

Ralph Allen Student Opinions on Issues in the HSC

- 'The new areas around the school are really good if you want to get out of the sun. It's also good to be taught in the outside classrooms on a sunny day!' (Year 9 student)
- 'I like it that we are now doing stuff about transphobic bullying in the school. We hadn't done this before, although we had done a lot on how to prevent homophobic bullying' (Year 11 student)
- 'We now get far more PSHE in school, one more lesson a week, which is good. One every two weeks seemed like too little and we never went into enough depth, which we can do now'. (Year 10 student)
- 'Meeting the School Nurse in the new office is far more private. The old place was out in public, and it is good that this has changed' (Year 9 student)
- 'The toilets are far nicer now.' (Year 8 student)
- 'When we were selling the smoothies, it was great, because we could experiment with ingredients. It taught me a lot about combinations of fruits and also about the stuff that I thought was healthy, like packaged fruit juice, that really isn't! We also experimented with vegetable juice, some of which was nice, some of which wasn't.' (Year 8 student)
- 'There is a lot of encouragement to cycle, walk or scoot into school. OK, hardly anyone at all scoots, but the prizes you can win are cool, and there is a lot of safety training

around road safety in and out of lessons.’ (Year 11 student)

- ‘We get consulted about things in PSHE through the school council. Five out of six topics that we have suggested have now been taught in PSHE lessons and it is good that we feel listened to by the teachers.’ (Year 9 student)
- ‘When we did internet safety, it really made me realise how dangerous it can be to give out information to other people who you don’t know and that there are many dangerous people out there.’ (Year 7 Student)
- ‘The food in the canteen at lunchtime is really good. I’m vegetarian and there is always a great amount of choice. I really like the vegetable curry.’ (Year 8 Student)
- ‘The lessons on pornography were really good. I thought that it sounded dodgy, but it was really funny in places and really serious in others. It made me think of the impact that it can have on everyone involved. It also made me think about how the law can be really stupid about things.’ (Year 10 Student)
- ‘I take part in three different teams at school, football, rugby and basketball. The choice here is really good, as are the teachers. They really push you to fulfill your potential.’ (Year 10 Student)
- ‘I never get left out in PE. I’m in a wheelchair, but Miss always makes sure that I am taking part. My friends can also play basketball with me- though I am way better than them!’ (Year 11 student)

