

BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

Term 4, Week 1

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Welcome back to a fantastic start to Term 4! This our shortest and busiest term of the year with final assessment, last opportunities to catch up on work, awards and our Year 12 Graduation all happening. It is a daunting time for some, particularly our Year 12s who are about to be adults in the big wide world outside of school. Please support us in supporting them, and keep us informed if there is anything that may impact on students at school. We want to make sure that this is an exciting time for everyone, not a scary or sad one.

Naomi Vucas
PRINCIPAL

Term Planners and Assessment Calendars

Term planners and assessment calendars for Term Four are attached.

All Year 12 assessment must be completed by the Year 12 students by the end of Week 5. The English assessment will be handed out next week, and the students will need to have their first draft finished by Week 4. Ben will keep you informed if your young person is not up to date as they reach each checkpoint.

Year 11 start their first Social Community Studies assessment in Week 3, and they will work on this until Week 7. Cor will keep you informed if your young person is not up to date as they reach each checkpoint.

2022 Year 12 Timetable Changes

BUSY Schools are excited to announce that we have reached such a high numbers of applications Cert 2 Engineering and Automotive courses, that TAFE will be running a stand-alone program for our students. They are yet to confirm the day, but this will mean that next year the students may be required to change "school-based" days. Once we know the day, we will start reshuffling the timetable.

Please let Clare or myself know if there are any specific days that your student is unavailable to attend either part of the school program and the reason, so that we can start looking at the new timetable. We are unable to make determinations on the day for the TAFE course, so students will need to arrange their schedules to allow for that course.

Year 11 Catch Up Week

Week Ten of last term was a catch-up week, and we got a lot of students through a lot of work in a short amount of time. We are excited to announce that we will again be handing out "Golden Tickets" to students that are fully up to date. This will happen at the end of Week Seven. Week Eight will be a catch-up week and students will be required to attend every day until they are caught up.

Year 12 Session Four – Extra Study Time

Faith will be supervising Year 12s during session four each day. This time will be used for students to work on assessment or get extra assistance to prepare for exams and assessment that is coming up.

Careers Education Session (1 QCE Credit)

There are a few students who are undertaking a short course in Careers Education with Ben. They started working on this earlier in the year and will continue to do so in Session Four each day. Many of the Year 12 students may to gain a pass in this course in order to attain their QCE this year.

Health Support Services (4 QCE Credits)

Some students are working on a Cert II Health Support Services during school time, they do this with Toni each afternoon. They are able to work on this at home and if they work solidly would complete the course in about 4-6 hours. Many students are behind on this, so it would be great if you could encourage them to access it from home to catch up.

Year 11 Session Four Program – BRAKE Driver Awareness Program (1 QCE Credit)

BUSY Schools Cairns Campus has a particular interest in the safety and well-being of our young people and has been made aware of a new innovative driver awareness program. This program is known as “BRAKE” which stands for Behaviour, Risk, Attitude, Knowledge and Education. It focuses on a range of topics to develop good decision-making skills while behind the wheel of a motor vehicle including risk assessment, peer pressure, cognitive skills and also the responsibilities that passengers have.

When young people come of age to drive on our roads they view it as a “rite of passage” that most look forward to. It can however be one of the most worrying times for parents.

National statistics show that young drivers are significantly more likely to be involved in a road crash in the first few years after they have received their drivers’ license. The cause of this potential risk is not limited to lack of driver skill but includes poor behaviours and poor decision-making.

We are fortunate to be able to offer this program through generous sponsorship of our community and business. At this stage the program is open to students who are or are turning turn 16 years and over.

This program has been conducted in several Queensland schools with excellent feedback.

- The program consists of 8 modules to inform and educate students to reduce the chances of student involvement in a motor vehicle collision. It is classroom-based program utilizing multi –media power point presentations, film aids and group discussions. ***Please note: there is NO actual driving in this program at this stage.*** There is evidence to suggest that this pre-learner stage is the optimal time to discuss risks and attitudes with our young people.

Extract from BRAKE registration

- Please note that whilst BRAKE is not about using shock tactics or graphic pictures this program does utilise video footage of scenario crashes to identify crash causes. There are occasions of dramatised emotional reactions in this program.
- BRAKE strongly recommends parents/carers engage with their child in relation to BRAKE and road safety and utilise the parents/carers information and support at BRAKE web-site at www.brake.org.au. Parents/Carers perform a vital role in assisting young drivers stay safe on our roads
- Partners in the program will have access to participant details to ensure efficient and effective running of the program. Participants and parents/caregivers should be aware that by providing permission to register that permission is given to partners to share information in relation to this program only. Parents/caregivers and participants are also giving permission for program partners to use information from the participants involvement in the program to evaluate the program, the progress of the participant through the program and follow up.

