

BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

Term 2, Week 3

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We had another fantastic week this week with students being absolutely amazing while we were missing quite a lot of staff to illness. Thank you to the students in particular because they have made this week go by without too many issues. Another thank you to staff who have been doing well above their normal responsibilities to assist the team to get through the week. We wish Clare, Marney, Louise and Cor speedy recoveries and look forward to seeing them all back on site next week.

Next week is an important week for our **Year 12 students** as they **will be sitting their common internal assessment in English on Tuesday or Wednesday**. This assessment is sent to all schools just prior to the sitting date. Students have been preparing over the last week by looking at mock exams and examining the stimulus that has been sent with the exam. **IT IS CRUCIAL that all Year 12 students are at school on Tuesday or Wednesday next week**. Without medical evidence, a student not in attendance will be awarded an NR which will reduce their potential QCE credits by two and may lead to the inability for them to get their QCE.

Naomi Vucas

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Assessment and Academic News

Year 11 Assessment

Year 11 students are working on their Social Community Studies. They will be required to participate in their mock interview next week, so attendance is essential. Medical evidence is required for extensions.

The Year 11 English and Maths assessments will be handed out in Week 5, so attendance is important so students can feel prepared and ready when they start.

Year 12 English assessment: CIA Exam

The Year 12 Essential English CIA Exam is coming up next week. If a student is absent for the CIA exam in week 4 without a medical certificate or exceptional reason, there will not be any more opportunities to do the exam. This will have a negative impact on their QCE points for Essential English. Please let us know if your young person experiences problems with transport to or from school over the next few weeks so we can support their attendance.

The Year 12 Essential Maths CIA Exam is coming up in Week 6. Students who are absent prior to this will miss out on valuable teaching and learning time which can lead to increased anxiety on the day. Please encourage your young person to attend every day and let us know of any issues.

Staff Contact Hours

Please be aware that teaching staff are not available for contact after 4pm, so should you have an enquiry please endeavour to get in touch before 4pm. Non-teaching staff have their phones but are not able to access a lot of the necessary information. Lately, staff love hearing from you all, but please be understanding of their family time and their need for sleep and avoid calling after 4pm. We also cannot make changes to bus routes after 2pm on the day before as both Clare and Tropic Wings do not work after hours. Thank you for everyone's ongoing understanding and support when it comes to communication between students, staff, families and support networks.

Non-State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme

1. Check your eligibility for either: [Bus or Ferry Assistance](#) OR [Students With Disability](#)
 2. Make a note in your calendar to **apply** here each **May 1-31st** (for travel January to June) and **October 1-31st** (for travel July to December).
 3. Pay for transport throughout the semester
 4. Keep your public transport receipts
 5. [Apply](#)
 6. We calculate how much we can pay you
 7. We pay you by the end of August/January after you apply
- This is not a BUSY Schools Scheme. BUSY Schools do not deal with the applications or the success of those applications.
 - For more information, visit:
<https://www.schooltransport.com.au/?fbclid=IwAR13Gor04KmZud3fTU0FQTuD-4U6oXK9r2OcAE5MQDLQUQ1tYUZbM6zRvw>



Afternoon Electives

This term has been by far our best afternoon sessions since the start of the school. The students have chosen activities to attend according to their interests – cooking, arts, chill out, games, sport and fitness, catch-up/study.

Cooking – Rebecca runs the cooking group. They have been making all sorts of delicious goodies. In the future, they will be supporting the school by planning and preparing a fortnightly student cooked lunch. If I am not mistaken, next week the students will be in for a treat on Tuesday!



Sports and Fitness – This group travel to Genesis Sportsworld once a week and work under the supervision of a trainer and two staff members. I was lucky enough to go this week, and the students were fantastic! In fact, the trainer even complimented them to Cor last time he went. They are so polite and respectful for the whole afternoon. On the other day, Cor and Marjorie supervise while they engage in sports – football, basketball, volleyball etc. We have yet to try this one, but are hopeful that it will be a fantastic afternoon just like the time at the gym.



Employment Pathway Officer Update (Amba and Amanda)

Certificate III Business Scholarship – Mihaven Training

MiHaven Training are seeking 10 high school students to undertake a **Certificate III in Business Scholarship**. Scholarships are open to current Year 10 & 11 students and will provide up to 8 QCE Credits.

How To Apply

Expression of Interest: Students are required to submit their resume and a 1–2-page cover letter about themselves, outlining their future education or career plans, how this qualification will benefit them in their education or career journey, and why they deserve this opportunity. **Applications are open now and close at 11.59PM on 27 May 2022.**

- Letters of Support / Recommendation from school, community groups, teams, employers, etc. will be highly regarded.

Please let Amanda or Amba know if you need assistance in applying for this opportunity

Defence Force Recruiting

Defence Force Recruiting would like to invite you to their upcoming Army Reserve Information Session at Defence Force Recruiting Cairns.

Learn more about Army Reserve opportunities in your local area and chat to current Army Reservists. You'll hear about their experiences, opportunities for development and the unique rewards that come with a role in the Army Reserve. You'll be able to ask questions and learn how the Army Reserve can fit around your lifestyle.

Cairns: Army Reserve Information Session

Date: Tuesday 17th of May 2022

Time: 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Location: Defence Force Recruiting Cairns - 118 McLeod St, Cairns QLD 4870

Places are limited so book yours in today.

REGISTER NOW



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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Topic	Contact Name	Contact Details	Available Times
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