

REGGIE'S WRAP UP!

END-TERM THREE, 2024



Isabella Schreier
Son of Rhino, 2024

Digital Artwork
Appropriation of Rene Magritte's
The Son of Man, 1964



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents / caregivers,

This term the administration team visited every teacher's classroom. What appears on face value to be a very easy task and is our core business, actually takes a lot of planning. Our aim was to do a health check of our teaching and learning. It doesn't take long for a classroom visitor to ascertain whether what is being observed is effective or not. Depending on our rosters, on occasions teachers were visited by more than one member of the administration. Teachers appreciated the visits. They connected with the administration and we could evaluate the effective implementation of strategic initiatives. We were very impressed by what we saw. The second phase of our classroom visits will focus on evaluation of specific elements of classroom teaching.

We are endeavouring to implement 'RHINO READY' before we enter classrooms. Being organised, having the right gear and the right mindset will always help a learner. A Chinese proverb states, "Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself."

We were very proud of our Year 7 and Year 9 NAPLAN results. Our mean scores were above the State average in every field. Congratulations to the students.

Term three is always very hectic as we are managing the present, while we plan for the following year. Students have been involved in significant reflections on next year's subject options. I thank families for their involvement in the subject selection processes. We have just completed the selection of next year's student leaders, who will be announced early Term 4 to the community. The Year 11 and 12 students have been involved in a heavy examination regime - well done for your discipline. Personal planning and organisation are pivotal to success in any workplace.

Congratulations to the Ekka show team, the students for their magnificent artwork displayed for the Art Gala, the Hospitality students who have planned events and catered for their parents and the RAS sporting teams for all their recent wins. Our students certainly commit to our school vision of *'Performers for every stage, expressing talents in every field'*.

I include a photo of the major landscaping work being undertaken between the hall and the amenities block. This raw under-utilised space is being converted to an extensive seating area. We continue to juggle a number of high profile and complicated infrastructure projects which we hope will come to fruition from Term 4. Students were informed that we would be closing down the communications block for a roofing project commencing during the holidays. We thank everyone for their patience and cooperation.

We return to a fast-paced final term of the year, where we officially celebrate student achievements in glittering ceremonies. I hope you will be able to join us for these occasions.

Enjoy the holidays. Best wishes to all families.

Elena Itsikson



SHAPING THE FUTURE

Alicia Caddies - HOD Senior School

YEAR 12 PREPARING FOR EXAMS

Term 3 is always a busy time for students in Senior School. Throughout their IDP lessons, Year 12 students have been engaged in a range of life skills lessons, with the focus of Term 3 being CPR. They engaged well in the CPR training and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive from all students. On top of this, Year 12 students have completed their Mock Exams and have been studying hard in preparation for the upcoming External Assessment in Term 4.

YEAR 11 STEP INTO LEADERSHIP

As the students edge closer to exiting the school gates for the last time, the Year 11 cohort are beginning to step into their roles as leaders of the school in 2025. Students have been engaged in the process of applying for their Senior badge and we look forward to acknowledging our new leaders in Term 4.

YEAR 10 PLAN THEIR PATH

It has been wonderful to see the Year 10 students engage with their SET Planning over the past two terms. All students have now selected their Senior subjects and are in the process of returning their SET Plan packages. I want to commend the students for their mature and considered approach to selecting subjects. It was wonderful to engage in meaningful conversations with students who have given so much thought to their future pathway.





ART GALA

Luana Davidson - Visual Art Teacher

A NIGHT OF COLOUR, CREATIVITY, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT



Our annual school Art Gala was a resounding success, displaying a stunning array of student artworks. Held in the school's art block, the event featured hundreds of pieces from students across all year levels, ranging from paintings and sculptures to digital art and time-based media works.

Parents, teachers, and students marvelled at the creativity and talent on display, with each artwork communicating a theme, a story, or a study to improve on skills and techniques. The event provided students with a platform to express their artistic abilities and gain confidence in their creative pursuits.

The highlight of the evening were the Principal's and the People's Choice awards.