This course will be delivered between 2.15pm – 3.00pm on school days, it is important that your young person attends school until 3pm.

For us to enrol your young person you will need to reply (if you haven't already informed us) providing your consent no later than Friday 8th October 2021.

TRUE Relationships & Reproductive Health Program/Wellbeing

TRUE will be visiting the school in the coming weeks to talk to the students about various aspects of relationships and reproductive health. The content covered is part of the Senior Curriculum and students are urged to attend. The dates are listed below, and each session will take place in Session Four.

Group One – Monday/Tuesday

Week 1: October 11th: Lesson One – Consent & Healthy Relationships
October 12th: Lesson Two – Reproduction & Contraception

Week 2: October 18th: Lesson Three – STIs
October 19th: Lesson Four – Diversity & Porn

Group Two – Wednesday/Friday

Week 1: October 13th: Lesson One – Consent & Healthy Relationships
October 15th: Lesson Two – Reproduction & Contraception

Week 2: October 20th: Lesson Three – STIs
October 22nd: Lesson Four – Diversity & Porn

Important Dates

Year 11 Awards: Group A – Tuesday 9th November @ 2pm
Group B – Wednesday 10th November @ 2pm
(parents/carers are invited - RSVP to Clare)

Year 12 Graduation: Thursday 11th November @ 5pm

Year 11 Catch Up Week: Monday 22nd November – Friday 26th November 2021

Year 11 Report Cards sent home: Friday 3rd December 2021



Mental Health Services and Support

<p>Beyond Blue</p> <p>24/7 mental health support service</p> <p>1300 22 4636 beyondblue.org.au</p>	<p>headspace</p> <p>Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25</p> <p>1800 650 890 (open 1am daily) For webchat, visit: headspace.org.au/ehespace</p>	<p>Kids Helpline</p> <p>24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25</p> <p>1800 55 1800 kidshelpline.com.au</p>	<p>1800RESPECT</p> <p>24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse</p> <p>1800 737 732 1800respect.org.au</p>
<p>Lifeline</p> <p>24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services</p> <p>13 11 14 lifeline.org.au</p>	<p>Suicide Call Back</p> <p>24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide</p> <p>1300 659 467 suicidecallbackservice.org.au</p>	<p>Mensline</p> <p>24/7 counselling service for men</p> <p>1300 78 99 78 mensline.org.au</p>	<p>QLife</p> <p>LGBTI peer support and referral</p> <p>1800 184 527 (open-10pm daily) qlife.org.au (online chat 3pm-12am daily)</p>

If you are concerned about someone at risk of immediate harm, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.






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ERGON Energy Visit

A small group of students who have shown a strong interest in the electrotechnology industry attended a selective site visit at the ERGON Energy site in Bungalow yesterday. The students were introduced to Simon, Joe and Jason team leaders for their respected areas, as well as Chantal and Krystian who are current apprentices with ERGON and what sectors of the organisation that have transitioned through to gain skills and experience. The students participated in a career information and pathways talk, which allowed them to gain an understanding of the skills and qualifications required for each of these roles. They were able to participate in a walkthrough of three of the workshops to have a look at how each area is set up as well as the tools and equipment utilised on a daily basis by employees of ERGON. At the end of the talk, students were able to have a close up look at the fault-finding software equipped for the whole state of Queensland, which gave the students a behind the scenes look at how large the infrastructure of ERGON really is.



Work Experience/ School Based Apprenticeships

Well done to our hardworking students for giving up their school holidays to either undertake work experience or extra days through their apprenticeship. Here are some happy snaps.... Keep up the good work!



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/>

BUSY Schools Values

The infographic displays five values of BUSY Schools, each with a corresponding icon and a brief description:

- INCLUSIVITY**: People of all communities coming as one team for common goals.
- EXCELLENCE**: We always strive to exceed.
- RESILIENCE**: Equipped to meet challenges and excel.
- INTEGRITY**: We act with honesty and sincerity.
- INNOVATION**: Embracing new ideas and technology to stay ahead of change.

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