

BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

Term 2, Week 5

20 May 2022

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This year is speeding by! We are already in Week Five, and as always the students have been amazing. The Year 12s have been preparing for next week's CIA Maths Exam by doing the mock exam in class. The Year 11s have started planning for their Maths and English assessment and seem to be quite calm and collected each day as they progress through each day. They should all be very proud of the resilience and persistence that they are showing.

Last week, Nettie, Amber (YW), Chipo and myself attended some training on the Berry Street Educational Model, and we are excited for the future as we implement what we have learnt. This model focuses on the student as a person that is separate to their behaviours and looks at how students and teachers can work together to learn regulation strategies to help us all cope when things aren't going to plan. We were pleased to see that we do a lot in this space, but over the next 12 months, we will tighten it all up and be even better.

Naomi Vucas

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Assessment and Academic News

Year 11 Assessment

Students in Year 11 English and Maths have been introduced to their assessment pieces, and from what I hear, those students who attend classes have started the planning phase. Attendance is crucial so that the students don't feel left behind and add to their feelings of stress and anxiety.

Year 12 Maths Assessment: CIA Exam

The Year 12 Essential Mathematics CIA Exam is coming up next week. If a student is absent for the CIA exam in week 6 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 Maths. Please let us know if your young person experiences problems with transport to or from on Tuesday/Wednesday so we can assist to ensure they are in attendance for the exam.

Students in Year 12 will also begin their SCS assessment next week.

Transport

We love supporting our young people, but lately we have been finding an increasing amount of students requesting that staff give them a lift home or other destinations throughout the day and even well after school. Buses are organized for students in the morning and afternoon, and some transport is provided for exceptional circumstance that have been pre-arranged. Please ensure that your student, or yourself for independent students, are not relying on BUSY Schools staff to transport them away from school. If exceptional circumstances are in place, please organize with the school prior to when the transport is required so you know whether we are able to assist.

Employment Pathway Officer Update (Amba and Amanda)

CQU Open Day

CQ University Cairns Open Day event coming up in Term 3. It's a great way to explore their campus, check out the facilities and hear all about their courses straight from the teaching staff. You'll also be able to speak with their expert staff about scholarships, pathways, student support services and more. With their wide range of TAFE and university courses offered online and on-campus they can help you find the best study option for you. So come along and get a taste of what CQUniversity has to offer.

Start: 14th Aug 2022 9:00 am

End: 14th Aug 2022 11:00 am

Duration: 2 hours

Location: CQUni Cairns, Corner Abbott Street and Shields Street, Cairns

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

JCU Open Days

Tuesday 21st of June

Wednesday 22nd of June

We invite you to bring your Year 11 and 12 students to check out JCU Cairns for a morning session.

Students will be immersed into the university environment and gain insight into the different courses and career opportunities that are available. Students will have the chance to talk to student ambassadors about what it's like to study at JCU as well as subject matter experts in our academic staff. They'll also be able to learn all about the social aspect of uni life and all the support services that are available to them.

CQU Skills for Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS) Information Session

BUSY Schools and our students have been invited to the [CQU Skills for Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies \(STEPS\) Information Session](#) in Cairns on **Thursday, 26 May**.

STEPS is a free enabling course that provides a pathway for students to gain entry to and excel in higher education. This course is Centrelink approved and provides flexible and individualised options for students.

STEPS is suitable for those wanting to progress their studies and careers after completing an apprenticeship or traineeship, are returning to study after some time away, need to meet prerequisite subjects for a diploma or degree, or want additional support to undertake further study.

[Register now](#) for our STEPS Information Session to learn more about the pathway program and how it can benefit your students, clients and business networks



Date: Thursday, 26 May

Time: 4 - 5 pm

Location: Room 3.38, Level 3, CQU Cairns, Corner of Abbott and Shields Streets, 4870

RSVP by: 5 pm Tuesday, 24 May

[REGISTER NOW](#)

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UNIQ You O-week from 6th June – 10th June 2022.

O-Week is an incredible and rare opportunity for girls to speak directly to women shaping some of Australia's most important industries and future jobs. Girls in Grades 9-12 anywhere in Queensland can have a 1:1 video call with one of our industry advisors to ask their burning questions and satisfy their curiosities – and it's free!

Parents will need to register their daughters to be involved so please feel free to forward the attached flyer with more information to your school community so your female students (or any Year 9-12 QLD girls you know!) can potentially have a conversation that could change the trajectory of her professional life. For more info & to register go to uniquyou.com.au/oweeek-bookings.

TAFE's new State of the Art 'Hair & Beauty Hub'

BUSY Schools has the wonderful opportunity of attending a tour of the TAFE's new State of the Art 'Hair & Beauty Hub' at the Cairns TAFE Campus. Come and meet the wonderful teaching staff and see these amazing facilities that are available for our future school students wanting to study the Certificate II in Salon Assistant or the Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics courses in 2023. Please let Amanda or Amba know so that you don't miss out on this cool experience.

Good News Story

James, one of our Year 12 students has been progressing really well in his Certificate III in Light Vehicle school-based apprenticeship with Baker Automotive. This has allowed James to build a strong foundation for when he transitions to full time and has a routine down pat on his block studies and work life.



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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Who to Contact in the school?

Topic	Contact Name	Contact Details	Available Times
Buses/ absences	Clare Cropper	Clare.cropper@busyschools.com.au 0419 717 805 4058 4792	7.00am - 3:30pm
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Employment / VET course information	Amba Tipton	amba.tipton@busyschools.com.au 0456 627 481	7:30am -3:30pm
	Amanda Lines	amanda.lines@busyschools.com.au 0419 852 844	
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	Theresa Van Der Westhuizen (Yr12 English Teacher)	Theresa.vanderwesthuizen@busyschools.com.au 0473 639 626	10:15am – 10:30am 2:00pm – 2:15pm
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