Congratulations to the winners of the Principal's awards:

- Junior Arts — Kayla and Cindy
- Senior Arts — Yuxin and Chloe

Congratulations to the winners of the People's Choice awards:

- Junior Arts — Zoe
- Senior Arts — Molly

The Gala not only celebrated the Arts but also fostered a sense of community pride, marking it as a memorable event for all involved. We are already looking forward to Gala 2025!



ARTWAVES

Luana Davidson - Visual Art Teacher

A CELEBRATION OF YOUNG CREATIVITY DISPLAYING SOME OF THE REGION'S FINEST STUDENT ARTISTS

The Artwaves Exhibition, a prestigious showcase for emerging student artists in the Logan and surrounding regions, has once again highlighted the exceptional talent within Rochedale SHS. This year's event, held at the Logan Art Gallery, starts September 14, and concludes October 19, 2024. The opening night will be held Friday October 4.

Special congratulations go to Year 12 students Ryan, Isabella, Chloe and Yuxin, and Year 11 student Athena, whose outstanding pieces were selected for this exhibition. Their artworks captured attention for their creativity, technical skill, and originality, earning them a well-deserved spot in the show.

The Artwaves Exhibition aims to provide young artists with a platform to share their vision, celebrating their achievements and foster a deeper appreciation for the Arts within the broader community. The inclusion of these students is a testament to their dedication and artistic potential, and their selection is a proud moment for Rochedale SHS. We applaud their success and look forward to seeing their work on display.

Keep an eye out for the Term 4 newsletter where we will post about opening night festivities.



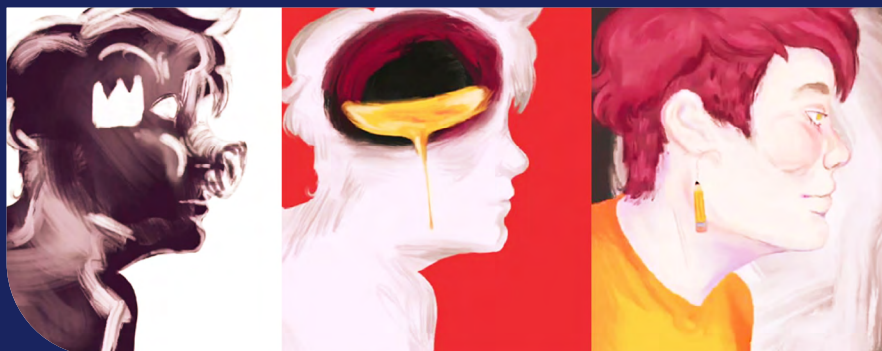
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Ryan Pacey



Isabella Schreier



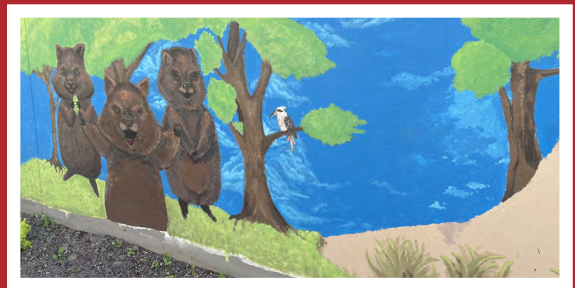
Yuxin Guo



COMMUNITY MURAL

SPRINGWOOD TERRACE CARE

Luana Davidson - Visual Art Teacher



Just a brushstroke from completion!



After two years of dedication, students are nearing the completion of an 80-metre wall mural at Springwood Terrace Care Community. The mural, which spans the length of one of the community's main outdoor areas, is a vibrant and uplifting tribute to the residents, featuring scenes of nature, local wildlife, iconic landmarks from across Australia and homage to our military and emergency services.

The project has been a collaborative effort between Rochedale SHS and the Springwood facility, with residents contributing ideas and sharing stories to inspire the mural's design.

Over the course of many sessions, the team have transformed the blank wall into a colourful masterpiece, bringing warmth and beauty to the space.

Now, with just one final session left, we are excited to put the finishing touches on this monumental piece of art. The work has not only brightened the environment but also created lasting connections between the generations. The mural is a testament to the creativity, perseverance, and commitment of everyone involved, and it will stand as a joyful reminder of the hard work for years to come.

