

# NEWSLETTER



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## Athletics Carnival

Kadina's Athletic Carnival was held this term on school grounds. The day was well attended and participation was excellent throughout the day.

Year 12 defeated the staff in the 4x50m relay, but the staff managed a comprehensive win in the tug-of-war.

In the house championship Cuthbert came 1st for the first time in many years, 2nd was Newcombe, 3rd Fraser and 4th Bradman.

Age champions were 12 years Owen, 13 years Xavier and Natalia, 14 years Christian and Jayda, 15 years Obi and Savannah, 16 years Liam and Jorja, 17+ years Josh and Sienna.





## CALENDAR

18 July

**School Development Day**

19 July

**Welcome back all students  
for Term 3**

15-19 August

**Year 12 Trials**



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We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wijabal Wiyabal people and other peoples of Bundjalung Nation. We acknowledge that they are the first peoples of this land on which our school stands.



## Principal Message

It has been another fantastic term here at the Kadina High Campus, watching our students take advantage of the opportunities we create here.

As always, it is a pleasure and a privilege to be the principal of this school and I have greatly enjoyed getting to know everyone better as the year moves on. For me, the first thing I observed about our school remains the best thing I have witnessed; the amazing relationships between our staff and students. Students at the Kadina High Campus are known, valued and cared for and this is evident in the tireless work our staff do each and every day. I am sure you join with me in thanking them for their efforts to support our young people.

There have been a lot of highlights this term that I am sure you will enjoy reading about within this newsletter. From sporting achievements at our school-based Athletics Carnival, the amazing NAIDOC celebration events and cross campus NAIDOC Cup, to the amazing cross-campus music night; Havoc in the Hall, our school has been well represented in a range of sporting, cultural and academic pursuits this term. Another highlight was our staff coming together for an extended professional learning session. This took place at Southern Cross University and allowed us to make time to review the vision and direction for our school. I look forward to sharing this with you as we finalise it as a staff.

As we head into the holidays, I encourage everyone to take a break. This has truly been an unprecedented year for all of us. It is important that everyone rests and resets ready for Term 3. For our Year 12 students we move to the 'business end' of the Higher School Certificate and we look forward to coming together as a community to support these incredible young people in reaching this milestone.

Thank you for your continued support.

Principal

*James Witchard*





# Reconciliation Week

Thank you to everyone for your involvement in our Reconciliation Week Activities this term. The theme this year is Be Brave. Make Change. It has been fantastic to see our students actively engaging with this with all of the planned activities. Thank you to all our staff involved for your efforts as well. We end the week on Mabo Day. Mabo Day is marked annually on 3 June. It commemorates Mer Island man Eddie Koiki Mabo and his successful efforts to overturn the legal fiction of terra nullius, or 'land belonging to no-one'.

We look forward to continuing our work together with our community to support, promote and celebrate the achievements and success of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.  
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## New support unit

I am excited to share with you that the planned upgrade to our Support unit will be commencing in the school holidays.

This project is about providing specialised spaces for the staff and students who work in our Multi-Categorical Class Support Unit. These spaces will be built off the back of our B Block and include sensory rooms, disability toilet provisions and an indoor/outdoor learning space. I am confident that these new spaces will be an excellent addition to our school.

The contractors anticipate this project to begin on Thursday 17th June and conclude in November (pending weather and other external impacts). During this time there will be some minor disruption to our school. This includes:

- Changes to our staff and student parking provision (staff and students will be utilising the student carpark)
- Reduced visitor parking
- Potential relocation of classes to avoid construction noise.

I ask for everyone's patience and support as we undergo this construction phase. While we will have to make these adjustments in the short term, the long-term outcomes will be very beneficial for our students.

Kind Regards,

James Witchard  
Principal





# College Road Show - One College, Three Days, Six Locations

For the fifth year in a row teachers and students from Kadina High, Lismore High and Richmond River High (The Rivers Secondary College), presented The Rivers Secondary College Roadshow.

Six local primary schools hosted the event for year 5 students. This year 22 primary schools and approximately 360 year 5 students were involved in the event.

