



# Irrawang High School Newsletter

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## Issue 4

## May 2019

### From the Principal's Desk . . .

Welcome back, not surprisingly we are quickly back into our normal routines for this time of year. There is a lot of productive work happening in classrooms right across the school. Years 7 and 9 have just completed the 2019 online NAPLAN tests and other year groups are currently gearing up for half yearly exams.



There is an enormous amount packed into this term, as well as our first semester reports. For all students we have an expectation that study routines have stepped up as we approach the examination period, and we ask parents for support in emphasising with your children the importance of doing this. Revision of work covered during the day, completion of designated homework, assignments and assessment tasks, and a regular pattern of reading are all part of this process.

### Congratulations!

Our student leaders and Drum Corps represented our school with great dignity and respect at the ANZAC Day dawn service at Medowie and at the Raymond Terrace ANZAC march and service. It is important that our students are involved in and aware of the significance of such events, and equally important that our community is aware of how well our students carry themselves on such occasions. The school has received a lot of very positive accolades, recognising the wide array of student achievements at Irrawang High. It's always a great delight to see our students recognised.

### Building Update

Over the last two terms the school has been undergoing a large amount of building upgrades which has included the long awaited installation of the air conditioning into the hall, the extension to the PE staffroom and also will include the installation of nearly 100 kilowatts of solar panels onto G Block and E Block roof space. The solar panel installation will be staged over the coming weeks to minimise disruption to the school but there will be temporary changes to the access to particular buildings as the work is completed to ensure everyone's safety. The best way to keep informed will be through our normal communications channel and by attending our P & C meetings.

# From the Principal's Desk cont'd

## Succeeding in the HSC

The HSC is one of the most rewarding challenges students face during their schooling. Sometimes students find it difficult to manage the workload and maintain a healthy, balanced life whilst juggling school, work, sport and social commitments. Students have been attending Elevate study sessions once a term that have been teaching them many useful skills in preparation for the HSC. At Irrawang High School we have in place teachers who will assist the students as Senior Study mentors in the library in the morning to help Year 12 students maximise their time and results at school as well as in life beyond school. They will focus on getting students set up for the day and to start planning ahead for assignments or exams that might be creeping up. They will also covers a range of topics including: creating a suitable study space, time management strategies, backwards mapping an assessment task, how to study for specific tasks, reducing stress/anxiety and how to study for exams.

## Student Achiever of the Week

Congratulations to the following students on their excellent achievements:

### Week 1:

**CAPA:** Jake Olsen, Christina D'Arcy, Olivia Blanch and Maddison Russ

**LOTE:** Mason Sloane, Michael Moffat, Shelby Hammond, Dakota Rae, Wayu Phio-Ondee, Tajah Booth, Kayla Gorman-Ansell and Libby Gentle

**Support:** Xander Small and Amy-Lee Ledwidge

### Week 2:

**CAPA:** Layne Westley, Claire Howell, Kye Radcliffe and Angelina-Jade Cousin

**English:** Eleanor Tranter, Caleb Small, Isabella Hall, Jared Doherty-Lilly and Madeleine Dolman

**LOTE:** Jordan Cousin and Jackson Picot

**Support:** Justin Blair-Kearins and Jackson Green

**TAS:** Ebony McGrorey-Clarke, Rhys Stewart, Nikki-Lee Lalor, Jack Lawrence and Connor Cadman

### Week 3:

**CAPA:** Zachary Hunter, Makayla Irwin, Zahli Kerr and Jacob Schumacher

**English:** Sabian Carstairs, Emersyn Towers, Lloyd Harris, Annabeth, Abbey Aldred and Kingsley Beecham

**LOTE:** Maiya Cartwright

**Support:** Maddyson Petith and Levi Car

**TAS:** Nikala Evans, Jayme Bertram, Corey Morgan, Ella Ruhl and Madison Hadley

### Week 4:

**CAPA:** Seth Latimer, Holly Kennedy, Kye Radcliffe and Ethan Hall

**English:** Lilly Gorham and Reece Preston

**Support:** Otto van de Wijngaart

**Week 5: CAPA:** Jacinta Spindler, Jade Sullivan, Charlotte Kuszelyk and Lillian Skinner

**English:** Chloe Burns, Emilee McFadyen, Hayley Lang and Shakira Jobson

**Mathematics:** Sophie Cieplechowicz and Lidia Miller

**PDHPE:** Paige Whitby, Christian Berrick, Samantha Hopper, Riley Dyer, Keira O'Brien, Nick Knezevic, Tim Blanch, Willow Mitchell, Madeline Wolinski, Isabelle Hayward, Jayde Ireland and Faith Gardiner

