

## BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

### Term 1, Week 9

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The students should all be rewarded for their effort over the last few weeks! There has been assessment across all of the subjects and all of the year levels, and yet they all kept working. Hopefully this first term has shown the students what a supportive place BUSY Schools can be with so many people to jump in and help – teachers, teacher aides, youth workers, employment pathway officers and even sometimes the principal have jumped in to help students get the work done. The amazing Clare can't be forgotten either – she is the rock for our students supporting with IT issues, printing and just general kindness and support whenever they need it. One week to go with the excursion to celebrate the start of a great year. Well done and thank you to everyone for making this school so fantastic!

Naomi Vucas

PRINCIPAL

### Strategix Certificate II Food Processing and Supply Chain Induction Day

BUSY Schools had a great turn out for the induction on Thursday for the Certificate II Food Processing and Supply Chain course that is happening at school. This course is run over Term 2 and Term 3 this year and will give the students a look at into the food processing and warehouse industries with on the job work placement. Here are four of our students who attended the day with Doug – Strategix Trainer who discussed the course and gave Chuppa Chuppa out as prizes to the students awesome answers!



### Smoking/Vaping

A huge thank you to the students who have been taking extra efforts to reduce the need to smoke at school. We have had a really great week this week and look forward to having all of our amenities back to normal next term.

## Assessment and Academic News

Aside from some students with medical evidence, all students should have completed their assessment for Term One. I have heard a lot of great things about the assessment standards from both Year 11 and Year 12, and I have also seen some students start reflecting on what may have led to them not reaching their goals. I want to remind both year levels that regardless of pass or not in the first assessments, this does not mean a fail for the unit or the year. Take the time to reflect on what you need to improve on this baseline. Do you need to focus more in class? Are there ways that the school can assist you with that? Do you need some extra support? – let Naomi know. We are here to help.

## Excursion – Cairns Zoom and Wildlife Dome

The students will be attending a team building day at Cairns Zoom and Wildlife Dome in the last week of school. Permission and health forms have been handed out. You will also find a copy attached to this newsletter. Morning and afternoon school buses have been redirected to drop off and pick up from there, if you normally make your own way to school please go straight to the Dome. BUSY pick-ups will also be redirected to the Dome. If there are any issues with travel, please let Clare know so we can assist with arrangements. We look forward to a fun filled day of building a team culture.

**There is a ZOOM Waiver Release Form that requires a signature (attached) – please sign and return asap. This is in addition to the BUSY Schools permission slip that you may have already signed.**

## Chill Room

Thank you to Amber and Marney for being available in the Chill Room to support students in need of down time or quiet time, particularly during this period of assessment when emotions are running wild and strategies are needed to bring them back to a comfortable place. I was extra lucky this week and spent some time helping out with students in a different capacity to my normal Principal role. I was lucky to have time to sit and have a great chat and a laugh with some students, and even got to enjoy some calm time with a student while playing cards with them. In case anyone was wondering...I won 😊.

A reminder to students that this space is open to all who need it. We are here to support everyone!

## Employment Pathway Officer Update (Amba and Amanda)

### Construction White Card Course Wednesday 6th of April 2022 (During School Holidays)

We have had a great response on wanting to attain a White Card for the Construction Industry. This course will be carried out off site, so you will need to arrive at MiHaven (9 Palm Ave, Parramatta Park) by 7:45 for an 8am start and the course finishes at 4pm. Your young person will receive an email (to School Email Address) from MiHaven to confirm their attendance over the coming days which will have an enrolment form and pre-training test, please make sure that they do this by **1<sup>st</sup> of April 2022** or they will miss out on their place. Please let Amba or Amanda know if you have any questions or queries.

### Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Course Friday 8th of April 2022 (During School Holidays)

The Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) course has been filled with so many students!!!! This course will be carried out off site so you will need to arrive at Mi Haven (9 Palm Ave, Parramatta Park) by 8.15am and the course finishes at 4pm. Your young person will receive an email from Mi Haven to confirm their attendance over the coming days which will have an enrolment form and pre-training test, please make sure that they do this by **1<sup>st</sup> of April 2022** or they will miss out on their place. Please let Amanda and Amba know if you have any questions or queries.

## Defence Jobs Info Session

### 'Chat with the Navy' - Information Session & Base Tour

**Date:** Wednesday, 6th April 2022

**Time:** 2.30pm - 4.30pm

**Location:** HMAS Cairns - 2 Draper St, Cairns QLD

A unique opportunity to visit HMAS Cairns.

**REGISTER NOW**



### 'Try the ADF Fitness Test' Information Session

**Date:** Tuesday, 12th April 2022

**Time:** 6.30pm - 8.00pm

**Location:** Sportsworld - 268 Gatton St, Westcourt QLD

See what it takes to pass the ADF Fitness test.