The roadshow provides year 5 students an opportunity to have hands on experiences about high school life. The activities students participated in this year, include, bee keeping, pirate math, chemical changes, creative writing, STEM, kin ball and kinetic energy in action.





## Colour Run

Thank you to all students who participated in this terms Colour Run event. The day was filled with awesome activities including major obstacles for students to traverse and tug-of-war competitions. Special thanks to Mrs Clifford for organising this fun filled event.





## Year 12 'Havoc in the Hall'

The Rivers College senior Music and VET Entertainment students and teachers presented 'Havoc in the Hall' last Wednesday in the Lismore High Campus Hall Ngulliboo. This concert featured outstanding talent from all three campuses, incredible lighting and visuals from the Rivers VET Entertainment team, and an epic headline set from Richmond River High Campus experimental psychedelic rock band Liminal (recently featured on RAGE). The event was an outstanding success, with a huge turnout and a dance floor for over an hour! School concert with a mosh pit? Yes!!! Huge thankyou to all our performers, VET Entertainment tech crew and audience with a special mention to the awesome teachers involved - Mr Wordsworth, Mr Mitchell, Mr O'Keeffe, Ms Dillon, Mr Christie.

Let's do it again!





# Staff Professional Learning

This term our staff engaged in a twilight professional learning event. The focus of our event was on refining our school vision and direction. Staff collaborated across all faculties and roles and worked together at Southern Cross University to build our capacity to create new initiatives and ideas. #KadinaCreatesExcellence

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## Lantern Parade

This month students and staff from The Rivers Secondary College proudly marched to the beating of their drums from Magellan Street through the CBD and down to the Levee Bank on Victoria Street. The Lantern Parade theme this year of 'Healing our Hearts' was marked with a fiery finale and impressive fireworks display. Well done to students and staff for their tremendous effort and amazing drumming skills!





## NAIDOC Week 'Get up, Stand up and Show up'

Thank you to our broader school community for your support as we came together for our first combined NAIDOC event - jingwallah ngulliboo.

It was a fantastic day that saw all 3 campuses of The Rivers Secondary College working together to celebrate this years theme; Get Up, Stand Up, Show Up!

Our day featured activities and the hotly contested NAIDOC cup. Thank you to our community elders and local organisations for your support, guidance and teaching. #NAIDOCWeek2022 #LoveWhereYouLearn





# NAIDOC Week 'Get up, Stand up and Show up'

## KADINA HIGH CAMPUS NAIDOC WEEK



**MONDAY 27TH JUNE**

Flag Raising and Morning  
Tea 9:45am start

**TUESDAY 28TH JUNE**

Formal Assembly 12pm  
followed by Family and  
Community lunch



**WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE**

TIG Sport & Kadina Rocks  
lunchtime activity

**THURSDAY 30TH JUNE**

Youth Empowerment Day at  
Quad 10:30am-2:30pm



**FRIDAY 1ST JULY**

Rivers NAIDOC Celebration  
and Oztag Competition  
Lismore High Campus  
9:10am- 3:00pm

**For more information  
please contact  
Jenique Sines AEO**











# TERM 2 ACTION

## English

Year 8 students have been studying a unit on sustainability. Using the STEM Design Thinking Process, they identified the problem of pollution in the playground. Their solution was to make use of the rubbish by re-purposing it into something useful.



Year 8 students re-purposing waste



Year 10 students getting hands-on with drones

## Drones

Year 10 students were given the opportunity to participate in a Drones workshop presented by UAV Australia. The workshop covered the ever-increasing number of careers using drones, drone safety and a practical session in which they got hands on experience flying a drone. Students learnt what the first steps are to enter the drone industry and the training required.

## Bottle Rockets

RASE is holding an academy-wide bottle rocket competition, with the finale in week 2 next term. Students in 8E will be competing as part of their STEM lessons. This term they have had 2 sessions with Mr van den Berg to develop their designs and learn how to design a component for their rockets using TinkerCad and produce it using a 3D printer.