CLICK ON THE TV TO VIEW A VIDEO OF THE WHOLE MURAL ---->



APEX VISUAL ART

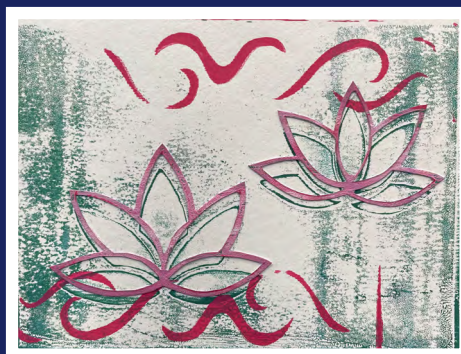
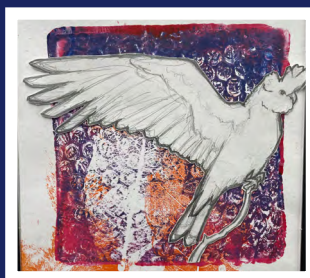
Luana Davidson - Visual Art Teacher

STUDENTS CREATE REMARKABLE WORKS THAT REFLECT BOTH THEIR TALENT AND PASSION FOR THE ARTS!

Students in the APEX Visual Art program are pushing the boundaries of creativity with their latest works. This specialised program over the years has offered young artists the opportunity to explore various mediums, including painting, sculpture, mixed media, and printmaking, under the guidance of their teachers.

Throughout Terms 2 and 3, students have experimented with different styles and techniques, honing their skills in the art of gelli plate printing, layering and more recently dabbling in image transfer and mark making. The program also includes workshops led by professional artists, providing insight into the art world beyond the classroom. In Term 4, students will be working with a textile artist to develop and create wearable art items.

The signature art program not only develops technical skills that students can take back into the classroom but also fosters a lifelong passion for the Arts.



BUSY IN BUSINESS



Jessica Corsbie - HOD Business

Our Year 9 students dived into social enterprise this term. Their challenge was to innovate a business solution that makes the world a better place. A tall order, but our Rhinos rose to the challenge with great ideas like beachballs manufactured from recovered ocean plastic, eco-friendly fishing nets, AI filters to detect and report online bullying, and developing virtual reality technology to connect children in hospital with the everyday experiences of family, friends, and education that they would otherwise miss out on.

In senior Economics, the real-world experiences continued with Ms Buist inviting specialists from the RBA to her classroom via a Zoom meeting. This experience gave our young Economists insight into the workforce applications of their daily learning.

A busy term with more to come as our Year 10 students head off to ECOMAN in Week 10 to compete in a two-day business simulation, and our Year 9 students showcasing their social enterprise efforts.



ONCE UPON A TIME IN HISTORY....

Emily Smith - HOD Junior English

YEAR 7 ENGLISH STUDENTS TAKE TO THE STAGE TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES



Ned Kelly is certainly a household name that has spanned the generations. It is interesting to consider why Kelly has a significant place in Australian history and the varied perspectives on the actions of the Kelly Gang. These are questions that our Year 7 students have been inquiring into this term during their study of Black Snake - the Daring of Ned Kelly. Students wrote and performed monologue presentations allowing them to demonstrate their creative skills while also having fun adopting the perspective of a character. Students presented convincing arguments to position their audience to empathise with their chosen character's circumstances. Many students also put in a great deal of effort into designing believable costumes. The Term 3 unit is always a favourite amongst the Year 7 cohort and it is wonderful to see their learning come alive on the 'stage'. So, what are your thoughts? Should Ned Kelly be regarded as the 'Australian Robin Hood'? I'm sure if you asked our knowledgeable Year 7 students, they would be able to substantiate their arguments with strong supporting evidence.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWS

Emily Smith - HOD Junior English

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL STUDY TOUR!

