

# BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

## Term 3, Week 5

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Thank you to everyone for a smooth transition when we were suddenly thrust into our short lockdown. All feedback is welcomed about how we can improve the communication and learning throughout a lockdown in the future. We are hoping that we don't have another one, but it is unpredictable.

Naomi Vucas  
PRINCIPAL

### URGENT!!! Current TAFE Courses

TAFE have asked that we remind all TAFE students of the importance of attendance and communication with TAFE. Students need to inform either their TAFE teacher or Clare of the reason that they are not in attendance. It is also important that communication is maintained with the teacher to prevent students from falling behind in the course. There is only 13 days left of TAFE and students who do not keep up may miss out on a qualification that they came so close to completing.

### Year 11 Assessment

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

Year 11 English exam will now be held in week 7 and week 8. We have moved it so that students have time to settle and prepare after the lockdown.

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 students are working on assessment in all subjects at the moment. Attendance is very important so that students can access support and feedback whilst completing these tasks.

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Please encourage your young person to work hard in class and attend every day.

## 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.

## Activity Session

Last week some students worked on creating short videos and animations, and this week, we have not



had the opportunity to enjoy our afternoon sessions with the students.

The winner for the Are U OK Day poster challenge is...  
TAE LAN – Well Done!!

## 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.

### 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 it 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/>