Students in 8E with their rocket prototypes





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29 June 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Thank you to those who were able to attend the information session last week about the Richmond River High Campus site and rebuild. I was also disappointed to hear the news that it will be highly unlikely to be able to return to the original campus site, with Richmond River having such a proud history of providing quality education to generations of families in our region.

Based on assessments, it is School Infrastructure NSW's view that extensive damage to the site during the flood event as well as vulnerability of the site to future flooding, will make it impractical and very difficult to return. It is important to note, however, that no final decision has been made. This will be handed down once the Department of Education (DoE) has consulted with the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC).

A priority for the DoE will be discussing the future use of the original site with NRRC once they begin work in July 2022. The DoE has indicated it is committed to rebuilding a modern, purpose-built school with new classrooms and learning spaces tailored to the educational needs of our community now, and into the future.

Schools Infrastructure have assured us that last week's updates were the first of many ongoing conversations between the DoE, our campus, college and community. The DoE is committed to working with staff and families to best understand and support the educational needs of our young people. If you couldn't make the session you can find the information pack [here](#).

You may also like to provide feedback on what you love or loved about Richmond River High Campus [here](#).

We look forward to Richmond River students returning to a normal timetable in Week 2 of Term 3 as they transition back to full attendance into the well-resourced Temporary Richmond River High Campus learning spaces.

Kind regards

Chris Williams  
Executive Principal (Acting)



## Attendance

With the disruptions that many of our families have faced in recent months, we understand that getting children to school every day is not always easy. We're here to help. If there are things that we can do to help your child to get to school every day, please let us know. Every day really does count!

NSW Department of Education

### Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

education.nsw.gov.au



### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight  
M T W T F  
M T W T F

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**4** weeks



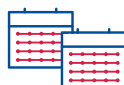
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Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week  
M T W T F  
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**8** weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

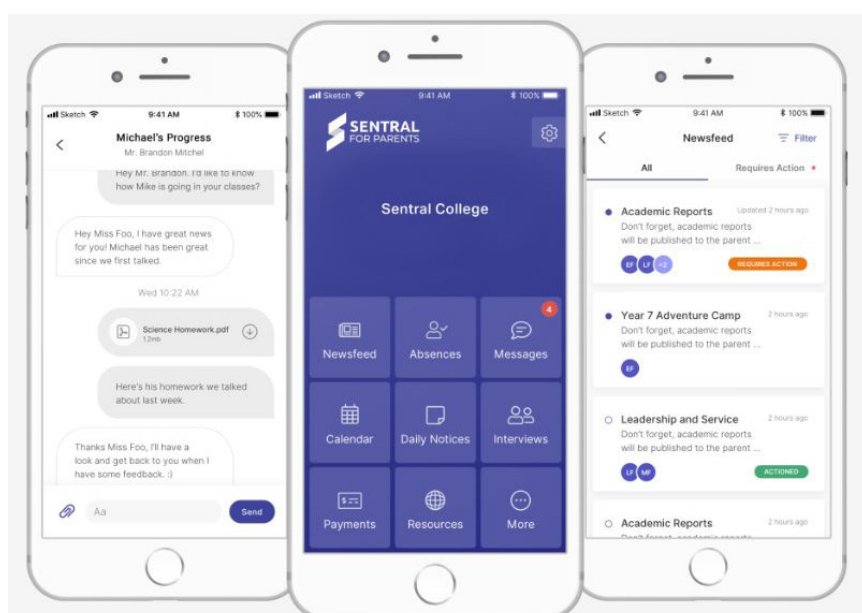
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# Kadina Parent Portal and App

The Sentral for Parents Portal and App allows you to monitor your child's school journey simply and efficiently. You will find numerous smart features that help streamline your day. Receive messages and notifications from teachers, receive important alerts and announcements and even download school forms that you normally would have had to request. The Sentral for Parent Portal and App helps you to stay connected and informed about your child's education safely and securely from your own home.

We sent home letters with instructions on how to register and link your child to your account using the personal code issued to each student. If you have misplaced your letter please contact the school and we will organise a new letter to go out. Once registered and logged in please remember to take the second step of linking your child to your account, if you fail to do this you will not see personalised information and attendance data for your child, also, teachers and parents will not be able to communicate directly through the messaging function.