Rochedale State High School is proud to host study tours for students from a variety of international schools. This term, twenty-four students from Shitennoji HS in Japan visited for eight school days. During this time, the students participated in integration lessons whereby they attended classes with their Rochedale buddy. This is always a wonderful cultural exchange as the students enjoy engaging with the Australian curriculum whilst also having an opportunity to develop their English skills in a classroom setting. In addition, students also had the opportunity to observe a cooking class in action where students were using native ingredients to prepare some delicious Australian foods. We are also very grateful for Ms Pendragon who ran a boomerang painting class while also teaching students about the symbolism in Indigenous art work.

We are looking forward to running two additional study tours in Term 4 and sharing the wonderful learning opportunities we have on offer at Rochedale SHS with our international visitors. Students in Years 7-10 who are interested in being a buddy are asked to see Ms Smith in K Block.



CLICK ON LINK FOR INFORMATION TO BE A
HOST FAMILY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:
[HOST FAMILY LINK](#)

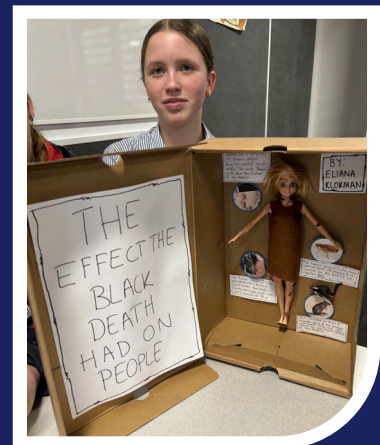
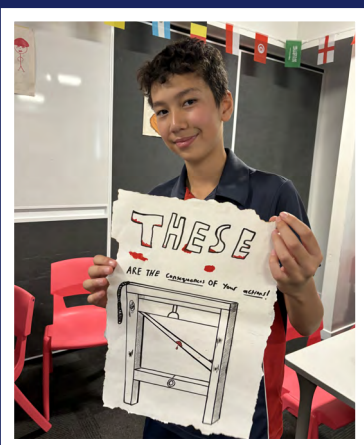
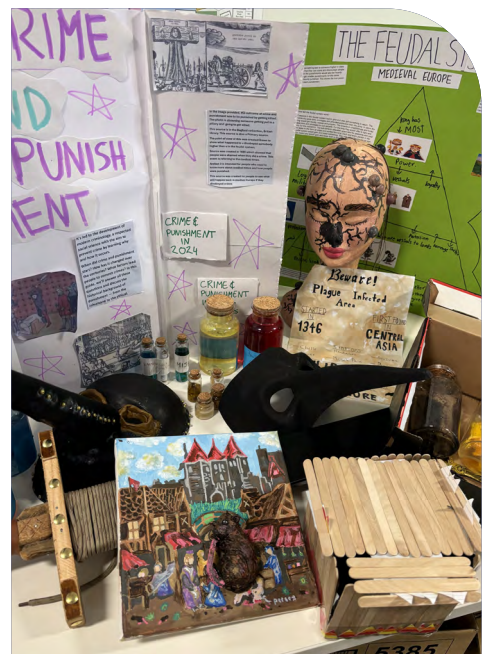


BRINGING MEDIEVAL EUROPE TO OUR FINGERTIPS

Aeden Farr-Wharton - HOD Humanities

Nothing brings history to life more than making it with your very own hands

Our Year 8 History classes delved deep into the past for their Medieval Europe unit. By investigating the gory Black Death, harsh crime and punishment and the strategic Feudal System of the time, students learnt about the significance of this peculiar period. Incorporating an inquiry-based learning approach, students demonstrated their understanding of this unit by building an artefact that clearly demonstrated its significance to this era. The students' creations included: plague masks, religious relics, potions, swords, siege weapons, majestic paintings and even detailed maps to document the spread of the plague over Europe. What a fantastic effort from our Year 8s!





2024 LTQ BRISBANE LANGUAGES SPEECH CONTEST

Elizabeth Fu - Chinese Teacher

**OUR STUDENTS SHINED AT THE
BRISBANE LANGUAGES SPEECH
COMPETITION, BRINGING
HOME TOP AWARDS!**



The LTQ (Language Teachers' Association of Queensland) Brisbane Speech Contest is an annual event that fosters language learning and intercultural understanding among students in the Brisbane area. Recently, 8 students from our school participated. The competition was competitive, and our students dedicated significant effort to preparing their speeches, resulting in impressive achievements.