**Support:** Sullivan Challoner

# Dates to Remember - subject to alteration

## JUNE 2019

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Mon 3-Fri 7 June     | Work Experience  |
| Mon 3 June           | Reconciliation Week Assembly<br>State Final AVC  |
| Tue 4 June           | Year 12 Maths Overnight Excursion  |
| Wed 5 June           | Newcastle University Hackathon<br>Year 12 Business Studies Assessment · Year 12 Maths Overnight Excursion                            |
| Thurs 6 June         | Year 7 English/History Chinese Cultural Day<br>Medowie Public School Science and Ag Visit<br>Ngarralbaa Aboriginal Education Meeting |
| Fri 7 June           | Proposed ATSI Activities<br>Sydney Timber Show Excursion<br>Year 9 Industrial Technology Timber Practical Project                    |
| Mon 10 June          | Queens Birthday Public Holiday   |
| Tue 11 June          | NRL School to Work   |
| Thurs 13-Sat 15 June | Star Struck  |
| Fri 14 June          | Bell Shakespeare Performance · CAFS Task 3 Groups in Context   |
| Wed 19 June          | Years 10, 11 and 12 ADF Presentation<br>Year 10 Speed Careering  |
| Thurs 20 June        | Irrawang Public School Science & Ag Visit<br>Ngarralbaa Aboriginal Education Meeting   |
| Mon 24 June          | P & C AGM Meeting · 5:30pm · Library<br>Year 12 Chemistry Experiment Fest  |
| Tue 25 June          | Years 5 & 6 GATS Enrichment Day<br>NRL School to Work  |
| Wed 26 June          | English HSC Modules Day<br>Years 7-9 Revolting Rhymes Civic Theatre  |
| Thurs 27 June        | Year 12 Physics Experiment Fest<br>Students at Risk Visit<br>Year 8 Seeking Shakespeare Excursion - State Library                    |
| Fri 28 June          | Year 12 Standard English Task 3 - Critical Response  |

## JULY 2019

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|------------------|---|
| Mon 1-Tue 2 July | Showcase Workshops  |
| Wed 3 July       | Shakespeare Virtual Incursion   |
| Thurs 4 July     | Ngarralbaa Aboriginal Education Meeting<br>Wirreanda Public School Science & Ag Visit   |
| Fri 5 July       | Last Day of Term 2 -<br>School resumes Monday 22 July for all staff - Staff Development Day<br>Students return Tuesday 23 July - <b>Happy Holidays Everyone!!</b> |

# Thank you MarketPlace Raymond Terrace!

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## NSW Government Schools · Term Dates 2019

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|---------------|--|
| <b>Term 1</b> | Tuesday 29 January - Friday 12 April   |
| <b>Term 2</b> | Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July        |
| <b>Term 3</b> | Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September   |
| <b>Term 4</b> | Monday 14 October - Friday 20 December |

School Development Days occur at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and the last two days of the school year. Please check with the school, as schools may vary some of these dates.

## P & C Association

P & C meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting will be our AGM on:

**Date:** Monday 24 June 2019

**Time:** 5:30pm

**Where:** School Library

- This is a chance to meet other parents and learn what is going on at your child's school.
- Become involved in your child's school community.

# OPAL cards

It is a condition of the School Student Transport Scheme that in return for FREE or subsidised travel Opal Cards MUST be tapped on and tapped off on every bus journey.

Data provided by tap on and tap off is used to determine the level of service to our school.



If students don't tap on and off, lack of perceived patronage could result in our services being affected.

# Woolies Earn & Learn

This is a fantastic opportunity for our school community to help our school gain more valuable resources.

With every \$10 spent\* at Woolworths, one sticker is collected. These can be placed onto the Earn & Learn sticker sheets available from the store and dropped into the collection box at school or Woolworths at Medowie, MarketPlace Raymond Terrace and Terrace Central.



\*In a single transaction. Excludes specified purchases including liquor, tobacco and gift cards.

# Premier's reading challenge

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.



