Welcome back to 2016

The staff of The Rivers Secondary College would like to sincerely welcome all students and their families back to another year of learning and growth. The three campuses of the College have been planning and implementing many aspects of their operations aimed at enhancing the learning and teaching processes for another successful year. Our shared curriculum for stage 6, Years 11 and 12, has now grown to support more than 130 students travelling across the college to pursue their preferred subject choices. There are plans for the staff across the College to undertake significant collaborative professional learning. The entry of combined campus sporting teams will commence soon, as well as planning for joint cross college performances.

We are particularly welcoming of our newly enrolled students into Year 7, as well as those new to our College. There will be upcoming opportunities to meet the campus staff at a variety of functions which will be advertised from each campus.

The entire staff wish each and every one of our students a year of success and achievement through accepting the opportunities that are available especially as we make enhancements across learning and teaching areas as a result of our work in what we call our Personalised Learning Project.

Kadina High Campus staff.

Calendar

19 February
School Photos

26 February
Zone Swimming

3rd March
School Photos Catch Up Day

30/31 March
HSC 1/2 Yearly Exams
Nominations for Australia Day this year went to the following:

**Millie Burnett—Young Citizen** Millie is an outstanding role model for young people; she held the position of School Vice Captain & President of the Student Representative Council at The Rivers Secondary College. Millie is a person of integrity, always thinking of others, engaging in events with local, state & federal politicians. Millie has been involved on many fundraising for charities & represented Kadina in sporting activities.

**The Rivers P-12 White Ribbon—Services in Community Group** Under the banner of White Ribbon, staff members from Kadina High commenced fundraising and education programs for no excuse for violence against women. With the involvement of many local schools, violence in homes can now be discussed at school level. White Ribbon Committee is a dedicated, enthusiastic group educating school students that there is no excuse for violence against women.

*Mr Townsend and Mr Davies congratulate Kadina student Melcolm as he and his family became Australian Citizens on Australia Day this year.*

*Millie Burnett accepting her award along with Mr Davies and Mrs Laverty accepting The Rivers P-12 White Ribbon Award.*
Kadina High Campus Students Settling Into 2016
New Staff At Kadina High Campus

Starting off our new year, we have a great new group of staff returning and joining us. We wish them all the best for the year working along side our other talented staff at Kadina High Campus.

Hannah Scott
Science Teacher

Darryl Shostak
English Teacher

Belinda Cherry
Language Teacher

Rebecca Somerfield
HSIE Teacher

Larry Polak
HSIE Teacher

Harry Humphreys
PD/H/PE Teacher

Janine Perry
PD/H/PE Teacher

Karen Stanton
English Head
Teacher (REL)
Beautiful Native Trees Flowing At Kadina This Month

**Euodia elleryana Pink euodia**

Small to medium rainforest tree growing to 25 metres tall and a diameter of 60 cm. The natural range is from the Clarence River in New South Wales to tropical northern Australia.

These trees can be viewed across from the front car park. Can you find it?

**Stenocarpus sinuatus Firewheel**

This upright growing evergreen tree reaches to 100 feet tall in its native rainforest habitat but is usually seen as a tree 25-30 feet tall by 15 feet wide in cultivation in California.

This tree can be viewed near our front car park. Can you find it?
Swimming Carnival 2016
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
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Late attendance 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.
My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school’s learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conference

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child’s attendance at school.

- Application to the Children’s Court — Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child’s attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children’s Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child’s full participation at school in circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs. Further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

The school leaving age:

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team
T 131 536

Learning and Engagement
Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships
T 9244 5128
www.det.nsw.gov.au
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APPLICATION FOR EXTENDED LEAVE – TRAVEL

NOTE: PART A is to be completed by the student's parent and returned to their child's school principal. Separate applications are to be completed for each school if siblings do not attend the same school.

PART A: STUDENT DETAILS

Please complete table below with details of all students associated with the period of travel:

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Student address: ___________________________________________________________
Postcode: ___________________________

School name: ____________________________________________________________

Dates of extended leave applied for: From ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
Number of school days: ____________
Reason for travel ________________________________________________________

Relevant travel documentation such as an e ticket or itinerary (in the case of non flight bound travel within Australia only) must be attached to this application.

DETAILS OF PRIOR EXEMPTIONS/EXTENDED LEAVE – TRAVEL (if applicable)

Date of prior exemption/extended leave: From ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
Number of school days: ____________

Copy of Certificate of Exemption/Extended Leave-Travel attached (Please tick [ ]): Yes [ ] No [ ]

PARENT DETAILS (Applicant)

Family name: ___________________________ Given name: ___________________________
Address: _______________________________ Postcode: ___________________________
Telephone number: ______________________ Relationship to student: ____________________

As the parent and applicant, I hereby apply for a Certificate of Extended Leave-Travel and understand my child will be granted a period of extended leave upon acceptance by the principal of the reason provided.
I understand that if the application is accepted:
- I am responsible for his/her supervision during the period of extended leave
- The provided period of extended leave is limited to the period indicated
- The provided period of extended leave is subject to the conditions listed on the Certificate of Extended Leave-Travel
- The period of extended leave will count towards my child's absences from school

I declare the information provided in this application is to the best of my knowledge and belief; accurate and complete. I recognise that should statements in this application later prove to be false or misleading any decision made as a result of this application may be reversed. I further recognise that a failure to comply with any condition set out in the Application for Extended Leave-Travel may result in the provided period of extended leave being cancelled.

