

Head of College's Message

Cultural Awards Night



Artwork by Frederyk Woodhouse (above) and Tamara Allen (below)



The Rivermount College Co-curricular program is one which provides opportunities for students to be involved in a myriad of activities encompassing both Cultural and Sporting areas. Our students embrace these opportunities with enthusiasm and commitment which sees the College represented at major events and competitions successfully participating against schools much greater in population. This commitment is always appreciated and acknowledged by the College at two major events on our Calendar; The Cultural Awards Night and the Sporting Awards Night.

Last Friday, the Rivermount College community gathered for the 6th annual Cultural Awards evening, held at the College, in the Multi-Purpose Hall. The evening afforded not only a chance to recognise the talents of so many students, but to share in the work, with attendees enjoying the opportunity to mingle amongst student artwork and be entertained by student performances. Student dramatic and musical pieces were also showcased during the evening. This year, the College was fortunate enough to have a performance by 'Songlines' – a community choir which came together in 1996 to champion justice for Indigenous people and fifteen years later are still singing for reconciliation and social justice, peace and environmental responsibility.

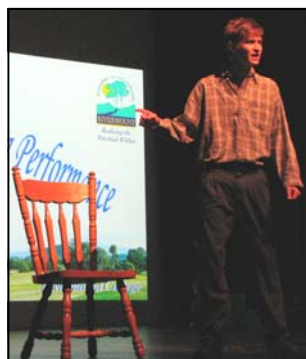
Chairperson of the choir, Mr Doug Winten, spoke passionately about 'Songlines' and the members of the choir who come together to lift their voices for the causes in which they believe. In talking about their performances, Mr Winten told the assembled parents, staff and students, 'We sing out loud on Invasion Day, in Sorry Week, in Reconciliation Week and at NAIDOC events – our songs also call for sanctuary for asylum seekers, peace and environmental responsibility – at rallies and marches, at multicultural and community festivals, and at public events of all shapes and sizes'. He concluded with a sentiment, which we as a school would fully support: 'Join a Choir – Let your voice be heard!'

The evening proved to be a great success and one that will only improve with the building of our new facility. Congratulations to all the award winners and especially to Year 12 student Darcy O'Connor who was named Cultural Ambassador of the Year.


Michael Trott
Head of College



Congratulations to Cultural Ambassador of the Year—Darcy O'Connor pictured above with his trophies and fellow award winners.



Guests were entertained by students performances (Matt Seery above) and by the Songlines community choir (below).



Cultural Awards Winners

Visual Art –

2D Award – Mitchell Castrission
 3D Award – Amy Lydeamore
 Most Promising Junior Artist – Frederyk Woodhouse
 Most Promising Senior Artist – Alexandria Miers
 Art Spirit Award – Sheridan Murphy
 Artist of the Year – Tamara Allen

Vocal Music –

Middle School Choir Award – Josephine Harris
 Junior Vocalist Award – Jordan Pineda
 Senior Vocalist Award – Mitchell Castrission
 Vocalist of the Year – Jackson Smith

Instrumental Music –

Concert Band Award – Alexa Godber
 String Ensemble Award – Phoebe Tan
 Junior Pianist Award – Kailee Horton
 Senior Pianist Award—Emily McLean
 Junior Brass Award – Jackson Blacker
 Senior Brass Award – Darcy O’Connor
 Junior Woodwind Award – Hayley Faulkner
 Senior Woodwind Award – Kurt Pachernegg
 Junior Strings Award – Phoebe Tan
 Musical Instrumentalist Award— Alexa Godber

Contemporary Music –

Junior Drummer Award – Liam Armstrong
 Senior Drummer Award – Christian Bretherton
 Junior Guitarist Award – Tom Jowitt
 Senior Guitarist Award – Jackson Smith
 Junior Bass Guitarist Award – Adam Wright
 Senior Bass Guitarist Award – Morgan Flood
 Contemporary Musician of the Year – Mitchell Castrission
 Overall Musician of the Year – Darcy O’Connor

Dance –

Most Promising Junior Dancer – Kailee Horton
 Dancer of the Year – Samantha Nielson