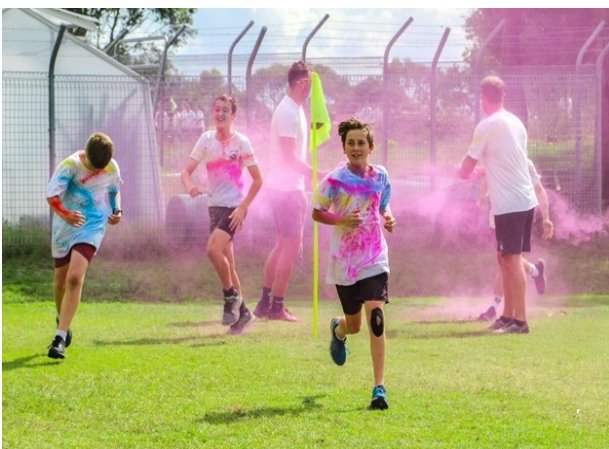
We are now two months into the challenge and many of the books on the list have already been studied by our students. The Challenge closes on August 30. For more information and how to enter please talk to your English teacher. Happy reading everyone!



# Colour fun run

The Colour Fun Run organised by Mr Hurley and a team of happy helpers, was bigger than ever this year with over 300 students participating in this messy, colourful, fun and highly anticipated event. The Easter bunny was also so well organised he came early for the egg hunt.

A pizza lunch was also enjoyed by students who raised over \$20. Over \$3000 was raised by these students for resources in the sports faculty - an awesome effort!





# Financial literacy

Year 10 students who expressed an interest recently undertook a two day Financial Literacy Course facilitated by the Smith Family.

After completing the 10 hour free course, students will gain a qualification of FNS10115 Certificate 1 in Financial Services. The course covers many topics including:

- setting financial goals
- developing a savings plan
- understanding credit and debt traps
- understanding the basics of superannuation
- understanding the role of regulators such as the ACCC & ASIC and how they can help you.



## FOOTGOLF EVENTS AT HORIZONS GOLF RESORT, PORT STEPHENS



**TREAT YOUR EMPLOYEES, STAFF AND CUSTOMERS TO AN OUTDOOR TEAM ACTIVITY EVERYONE CAN PLAY!**

- FootGolf = Football (soccer) + Golf
- Played on a golf course using a soccer ball which is kicked into larger holes
- Play 9 holes in just 45 mins, and finish up with a meal or drinks at the clubhouse!
- Fun, social or competitive game that is easy to play
- Any group size up to 200 players!

### FOOTGOLF EVENTS

We have packages for team days, team building, social and fundraising groups. Treat your customers, staff or employees to a fun, unique event. It will certainly be one they will talk about!

#### BASIC PACKAGE (15 PLAYERS+)

- Round of FootGolf including ball hire from \$15pp

#### ADD-ONS FOR EXTRA FUN

- Drinks cart service on the course while playing
- Hire golf carts for all players (2 per cart)
- Meals before or after at the Clubhouse. BBO, share plate, nibbles or sit down options available.
- Coaching and advice from a Team Australia player
- Designed invitation with your company logo
- 2 minute video of your FootGolf day

#### REAL FUTURES FOUNDATION

Quote RFF50 when booking online or direct, and 50% of your event player fees will be donated to the Real Futures Foundation to support youth programs in Port Stephens.



There are plenty of options available to make this a great day including longest drive and hole in one competitions. A wide range of catering options are available. Get in touch to discuss more!

5 Horizons Drive Salamander Bay NSW 2317 | Enquiries: 0414 210 249 | FootGolf@Horizons.com.au



# What's on in HSIE?

In HSIE this semester, we have undertaken a number of programs that has enabled many of our students to participate in field work activities.

Earlier in Term 1, our Legal Studies students had the opportunity to observe the legal process in person with an excursion to Newcastle Court House. This was a valuable hands-on experience that students have been able to incorporate back into the classroom.

Our Year 10 students also had the chance to showcase their geographical fieldwork skills at our annual Stockton beach excursion on coastal management. Students participated in a range of activities including a demonstration on rips with a non-toxic dye release by Dr Hannah Power, fieldwork sketches, as well as some drone flying.

We have many more opportunities coming up for HSIE students at Irrawang High School. Early in Term 3 our Year 9 students will participate in a WWI demonstration when Shane Blackman brings his WWI Living History Roadshow to the school.

Our Year 8 students will participate in our always engaging and entertaining Viking show, which allows our students to interact with period correct medieval armour and weapons.

Year 7 will also participate in their annual fieldwork trip to Boomerang Park, which includes the always-popular orienteering challenge.

