

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

We would like to welcome you to The Rockhampton Grammar School Show Team of 2017.

In 2017 the Show Team program includes:

- Training days every Monday and Friday **all year** from 3:20 pm until 5:00pm. Following discussions with students, parents and as a department, we have decided to **include a structured training programme that will include formalised training sessions with our head coach, Ms Renee Rutherford and have engaged industry specialists to be involved in the programme where available and present training sessions on topics from nutrition, husbandry, production and health.**
- You will take responsibility and ownership as a team under the support of your Captains and the watch of supervising staff. This years staff include Ms Renee Rutherford as team coach, Mr. Hardy Manser as Head of Department and teacher in charge, Mr Ian Bywater – Agriculture Teacher, Mrs Sheree Manser – Ag Assistant as programme coordinator, Mr. Roger Croser – Ag Assistant, who is a Royal Show experienced cattle exhibitor and Judge, and Miss Billie-Joe Mayes, who is a previous RGS Show team Captain. We also have the support of industry based commercial supporters so as to give you the best experience possible given the commitment you have chosen to make to the team.
- You will have the opportunity to attend a minimum of 6 shows and a maximum of 8 shows.
- Provision of information regarding training camps, events and opportunities in the showing world to further your training as far as your interests will take you.
- As a part of this, any students that qualify will have the opportunity to attend the Royal Brisbane Show Judging Competition, there will be an additional cost associated with this.
- You will develop team building and sportsmanship skills, and our Captains and Vice Captains will be involved in delivering team based sessions.
- Develop your skills in cattle handling, identifying quality animals, and public speaking **as a part of a structured training programme.**
- You have the opportunity to make new friends with others interested in cattle from our community and surrounds.

There is a cost of **\$500** associated with the Show Cattle Team which covers associated costs of nominations, show entries, cattle transportation, buses, meals and shared team equipment. We have endeavoured to minimise these costs as much as possible, through balancing the number of shows we attend, listing individual equipment separately to assist those who already have the equipment, as well as the school covering essential costs such as the purchase of cattle, displays, animal feed and veterinary expenses and our industry based coach - which is not normally the case for co-curricular programmes. By doing so, we have been able to achieve a cost to students that is very close to the mean charges of other co-curricular programmes. In 2017 we will be undertaking fundraising as a part of our activities so as to support the team wherever possible.

Please find attached uniform and equipment list, show calendar and parental consent. **Please return the parental consent and payment by the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2017.** Payments can be made via the schools online payment portal, please include 'Student Name & Show Cattle' in the payment description. Should you wish to submit payment via any other means, please contact the school reception who will be more than happy to assist.



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As a member of the Show Cattle team, our students are representing the school. As such, high standards are expected of the students in regards to The Rockhampton Grammar School Code of Behaviour, and the School's Co-Curricular Code of Conduct.

We are working hard to form and support an environment where students can nurture their cattle handling skills, altruistic outlook and leadership skills in a multitude of different environments. We encourage the students to engage in every opportunity provided, whilst bringing their own experience to the team for the benefit of our younger students.

In addition, for the above to take place you will find that this takes a great deal of commitment, and a willingness to learn, teach and support each other. We are lucky to have great facilities, supportive school administration, and fantastic students.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or by email.

Sincerely,

Hardy Manser

Head of Department

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# 2017 SHOW TEAM CALENDAR

WEEKLY TRAINING WILL OCCUR FROM 1530-1730 each MONDAY AND FRIDAY

## **JANUARY**

## **FEBURARY**

- 1 CO-CURRICULAR EXPO
- 3 TRAINING COMMENCES (*FRIDAY WEEK 2*)
- 11-12 SHOW CATTLE TEAM "BOOTCAMP"

## **MARCH**

## **APRIL**

- 22 MARLBOROUGH SHOW (*O/N SENIORS, DAY TRIP FOR JUNIORS TO COMPETE IN JUDGING*)
- 29 THE CAVES SHOW (*BOARDERS LONG WEEKEND*)

## **MAY**

- 19/20 CALLIDE VALLEY SHOW (*O/N SHOW, EARLY DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL FRIDAY AFTERNOON*)

## **JUNE**

- 3 RIDGELANDS SHOW (*SENIOR SCHOOL EXAM BLOCK*)
- 11 YEPPOON SHOW (*JUDGING ONLY*)
- 14 – 16 ROCKHAMPTON SHOW (*15<sup>TH</sup> – ROCKHAMPTON SHOW DAY HOLIDAY*)
- 15 CQ CARCASS CLASSIC – *CATTLE TO CARCASS COMP*
- 20 – 22 MACKAY SHOW – *SENIOR JUDGING REPRESENTATIVES ONLY (INDEPENDANT, ADDITIONAL COST)*
- 24 - 25 MT LARCOM SHOW – *SENIOR PARADING REPRESENTATIVES ONLY (INDEPENDANT, ADDITIONAL COST)*

## **JULY**

## **AUGUST**

- 11-20 EKKA – *REPRESENTITIVES AND SENIOR JUDGING ONLY (ATTENDANCE DATES TBC, LIMITED GROUP, BY POINTS AND NOMINATION, ADDITIONAL COST)*

