

# BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

## Term 3, Week 6

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Week Six already! We are in the busiest part of the term with assessments being conducted in many sessions across the term. Keep reminding Year 11 students that if they have caught up on all their schoolwork for Units 1 and 2, they will be awarded a golden ticket, and a chance for some reprieve in Week 10. Students will be granted this ticket on their last day in Week 9. All other students will be required every day in Week Ten until the work is completed, not just their normal school days. Once they have completed everything, they will receive their golden ticket.

Year 12 students have a more rigid learning schedule and will be required right until the end of Week 10.

Naomi Vucas  
PRINCIPAL

### Teacher Communication

Teachers often communicate with students and parents via email. If the school does not have your email, please supply it to Clare ([clare.cropper@busyschools.com.au](mailto:clare.cropper@busyschools.com.au)). We also ask that parents/carers reinforce with students the importance of them checking emails regularly to ensure they are not missing information, particularly if they are away.

### Year 11 Assessment

In week 7 and 8, the Year 11 students will be sitting Essential English examinations over 2 sessions. Parents are to inform the school on the morning of the examination if students can't come due to unforeseen circumstances. If students miss school on assessment days without good reason (usually to be supported by a medical certificate), the student will receive a Not Rated (NR) result for the whole Unit. Find below the schedule for the examinations over the next 2 weeks.

#### Monday/ Tuesday groups: 1A, 2A, 3A

Exam 1 Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 (Week 7)

Exam 2 Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (Week 8)

#### Wednesday/Friday groups: 1B, 2B, 3B

Exam 1 Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (Week 7)

Exam 2 Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 (Week 8)

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.

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

## NDIS Information Evening

You are all invited to an information with BUSY Ability and BUSY Schools to learn more about NDIS and how and if your student may be able to access support through NDIS and how this is done. Invite attached. Please RSVP so that we can organize some refreshments.

Staff will also be present to have a bit of an informal meet and greet afterwards. We look forward to seeing you all there.

## 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.

## Behaviour

### *Smoking/Vaping at School*

Underage smoking and vaping is becoming a growing problem on the campus. Please remind students that they are not permitted to smoke or vape on school or TAFE grounds AT ALL, even after and before school. Students that are over 18 are permitted to smoke in the designated smoking area ONLY.

The process for being caught smoking/vaping is if students are caught or suspected of smoking, they are sent to Administration. First time is a warning, but the second time is withdrawal from school, which means parents/carers will be called to collect their student. Continued refusal to meet this expectation may lead to suspensions and eventually cancellations. This is something I would prefer to avoid.

Any vapes **seen** at school with underage students or on overage students in inappropriate areas will be confiscated and parents/carers will be asked to come and collect or advise of disposal methods.

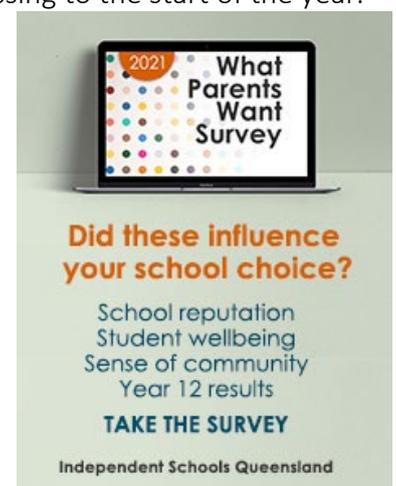
We have made it so far this year, and it is such a shame to see this area regressing to the start of the year.

### *What Parents Want Survey*

What Parents Want – An Independent Schools Queensland Survey is the longest-running survey in the country exploring why parents choose independent schools.

In Term 3, 2021 Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ) will be conducting the survey for the fifth time, to understand the decision-making processes of independent school parents.

[Click here](#) to complete the survey.



## *Visitors*

We had Elida Faith, our local Labour candidate come and visit the school this week. She was very interested to hear about the wonderful school that we have become.

Below is a photo of Elida with one of our School Captains Noah and the Year 11 SCS class.



We also had the pleasure of having four separate speakers this week for our Career Talks. On Tuesday we had Chris Anderson and Don Bowie, and on Wednesday Ernest Norris, Don Bowie and Sovara Ross spoke with the year 11 and 12 students.

Chris Anderson is the Chairperson of Gr8motive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation. Chris had a yarn with the students about his work with children and youth and establishing and operating services in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities throughout Australia.

Don Bowie is an experienced Cultural Mentor and Career Development Coordinator currently with ITEC Group. With his chat with the students, he talked about his background in the Australian Defence Force, and private contracts which include ITEC Group, Enterprise Management Group and Youth Australia League in the recruiting sectors.

Ernest Norris is the Specialist Recruiting Indigenous Officer for the Australian Defence Force. He spoke with the students about the choice of many different jobs and ways to join and discussed what the specialist recruitment team is and answered all the direct and left field questions that the students through at him. He was the favourite of the day as he handed out diaries and USB's to the students.

Sovara Ross is the Intensive Case Manager with ITEC Youth and runs the My life, My Store Youth Outreach Program based here in Cairns. She had a brief chat with the students about how the program offers consistent support to the youth through the journey of service systems and gaining stability in their lives.

## *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.

### *Donations Wanted*

We are looking to build a collection of interview and work appropriate clothing for the students to borrow to assist with their interview, work experience or first week on the job. If you have any men's or women's clothing available for donation such as work pants, shorts, hi vis shirts, boots, office jackets, blouses, skirt or pants that would be greatly appreciated.

## 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.

## Farewell Shelley

A message from Shelley on her last day at BUSY Schools...

*As the saying goes...." Short but Sweet"*

*My short 8 months here at BUSY Schools has been awesome!! There have been days when I have thought... What am I doing, I'm not strong enough for this??*

*But then there have been more days where I have thought Wow, I am so lucky to be here and have the opportunity to hang out with some Absolutely Fantastic, Awesome, Beautiful and Hilarious Kids/Young Adults. Even if it is sitting in between you at break times.....so you breath healthy air??!!*

*I will miss you all so much, but I can't wait to see you all follow your dreams and achieve Big!! This is the Beginning of anything you want....*

*As for the staff You are ALL Great People and doing an awesome job and continuing to make this into a Fantastic School for young people to be the best they can be. I will miss you all but look forward to the continued friendships and catch ups.*

*Don't like Goodbyes 😊 So It's Not Seeya, It's Seeya Soon 😊 (especially for Thursday Lunches!!)*



## 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/>