We are thrilled to share the fantastic results. Our students showcased incredible talent and dedication, and we are proud to highlight their achievements:

Lillian achieved 1st place in the Year 11 Background Speaker category

Jade secured 5th place in the Year 7 Non-Background Speaker category

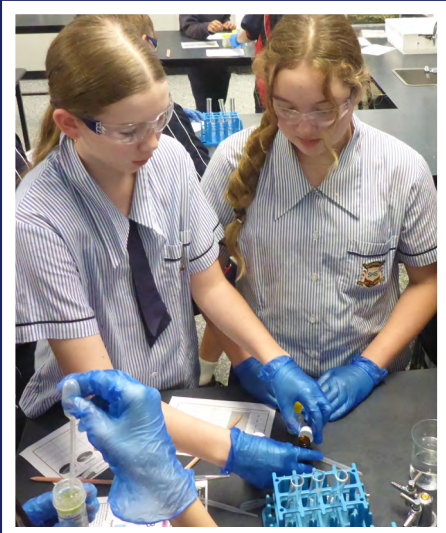
Matthew received a "Highly Commended" award in the Year 8 Non-Native Speakers category

Chloe also earned a "Highly Commended" award in the Year 10 Non-Native Speakers category

Other participants including Ryan, Aashritha and Sangay also gave a huge effort and their performances were commendable.

We want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all our participants for their hard work and dedication. Their commitment and enthusiasm are truly inspiring.





NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

WHALE OF A TIME!

Anna Albert - HOD Science

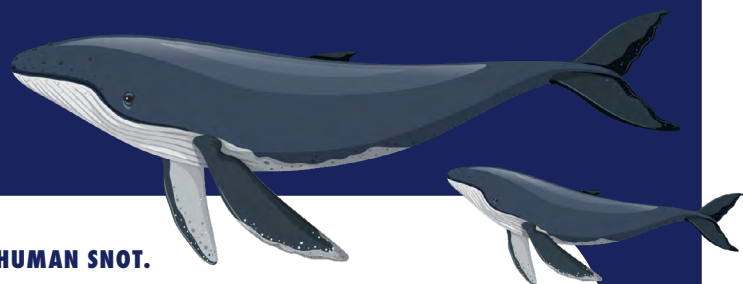
National Science Week was celebrated 12 — 16 August. The theme this year was “Species Survival — more than just survival”.

Each day of the week students were challenged with 2 lies and 1 truth. Correct entries were placed in a draw for a prize which was drawn on Friday’s parade. The UQ Ambassadors hosted an experiment where the students analysed the health of three whales. Colour, pH, protein and glucose of the whale snot was tested.



DID YOU KNOW?

- **WHALE SNOT IS SIMILAR TO HUMAN SNOT.**
- **WHALES DO NOT HAVE VOCAL CORDS, ONLY MALES MAKE THE SONGS.**
- **THE HEALTH OF WHALES DECLINES OVER THE ANNUAL MIGRATION AS THEY RARELY EAT DURING THIS TIME.**
- **THERE ARE ABOUT 40,000 WHALES WHO MIGRATE ANNUALLY FROM ANTARCTICA UP THE EASTERN COAST OF AUSTRALIA.**



SUCCESS AT THE 2024 EKKA

Karen Welsh - Coordinator Agriculture Science



Our RSHS Show Team entered 34 sheep across the Open and Interschool classes. The school's Southdowns were awarded the Champion Southdown Breeders' group while our Suffolk were also awarded first place in the Suffolk Breeders' group. The students designed and created outstanding displays and were runners-up in the Tidy Pens competition. Our students worked very hard from 5am every morning starting with cleaning pens and feeding and watering the sheep. Judging of the Interschool classes took place on Friday, Day 3. Rochedale students were very well organised and did an amazing job presenting our sheep.