## **SEPTEMBER**

## **OCTOBER**

## **NOVEMBER**

- 3 TRAINING ENDS
- 4 SHOW TEAM BREAKUP

## **DECEMBER**



## UNIFORM LIST

**Show Shirt** (available through the Red & Black Shop – please order ASAP)

Men's:

Make: RB Sellars  
Style: Hillston  
Colour: Red  
Embroidered with the School Emblem

Ladies:

Make: RB Sellars  
Style: Pearl - Kensington  
Colour: Red  
Embroidered with the School Emble

**Tie/Scarf** (School Supplies First Scarf/Tie)

Men's:

School Tie

Ladies:

School Scarf

**Pants:** **Pants are to be a cream moleskin jean or similar, the school preference is as listed below – purchase individually, Heilbronn's Rockhampton stock a range of suitable options.**

Men's:

Make: RM Williams  
Style: Stockmans Moleskin Trousers  
Colour: Bone

Ladies:

Make: RM Williams  
Style: Stockmans Moleskin Trousers  
Colour: Bone

**Shoes:** Brown leather boots, polished

**Hat:** Cream coloured, felt stockman's hat, in a country style. Strictly no western style hats or hats of dark colouration, the school preference is as listed below.

Make: Akubra  
Style: Riverina  
Colour: Sand

**Blazer:** The schools formal blazer for use in Young Judges competition

**Jacket:** In the case of cold weather, a school jacket may be worn.

**Work Shirt:** RGS branded long sleeve closed front light blue work shirt – same as those issued for Certificate students – available through the Red & Black Shop.

**Work Pants** Blue denim jeans for use in preparing cattle prior to and after showing. (Jeans must be in good repair.)

**Dust Coat** White dust coat (Laboratory coat) with no markings – available through Red & Black Shop.



## UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Parading Uniform	Judging Uniform	Work Uniform for Training, Travelling or Preparing Animals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Show hat, clean and in good condition</li><li>• Show shirt</li><li>• Cream trousers</li><li>• Brown polished boots</li><li>• Dust Coat</li><li>• Tie (males) or Scarf (females)</li><li>• Belt</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Show hat, clean and in good condition</li><li>• Show Shirt</li><li>• Cream trousers</li><li>• Brown Polished boots</li><li>• School Blazer</li><li>• Tie (males) or Scarf (females)</li><li>• Belt</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cattle Show Team Work Shirt</li><li>• Work hat (not show hat)</li><li>• Blue jeans (in good repair)</li><li>• Brown / Black work boots</li></ul>

## EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Students must have their own Show Cane in good repair (black carbon fibre is preferred), we suggest purchasing from Heilbronn's Rockhampton or similar store.



## SHOW TEAM EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES

### To participate in the team and attend shows:

- Firstly, you must at least attend one training session per week or as negotiated with the teacher in charge. Failure to attend training will effect your eligibility to attend shows and parade animals.
- Secondly, you must work as a team and help each other out – help pick up gear, manure etc.
- You must show interest in the cattle and their wellbeing and comfort.
- If you attend the shows, it is compulsory to compete in junior judging.
- Your behaviour is to meet The Rockhampton Grammar School's Code of Behaviour and Co-Curricular Code of Conduct.

### At the shows:

- Everyone is to participate to the best of their ability, for all activities – including preparation and young judge's competition. Non participation in young judge's competition may result in further consequences, such as the removal of the privilege of leading cattle in the next show the student attends or membership of the show team.
- School rules apply and best behaviour is expected at all times, you are on display for the school. There are no second chances for behaviour.
- Entries and participation will be at the discretion of the Show team coordinator. The Show Team Coordinator attempts to provide fair opportunities for every student to parade during the season, however due to the student – cattle ratio and competition demands this is not always possible.
- Someone must be with the cattle at all times, it is expected that you organise a roster system between the members to ensure this. Routine husbandry practices are expected to be completed by members on duty and include feeding, watering and bedding refreshment.
- You are at the show to participate in cattle handling not to socialise or visit sideshow alley. If time constrains allow some time may be set aside for this, however, this is not guaranteed.
- All halters and shoes are to be polished the prior to events.
- At shows, everyone is expected to help set up the display and cattle yards.
- No-one is to wander off during the night or day – if you need to leave the cattle area you must request permission from the supervising teacher and advise them where you are going and how long you will be.
- If given an instruction by a supervising teacher or captains it is expected that you will follow it, without complaint.
- You are expected to help each other out. e.g. help with collecting gear and/or putting it away, help with grooming.
- The student will be invoiced or have their school account charged for any lost or damaged equipment.
- If you are attending/showing for an alternative organisation, your attendance is under their supervision and your parents permission. You may however negotiate to represent the school under these conditions at the discretion of the teacher in charge.
- If you participate on behalf of RGS you are to be in full RGS show team uniform, this includes regional and state representation.

### At camps (when applicable):

- At shows when we camp over, everyone is expected to help set up, cook, wash up, and pack up; in addition to the duties you have with the cattle.
- Appropriate behaviour is expected at all times and you will be sent home at the discretion of the teacher in charge at your own cost if necessary.
- Lights out is to be strictly observed.
- No sleep ins, everyone is expected to be out of bed by the stated time and you are expected to help with washing, grooming, cooking and cleaning.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understood the expectations and guidelines for the Show Team and agree to abide by them.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

I have read and agree to the expectations and guidelines for the Show Team

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_