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Attendance

It's important that your young person attends every day of their school program. All absences for attending school, training, work experience and school-based apprenticeships or traineeships are to be notified to the school via Reception [34404271](tel:34404271) or salisbury@busyschools.com.au A phone message can be left at any time.

There is also the option to enter student absence explanations on the [Compass App](#) which we would love to see families start using.

All students are to remain on site until 3pm every day unless we have parental permission for the student to leave early due to an appointment or being sick. If a student does have this permission, they are required to sign

We had lower numbers than usual at school this week, perhaps the rainy weather has kept some of our young people away. We encourage all of our young people to attend school every day. It is very easy for a student to fall behind if they miss 1 or 2 lessons which then creates a cycle that can be difficult to pull out of, so being proactive and coming to school every day will assist our young people to stay on top of things rather than falling behind which can cause anxiety.

Over the past few week our students have been getting quite creative in Power Hour with one young student creating a tree on the wall in one of our classrooms. We are looking forward to seeing the tree grow and develop over the coming weeks.

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CAMPUS PRINCIPAL



Curriculum Update

In Week 6 Year 12 students will sit the Common Internal Assessment (CIA) in Essential English and Essential Mathematics. While the title of these exams contains the word internal, these are actually externally created assessments written by Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) and then undertaken at each Queensland school internally. These CIA assessments do not involve those Year 12 students who are in Short Course Literacy or Numeracy classes. Please see below an overview of Week 5 and Week 6. It is important that your young person attends both of their school days in Week 5 as we will be exploring stimulus materials and conducting practice exams for both Essential English and Essential Mathematics.

It is compulsory that all Year 12 students enrolled in Essential Maths and Essential English attend during Week 6 for these exams. If a student is away due to illness in this week we will require a medical certificate for this week of exams.



Week	Essential English	Essential Mathematics
Week 5 16-20 May Practice Week	Lesson 1 Group 1 Monday Group 2 Thursday Distribute SEEN Stimulus Deconstruct SEEN Stimulus Planning the response Lesson 2 Group 1 Tuesday Group 2 Friday Practice EXAM	Lesson 1 Group 1 Monday Group 2 Thursday Revise key concepts Lesson 2 Group 1 Tuesday Group 2 Friday Practice EXAM
Week 6 23-27 May Exam Week	Group 1 Monday CIA Seen Stimulus Exam CIA Unseen Stimulus Exam Group 2 Thursday CIA Seen Stimulus Exam CIA Unseen Stimulus Exam	Group 1 Tuesday CIA Exam Group 2 Friday CIA Exam

Please note that if students do not sit the CIA in Week 6, they will receive an N and become ineligible for the 2 QCE credits for Unit 3 & 4, so it is important that your student attends their exams during this week.

An exam schedule for will be emailed to families in Week 5. If you have any questions or queries about the above, please do not hesitate to contact me. Karen.danks@busyschools.com or (07) 3440 4271

Social and Community Studies



Next Friday, 20 May, is the annual Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo. Our Year 11 young people will be going to attend sessions on resumes and interviewing plus speak personally with experts representing a huge range of various industries. ***Please ensure as a parent/carer, you provide electronic permission through your Compass Parent Portal. This is a compulsory excursion for all year 11 students to attend. Please advise us if your young person has a reason for non-attendance at this excursion so we can arrange for alternative work at school.***

Year 11 have also started their World of Word assessment by choosing a job advertisement to create a mock application for. They have analysed the ad and are working toward writing a cover letter and update their resumes next week. It will be followed by answering 13 interview questions and going through a live interview (with their teacher). They then reflect on their process to submit this as assessment in Week 9.

In the last two weeks, Year 12 Social and Community Studies has been quite the learning journey. The Money Management Unit has incorporated budgeting and saving. We have learnt about investment options and ways to increase wealth – dependent on personal situation. Pictured here they are having a brain break where they had to create an obstacle course and lead their partner (who has their eyes closed) through it safely. Who can you trust if not your good friends, right?

Mathematics - Short Course Numeracy

This week in Short Course numeracy we have commenced working on our Assessment task of preparing to calculate all the costs and affordability calculations around the purchase of a car. Students have chosen their cars and we have started looking at the cost of purchasing the car, stamp duties, registration, insurance and fuel. In the next few weeks, we will be preparing a financial statement on how we can afford our cars and looking at ways we can manage those costs.



Year 11 Essential Mathematics This week has seen the commencement of the year 11 Problem Solving and Modelling Task (PSMT). In this task students have to select a destination for a family of four to travel to where they will undertake, and activity based on the students analysis of weather and rainfall analysis. To do this we have been developing some useful skills using Microsoft Excel to automatically calculate data and produce graphs. It has been a learning curve for some, but overall, there has been great success. We will be continuing our analysis and interpretation for the assignment over the next few weeks.

Year 12 Essential Mathematics This week we have been solidly focusing on getting our student ready for their maths exam in 2 weeks' time. It is vitally important that our Year 12 students are attending every day so they can be as well prepared as possible for the exam in Week 6. As maths teachers we are passionate about supporting our young people to be successful in their maths study.