information.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

21-September

Year 1.2 Graduation Ceremony

22 September

Last day of Term 3

9 October

First day of Term 4

16 October

HSC Exams begin

see school website for more details

FROM THE EDITOR

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