### Trade Careers Information Session

**Date:** Tuesday, 19th April 2022

**Time:** 5.30pm - 6.30pm

**Location:** DFR Cairns - 118 McLeod St, Cairns QLD

Consider a trade career with a difference.



### Big Fish Workshop

Fantastic free program in Cairns during the Easter Holidays. The event - Big Fish - guides young entrepreneurs to develop solutions for problems by participating in two days of workshops and mentoring. Through Big Fish, students aged 13-18 will learn the creative process of building a startup from previous Australian Young Innovator of the Year – Taj Pabari.

Big Fish is the perfect school holiday activity to keep kids busy, entertained, and inspired with fun and experimental workshops, inspiring mentors, and a final pitch event with special guest judges. All participants will walk away with new skills, industry and peer connections, future career insights and inspiration! No prior knowledge of start-ups or entrepreneurship needed, just a great attitude.

**When:** 9am - 5pm Wednesday 13th April, 9am- 5pm Thursday 14th April

**Where:** CQUniversity Cairns, Level 3, Corner Abbott and Shields Streets

**Cost:** No cost. With lunch and snacks included during the 2-day event. We are able to waive the event cost per participant, thanks to funding and support from sponsors Y(E)P Entrepreneurship Facilitators, Advance Queensland, AusIndustry and CQUniversity.

**There's a limit of 50 participants from ages 13 - 18**, so attendees will need to complete a short application with a few questions around why they should be chosen to attend Big Fish Cairns 2022.

Applications are now open until midday on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April at <https://events.humanitix.com/big-fish-startup-bootcamp>.



# BIG FISH CAIRNS

## School Holiday Program



### What is Big Fish?

Big Fish Cairns will bring together entrepreneurs from our FNQ region, aged 13 - 18, for two days of intensive and fun learning through doing. We are so excited to have Taj Pabari from ASE leading the process in 2022.

On Wednesday and Thursday, participants will learn from entrepreneurs, industry mentors and experts covering:

- Creative entrepreneurship - how to come up with big ideas and use them to solve social issues.
- Build new enterprises - forming teams and developing a brand, telling your start-up story and building a web presence
- Designing a standout pitch - then delivering it to a judging panel

#### To Register

<https://events.humanitix.com/big-fish-startup-bootcamp>



### Event Details

#### Event Dates

13th & 14th April 2022 | 9:00 - 5:00

#### Location

CQUniversity Cairns  
Corner Abbot and Shield Street

#### Cost

Free, thanks to our funding and partners and sponsors

Due to limited space you'll need to complete a short application with a few questions around why you should be selected to participate in Big Fish Cairns 2022



### NAVY and ARMY Career Talks

Next week BUSY Schools will have Ernest and Don come and have a chat with the students on Monday and Wednesday in session 4:

Ernest Norris is the Specialist Recruiting Indigenous Officer for the Australian Defence Force here in Cairns. Ernie will have a chat with the students about the different jobs and ways to join and discussed what the specialist recruitment team is and how they can assist with applications. Don Bowie will be coming to the school on Wednesday next week to have a chat about his time and experience in the Australian Defence Force.

## Year 12 James Cook University Open Day

BUSY Schools has an exclusive guided tour of the James Cook University coming up in Term 2 on Thursday the 28th of April 2022. This is a behind the scenes look as well as the different study options for your young person. There are limited places so first in best dressed and please let Amanda or Amba know before Tuesday the 19th of April if your young person would like to attend.

### MAY Site Visit – NORWELD Australia LIMITED SPOTS

BUSY Schools has been given the opportunity of taking our students who are interested in Auto Electrical and Welding to a exclusive site visit. Norweld has a proud history of making their customers dreams a reality and with over 50 years of aluminium manufacturing experience and a few thousand trays and canopies out in the wild, Norweld still continue to innovate and improve upon their products. They partner with leading manufacturers and vehicle modification companies, such as Marks 4WD Adapters, Multidrive, JMACX and Creative Conversions, to ensure a seamless integration into your vehicle build. Through these partnerships, their customers have come to realise their vehicle's full potential. Make sure to let Amba know to put your name down as there are limited spaces

### MAY Site Visit – APG Manufacturing 6 SPOTS ONLY

BUSY Schools also has the availability of attending a site visit with APG Manufacturing for any students interested in Metal Fabrication or Welding. APG Manufacturing are a privately owned and Australian full-service metal fabrication manufacturing business based in Cairns. Their highly experienced team offers technical advice to optimise the long-term performance of designs and their facilities provide the flexibility to hot dip galvanize small components, unusual shapes or large-scale structural elements. Make sure to let Amba know to put your name down as there are limited spaces

## Career and Future Education Talks

Amanda and Amba will be checking in with each student during session 4 over the coming weeks to discuss with your young person their career and future education choices. If you have any questions or queries, please contact Amanda or Amba via their emails or below contact numbers.

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

## 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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