Finally, our senior Business Studies students will also get out in the community with a trip to Woolworths to study business services and operations.

Mr T Hopper

Relieving Head Teacher HSIE





# News from PDHPE

What a great start to the year for Irrawang High School in the areas of PDHPE and Sport. We have had many sporting teams successfully compete at CHS carnivals and gala days enabling students to experience representing their school, zone and region at various individual and team sports.

We are often asked about 'why' our subject area is important by parents and students. Here is an anecdote that best sums up why our staff are so passionate in providing our students opportunities in PDHPE and Sport.

One of my friends asked "Why do you pay so much money for your kids to do all their sports?" Well, I have a confession to make; I don't pay for my kids to do sports. Personally, I couldn't care less about what sport they do. So, if I am not paying for sports what am I paying for?

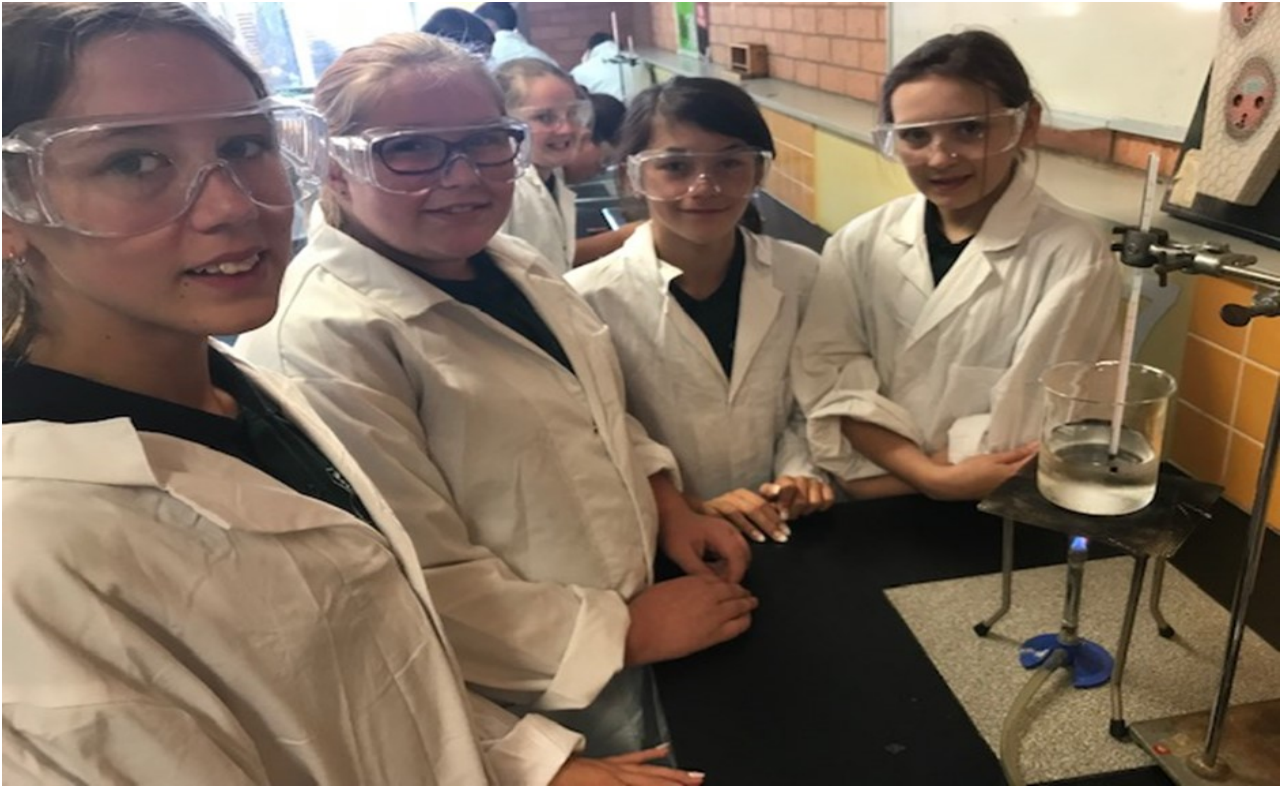
- \* I pay for those moments when my kids become so tired they want to quit but don't.
- \* I pay for those days when my kids come home from school and are "too tired" to go to their training but they go anyway.
- \* I pay for my kids to learn to be disciplined, focused and dedicated.
- \* I pay for my kids to learn to take care of their body and equipment.
- \* I pay for my kids to learn to work with others and to be good team mates, gracious in defeat and humble in success.
- \* I pay for my kids to learn to deal with disappointment, when they don't get that placing or title they'd hoped for, but still they go back week after week giving it their best shot.
- \* I pay for my kids to learn to make and accomplish goals.
- \* I pay for my kids to respect, not only themselves, but other riders, officials and coaches.
- \* I pay for my kids to learn that it takes hours and hours, years and years of hard work and practice to create a champion and that success does not happen overnight.
- \* I pay for my kids to be proud of small achievements, and to work towards long term goals.
- \* I pay for the opportunity my kids have and will have to make life-long friendships, create lifelong memories, to be as proud of their achievements as I am.
- \* I pay so that my kids can be out on the track instead of in front of a screen.

