

# BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

## Term 1, Week 5

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We made it to half way! Thank you to all of our wonderful school community members for making the start of the year a fairly smooth transition. Many of our students have had a fantastic start to the year and are coping well with the beginning of assessment in many subjects. I have been impressed with the maturity of many students who are engaging and preparing for assessment in advance.

Naomi Vucas  
PRINCIPAL

### Cert II Workplace Skills and Cert I Construction

Students need to check their timetables as to their start dates.

Cert II Workplace Skills (WKS) starts in the week starting 7<sup>th</sup> March, but your day will show on the timetable. Year 12 students participating in this qualification need the extra QCE credits and must attend every week. Students who do not attend regularly will be removed from the course and may be ineligible for their QCE.

Cert I Construction will start Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Students will need to wear steel capped boots. Please let Clare or Naomi know if you need any assistance in organizing that.

### Attendance

Clare and I are regularly monitoring attendance and have been touching base with people that are not meeting the 85% requirement. We have an ever-growing waitlist for students who wish to reengage in education. If we can support people in attending more easily, please let us know your suggestions. Please also be aware that late arrivals and early departures impact on the attendance. Students should not be signing out at 2:15pm for non-illness/ non-emergency related reasons. The school day continues until 3pm.

### Assessment and Academic News

#### Year 12 Assessment

Year 12 English assessment final assessment is due next week. Year 12 Math's students are working hard on their problem-solving task which is due in Week 9. This task requires students to be working in class on a range of problem-solving and analysis.

#### Year 11 Assessment

Year 11 English assessment will be started next week with a draft due in Week 8. Year 11 Social Community Studies will also be starting assessment next week with the final due in Week 9. Any questions or updates, can be requested of the individual class teachers.

## Employment Pathway Officer Update (Amba)

### CQU - Uni Experience Day!!!

CQU has an open day on the 17th of March for students to come and walk around and see what CQU is like.

### 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.

### Australia Defence Force

Defence Force Recruiting Cairns will be presenting a Gap Year Information Session and we invite you and your students/job seekers to come along.

This information session will include:

- The current Gap Year roles available in the Navy, Army and Air Force - potentially fast track your application with a current priority ADF priority role
- A presentation on life in the ADF
- Education and fitness requirements
- The important dates and cut off time to apply for the Gap Year program
- How to apply and seek additional information

**Date:** Thursday 3rd March 2022

**Time:** 5:30pm - 7:00pm (Please arrive 10 minutes prior to session time)

**Location:** Defence Force Recruiting Cairns - 118 McLeod St, Cairns QLD

**How to Register:** Spaces are limited and seats fill fast so you'll need to book your seat

### Breaking Ground on Unique Pathways for Girls Virtual Forum

BUSY Schools female students have been invited to join the Unique Pathways for Girls form in March 2022. This forum provides exclusive and rare direct access for educators to HR professionals who hold the keys to unique career pathways for your female students. They have jumped at the opportunity to provide exclusive insights into how you can inspire your female students to think outside the box when considering their career options.

**Title:** Breaking Ground on Unique Pathways for Girls"

**Date:** Thursday 3rd March 2022

**Time:** 4.00pm – 5.30pm

**Cost:** Free

**Format:** Virtual with replay available

### Certificate II Courses on Offer

BUSY Schools has two courses on offer that would be carried out over this year with face-to-face training for students. We have a **Certificate II in Food Processing** that will help students gain accredited qualifications and practical skills that will assist them to get started in the Hospitality/Food Processing industry such as Process Supervisor or Dairy Worker. We also have a **Certificate II in Supply Chain Operations** that will give students an informative and practical learning with topics relevant to current trends, including; RF scanners, stock control, manual handling, safety.

## Come 'N' Try Day – Tourism and Hospitality Industries – 30th March 2022

BUSY Schools has 5 spaces available for the annual The Queensland Tourism Industry Council's Come 'N' Try Day. This event is a unique, fun and interactive day that allows senior students to try various tourism and hospitality activities. Students will be able to connect with the industry and learn about the different career pathways. The Regional Tourism Career Roadshow is designed to promote future careers within the Tourism and Hospitality Industry by providing participants with authentic and localised insight into the sector.

## EVENT Cinemas – School Based Traineeships!!

Exciting School Based Traineeship opportunities are available NOW with Events Cinemas. During this 12 month traineeship, students will gain valuable exposure to potential careers and develop workplace skills, knowledge, confidence, and a competitive edge, when applying for jobs or undertaking further study.

School Based Traineeships provide an opportunity for students in Years 10 and 11 to undertake employment-based training while continuing full-time enrolment in a school program and studying towards a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

**If you have any questions regarding the above course/ events, please speak to Amba.**

## CIE Australia Site Visit

A small group of BUSY Schools students attended an in-depth site visit at CIE Australia. These students were able to see all the behind scenes operations of manufacturing and engineering from the computer programmed drafting to the finished products on the workshop floor.

CIE Australia has been operating for over 20 years; designing, manufacturing and maintaining, superior engineered mining solutions to the highest levels of excellence.



## 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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