

# BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

## Term 3, Week 4

Friday 6 August 2021

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Only 26 days of school to go until our Year 12 students are leaving us, and 28 days before our Year 11 students are ready to move on to become the leaders of the school. There is so much to do in this time! Year 11 students who came late or took a while to adjust need to catch up on Unit One and Year 12 students need to keep working hard to earn their QCE credits. Keep encouraging them and letting them know that the light at the end of the tunnel is getting closer even though it may not feel like it!

Naomi Vucas  
PRINCIPAL

### **URGENT!!! Year 12 BRAKE Program = 1 QCE Credit**

We have eight students who have the ability to gain their QCE, but need one last credit. We have only got three weeks to get the Year 12 students through a Driver Awareness Course and so we have had to schedule it onto school days for some and non-school days for others. The course will run in session 4 of the day and over two Fridays – the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> August. An email was sent home to relevant families providing the information around this, as well as a consent form. We are willing to assist with transport if that is an issue.

### **Year 11 Assessment**

Year 11 Maths will be starting their assessment next week and working on it over several weeks.

Course planners are attached to this newsletter allowing you to gain some insight in what your student is doing at school. This is also a good way for students to catch up when they are away. It shows what is being covered, some resources and when assessment and feedback is provided to students.

**In Week Ten, students who have completed Unit One will not be required to attend their BUSY Schools base days. With so many late enrolments, this time will be used to catch up all students on Unit One.**

### **Year 12 Assessment**

**Year 12 English assessment is due next week!** There are a few students who are currently not on track to get this done. Ben has emailed families and relevant people to let you know if your student is not on track. Any questions can be directed to Ben O'Connor.

**Year 12 Social Community Studies assessment is coming up**, and the Police have kindly volunteered their time to talk to the students about the content of their assessment – young people's rights and responsibilities in society. They will be visiting next week during SCS classes.

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Please encourage your young person to work hard in class and attend every day. They have less than 29 teaching, learning and assessment days of classrooms left! It would appear at this stage that most students can gain their QCE at the end of the year **IF** they stay on track and work hard. Any students at risk are working

with myself, Chipo and the team for support in their future paths should they not meet the requirements of the qualification.

## Year 12 Graduation Tickets

Graduation is tentatively booked for 11 November 2021 at the Colonial Club. The current plan is that students will be given a ticket for themselves plus an additional two tickets. At least one of those tickets must be used for a parent/carer or family member. The other ticket can be used for a friend or a partner.

We have had many donations of gowns and suits. Please let Faith or Amba know if you will be organizing your own gowns/suits/clothing or if you will be utilizing the donations. This way we can try and find the right sizes as well.

With our Year 12 students fast coming up to their graduation this year, we have been asking for donations of formal dresses and suits from the community to assist the students that may not be able to afford purchasing their own. We have had an amazing amount of donations of beautiful modern and vintage dresses and suits from people of the community, Kuranda, and Port Douglas and all the way to Babinda not including clothing being post from all over Queensland. I would like to give a huge thank you to Narelle at Cairns Bridal & Accessories and Rose from Salvos on Hoare St for their amazing generosity of dresses, suits, shoes, and accessories that will be used on rotation for any students that will benefit for years to come. Here are some of the gorgeous dresses that have been lovingly cared for and donating for our students to have access to, to make their formal night one to remember - Amba



## Jeans for Genes Day

Today is Jeans for Genes Day!

1 in 20 kids facing a birth defect or genetic disease are used to hearing words like "incurable" or "lifelong effects". Children's Medical Research Institute was the first organisation in Australia dedicated to improving children's health through research, and we've led the world for over 60 years. Kids just want to be kids, but instead of playing sports with their friends or catching butterflies on a sunny day, these kids are getting liver transplants, taking dozens of medications, or getting their next dose of chemotherapy. Every dollar you donate helps find treatments and cures for children's genetic diseases.



## Activity Session

Faith has organized some interesting activities in the afternoon session. Last week, students created posters promoting "Are U OK Day." The students have voted on which one is the best.



This week they have started creating videos in a video competition. We look forward to seeing some of them once they are finished.



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2021**

**BUSY  
SCHOOLS  
VIDEO  
FESTIVAL**

**VIDEO MAKING  
COMPETITION**

**CR4 2:15 - 3PM  
MON/TUES AND  
WED/FRI**

## Timetable

### *Mobile Phones and Breaks*

Students have been much improved this term with their control of phone usage. Just a reminder that our break times are below and students will not be able to answer outside of these times.

#### **Break times are:**

10:15am – 10:30am

12:00pm – 12:30pm

2:00pm – 2:15pm

### *TAFE Courses*

We have attached information about 2022 TAFE courses for our Year 11 students or repeating Year 12 students. Please start having discussions about which course you are interested in. We will be applying **August 16** as soon as the applications open. Courses fill fast so please make sure your young person has taken the time to decide on a course preference.

## Attendance

More and more people are contacting Clare to inform her of absences so she can focus on her other work and she is very thankful for that. **If your young person is not coming to school, we urge you to email, text or call us to let us know.** This will free up so much of Clare's day for her to get through the rest of her workload 😊. She enjoys talking to you all, so please give her a call and let her know what's happening. Her number is 0419 717 805 or 4058 4792.

## Employment Pathways

### Spray Painting/Panel Beating

Any students who are interested in the Spray Painting/Panel Beating industry to get an idea of what this career is about and if it could be a future for you, let Amba know and she will organise a visit.

### School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships Available

**URGENT!!** 2x Hairdressing Apprenticeships in Trinity Beach and Edge Hill available and urgently needing filling.

If interested, please let Amba know.

### Youth & Careers Expos 2021

This is the only Careers Expo in FNQ. A one stop shop for students to ask all of their questions and have them answered by a Careers/Industry professional. They will have an interactive stage that will consist of presentations, demonstrations and experiments running throughout the day from various exhibitors and special guests. This will be held in the Fred Moule Pavilion at the Cairns Show Grounds on Mulgrave Rd from 3pm to 6pm Thursday 26 August 2021. Refer to attached flyer for more information.

## Staff Contacts

The current contacts for staff are below.

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## Feedback Process

At BUSY Schools we want everyone to have a voice! We want to hear any compliments and/or concerns. The best way for feedback to be effective is to pass it through the most relevant channels. If you have anything you need to express, you could:

- Approach the relevant people directly and have a respectful conversation to resolve the incident.
- Approach Naomi to discuss the issue, and/or
- Report the feedback on the BUSY Schools Website: <https://www.busyschools.qld.edu.au/busy-schools-feedback/>