I could go on but, to be short, I don't pay for sports; I pay for the opportunities that sports provide my kids with to develop attributes that will serve them well throughout their lives and give them the opportunity to bless the lives of others. From what I have seen so far I think it is a great investment!

Mr P Hosking  
Head Teacher PDHPE

# News from Science

Year 7 students are investigating whether unsalted water boils faster than salted water. They are taking temperature readings every minute until the water boils.



# Breakfast club

With Breakfast Club now back in full swing and the students having a hot milo in terms 2 and 3, we would very much appreciate donations of milo.

Toasted cheese sandwiches and toasted spaghetti sandwiches are also on the menu, prepared by a great bunch of volunteers.



# News from English

It has been an exciting time for the English Faculty with many engaging initiatives such as the implementation of literacy intervention, extension learning and extra-curricular opportunities.

These literacy intervention lessons will be an opportunity for students to work on activities across a range of categories such as grammar, spelling, writing and comprehension. So far, students have been very engaged with the online literacy program – “Literacy Planet.” With their own password and logins (which they can use at home), students can work at their own pace on different levels to accrue points which can be redeemed in an arcade for literacy based games.



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We have continued to have success in the latest “Write 4 Fun” competition. A number of students have entered short stories and are awaiting results. Pictured right is Chloe Wimmer from 7T who has received exciting news that her short story has made it to the second round.

Congratulations Chloe!



Students have been engaged in many diverse learning experiences and we are extremely proud of the quality of the work produced by many of our students in their assessments so far:

- **Year 7:** On Thursday 9 May, students showcased their combined English/History work in their “Museum of Identity.” Students implemented a range of creative methods to compose narratives, illustrate and publish outstanding picture books based on their identity. Students incorporated primary sources and their historical studies of ancient societies.

Thank you to all of the of the parents/carers, Mr Baxter, Mrs Gill, Mr Colley and other staff who took the time to visit; all agreed the quality of work was amazing! Well done to Year 7 on a great start to high school!



# Highlights from Museum of Identity





# News from English cont'd

- **Year 8:** Last term, 67 students attended the excursion to Sydney “Jewish Museum” to learn more about the historical context of their novel study. Listening to the stories of survival helped them to compose an alternate creative piece for their assessment.

Students worked collaboratively to compile their stories in an anthology. This term, Year 8 students are learning about Shakespeare, his life times, plays and sonnets and why the themes in his works are still relevant to us.



- **Year 9:** Students have commenced a new unit of work called “The Writer’s Tool Box” where they are being shown how to take on the role of a journalist to construct a magazine or newspaper based on their own interests.

Students enjoyed an informative and engaging presentation from the Port Stephens Examiner journalist, Charlie Elias who spoke about life and work as a journalist.



# News from English cont'd

- **Year 10** – “Mad Blood” – A study of Shakespeare’s play, “Macbeth” and other contemporary Australian plays. Students will explore morality in multifaceted characters and what drives them.
- **Year 11 English Studies** - English and family life: Students have studied the film, “The Wedding Planner” and will plan a wedding.
- **Year 12 English Studies** – We are Australian: Students are looking at a at non-fiction texts such as newspaper articles to do with citizenship and multiculturalism.
- **Year 11 Standard** – Contemporary possibilities – Film study of “Run, Lola Run” by Tom Tykwer.
- **Year 12 Standard** - Close study of text- “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time” by Mark Haddon. Year 11 Advanced - Narratives that shape our world – Students are learning about narratives that shape our world such as “The Great Gatsby” and exploring speculative fiction further.
- **Year 12 Advanced**- Critical study of literature - Students are studying T S Eliot’s poetry. They enjoyed an excursion to the Seymour Centre to see their Module A play, “The Tempest.”

