

# BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

## Term 2, Week 1

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Welcome to Term Two! This time last year was the first day our school opened with just three staff and zero students. Amidst a pandemic and school closures, we managed to start supporting about 22 students by the end of the term. Some of these amazing young people are still working hard at BUSY Schools, and some have moved on to employment opportunities, alternative study and other adventures in their lives. A year on and we are supporting 112 students, and climbing, to make the most of a variety of opportunities. It has been quite a journey, but luckily we have a great team of staff and students and we have worked through many hurdles together.

I was pleased to see so many of our young people back at school, back in their courses and ready to make the most of Term Two. Please remember to contact me or teachers if there is anything we need to know or if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing what exciting events this term brings!

Naomi Vucas  
PRINCIPAL

## Timetable

### *FSK*

The majority of our FSK students are doing fantastically in their course. A reminder to students who have not been attending, that you run the risk of losing your enrolment in the course and losing 4 QCE points. This could make the difference between gaining your QCE and not gaining your QCE. Please make sure you regularly attend all classes.

### *Training Days v Curriculum Days*

ALL vocational training courses are somewhat different to our curriculum school days. The rules of the school and the supervision of the school do not apply. The training organisation of the course will enforce their expectations (including Skill360); the expectations of the RTO are that students are able independently and responsibly manage their time, behaviours and emotions. This means that they do not supervise during break times. From now on, the school will monitor attendance and call home if a student has been sent out by the trainers for the day because of behaviour, but we do not directly supervise at breaks. School uniform is not to be worn on training days, but it must be worn on curriculum days to allow us to differentiate between the students.

### *Engineering*

We are looking to start an engineering course in Term Two. If your young person is keen to join this course, please let Naomi know.

## Assessment News

This Term is an important one for year 12s as they will sit their Common Internal Assessment (CIA) for Essential English (Week 4) and Essential Mathematics (Week 6). As the assessment is set by QCAA and undertaken state-wide, the period of assessment is fixed and there is no flexibility around the timelines. It is imperative that all students are present on the assessment days. If students have valid medical documentation after missing the assessment, we must request for QCAA to send a comparable assessment and affected students sit this at a later

arranged date. Such students still must meet the timelines for the rest of assessment for this year with their cohort.

Find attached the Term 2 assessment calendars for Year 11 and Year 12. Parents need to contact the school as soon as possible if there is any reason why students cannot attend assessment sessions.

## Elective Session



Next term our elective session will start to change to make this hour more meaningful and useful to our students. Watch this space as these changes unfold!

This week in Cooking we made pizza!



## Attendance – Week One (Mon-Thurs)

A number of students were sent attendance obligation letters this week as a result of dropping attendance rates. If there is a reason that your young person is not attending, please let us know the reason. We want to help every student at the school, but if they are not here, we can't help.

While we know that there are many students with legitimate reasons for being away, I wanted to congratulate students listed below for turning up and being in class every day this week! Well done guys!

Year 11 In Class Attendance Percentage – 59%		Year 12 In Class Attendance Percentage – 64%	
Aiyden	Jarrold	Brock	Meaghan
Amber	Jasmine	Gerard	Noah C
Aylah	Kirra	Jackson	Sam
Bill	Lara	Jackson	Sean
Braiden	Logan C	Jacob	Stephanie
Caeleb	Logan H	Kais	Tahlia
Ella	Luke	Kira	Troy
Flyn	Redford	Lachlan	Ulysse
Hayden	Siannah	Levi W	
Isaac	Walter		
Janae			



## Ability Psychologists

A consent form went home in the holidays for students to have an initial assessment done by a psychologist at the school. We are hoping to use this information to better support the needs of the students at the school. In August, all schools are involved in a Government census identifying how many students in the schools require adjustments as a result of disabilities. This assessment is also intended to give us further insight as to which students need further adjustments and allowances in their education at BUSY Schools.

The consent form is attached to the newsletter. Please return to Clare ASAP if you give permission for your young person to be involved in these assessments from 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> May.

## Apprenticeship/ Traineeship Opportunities

- 2x Chef Apprenticeships - Villa Romana and the Cock and Bull
- 1x Spray Painting Apprenticeship - Cairns City Panel and Paint
- 5x Bio Security Indigenous Traineeships - Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

See Andrew or email [andrew.chatfield@busyschools.com.au](mailto:andrew.chatfield@busyschools.com.au) if you are interested in applying or would like further information.

## Good News Stories

- Year 12 student Edwin passed his driving test, this is a great achievement.
- After completing work experience over the school holidays, Year 12 student, Kyle successfully gained a Cabinet Making Apprenticeship – well done Kyle.
- We also had several students commence work experience in various industries – check out our Facebook page where we have celebrated their success!



If you have a good news story, please feel free to share it with us!



## 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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