

BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

Term 1, Week 8

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We have all had a busy week this week with a number of visitors and our students working on assessment pieces and exams. Considering the extra stress on them this week, they are coping quite well. Please encourage your young person to come and talk to Marney Fichera, our Youth Worker, if they are starting to feel stressed about anything whether it is home life or school life. For many of our student there are only 4 school-based days left until holidays! Encourage them to make the most of that.

Naomi Vucas

PRINCIPAL

Timetable

Construction started last week. Students who are absent for three consecutive days with no evidence of illness or misadventure will be removed from the course. **Steel capped boots will be required next week!** If you are unable to supply them, please let us know as soon as possible. No boots...no workshop!!

TAFE students are able to catch our buses on Thursdays, but need to stay at the TAFE for the day. We have a number of students wondering over to us at times when staff are unavailable to supervise. Please let them know that they need to stay at the TAFE.

Electro technology starts on Monday. This course has been squashed down to be completed in a year, so it is crucial that students are attending every session.

Week 10: Friday is Good Friday, so it will be a 4 day week. **NO FSK or classes on 2 April 2021!**

Elective Sessions

Given the large number of students that we have, we have had to modify the elective session. It is still intended to assist the relationship building of the group, students are now timetabled into sessions in specific classrooms with designated supervising teachers. Students are expected to attend their timetabled group. The teachers will be running a variety of activities in this session relating to life skills and de-stressing. This is also the time that we organize visitors to come in so that we are not interrupting learning time.

Assessment

Year 12 SCS Examination:

Week 9 will be the Year 12 Social and Community Studies examination:

Group A – Tuesday 23rd March (next Tuesday)

Group B – Friday 26th March (Next Friday)

According to the BUSY Schools assessment policy and the Academic Integrity regulations by QCAA, students who are absent on the day of the exam have to provide either a medical certificate or evidence of occurrence of some other extenuating circumstances. Parents will

need to inform the school as soon as possible if there is such a reason for a student not being able to attend. In the event that a student is not in attendance on the day and has not supplied any evidence, they will be given no rating, and this will void all other marks in that subject for the year. It is imperative that all students are in attendance for their exam period.

Year 11 English Final Assessment:

Group A: Due Tuesday 23rd March (next Tuesday)

Group B: Due Friday 26th March (Next Friday)

Once again, students who do not submit their assessment will be creating a situation where they are unable to get 2 points for their QCE. If your student is not up to date, they are always welcome to come and work on days that they do not normally have school to catch up.

Visitors

We had the Australian Defense Force visit this week to discuss the recruitment process with interested students. We also had the Cultural Liaison Group come in to educate students on cyber safety and laws relating to technology. Many of our students were very respectful and interested in learning how they can be impacted by technology and social media. I was not in there all session, but I found it interesting to learn about how people can use photos to determine the location of someone and to track people.

Staff Contacts

The current contacts for staff are below. There will be some changes in the next few weeks, but we will keep this updated.

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