Signature of parent/s: ___________________________ Date: _____ / _____ / _____

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PRIVACY STATEMENT

The Department of Education and Communities is subject to the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. The information that you provide will be used to process your child's Application for Extended Leave-Travel during the period indicated. It will only be used or disclosed for the following purposes:
- General student administration relating to the education and welfare of the student
- Communication with students and parents
- To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students, staff and visitors to the school
- State and National reporting purposes
- For any other purpose required by law.

The information will be stored securely. You may access or correct any personal information by contacting the school. If you have a concern or complaint about the way your personal information has been collected, used, or disclosed, you should contact the school.

PART B : TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PRINCIPAL

I accept this Application for Extended Leave-Travel (Please tick one box ☐):
Yes ☐ No ☐

Please provide more detail here (if required):

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Principal's name (please print): ___________________ Telephone number: ___________

Signature of principal: ___________________________ Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Note: Please complete the Certificate of Extended Leave - Travel if requested leave is to be provided.
RIVERS SPORTING COMMUNITY NEWS

Throughout 2015 the three campuses of the Rivers Secondary college embraced a shared Wednesday morning weekly sports program. This occurred in a numbers of sports through the Lismore and surrounding communities. This allowed students access to sports that they previously may not have access to due to lack of number or staffing.

In 2016 we will be entering a combined Rivers Secondary College team which will be selected from students across the three campus sites. The Rivers Secondary College is made up of of Richmond River High Campus, Kadina High Campus and Lismore High Campus. Each Rivers Secondary College team will compete in most of the statewide knockouts (over 30 sports). Trials to select each sporting team will be held prior to round 1 play-by-date as per the NSW Combined High Schools draw.

The combined Rivers Secondary College team will then enter the draw for each sport from round 2 onwards. Not only will this allow The Rivers Secondary College to field much stronger teams that will represent the College with distinction but also allows us to take part in sports where previously individual campuses may not have been able to enter a side due to lack of numbers or interest. It also allows us to utilise a wider variety of staff across the 3 schools with specific coaching experience and knowledge to look after each team. Clearly this increases the sporting opportunities for students across the Rivers Secondary College.

We will still be entering Lismore High, Richmond River High and Kadina High Campus only teams in North Coast only Competitions (at least 11 sports) as well as Northern Rivers Zone and North Coast Area Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming carnivals. If you have any further enquiries, please make contact with your campus Sports Organiser.

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<td>Phil Dalli</td>
<td>The Rivers Secondary College, Kadina High Campus</td>
<td>Phone: 66243133</td>
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<td>Penny Graham</td>
<td>The Rivers Secondary College, Lismore High Campus</td>
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<td>Dean French</td>
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**KADINA CANTEN PRICE LIST – 2016**

*Prices Subject to Change*

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**SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE:** Department of Education is seeking volunteer families to host international students from February 2016. More info 1800 500 501, scceaust@scce.com.au, www.scce.com.au

**Goonellabah FC 2016 Registration:** Play with Goonellabah FC in 2016 Register NOW at www.myfootballclub.com.au Registration Days at Club Goonellabah Reserve Street. Saturday 13 & 20 February 10am—1pm. Junior teams from grade 6-16/17 Senior Men & Women’s Teams. Call Michael on 0416 247 654 or Kevin on 0416 218 544

**Workers Junior Baseball Sign On:** Albert Park Baseball Fields Tuesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March 4pm-5:30pm Contact Mel McClelland on 0416 014 096

**Making Men Father & Son Camp:** Celebrate your son becoming a young man and help him create a healthy vision for the future. Create networks that will support him in tough times. Byron Bay Hinterland, NSW Date: 6 - 10 April 2016. For more information: Visit our Website: www.doctorarne.com or Email: info@doctorarne.com

**Want a Head Start in English in 2016:** Experienced English teacher/tutor available for Years 7 to 12 students. Reasonable rates. References available. Contact Toni on 0432 287156

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**NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION**

All our Year 7 students have been given a hard copy of first newsletter for 2016. This is to ensure that all parents/carers are aware that our newsletter is accessible in the following ways.

1. Email (see left for information)
2. Facebook—like page or simply visit and look for our current newsletter link
3. Website— kadina-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

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**SUBSCRIBE ME!!.....**

I would like to remind parents you can subscribe to the school newsletter email distribution list. It is easy and it is free. All you have to do is log into whichever email account that you would like to receive the email from and send an email to:

kadina-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au with “subscribe me” in the subject line.