Do you love reading and writing? Did you know we run Extension 1 and 2 Senior English courses?



## Key dates coming up:

- **Friday 14th June** - The Bell Shakespeare incursion “Words, Words, Words” is a celebration of Shakespeare’s language, demonstrating literary techniques in action. Students will then be given the chance to have a Q&A with the actors about Shakespeare after the performance. \$15
- **Wednesday 26 June** - The ETA HSC Study Day excursion to Sydney University is open to Year 12 Standard and Advanced Students to attend lectures on all of their HSC texts and modules. \$25

Please get into contact with your child’s English teacher if you would like to know more.

Miss H Sheriff

Relieving Head Teacher English



# EXCITING news for Irrawang High

From May 28 our school will be listed as a donation partner at the Return and Earn recycle centres in the Woolies Meadowie car park, Muree Golf Club car park and the car park at Raymond Terrace Centro Centre.

The name Irrawang High School will be listed on the screen so anyone can donate their 10 cents per eligible container directly to the school.

All funds raised from Return and Earn will be used to purchase items for Breakfast Club.



## Plan-it Youth

The Plan-it Youth celebration was held recently after the culmination of the 10 week program. Students were each presented with a certificate.

Plan-it Youth is a career mentoring program, with mentors matched to students who are at risk of not completing Year 12. The program was held for an hour every Tuesday, with an industry visit to TAFE Newcastle as well as both parties exploring many career options.

Huge thank you to Jan for leading this course, Pauline and Gary the volunteer mentors, and to Ms de Wit for co-ordinating the program at school.





# Red Shield Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has supported our RED day as part of our school's week long fundraising event to assist the Raymond Terrace Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

All monies donated will stay in Raymond Terrace to help local families.

Thank God for the Salvos!



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**ABSENTEE NOTE**  
*(to be returned to Roll Call Teacher first day back after absence)*

**STUDENT'S NAME:** ..... **Roll Group:** .....

**Year:** ..... **Date of Absence/s:** .....

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## Does your child need an extra hand with English or Maths?

Sometimes children fall behind at school. They may have moved from another state, changed classes, or something else has happened in their life beyond your control. For whatever reason they then begin to struggle with their work at school, with their homework and with their exams. This can be frustrating for both them and you as a parent.

Kip McGrath specialises in helping children catch up to where they need to be in English and Maths. The resources we use are specifically designed to do this job. And the reason we only use qualified teachers, is that they have the tools and skills to accelerate your child's learning, so that any gaps are closed as quickly as possible.

We complement what is done at school to help your child. Your school gives your child an essential foundation in education across a wide range of subjects and developmental activities. Our job is to give your child an extra hand when they need to catch up ... for whatever reason. So together we can help your child reach their full potential.

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## Jets Junior Bowls Academy

Gain experience from the best of the best with World Champion Natasha Scott, Australian Rep Matt Baus & former State Reps Jason Stokes and Lennon Scott.

All kids are kitted out ready to take to the green

Scholarships up for grabs

A group photo of the Jets Junior Bowls Academy team, consisting of several young people in blue and white bowling uniforms, some holding bowling balls. The photo is set against a dark background with the club's logo.The Rectory logo features a large, ornate letter 'R' inside a circular frame, with the text 'THE RECTORY' and 'TEA HOUSE & FUNCTION CENTRE' below it. To the right is a photograph of the building at night, illuminated from within.

## THE RECTORY

TEA HOUSE & FUNCTION CENTRE

*Book your next party, high tea or private event with our Events Manager, together create a memorable personal celebration*

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The Real Futures Foundation is a non-profit organisation which has an established track record of helping to inspire and motivate students in Port Stephens to either stay in school and increase their educational engagement and attainment, or choose a positive pathway that enables successful transition to employment, further education or training.

### Some educational quotes:

- "Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." John Wooden.
- "There are no shortcuts to any place worth going." Beverly Sills.
- "Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." Thomas A Edison.
- "Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently." Henry Ford.



### Have you changed your personal details?

In order to keep our records up-to-date, if your student has any change in their personal details eg doctor, medical condition, emergency contact, telephone no., address etc, please inform the school ASAP.

### VISITORS TO IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL

Visitors should not enter school playgrounds without the issue of a visitors pass from the front office.

**NB:** Teaching staff are not always available, therefore it would be appreciated if appointments were made beforehand.





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