Rochedale State High were awarded second place in overall points against ten other schools. Results in the Junior Handlers' competition were also impressive with Zack achieving First place, Sarah

awarded Second and Highly Commended placements to Delta and Mimi. The school sheep were awarded a total of 32 awards, including:

- 1 Grand Champion
- 4 Champions
- 3 Reserve Champions
- 8 Firsts
- 5 Seconds
- 6 Thirds
- 5 Fourths

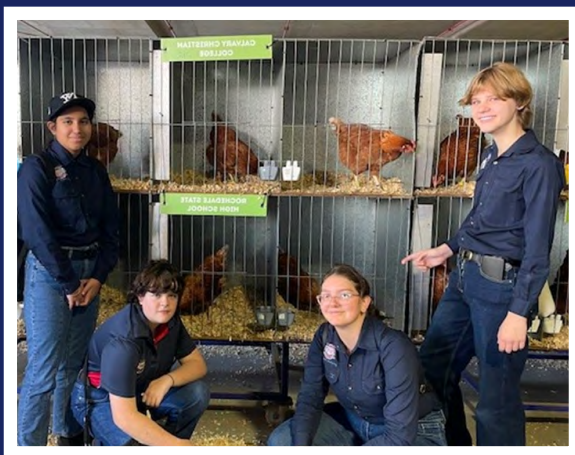
In all aspects the students were impressive ambassadors for the school by presenting our sheep in a professional manner and in their interactions with the public.

A huge thank you is extended to the staff who attended the EKKA: Mr Evans, Mr Tol, Mr Lancaster and Mr Dunne.



POULTRY TEAM SHINES AT THE EKKA

Kiri Bhattaram - Poultry Show Team Supervisor



The Agricultural Poultry Show Team participated in the 2024 EKKA Raising Hy-Line Hens competition with six Hy-Line Brown Hens which had been carefully raised by our students from chicks. Students had the opportunity to attend the judging, where poultry experts from the commercial industry evaluated both the chickens and their eggs.

In addition to the Hy-Line competition, several of our team members took part in the Junior Poultry Judging

competition, where they showcased their understanding of poultry assessment. We congratulate our students who achieved excellent results - Harnoor achieved first place, Lily second place, and Sarah third place.

Congratulations to the entire team for their efforts, and a special thank you to the students who represented our school at the EKKA.

RAS NETBALL

TERM 3

Nathan Smith - RAS Director of Netball



SUPER 7S CARNIVAL SUCCESS!

We are thrilled to share the fantastic achievements of our netball teams at the Super 7s carnival held recently at Underwood Park Netball Association. Our girls showcased incredible talent, teamwork, and determination throughout the day. Check out the amazing results below:

Junior Red - 7/8 Div 1 - Winners of Div 1 - 2nd in Pool | 3 Wins, 1 Loss
 Junior Blue - 7/8 Div 2 - Second in Div 2 - 2nd in Pool | 4 Wins, 1 Loss
 Junior White - 7/8 Div 3 - Third in Div 3 - 4th in Pool | 1 Win, 3 Losses
 Inter Red - 9/10 Div 1 - 3rd in Pool | 1 Win, 3 Losses
 Inter Blue - 9/10 Div 2 - 3rd in Pool | 1 Win, 3 Losses
 Senior Red - 11/12 Div 1 - Winners | 4 Wins, 0 Losses
 Senior Blue - 11/12 Div 2 - 2nd in Pool | 4 Wins, 1 Loss

A huge congratulations to all the players for their hard work and outstanding performances! We are incredibly proud of each team. Keep up the great work!



TERM 3

RAS TOUCH

Blake Fowke - RAS Director of Touch Football

Term 3 was an action-packed period for all our Touch teams. Teams began their second season of the BMTA Touch competition at Whites Hill, participated in the final day of the Schools Touch League (STL), and finalised preparations for both the Brisbane All Schools (BAS) and Queensland All Schools (QAS) tournaments, set to take place at the start of the holidays (BAS) and the start of Term 4 (QAS).



COMPETITION UPDATES

STL

This term marked the exciting conclusion of the School's Touch League tournament, featuring the top Touch Football teams from across Southeast Queensland. The highly competitive three-day event, which kicked off in Term 1, brought out the best in every team. Our school proudly secured 8th place overall—a fantastic achievement in such a challenging competition.

