Ballycara Brilliance ... great result in public speaking comp!

Every year, two Senior students are selected from Redcliffe High to compete in the Ballycara Public Speaking competition.

This wonderful event has been running for many years, with Deception Bay SHS, Clontarf Beach SHS and Southern Cross Catholic College also competing.

This year, Redcliffe was proudly represented on the evening by Year 12 students, Nathalie and Stephanie.

It is a challenging event, with the competing students required to clearly articulate their point of view in a six minute speech, this year addressing the topic: “Should Australia become a republic?” Both girls did an amazing job but after much deliberation, the adjudicating panel declared Steph the winning speaker for Ballycara 2014.

Congratulations, Steph on this win and to both ladies for soaring above and beyond, yet again. Mrs Rachael Skelton - English Teacher RSHS
Cross Country 2014

Monday 19 May saw over one hundred students head to Talobilla Park for the annual Inter-House Cross Country Carnival.

A tough new course was introduced this year with plenty of challenges including steep hills, ravines and a canal crossing.

The 13 and 14 year age groups assembled at the starting line first for their 3km course. These age groups had a fantastic representation with over fifty students racing. An outstanding effort by all competitors.

Next up the 15s, 16s, 17s and Opens ran a longer course of 4 km. It came down to the very last race to determine which house had won overall, but after a hard fought contest, Turrubul took out first place with 269 points.

Well done to our competitors, and thank you to all the student helpers and staff who assisted on the day.

Mr Gary Woodford
HOD HPE & Sport

AGE CHAMPIONS
2014
CROSS COUNTRY
13 yrs. - Chelsea & Declan
14 yrs. - Joey & Zylah
15 yrs. - Jacinta & Nathan
16 yrs - Brianna & Matt
OPEN - Courtney & Jesse

House Placings
1. Turrubul - 269
2. Bongaree - 263
3. Jindobarri - 242
4. Murrumba - 75

Well done to all our runners, both students and staff!
STUDENTS STEP BACK IN TIME

Senior Ancient History students “dig” archaeology!

Recently, the year 11 and 12 Ancient History classes, accompanied by Ms. Douglas and Mrs. Carlsson, visited the Abbey Museum at Caboolture. The day’s first activity was a tour of the museum, to view their collection of artefacts. These historical items originated from the ancient world through to medieval England, however, the main attraction of the day was a archaeological dig of a simulated ancient Egyptian site.

We were debriefed on the dos and don’ts of archeological digging and put into groups. The dig guide, explained to us the methods of excavation; the duration of regular digs; what tools are used, and why archaeological digs exist in the first place. It was a great learning experience and we were thoroughly educated in archeological facts and procedures.

Our group of trainee archaeologists quickly learned that field work isn’t as easy as had been thought. The dig itself proved to be a test of strength, flexibility and patience.

The dig was in a small restricted space and we found it necessary to continually change roles to minimize the fatigue from digging and sieving the soil to uncover the mysteries that lay buried within.

After removing a few layers of dirt, we began to discover numerous artifacts. Three lucky groups uncovered a tomb buried deep beneath the surface. As we continued digging, more and more artifacts were revealed. Although these are replicas, they create a realistic picture of what an Egyptian burial site was really like.

The next task was to attempt to figure out what kind of person was buried in the tomb, if they were rich or poor, and what all the artifacts were that surrounded their resting place. A board next to the site had pictures of the artifacts we uncovered and information about each of them.

At the end of the activity, the groups came together to share their findings and explain the use and functions of each piece. Slowly the secrets of the burial site were unveiled and we were all temporarily transported back to the time of the pharaohs.

Overall, we thoroughly enjoyed the trip. The dig was a great experience and very successful and we were able to get a taste of what real life archaeologists do. Moreover it left with us with greater knowledge of archaeology and in particular ancient Egypt. Bec, one of the participating students agreed “The dig was fun and an interesting experience”.

