

In Focus



From the Foundation Principal

In this newsletter I will place information about our Orientation Night and Morning. Thank you to The Bridge Church and City of Yarra for allowing us to use their spaces to meet with families.

This will be a special moment for me as I say the key words that begin our journey to create the new Richmond High School together.

Many people have contacted me in regards to other connection opportunities for future enrolment. In term 1 next year we will run a few sessions so parents of children commencing in 2019 and 2020 can connect with us. In terms of wider community consultation, we will then just become a normal school in the community.

I have had several families contact me in regards our neighborhood zone. We have only rough maps that do not accurately explain our neighborhood. I believe better information is in the pipeline. The department refer people to streetdirectory.com.au. If you put your address in it enables you to find your nearest school. I know real estate agents are already quoting us in their sales pitch.

COLIN SIMPSON



■ Orientation Activities for Foundation Families

To Create, To Prepare, To Achieve. Make a Difference.

■ Orientation Night

Venue: Bridge Church, Griffiths Street, Richmond, 3121.

This is a parent and student event for Foundation Families only. We will have sessions for 2019 and 2020 entry in term 1 next year.

All year 7 families, parents and students in 2018 may join us on Monday 11 December at Bridge Church at 6:00 pm for our New Families Information Session.

Foundation Principal Colin Simpson will welcome you to our school, outline our school values and the programs we will develop. Families will be introduced to key Foundation staff. We will outline the plans for 2018 and 2019 and conclude with a Q & A session.

Families should arrive by 5:45 pm for a prompt start. We aim to be finished by 7:30 pm.

■ Orientation Morning

Venue: Richmond City Hall, Bridge Road, Richmond, 3121

This is a student only event. Students should bring a drink and snack for their mid-morning break.

Students should dress in practical clothes suitable for a school day. Please bring something to write with.

All year 7 students in 2018 may join us on the State-wide Orientation Morning on Tuesday 12 December.

Students should arrive by 9:00 am for a prompt start. They should come into the foyer where they will be directed to the council chamber. Staff will work with students to begin their transition to our school and introduce our draft student values.

Students should be collected from Citizens Park at 12:00 midday or have a note so they may go home directly when the morning concludes.

■ Curriculum, Booklist, Computer and Uniform and School Organisation Information

Expect some guidance or further information on Curriculum, Booklist, Computer approach, Uniform and School Organisation Information.

■ **About us:**

The new Richmond High School is a bespoke, multi-level co-educational learning space created to serve the local community.

We are welcoming and inclusive, embracing difference and diversity in its many forms. We offer a strong academic focus that encourages creativity and original thinking.

We have high expectations of our students, balanced by care and support whenever it is needed. We hope to equip the students in our care for an ever-changing world, encouraging them to embrace learning for life and the desire to make a difference.

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Richmond High School
Make a difference.

■ **Respectful acknowledgment**

Our school is located on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, we pay our respects to them.

As a school, we aim to embrace difference in its many forms. In culture, gender and religion. We ask you to respect everyone, yourself included.

■ **Richmond High School is part of:**

The City Edge Network of Schools and the Yarra Darebin Network



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■ **Start date 2018**

Our Foundation staff will join us on Monday 29 January 2018 and Tuesday 30 January 2018 for two days of professional learning and orientation. This will allow us to speak about our school culture, our learning space approach and the expectations of teachers. Our **High Expectation and High Support** is also in place for teachers. We plan to have sessions and presentations from others to support us in our work.

The first day for students will be **Wednesday 31 January, 2018**. Students should arrive for a 9:00am start at our Gleadell Campus.

■ **Pupil Free Days 2018**

Please make arrangements for the following pupil free days. These have been approved by our Advisory Group. There will be a number of half and part days based on curriculum delivery, parent reporting and other school activities. This is normal in schools and will be communicated in advance.

- Monday 29 January 2018 - Staff Professional Learning
- Tuesday 30 January 2018 - Staff Professional Learning
- Friday 8 June, 2018 - Year 7 Semester 2 planning
- Monday 5 November 2018 - Year 8 curriculum 2019 planning

■ **Sponsors**

The City of Yarra is a major sponsor of our Orientation Morning Event and for that we thank them.



■ **Times of the day 2018**

Time	Session	7-9 Middle School
8:30	Reception open	
9:05	Students arrive to be ready to learn	Arrive to school and prepare from 9:05 - 9:20 am
9:20	Session 1	
10:10	Session 2	
11:00	Recess	
11:15	Session 3	
12:05	Session 4	
12:55	Lunch	
1:25	Session 5	
2:15	Session 6	
3:05	Session 7 (Senior School and ECP)	After School Activities, Clubs and Study Group
3:55	Meeting and professional learning - Tuesday and Thursday	
4:35	Reception closes	

Next year we have designed a school day that captures the following.