Drama –

Senior Play Award — Sheridan Murphy
 Musical—Best Performance in a Major Role (Senior) - Darcy O’Connor
 Musical—Best Performance in a Major Role (Middle) - Katelyn Panagiris
 Musical—Best Performance in a Supporting Role - Jacob Nye
 Musical—Most Improved Performer - Brenton Rogers
 Musical—Choreographer’s Award (technically Dance) - Emmalynne Horig
 Musical—Technical/Backstage Award - Lindsay MacMillan
 Most Promising Middle School Dramatist – Shereace Lawler
 Most Promising Senior Dramatist - Sarah Wallace
 Dramatist of the Year – Matthew Seery

Public Speaking -

Public Speaker of the Year – Senior Alexa Godber

Debating –

Best First Speaker – Iris McMarson
 Best Second Speaker – Jordan Booth
 Best Third Speaker – Stephanie De Santis
 Best Junior Impromptu Speaker – Jack Horig
 Best Senior Impromptu Speaker – Jordan Booth
 Debating Encouragement Award – Andrea Walker
 Junior Debating Spirit Award – Reeanne Duffy
 Senior Debating Spirit Award – Darcy O’Connor
 Rotary Debater of the Year – Selena Lang
 Junior Round Robin Debator of the Year – Benjamin Johnson
 Junior Debater of the Year – Jack Horig
 Senior Debater of the Year – Stephanie De Santis

The Cultural Ambassador of the Year –

Darcy O’Connor

College News

19th Annual Speech & Prize Giving Night

The Annual Speech & Prize Giving Night will be held on Wednesday, 10 November. Family and friends are welcome to attend. As advised in the end of term mailing this will be the prize giving night for Years 7-12. **Years 7 - 12 student attendance is compulsory.** Parents are reminded to please be seated by **6:45pm** as doors will be closed at the commencement of the evening at 7:00pm.

Inaugural Junior School Presentation & Awards Assembly

The Inaugural Junior School Presentation & Awards Assembly will be held in the **Multi-Purpose Hall** on Friday, 12 November. Prizes will be awarded to students in **Years 4-6**. Family and friends are welcome to attend. Parents are reminded to please be seated by **10:45am** in readiness for an 11:00am commencement.

2010 Sports Awards Night

The Sports Awards Night will be held tomorrow Friday, 29 October in the Multi-Purpose Hall commencing at 6:30pm. Light appetizers and drinks will be served starting from 5:45pm followed by the presentation of awards.



Middle & Senior School News

Year 12 Exam Block

Year 12 students have this week received an end of semester exam timetable for their exam block which runs from Friday, 12 November through until Thursday, 18 November.

As was the case at the end of Semester 1, Year 12 students who do not owe outstanding assessment items, are only required to be present at the College during the sessions in which they have examinations. Should students choose to remain at school during times when they do not have exams, they will be undertaking supervised, independent work and study.

Following Speech Night on Wednesday, 10 November, students have Thursday, 11 November as a study day in preparation for their final secondary exams. Library study facilities will be made available to Year 12 students on that day and if students choose to avail themselves of these their attendance is required for what will, in effect, be a normal school day. To enhance this opportunity for productive examination preparation, Year 12 teachers will be available to consult with students during the day. Normal uniform and grooming expectations will apply to those students attending school for the study day.

Meredith Walker

Dean of Curriculum

Rivermount Wins Rotary Debating

After many months, the 2010 debating season last week came to an end when our Year 10 team was victorious against Calvary Christian College in the final of the local Rotary Debating competition. The event, which, as has become tradition, was held as part of a Rotary dinner at the Beenleigh PCYC. Teams were arguing the topic that *all you need is love*, with the Rivermount team of Andrea Walker, Isabella Di Maio, Selena Lang and Courtney Dunn assuming the negative. In doing so, the girls focussed on other necessary moral and practical elements in society such as tolerance and resources for survival.



Congratulations to the Year 10 Debating Team who were victorious against Calvary Christian College in the final round of the Rotary Debating Competition.

Both teams presented researched and reasoned arguments, which were informative to the audience of parents, teachers and Rotarians. As third speaker, Courtney Dunn offered many such arguments in rebuttal, including references to the vicious Vikings and The Crusades, and she was most deserving of being named Speaker of the Night.

Congratulations go to all team members and Mrs Gill Morgan for their teamwork and efforts in preparation of the challenging topic. What emerged in the presentation of all speakers on the night was the degree of improvement they have experienced over the course of the year-long competition, which is in keeping with the intent of the competition to help youth to improve their life skills to ensure a better future.