## Sentral for Parents app features



### Newsfeed and Daily Notices

Receive newsfeed and daily notices about important events that relate to your child.



### 2-way messaging

Communicate directly with your child's teacher in the app via 2-way messaging. View, download and upload documents.



### Absence notifications

Send absence notifications to the school quickly and easily from within the app.



### Calendar

View calendar items to stay up to date with school events.



### Interviews

Conveniently view parent teacher interview bookings.



### Payments

View and make payments for school fees, excursions and more.

## Communication with the Kadina community

### 1. Updating Your Contact Details

Please advise the office when you have had a change to any of your contact details; address, phone numbers, email, emergency contacts – form attached. This becomes particularly urgent in case of injury or emergency and can be distressing for students when we are unable to contact you or an emergency contact. Please refer to the attached form 'Update of Student Details'

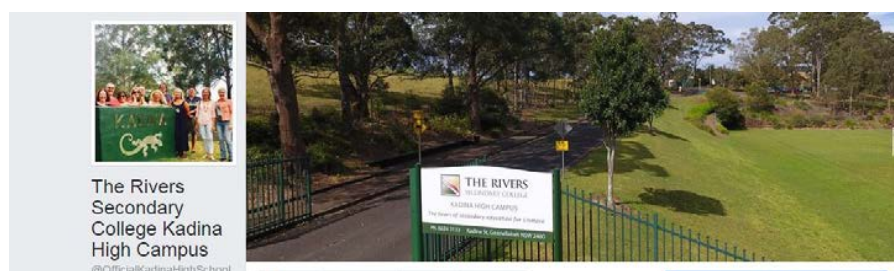
We are moving towards emailing as our primary form of communications in the future. It would be appreciated if your preferred email contact could be provided to us at your earliest convenience, if you have not already done so.

### 2. Keeping update with the goings on at Kadina

There are a few ways that we communicate with our community.



- **Facebook:** To get to it, logon to Facebook and in the search bar type in *"The Rivers Secondary College Kadina High Campus official"* This is kept up to date with lots of articles and pictures about what is happening at Kadina.



- **Website** Our school website is <http://www.kadina-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>
- **Newsletter** A campus newsletter is produced every four weeks. It can be accessed via our website, Facebook and the Parent Portal app. Alternatively, if you would like the newsletter emailed to you log onto whichever email account you would like it sent to and send an email to [kadina-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kadina-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au) and type "subscribe me" in the subject line.
- **Kadina-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au** for general enquiries please use our school email address

## Payments

At Kadina, our preferred method of accepting payments is via the secure online parent payment portal located on our campus website - click the "Make a Payment" tab at the top of the website home page.

Cash and eftpos payments are accepted at the front office. Students can make payments before classes commence, at recess and at lunch. It should be noted that the front office does not hold cash and has very little access to change.





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#### UPDATE OF STUDENT DETAILS FORM

CHANGE OF: ☐ FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCE ☐ ADDRESS ☐ PHONE NUMBERS ☐ EMERGENCY CONTACT

PARENT/S NAME (MR, MRS, MISS, MS) \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE NUMBER TO RECEIVE ABSENCE NOTICES \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER/CARER WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER/CARER WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE \_\_\_\_\_

#### EMERGENCY CONTACTS (OTHER THAN MAIN PARENT/CARER)

1. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE \_\_\_\_\_

2. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE \_\_\_\_\_

#### CHANGES TO CUSTODY/CARE ARRANGEMENTS (IF APPLICABLE)

NB Letter must be attached by current guardians stating as @ (date)(students name) will be residing with (name and address). All correspondence/communications should be addressed to.....I wish/do not wish to remain as an emergency contact. ALL CURRENT GUARDIANS MUST SIGN.

#### OTHER CHANGES (IF APPLICABLE)

Parent/Carer 1

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer 2

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

BROTHER(S) AND/OR SISTER(S) WHO ARE ATTENDING KADINA WHOM CHANGES AFFECT

STAFF SIGNATURE & DATE \_\_\_\_\_



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# NAIDOC Week

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