All the students who took part in the excursion felt it benefitted them, particularly for their upcoming assignments and exams and would encourage future Ancient History students to attend the trip.

Steph G -
Year 12 Ancient History class

The Courier Mail recognises our school as SOARING ABOVE & BEYOND

That’s SABER

In an article on 21 May 2014 which highlighted statewide academic success, The Courier Mail recognised Redcliffe High as one of the Queensland schools where more than 90% of it’s eligible students achieved an OP1 to 15 in 2013.

With 93% of our eligible students achieving OP 1 to 15 last year we are justifiably proud of their achievement and pleased to receive this public media recognition.
Language Perfect - World Championships ....

Latest news update from the Language Perfect World Championships (which is an online vocabulary contest in which schools from the U.K., North America, Australia and New Zealand compete).

This year with more students registered for the competition, our school has moved up to a bigger division.

As of 2:45 pm on Friday 23 May, our 153 students were coming in the top 10% (i.e. 23 out of the 243 schools) for Japanese in our division (101 to 250 students registered for the competition) – beating many schools with more students!

This follows on the back of our 2013 success in the smaller division (51 to 100 students registered) where we finished 3rd out of 127 schools for Japanese.

Cheer on our Japanese students as they go online competing at home and at school to earn a certificate for their academic portfolio: 500 points for a credit award, 1000 for a bronze etc.

The online competition runs until 6pm Thursday 30 May so let’s keep up the good work. We’re not at the finish line yet!

by Mr Peter Frisby - Japanese teacher, LOTE Dept.

https://www.languageperfect.com/worldchamps/Resources/ResourcesPage.html

Homework Classes

FOR YEAR 8 AND 9 STUDENTS.
Classes commenced on Wednesday 14 May for any Year 8 or 9 student requiring support with assignment work or homework.

The classes will take place in B6 and start at 2.45pm and finish at 4.15pm. Alexis McNeil (HOD Learning Improvement) will run the classes and all Year 8 and 9 students are welcome to attend.

Please contact her on amcnet4@eq.edu.au if you require further information.

Congratulations Zac

Zac of Year 12 has been selected for the U19 Queensland Schoolboys Hockey Team and will travel with the Queensland Team on a tour to New Zealand later in the year.

Zac recently competed with the Regional Hockey team where, according to team Manager, Toni, he “represented himself, his school and the region brilliantly.

He played exceptionally well and Zac not only pushed himself throughout the carnival but also led the younger students in the team. He was well behaved at all times and is a credit to the school”.

Redcliffe High in with a chance again!
Children's Day 2014 comes to Redcliffe!

May 5th is an important day on the Japanese calendar- it’s Children's Day! Kodomo no hi (Children's Day) is a chance for families to spend some time together and celebrate their bond. Often families will hang paper carp fish out the front of their houses to represent their family members; black for Dad, red for Mum and a separate fish for each of their children. These displays will hang outside people's houses for about a week.

To bring a little bit of Japan into our classroom, we had our own version of Kodomo no hi which involved dressing up the students in kimono, doing origami and seeing authentic Japanese calligraphy.

We had two lovely helpers from the community come to help us; Emi Adam and Junko Walsh. These lovely ladies showed off their kimono expertise and calligraphy skills and we are very grateful to them for taking the time to attend our festival.

I would also like to thank the students who were so well behaved.

Ms Karen Townsend - Japanese teacher - LOT Dept

Valuable Visit from ATO Assistant Commissioner

Our Senior Accounting and BCT students were lucky enough to benefit from a guest speaker, Ms Jennifer Moltisanti, the Assistant Commissioner for the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Along with her important role in public service, Ms Moltisanti has prior experience in the Australian Customs and Border Service, as well as current board experience with The Otis Foundation. Jennifer provided valuable insights into the career opportunities for our business students, as well as providing contextual reference for their current studies.