Meredith Walker

Debating Co-ordinator

Middle & Senior School News

Career Information

For Year 12 Students: Information for Year 12 students leaving school.

Queensland Health has traineeships and apprenticeships available for 2011. A list is in the SAT's Folder in Career's Centre or www.health.qld.gov.au

Group training organisations will be conducting interviews for a variety of industries including Diesel Fitting, Construction, Business IT, Hospitality, Electrical, Automotive, Chefs and Hospitality.

Information is available on their websites: www.migas.com.au (Business, IT, Hospitality, Electrical, Automotive) www.hta.or.au (Hospitality training) www.smartemploymentsolutions.com.au (trades) www.atq.com.au (Construction, Engineering and Automotive) www.ectraining.com.au (Construction and Engineering) www.torgas.com.au (Diesel Fitting and Heavy Vehicle Mechanics).

The Defence Force website www.defencejobs.gov.au

Ambulance website www.ambulance.qld.gov.au/recruiting

Police website www.police.qld.gov.au/recruiting

For Senior Students:

There are four folders in the Career's Centre that all senior students should read regularly:

- Information on Open Days and Information Sessions at Universities, TAFEs and Colleges folder.
- Scholarships, bursaries and competitions folder.
- Apprenticeships and traineeships folder.
- University and TAFE courses for Year 11 and 12 students who wish to enhance their chances to attend University or TAFE. (These courses have been listed in the Newsletter previously). The application end date is usually the beginning of October or earlier each year.

Please do not hesitate to come in and browse. The information in them may be photocopied.

TSXPO (Tertiary Studies Expo) 16-17 July 2011

BOND UNIVERSITY (www.bond.edu.au)

Bond University - Career in Tourism Day – 9 November from 9:00am to 2:30pm. Contact the Co-ordinator, Aiko Fujino, 07 5595 3569.

QUT (www.qut.edu.au)

Griffith University (www.griffith.edu.au)

University of Queensland (www.uq.edu.au)

James Cook University, Townsville (www.jcu.edu.au)

University of Southern Queensland (www.usq.edu.au)

Apprenticeships/Traineeships (School Based)

Students interested in obtaining a school based traineeships or apprenticeships should complete a Pink Registration Form, from the Careers Centre, so that we may contact you when offers become available.

Australian Sports Academy offer traineeships (Cert III in Sport).

Hog's Breath Cafe is offering a traineeship. Proposal forms available from the Careers Centre.

Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Traineeship at Brisbane Airport for Year 11 students in 2011.

Certificates–TAFE— some vacancies still exist in:-

- Transport and Logistics – Logan
- Aged Care (Year 12) –Logan
- Cert 111 in Beauty – Logan (interview required)
- Events – Logan
- IT (Year 11) – Logan
- Hospitality and Kitchen Operations - Logan
- Hospitality (front of house) - Logan

For more information on the above please refer to the SATs folder in the Careers Centre, The Hank Young Library or speak to **Mrs Wendy Reed from BRITN (Apprenticeships/Traineeships Liaisons Officer) every Wednesday at 10:30am. Mrs Watt (Career's Officer) attends Mondays and Wednesdays to assist with career information, applications to external education courses and writing resumes.**

Middle & Senior School News

Australian Schools English Competition

Earlier this year, students in the Middle and Senior Schools took part in the annual Australian School's English Competition. Skills tested included general vocabulary, language use and reading comprehension. Students will be presented with Certificates of Participation and Credit (suitable for inclusion in a portfolio) as well as a letter highlighting their strengths and weaknesses in the skills and processes of English in the near future, however, the following students were presented with certificates in recognition of their outstanding results at assembly.

Achieving a Distinction in the top 10% of entrants in their year levels were:

Year 7 - Holly James, Jessica Williams

Year 8 - Brandon Farrugia, Jack Horig, Iris McMarson, Phoebe Tan, Kaitlyn Panagiris, Monica Woodhouse

Year 9 - Erin Clapper, Megan Norval, Jemma Stevens

Within the Middle School, congratulations especially to Phoebe in Year 8 and Jemma in Year 9 who received Distinctions for the second year in a row.

Year 10 - Sarah Bingham, Kai Callebaut, Nicholas Long, Joshua Post, Renee Welland

Year 11- Matthew Seery

Year 12 - Lindsay MacMillan, Alexander Orton



Congratulations on receiving a Distinction in the Australian School English Competition.

