

BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

Term 4, Week 5

Friday 5 November 2021

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We are well and truly past the halfway point of this term! Our students have been fantastic given the high stress point in time that we are in. Year 11 students are desperately trying to complete assessments so they will get the Golden Ticket and Year 12 students finalized all their school assessments this week. I want to send a huge congratulations to all of our students for all of their hard work, and a HUGE thank you to all of our staff who deal with some very challenging scenarios and speed humps and still smile every day. We have got the best team and the best students in Cairns at our school, and I count myself lucky every day that I get to be a part of what we do.

Naomi Vucas
PRINCIPAL

Assessment Calendars

Term planners and assessment calendars for Term Four are attached.

All Year 12 students have finished their school assessments. The last couple of days of school will be used to ensure all Certificate courses are complete and to prepare for graduation.

ALL YEAR 12 STUDENTS MUST ATTEND SCHOOL ON THEIR LAST DAY IN ORDER TO GAIN THEIR QCE THIS YEAR!!! THIS WILL BE EITHER TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER OR FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2021!

All Year 11 students have a Maths examination next week. Apologies for the confusion last week. That was their mock examination and I got a bit muddled up.

Group A: Tuesday 9th November 2021 – 10:30am

Group B: Friday 12th November 2021 – 10:30am

The Year 11 students are also busily working on their English and Social Community Studies assessment. Drafts are due next week, with the final due in Week Seven. English students are writing a biographical or an autobiographical text and Social Community Studies are applying for a job. They must hand in a cover letter and resume and then participate in a mock interview with our Employment Pathways Officer.

Year 11 Golden Ticket

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 QCE – Important Information

QCE results and certification details will be released to students via the Student Portal on 17th December at 9am. Results will not be released through the school, so students need to ensure their Student Portal accounts are active and details are up to date before they finish school. If students are facing any logon issues, they must contact QCAA directly on 3864 0278, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, excluding public holidays. They will need to have their LUI number details ready when they call.

Parents or students may contact the school for any support until the 19th of November, the final school day for Year 12.

Year 12 Celebration

The Year 12 students wanted to dress up as something that starts with their first name to celebrate the end of school for them, so we all joined in. We are going to miss these amazing young people when they leave us in a few weeks, and we hope that at least some part of them will look back fondly at their time with BUSY Schools.



Health Support Services

A few of our students are currently completing their Cert II Health Support Services along with their schoolwork. The trainer from Strategix will be at the school every Thursday for the next three weeks and for the whole week of the 22nd of November to the 26th of November, to assist with learning and role plays for the students to carry out as part of this certificate. We would love for your child to attend these days so that they can have this qualification completed before they finish school for the year. If your child is requiring transport to and from school on these days, please let Clare know so that she can organize this.

DATE CHANGE Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Course coming up 26th of November 2021

The Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) course has been filled with so many students, it's great to see they are wanting to gain additional skills and knowledge. There has been a date change to the course to the 26th 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. Your child has received an email from Mi Haven today to confirm their attendance and sign up for the course, please make sure that they do this by **12th of November 2021** or they will miss out on their place. Please let Amba know if you have any questions

Queensland Construction White Card – Expression of Interest

We are wanting to see if any of our students are wanting to gain their Construction White Card if they haven't already done so. Please let Amba know so that you don't miss out!

Work Experience and Employment Pathways

Amba will be continuing to assist students to find their path until 24th December, so don't be surprised if she makes contact in the school holidays with some opportunities for work experience or even apprenticeships. If you are not available, it would be greatly appreciated if you could let her know before the end of term.

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



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
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 webchat, visit: headspace.org.au/eheadspace
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.

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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