Mrs Michelle Fry - Business & IT Dept.
Recently, the Year 10 Japanese Class and their teacher Mr Frisby explored the St Lucia campus of University of Queensland (UQ) to find out what it is like to study Japanese at University. The students spent part of the day looking around the campus and observing the University buildings. Despite our best efforts, the campus is so large we only got to see half of it.

The highlight during the tour was the Engineering and Architecture Department. Here Engineering Students do practical activities to enhance their learning. In addition, the building houses the GHD Auditorium, which has a 500 seat lecture theatre. The Lecture Theatre itself is a very interesting part of the building as it supported by huge, imposing timber trusses.

After a hard few hours of walking around the campus, the students did various activities with Professor Belinda Kennett, Head of the Japanese Faculty. Professor Kennett showed the class what University level Japanese study is all about and for the students this was a very interesting and informative part of the day.

Thank you to Mr Frisby for organising this experiential event, but also a huge thanks to Professor Kennett for making this day possible. It was a wonderful experience.

Abigail Lopez – Yr 10 – Junior Reporter

Rugby League Excellence

The year 10 Rugby League School of Excellence class has just completed their Rugby League officiating course through the Queensland Rugby League. They have been supporting the local Primary School Rugby League by refereeing all competition games.

The boys also officiated the recent Sunshine Coast Rugby League Regional Trials and enjoyed the elite competition.

Congratulations to all the year 10 league students who have passed their officiating course. You have represented Redcliffe High and the Rugby League program with true SABER spirit whilst assisting local Rugby League competitions.

Year 10 Subject Selection
Semester II

Last week Year 10 students selected their Semester II subjects. This is a great opportunity for students to ‘try out’ subjects they may be thinking of doing in Year 11.

Science is not compulsory in semester 2, yr 10 because the Australian Curriculum units have been covered whilst students were in Year 9 and in Semester I, Year 10. However, many Science strands are offered in Semester II including Bridging to Chemistry, Bridging to Physics/Engineering etc.

There are a large range of subjects on offer across all faculties. Some subjects however are year long courses and cannot be commenced in Semester II: these include Certificate 1 Furnishing, Japanese and the Programs of Excellence.

Please note there is no guarantee that all subjects will run in Semester II. The number of students selecting subjects will impact on the availability. If you have any concerns about your child’s subject selection, please call the school on 3897 1111.

Please remember that Year 10 students will choose their Year 11 subjects in Term 3 this year. They will be learning about their options in Pathways classes and from the Heads of Department, if further guidance is required please make an appointment to see Ms Ford our Guidance Officer.

Ms Sue Linde
Deputy Principal – Curriculum
We all dream about flying. We have all stood on the edge and heard the beckoning silence of great height. We have all peered over the precipice and wondered if we could take the step into the unknown……

In this new production by Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre and Redcliffe State High School CAD 2014 students, we take that leap. We will escape the pull of gravity, and soar into the sky.

Inspired by the story of Icarus, who flew too close to the sun, this production explores the things that keep us trapped and how we find freedom, even when we risk falling. Icarus fell, but would he leap again, even knowing his fate?

4th, 5th and 6th of June
7.00pm at the Bird’s Nest Theatre
Redcliffe High School
Tickets $10.00
For bookings ring 3897 1111
tickets also available at the door.

Last week the Year 11 and 12 students received their Exam Block Timetables. They are to look at these carefully and read the instructions accompanying them.

Year 11 EXAM BLOCK: June 16th until June 27th
Year 12 EXAM BLOCK: June 13th until June 27th

- Students only come to school for scheduled exams or if required to complete VET competencies or other missed work.
- Students who have a scheduled exam do not sign in.
- Students, who are coming to drop off work or complete assessment in the library etc., MUST SIGN IN.

Start planning now for the Block Exams. Make sure all your assignments are up to date and are on track for completion. This is vitally important for all students.