Of particular note within the Senior School, Matthew Seery and Alexander Orton have now both received Distinctions each year over the last four years and this year received the top two results in the competition (respectively) for the College. Congratulations to these students.

Meredith Walker
Head of English

Year 11 Geography Excursion

On Thursday, 21 October the Year 11 Geography class went on an excursion to Brisbane's CBD. The class visited a number of different development sites all over Brisbane including Brunswick St Mall, Cutter's Landing in Teneriffe and South Bank.

The purpose of this field trip was to complete a report which is their major piece of assessment for the semester. Information gathered on the excursion will be used to decide how to best develop a site at Kurilpa Point. Student's enjoyed lunch in Brunswick Street Mall and were particularly impressed with New Farm Park. Overall the day was a success with perfect weather and good company.

Allison Nipperess
Geography Teacher

Year 11 Geography students admire a statue of Wally Lewis at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane (right).



Junior School News

Year 1 Excursion to Ngutana-Lui

On our excursion we went to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centre. The corroboree was the first lesson. We danced a story. The next activity was throwing the boomerangs. I think I need a little more practice at it. Next we learnt an Aboriginal language. Then it was lunch. I sat with Holly H. Next we went for a bush walk and learnt about Aboriginal plants. On the bus home I sat next to Holly H and Emily. I had a fantastic time.

By Erin Buchbach
Year 1 student



Year 1 girls with their face painted ready for the corroboree—Summer, Ashleigh, Kaila and Tara.



Year 1 boys learning to throw a boomerang with Uncle Wally at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centre.

Important Dates to Remember

Friday 29 October

- ~ Head of College Award Assembly
- ~ Sports Awards Night



Saturday 30 October

- ~ TAS Finals/Playoffs
- ~ JTAS Round 3 Tennis / Touch Carnival at Canterbury College—meet 7:30am

Monday 1 November

- ~ Families & Friends Meeting @ 7:00pm

Tuesday 2 November

- ~ Junior School Captain Speeches @ 11:00am

Wednesday 3 November

- ~ Year 11 & 12 Hospitality International Evening
- ~ Junior School Electives

Friday 5 November

- ~ Junior School Sport & Cultural Awards Assembly

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday 10 November

- ~ **SPEECH NIGHT** Years 7-12 students

Friday 12 November

- ~ Inaugural Junior School Presentation & Awards Assembly—Years 4-6 students

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open **Tuesday to Thursday** at the following times:

8:00am—4:00pm
(Closed 12:00—1:00pm)

For enquiries regarding textbooks, stationery and uniforms please contact the Uniform Shop on **3287 0075** or **0438 288 993**.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of lost property in the Uniform Shop including lunch boxes, drink bottles, school shoes, new jumpers and tracksuits.

If your child has lost any items this year please check in the lost property box before the end of term as all items will be disposed of at the end of the year.

Rivermount College Absentee Phone Line (07) 3287 0099

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Eighteen years ago, Rivermount College began the tradition of taking up a collection before Christmas to help spread a little of the joy of Christmas to the less fortunate members of our community.



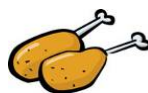
Who better to do this than the Salvation Army who are in touch with these individuals and families?

This year please help us to help them. There will be baskets in every classroom ready to receive your gifts of :

- non-perishable food
- Christmas goodies and decorations
- presents for young and old

The Salvation Army representatives will come to our last assembly on 26 November to accept our donations. Please think of others and give whatever you can.

Tuckshop News



Chicken drumsticks and quenches are not available for the remainder of the term. LOL are available @ \$1.80.

Community News

Boat and Jet Ski Licences For Students

Aussie Boating are offering students awareness on water safety courses. Many young people drive their parents' boat or ride a jet ski without the required licences.

Aussie Boating has a qualified boat and jet ski licence trainer, who offers students professional training courses to obtain their boat or jet ski licence.

The training facility is based at VMR Building in Jacobs Well and training courses run weekdays and weekends. Group discounts can be arranged prior to attending the course.

For more detailed information regarding boat licences please contact Hubert Ganser on mobile: 0428 729 355, email: hubert@boatandjetski.com.au or visit website: www.boatandjetski.com.au