- Our desire to be a safe public transport school and give our employees and students time to get to Bridge Road Richmond.
- To enable our students to take their younger siblings to one of our five feeder primary schools and pick them up at the end of the day. All our local schools start at 9:00am and conclude at 3:30pm.
- To have a tight delivery of 300 minutes of learning each day to ensure students have productive and focused learning time.
- To support our 'building life' by ensuring breaks are long enough but not too long.
- To set up opportunities for clubs and after school activities in a well-articulated time frame.
- To set up the opportunity for our senior school to operate from 10:10am to 3:55pm.
- With only 8 Enhanced Chinese students in 2018 this will enable us to use session 7 to deliver this program. Enhanced Chinese Children would then have four study periods during the week to develop their skills.

We would value your feedback on this to hello.richmondhs@gmail.com

■ **Message from our Chinese Language Coordinator**

I am currently applying for a Chinese assistant (late application) for Richmond High School. There is a high chance of getting one to support the Chinese program. The school is required to provide a homestay for the assistant. I was wondering if there is any family who would be happy to host an assistant (usually a female in her 20s) for 2018. The family will be paid around \$300-350 per week. The host family needs to provide a room and meals. If anyone is interested, please get in touch with me. Thank you very much!

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■ **2018 Victoria School Holidays and Term Dates**

Period	Start	Finish	Length
Term 1	Tuesday, January 30 2018	Thursday, 29 March 2018	9 weeks
School Holidays	Friday, 30 March 2018	Sunday, 15 April 2018	
Term 2	Monday, 16 April 2018	Friday, 29 June 2018	11 weeks
School Holidays	Saturday, 30 June 2018	Sunday, 15 July 2018	
Term 3	Monday, 16 July 2018	Friday, 21 September 2018	10 weeks
School Holidays	Saturday, 22 September 2018	Sunday, 7 October 2018	
Term 4*	Monday, 8 October 2018	Friday, 21 December 2018	11 weeks
2018/2019 Summer School Holidays	Saturday, 22 December 2018	Tuesday, 29 January 2019	
Students commence	Pupil Free Days 29 and 30 January 2019	Thursday 31 January 2019	

■ **What are we working on that you are waiting for and will be coming soon**

Class sizes and balance in classes. We plan to have three classes of 25. Our numbers have now settled at 75, a perfect number to start our school. We have created three mixed gender and ability groups using information supplied by our primary schools. Our gender balance is still better than 1:2.

Bring your own device (BYOD) approach. The ICT planning is now completed for our Gleadell Campus. Richmond Primary School students will be bringing their iPad with them. Some other children also have devices. We aim to come up with an open but Apple focused approach. I plan to give you advice and purchase options in the next week. Families that need some support and a suitable device for their children to use at school will be supported.

Campions Booksellers will provide a basic booklist and English texts – some of this will be purchased in 2018. We will be a school that does not have a lot of textbooks and generate our own curriculum resources.

You can expect a minimal and affordable booklist in 2018, that reflects the contemporary approach to having a personal device. My advice is to look for sale items from now.

Uniform final parts, costs and timeline from Bob Stewarts will be provided the week of orientation. We will be implementing the uniform over term one and are seeking a variety of supports for families. Students will be asked to be in the basic elements of the uniform from the start of the year.

We suggest put off uniform purchases until January as children can have a summer growth spurt. Our Crumple designed bag will not be available to then.

Food in our school, cafeteria and warm drinks

We love our café lifestyle in the inner suburbs. Over time we will establish a cafeteria, and I have had discussions with a company about the possibilities. We may also have student food production as part of year 9.

In 2018 at the Gleadell Campus we will have a sophisticated food vending machine for staff and students who wish to use it. I will always encourage year 7 and 8 students to bring their lunch and snacks from home.

A future conversation to be held is that when our students hit senior school do we want them to be able to access food resources in Bridge Road and surrounds.

■ **Richmond High School Crumpler Bag**



One of the exciting things Albert Park College pioneered was a school bag with Crumpler.

In my previous school we also decided to partner with Crumpler and produced a fantastic bag that we then made available to our whole community. It is after all, an Australian icon, not just a school bag.

Families have sent me photos of our bag from all over the world.

Bob Stewarts, Richmond High School and Crumpler have partnered to create a new approach to school bags for our school.

We will allow any person connected with our community to purchase the bag, and experience shows these will become long lived and popular bags. In terms of this bag, it is a size we like because it holds what children need but not too much.

I hate seeing our young people carry heavy text books in bags. At Richmond High School is expect children to carry their device, some loose clothing, notebooks and pens, a novel, but not much else. These bags will also be safe as the orange and reflective elements make bike riding safer.

■ **Our telephone number for the rest of 2017**

We have setup a school mobile for ease of contact. The City of Yarra number we gave you is not efficient for us. Please call us during our 2017 office hours 8:00am – 4:00pm

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