Start studying now!
For every 30 minutes you spend revising your class work it will ensure better end of semester results, less stress and less anxiety.

For EXAMS
- Be on time
- Have all equipment
- Have electronic devices, phones etc. turned off and out of sight
- Parent to contact the school if student is sick as they may require a Doctor’s Certificate.
- Arrive for exams at the designated rooms, 15 minutes before the exam session starts. The rest of the school is out of bounds. (This is the first time that we do not have the hall for exams and students need to know what room to go to.)
- Be dressed in correct, full school uniform and shoes.
- Students are not required at school when exams or VET catch-ups are not on.

ALL VET/other students
Some of you have exams, please check the roster carefully.
If you are required to catch up on competencies please ensure
- you are wearing correct, full school uniform and shoes and
- sign in when you arrive at school and sign out when you leave.

Thank You
Ms Sue Linde
Deputy Principal
Year 9 students are really soaring here at Redcliffe!

Earlier this term, Year 9 students were recognised for Soaring Above and Beyond during term one at our SABER Assembly.

The assembly was hosted by two year 9 students, Lily and Jessica, who did an outstanding job presenting the awards. School Principal, Ms McKinlay was invited to address the Year 9s about what SABER means and how important it is to recognise the achievements of students and peers. Mr King, Deputy Principal - Junior Secondary was also invited to the assembly, where he presented bronze, silver and gold certificates to award recipients.

Students receiving a bronze award were William, Ben, Ella, Kira and Mairin.

Two students were awarded both bronze and silver certificates, they were Isabella and Katelyn.

Kara has certainly soared above and beyond being awarded with three bronze, a silver and a gold certificate for her work in term one. Well done to all students. - Mr Chris Francis – Year 9 Coordinator

Are you a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes?

Every day, thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 diabetes and families struggle with illness management and children’s behavioural and emotional adjustment.

Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P - Positive Parenting Program offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child’s illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.

Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P as part of a University of Queensland research project. Parents will be able to attend the program free of charge, and will be asked to complete 2 sets of assessment measures and family observation) over a 6 month period, as part of the study. Contact Aditi Lohan on (07) 3346 7689 or email diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au, or visit https://exp psy.uq.edu.au/ttdiabetes for more information.
Many students are currently thinking about possible future career and study options.
Year 10 students are beginning to develop their SET Plans in Pathways classes on Thursday afternoons. This important document outlines the young person’s goals and aspirations and includes information about the required study or training they will need to complete in order to get a job in their chosen profession. This information is used to ensure their senior subject choices provide them with the pre-requisites for tertiary courses and training options. There will be a parent information evening in Term 3. More information will be provided soon.

**TSXPO**

Visitors to TSXPO can find the latest information on tertiary studies, opportunities, careers pathways and further training from a wide range of exhibitors. Visit the website [www.tsxpo.org](http://www.tsxpo.org) for the iPad and $2,000 bursary competition details, the exhibitor list and a guide to over 85 seminar sessions that will be run over the two day event.

**Exhibitors include:**
- Universities from Australia & overseas

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**Moreton Bay 100**

**Sunday 10 August 2014**

Lawnton  Brisbane  Qld

**163 km  100 km  50 km**

Electronic Timing and Result provided by Sports Timing Australia

**Online Registrations:** open March

[www.moretonbay100.org.au](http://www.moretonbay100.org.au)

Queries: bikeride@moretonbay100.org.au
Christine: 0422 542 838

All proceeds aid Lions Youth Emergency Accommodation Centre (Pine Rivers) Inc.

**CAREER NEWS - WITH MS TABITHA FORD - GUIDANCE OFFICER**

**Employers**
- Private education colleges
- Professional Associations
- TAFE Institutes
- Apprenticeship & Training Providers
- Defence Force Recruiting
- Exchange & GAP year programs
- Government agencies: QTAC, QSA, HECS & FEE Help
- Student Services and more!

