

BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

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We have an interesting week this week with a lot of assessment happening and staff shortages. We thank all of those students who are understanding of the current situation and work with us to ensure the school continues to run smoothly. In preparation for next term's afternoon sessions, we have asked for student feedback regarding activities they would like us to look into. So far we have boxing, gym and yoga. I encourage all students to fill Clare's suggestion box with ideas for next term.

I would also like to welcome Amanda to the team. Amanda is working with Amba as our new Employment Pathway Officer.

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 next week. Clare has emailed out information about this including the day your young person will be attending. This course is held at Skill360. Students are not required to wear uniform and will access the kitchen at Skill360.

Cert I Construction will start Thursday 17th 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 was due this week. If your student was unable to hand it in and present due to medical reasons, you will need to present a medical certificate to Clare or Stephanie in order for us to make a case to QCAA to get an extension. If they do not submit assessment, they will no longer be eligible for the two QCE credits in Essential English. The Year 12 Maths assessment reaches its second checkpoint next week. A number of parents/carers will be contacted shortly if their young person is not up to date. Majority of students are doing well in this, but there are a few that have been absent or reluctant to work in class that are falling behind.

Year 11 Assessment

Year 11 English assessment started this week with a draft due in Week 8. Year 11 Social Community Studies have also started this week with the final due in Week 9. Students have been working well and looking at a range of interesting career paths. Year 11 Maths assessment starts next week as well. Any questions or updates, can be requested of the individual class teachers.

Thank you North Queensland Bunnings!!!

A giant thank you to Bunnings for donating an amazing 6-burner barbeque and gas bottle to allow us to have our morning breakfasts and other cook-ups. Cor was kind enough to pick it up and build it at school ready to start cooking the pancakes. Thank you Cor for taking that extra time to feed our young people your amazing cooking!



More Acknowledgements

Thanks also goes to Amba, Amanda, Nettie, Stephanie, Chip and Amber for adding extra duties to their already full plates whilst we have been short staffed. Every staff member in our team works above and beyond to support each other and our students. Thank you all!



Employment Pathway Officer Update (Amba and Amanda)

CQU - Uni Experience Day!!!

Experience a day in the life of a uni student, try out some of our courses, and meet students from other schools who have the same interests as you.

CQUniversity Cairns University Experience Thursday, 17 March 2022, 9 am – 2 pm Cost: Free

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.

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).

Start something big: Hastings Deering opens 2023 apprenticeships

The equipment we stand for powers the world. Big companies, big economies and big goals come with big challenges... and big opportunities. Come stand with us, one of the worlds largest Cat dealers. We will be looking for passionate, curious and motivated Apprentices to start their careers with us in 2023. Applications open for Hastings Deering [2023 apprenticeship intake](#) in early May 2022 and are calling on would-be full time [apprentices](#) to 'start something big' with numerous positions to apply for. There are five trades on offer across nine Hastings Deering [workshops](#) including Brisbane, Toowoomba, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville, Cairns, Mt Isa, Darwin and Alice Springs.

Apprenticeships On Offer:

Engine Reconditioner
Auto Electrician
Boilermaker
Diesel Fitter
Mechanical Fitter

Applicants should also be sure to share what life experiences such as extra-curricular activities, sports or helping out a local charity. All of these things talk to us about your skills: holding down a part time job while at school shows you can multi-task and even being in a charity fun run shows community spirit – attributes all important for future employees. As a minimum we do require recent school leavers (within the last 5 years) to have completed year 12 and have achieved sound achievements in Maths and English. You will be asked to provide evidence of your school results when completing your application.

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

Work Experience



Koby attended work experience this week with J & R Refrigeration.

Well done Koby!

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/>

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