

# BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

## Term 4, Week 3

Friday 22 October 2021

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We are so lucky at BUSY Schools to have such fantastic students and staff who work hard. We are so proud to see how many of the students have matured since January when they first walked through our doors to re-engage with their education. We have seen the joy in our students when they pass an assessment for the first time ever and I see the pride that the teachers have in the students. As we move towards the end of the year, Amba and I will be meeting with the Year 11 students to plan their QCE and employment dreams. The Year 12s are on their last leg of Senior Schooling and I know that staff will be making the most of the time that we have them with us at school.

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 should have met their first check point this week. The draft will be due next week, so please feel free to make contact with Ben O'Connor if you would like to check and see how your young person is doing. They also had their Social Community Studies exam this week, we were very impressed to see 100%. Well done Year 12! In Math's next week, the students will sit a mock exam in preparation for their exam in Week Five.

Year 11 are still working on their assessment. They should have met their first check point this week. 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. The Year 11 students will also be starting their English assessment next week. It will be due in Week Seven as well. Stephanie will keep you informed if your student is falling behind.

### Year 11 Golden Ticket

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.

### 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.

## ONE DAY Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Course coming up 25th of November 2021

We have limited spaces available for a Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) course available on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2021. This course will be carried out off site so you will need to arrive at school by 8.30am so that school transport can get you to Mi Haven, who will be carrying out this course. If you are interested in this one day course, please let Amba know before the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 so that you don't miss out!

### Strategix Visit

This week Michelle from Strategix Training Group visited our campus and spoke with the year 11 students about courses that are available for them to carry out alongside their year 12 studies next year. Michelle discussed with the students about each certificate and where this could take them with their future employment as well as future education if they went on to university.

### TRUE Relationships Visit

For the last 2 weeks, our year 11 and 12 students have had the opportunity to partake in classes about healthy relationships. These classes were run by Rhiannan from TRUE Relationships. The topics that were covered were STI's, Consent and healthy relationships, Reproduction and contraception and diversity and porn. While some people find these topics embarrassing and do not like talking about these topics, our students participated in the classes asking lots of questions and engaged quite well, I think the teachers might have even learned a thing or two.

Student feedback about the TRUE Sessions;

- *The sessions are kinda fun and we are learning stuff, and it is important stuff to know.* – Year 11 Student
- *It is good for people who are not educated, and it would be good to keep the education going.* – Year 11 student.

### 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 - Portsmouth
- Business Traineeship - Edmonton
- Hairdressing Apprenticeship – Edge Hill & Smithfield
- Painter & Decorator Apprenticeship – Cairns

### TAFE UPDATE

#### *2021 Last day*

The last day of TAFE for 2021 is next week, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October. TAFE will resume 03<sup>rd</sup> February 2022.

#### *2022 TAFE Enrolment URGENT*

If your young person or yourself has received an email from Lisa Laffin from TAFE Queensland for a confirmation of their enrolment for next year please send an email back urgently saying if the course has been accepted or declined for the student. There are only limited places, and you don't want your young person to miss out.

## Important Dates

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

**Year 12 Graduation:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November @ 5pm

**Year 11 Catch Up Week:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Year 11 Report Cards** sent home: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021



The infographic is titled "Mental Health Services and Support" and features a blue header with a smartphone icon displaying the "be you" logo. Below the header are eight colored boxes, each representing a different mental health service. At the bottom, there is a blue banner with white text and an illustration of a man and a woman talking on mobile phones. Logos for "be you", "Beyond Blue", "Early Childhood Australia", "headspace", and "Queensland Government Department of Health" are displayed at the bottom.

Service	Description	Contact Information
<b>Beyond Blue</b>	24/7 mental health support service	1300 22 4636 beyondblue.org.au
<b>headspace</b>	Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25	1800 650 890 (9am-1am daily) For webchat, visit: <a href="http://headspace.org.au/eheadspace">headspace.org.au/eheadspace</a>
<b>Kids Helpline</b>	24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25	1800 55 1800 kidshelpline.com.au
<b>1800RESPECT</b>	24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse	1800 737 732 1800respect.org.au
<b>Lifeline</b>	24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services	13 11 14 lifeline.org.au
<b>Suicide Call Back</b>	24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide	1300 659 467 suicidecallbackservice.org.au
<b>Mensline</b>	24/7 counselling service for men	1300 78 99 78 mensline.org.au
<b>QLife</b>	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.

Logos: be you, Beyond Blue, Early Childhood Australia, headspace, Queensland Government Department of Health

## 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

### 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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