**WHEN:** Saturday and Sunday – 19 & 20 July 2014

**WHERE:** Exhibition Building, Brisbane Showgrounds

**TIME:** 10am – 4pm

**Admission is FREE!!**
[www.tsxpo.org](http://www.tsxpo.org)

**Student Connect**

Student Connect magazine gives Year 12 students in Queensland important information regarding their studies and advice about future education, training and career pathways. It is published twice a year and can also be found online at: [http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/209.html](http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/209.html)

**University Open Days**

A flyer detailing these was emailed to Year 10,11 and 12 parents earlier this week.

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**RED ALERTS**

Follow the link below to our WEB-SITE calendar where you will find all the important school events for the rest of 2014.

[https://redcliffeshs.eq.edu.au/CalendarandNews EventsCalendar/Pages/Eventscalendar.aspx](https://redcliffeshs.eq.edu.au/CalendarandNewsEventsCalendar/Pages/Eventscalendar.aspx)
SABER GUIDELINES.

The SABER Scheme is a recognition system for students who go ‘above and beyond’ the school’s expectations. This can be either for academic excellence and / or outstanding leadership, school and community services, sport and cultural endeavours.

The following is a list of **behaviours/achievements** by which a SABER slip should be issued. It also lists the relevant **person** to issue the award, and the **frequency** of issue of SABER slips.

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<td>1. A/A+ grade on assessment item. (global grade for assessment item, not individual criterion grade)</td>
<td>Teaching staff</td>
<td>As per number of assessment Items.</td>
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<td>2. Grade of ‘A’ in subject at Semester Report.</td>
<td>Admin.</td>
<td>1 per Semester.</td>
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<td>3. Attendance at 98% or better.</td>
<td>Admin.</td>
<td>1 per term.</td>
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<td>4. Consistent participation and ‘above and beyond’ behaviour in inter-school competitions. (as per Saber Sport policy)</td>
<td>Teacher ( coach)</td>
<td>1 per Semester.</td>
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<td>5. Recognition of participation of successful inter-school sporting teams. ( e.g. Zone, District finals) (as per Saber sport policy)</td>
<td>Sportsmaster</td>
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<td>6. Selection in Representative sports teams. (as per Saber sport policy)</td>
<td>Sportsmaster/Admin</td>
<td>As per involvement.</td>
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<td>7. Demonstration of work ethic, attitude, manners, respect and participation IN CLASS on a consistent and sustained level which is ‘above and beyond.’</td>
<td>Teaching staff</td>
<td>1 per term.</td>
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<td>8. Participation in SCHOOL SERVICE event (e.g. ushers, school breakfast programme, mentoring, newsletter reporting etc. etc.)</td>
<td>Relevant teaching personnel</td>
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<td>9. Participation in COMMUNITY SERVICE event that is RSHS-sanctioned (e.g. Clean Up Australia, Shave For A Cure, Red Shield Appeal, etc. etc.)</td>
<td>Relevant teaching personnel</td>
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<td>10. Participation as LEADER in events 4,8 and 9 listed above.</td>
<td>Relevant teaching personnel, Admin.</td>
<td>As per involvement.</td>
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<td>11. Participation in ACADEMIC event (e.g. Maths comp., Science comp., Redcliffe Show entry as part of RSHS submission)</td>
<td>Relevant teaching personnel</td>
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<td>12. Assistance in classroom on a regular, if incidental basis (e.g. tidying room, transferring resources, library help etc. etc.)</td>
<td>Teaching staff</td>
<td>1 per Semester.</td>
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<td>13. NAPLAN/NAPLAN Diagnostics: Students who improve their NAPLAN score by 2 levels Students who achieve in the top 2 levels</td>
<td>JS HOD Deputy</td>
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For full details of our SABER award scheme just follow the link below to the SABER page on our web-site.

https://redcliffeshs.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/Pages/SABER-Scheme.aspx

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