The RTSC Program

The Raymond Terrace Return To School Centre is a Department of Education and Communities initiative to support the successful return to school of students from Year 5 to Year 9 on long suspension.

Students receive support with:
- Managing their own behaviour
- Programs to help with understanding their behaviour and its impact in school
- Support structures at school
- Study, planning and work habits
- Their successful return to school.

The program:
- Assists students to reflect on and understand their behaviour and its consequences and develop a positive attitude towards schooling;
- Develops the student’s capacity and understanding to re-engage at school and minimize the recurrence of inappropriate behaviours; and
- Provides skills development opportunities and support for parents/carers.

Supporting Students and Families

The Raymond Terrace Return To School Centre has supported 10 students during Term 2 and 10 during Term 3. Many students have re-integrated to their mainstream classes. Four students were successfully referred to local DEC ED/BD settings.

FAER Project
Parents and Carers have also been supported through parent information afternoon teas/sessions facilitated by Wendy Birrell (FAER Project). These sessions will continue in Term 4.

Counselling Support
Students and families can also be supported by School Counsellors and referrals to the Port Stephens Adolescent and Family Counsellor can also be made if the need arises.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
- Students who are ‘at-risk’ but not on long suspension can also be referred to the RTSC for a Pro-active Intervention

SCHOOLS SUPPORTED:
- Irrawang High School
- Irrawang Public School
- Grahamstown Public School
- Medowie Public School
- Wirreanda Public School
- Hunter River High School
- Raymond Terrace Public School
- Salt Ash Public School
- Tanilba Bay Public School
- Karuah Public School
- Seaham Public School
Drumbeat

This term students have been participating in an 8 week Drumbeat program facilitated by Matt Breen of the Raymond Terrace Youthe.

Drumbeat promotes social understanding and connection through a team drumming experience. It is fun, safe and creative. The Program explores issues such as:

- Peer Pressure
- Bullying
- Dealing with Emotions
- Identity
- Social Responsibility
- Teamwork.

Engagement Programs

Term 3

During Term 3 students in the RTSC restored a fish tank that was donated to the centre. Students were involved in wood work lessons to restore the broken stand as well as cleaning and rescaling the tank. Once the tank and stand were ready, students went on an excursion to the local aquarium to purchase supplies and fish for the tank.

Term 4

Current students are enjoying our major project for Term 4 - restoring a picnic bench and then painting it with an original design that the class has produce as a team.