BMTA

Season two at the Brisbane Metropolitan Touch Association (BMTA) has kicked off with great success in both the boys' and girls' divisions. Through the partnership we have with Southern Storm Touch Club, we've fielded three girls' teams and two boys' teams in the junior competition. The girls, competing on Thursday nights, have delivered impressive performances and developed their skills, while the boys, who recently began playing on Sunday afternoons, have already secured dominant victories in the opening two rounds. You can find the draws here: <https://www.bmta.com.au/copy-of-fixtures-results-adults>

BAS & QAS

As the upcoming competitions draw near, our teams are focused on their preparation. Training sessions have had a strong emphasis on refining skills, improving fitness, teamwork, and building game strategies. With upcoming tournaments like the Brisbane All Schools (BAS) and Queensland All Schools (QAS) on the horizon, the teams are determined to showcase their best performances on the field.

YEAR 9 DAT SHADOW BOX DESIGN

Vicky Fites - Design Technology Teacher

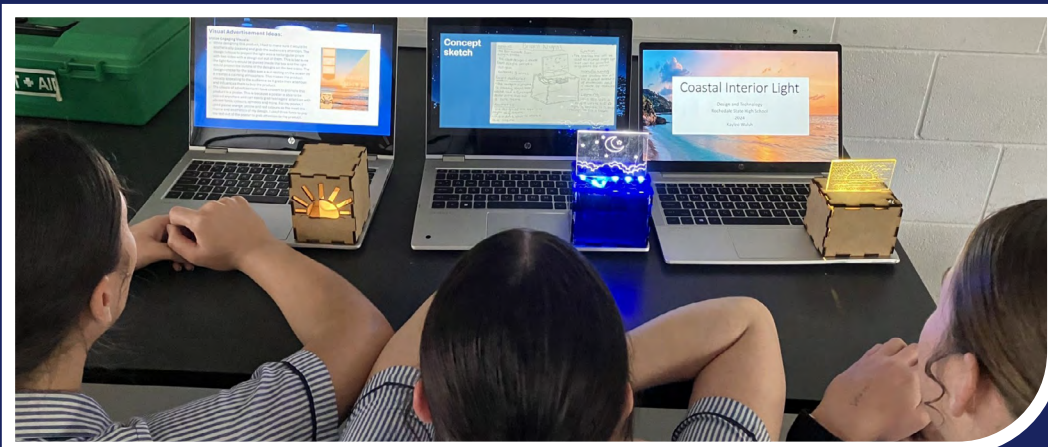
DESIGNING DREAMS ONE SHADOW BOX AT A TIME

Product designers are often led by savvy individuals seeing gaps in an existing or emerging market and filling it with a product, service or environment.

Students in Year 9 Design Technology took on the role of a production designer working for a local company in Rochdale. They created a shadow box lighting

product that could be sold across retail stores.

The process involved creating a shadow box design in Adobe Illustrator. Once designed, students laser printed their design and then added either LED lights or tea lights to form the shadow effect. The end products were very impressive.



PARENT WORKSHOPS

Mandy - Student Wellbeing Team Social Worker



POST SCHOOL OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES PARENT WORKSHOP

The Student Support Team and the Inclusive Learning Centre, had another successful evening supporting families at the Post School Options for Students with Disability, Life After School, delivered by a variety of services in our community.

Eleven services were invited to present information around how they can support

our students with life after school. An array of questions from parents were answered, and individual experiences shared, about finding the right fit post school for students.

Our Social Worker will be reaching out in Term 4, with a brief survey, to understand the information families/parents would like for parent workshops in 2025.



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SPRING WELLBEING NEWSLETTER!**

Rosedale State High School's **Astronomy Night**



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5.30pm - 8.30pm

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Family Ticket: \$20

Adult Ticket: \$10

Student Ticket: \$5
(5 to 17 years)

Under 5's: Free

TERM 4 EVENTS



CAR BOOT & MARKET

SAT NOV 2

**SUPPORTING
CHAPLAINCY
AT RSHS**



8:00 AM – 1:00 PM



**ROCHEDALE STATE
HIGH SCHOOL**



\$30 for a car/stall spot
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STALLHOLDERS NEEDED