

BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

Term 4, Week 2

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We have had a very busy term already with students getting straight into learning. I was lucky enough to take a class on Tuesday and absolutely loved it. Thank you to the students in the class who were amazing to work with. They never tried to opt out when I asked them a question and we had a great time. I forgot how active I am when I teaching as well. Amba joined us at the end and spoke all about sneaky tricks that employers use to gather information about the candidates. The Year 12 students are gearing up for the end of the year and getting organized for this. A big thank you to Kira for all of her organisation and hard work. What will we do without you 😊.

Naomi Vucas
PRINCIPAL

Assessment Calendars

Term planners and assessment calendars for Term Four are attached.

All Year 12s have started working on their extended response assessment in English and will need to meet their first check point next week. They also had their stimulus handed out for Social Community Studies in preparation for the exam next week. If you need more information about any of this, please contact the Year 12 teachers.

Year 11 start their first Social Community Studies assessment next week, 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

It looks as though the TAFE Cert 2 Engineering and Automotive will be on a Wednesday so days of school will be changing next year to accommodate this. Please let Clare or myself know if there are days that are not suitable for your young person to attend school.

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 11 Awards

Invitations will be sent out to Year 11 families in the near future. This is a small event celebrating the achievements of our Year 11 students. The BUSY Schools board members and the CEO will be in attendance. Last year was fantastic with lots of proud students, parents and staff and lots of happy tears. I look forward to seeing you all at the school and enjoying some afternoon tea and reminiscing together after the presentations.

Mental Health Week

Apprenticeship Vacancies

See Amba if you are interested in any of the below apprenticeship opportunities.

- Conservation and Land Management Traineeship - Cairns
- Carpentry Apprenticeship – White Rock
- Stone Mason Apprenticeship - Portsmith
- Business Traineeship - Edmonton
- Hairdressing Apprenticeship – Edge Hill & Smithfield
- Painter & Decorator Apprenticeship – Cairns

James Cook University

JCU Site Visit! - If you are interested in going to Uni once you have graduated from BUSY Schools but not sure of what you want to do; you have the opportunity to attend a walk around visit of JCU to see what they have on offer. Numbers are limited so let Amba know if you want to attend.

Also see attached flyer from JCU for their Indigenous Education & Research Centre.

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



be you Mental Health Services and Support

Beyond Blue 24/7 mental health support service 1300 22 4636 beyondblue.org.au	headspace Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25 1800 650 890 (9am-1am daily) For wechat, visit: headspace.org.au/headspace	Kids Helpline 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25 1800 55 1800 kidshelpline.com.au	1800RESPECT 24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse 1800 737 732 1800respect.org.au
Lifeline 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services 13 11 14 lifeline.org.au	Suicide Call Back 24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide 1300 659 467 suicidecallbackservice.org.au	Mensline 24/7 counselling service for men 1300 78 99 78 mensline.org.au	QLife LGBTI peer support and referral 1800 184 527 (9pm-10pm daily) qlife.org.au (online chat 3pm-12am daily)

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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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/>

BUSY Schools Values

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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