

BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

Term 1, Week 9

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One week to go until everyone gets a much needed rest!!! The majority of students have been battling their way through their assessment pieces with a few left to finalize. We had some very happy students and some students who have hopefully realized that they need to come and see someone when they are struggling. Also a reminder that all students are welcome on campus if they need to catch up on work – we just don't have a teacher to specifically work with them as teachers have other classes. Also a reminder that school finishes next week on Thursday 1st April, 2021.

Naomi Vucas
PRINCIPAL

Timetable

Our course providers could be considered as employers. They decide when a student will be removed from class and look for employability as they may recommend our students to potential employers in their network. Students who are continually late at all times through the day, absent a lot of the time, disrupting classrooms or just not completing work will eventually be removed from the program. Students need to manage their time to be in the training course on time and completing work.

Construction

Skill360 have asked that we remind you if you arrive to Construction after 9am you will not be permitted to enter the classroom and will be sent home.

A second construction course will be starting up next term. If anyone is interested in joining this, please let Naomi or Clare know.

Electro technology

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

First Aid

The second day of First Aid is scheduled for Wednesday 31st March – please ensure that you attend otherwise you will not be able to complete the course.

Week 10

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

Smoking

BUSY Schools is a non-smoking environment! Students will be putting their enrolment at risk if they are continuously found smoking on our grounds or the TAFE basketball grounds (TAFE) – no matter their age. Students aged 18 years and older are permitted to smoke in an allocated area and no-where else. This is near the red fire hydrant. Students must not be rolling smokes during classes – no matter the age! This was made very clear in all enrolment interviews. If your young person is a smoker, please discuss with them the implications of their actions on others and on their enrolment.

Phones

Students are starting to forget their agreements around the storage of phones while in class. While we understand some students are worried about damaging their phones by putting them in a lock box, we have accommodated by allowing them to keep them out of sight. Any phones SEEN in class without an exemption provided by the Principal will have their phone confiscated for the day. They can collect from Naomi at 3pm. After three confiscations, the phones will be kept until a parent/guardian comes to collect it. If parents/guardians choose not to collect it immediately, it will be stored until they can arrange to collect it.

Continual breaching of the enrolment agreement puts the young person's enrolment at risk. Just as in a work place, everyone is expected to adhere to the expectations of the environment in question.

Students have also been accessing phones during breaks or when getting drinks/toilets and contacting home to organize with their contacts to leave the school. The process if a student needs to leave early is that they speak to Clare and ask her to call the relevant contact OR the relevant contact calls us to inform us of early departure. If your young person calls during class time, please do not reinforce the behavior by responding or enabling them to leave. If you are concerned, call Clare on 4058 4792 and ask her if your young person is alright. We will happily check and let you know how they are.

Bus Routes

We have 112 students currently enrolled and Clare organizes almost all of the bus schedules. She and the bus company are struggling to deal with the constant last minute changes on the bus run each day. If the bus does not turn up, please call Clare immediately and let her know; however, the bus will no longer be doing random stops here and there. If you have multiple residences, please organize with Clare which days and places the bus will be required. Some students are very much taking advantage of Clare and Tropic Wings and regularly changing their stops which then changes the run for the drivers. Also, students who have slept in will not be collected later in the day. Our young people are doing so well, but there is a lot of work to be done on time management.

If you need to organize for your young person to be scheduled onto the bus run please complete the attached Bus Form and return to Clare.

Attendance

Grade	In Class Attendance Percentage
Year 11	76%
Year 12	79%

As you can see above, we need to work on attendance. Given the student base that we have, we are doing quite well, but I think we can do better! Remember every late arrival and early departure goes towards your attendance rate, and this can impact on your enrolment status.

Students who fall below the required 85% attendance will be sent a letter informing of their low attendance and asking that it be increased by a certain date or an explanation be given as to why this low attendance has occurred. Please always keep us up to date regarding where your young person is on school days if they are not here.