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### The BUZZ from the Campus Principal

Week 2 has proven to be as exciting and fast-paced as Week 1! We have continued to grow and see more students enroll in the school. There are now 28 students in Year 11 and 7 in Year 12. Brisbane City Campus is the first BUSY School to offer Year 12 and we are excited to support our students as they work towards the QCE and employment pathways.

This week we saw the start of our Certificate II Self-Awareness and Development program offered by the RTO, Blueprint Career Development. This course is undertaken by all students during their first year at the school with some students taking the course later in the year due to TAFE commitments. Group 1 (11A and 12A) began on Thursday whilst Group 2 (11D) began on Monday. If students were absent, they will have the opportunity to catch up over the next couple of weeks.

Chris from AXIOM came to the school on Friday to explain a little bit about the Certificate II Health and Certificate II Community Studies, and the career and further learning opportunities these certificates can lead to. Upon completion of the 13 units in the Certificate II Health, students attain 3 credits towards their QCE whilst it is 2 credits for the completion of the 9 units for the Certificate II Community Services. Students were able to begin their enrolment for these courses and still have time as they begin in Week 4. A link will be sent soon for the literacy and numeracy elements of the courses that students can complete prior to the course either at home or at the school with support from the staff.

Students can alternatively work with the school on the BUSY Skills to Work (BSTW) modules if they are not enrolled at a TAFE or other obligations. The BSTW offers students the opportunity to do a range of core and other modules including gaining their White card, RSA, and Blue card. Students can complete this program either by attending each Friday for 10-12 weeks or gradually over their course of studies depending upon their other commitments.

Next Friday we will have a range of community services and groups presenting information to students that will help them with general wellbeing, health, careers, and other life skills.

Electives have also begun with movies, creative arts, and boardgames. Other choices will be made available throughout the term as more supplies arrive at the school and we hope to offer students an opportunity to go to SNAP Fitness at the Spring Hill Woolworths Centre for one session per week.

Access to the Square and Café downstairs is now available, however, we still need consent forms that were sent out last week. If you would like your young person to have access, please return this form as soon as possible.

The start to Term 1 has been a great success with students showing fantastic commitment to their attendance and learning. Their behaviour has been very mature and we are so happy to be working with each and every one of the young people who are here each day.

Have a great weekend and drink plenty of water during the heatwave.

Anne English  
Campus Principal

**Meet the Staff: Harrison – Administration Officer**



Hello! My name is Harrison Hewitt and I am the Administration Officer at the Brisbane City Campus. I am the go-to person for any information you need about the campus – either I can answer your questions or I will direct you to the person who can. I’m currently studying my Secondary Education degree, specifically teaching Film and History (don’t get me started on the history of film). Constantly learning is my ultimate life goal, and I love that BUSY Schools’ aim to inspire a similar passion for education in others.

**Curriculum:**

My name is Jaya Sockalingam, and I am the new Curriculum Coordinator at our school. I am thrilled to join the team and work closely with your children and families.

I wanted to reach out and provide you with an update on the units the students will be studying and the assessments schedule for Term 1. We believe that assessments play a crucial role in helping students track their progress and improve their learning. The assessments will take place throughout the term, with the dates as follows:

**Subject Units**

Subject	Year 11	Year 12
Social and Community Studies	The World of Work	Food and Nutrition
Essential English	Language that Works	Language that Influences
Essential Mathematics	Number, data, and graphs	Measurement, scales, and data

**Assessment Schedule**

Subject	Year 11	Year 12
Social and Community Studies	Week 6 to Week 9 <b>Final is due in week 9 (20-24 Mar)</b>	Exam stimulus handed out in week 8 <b>Examination in week 9 (20-24 Mar)</b>
Essential English	Week 6 to week 9 <b>Final is due in week 9 (20-24 Mar)</b>	Week 3 to week 6 <b>Draft is due in week 5</b> <b>Final is due in week 6 (27 Feb-3 Mar)</b>
Essential Mathematics	<b>Written exam in week 8 (13-17 Mar)</b>	Week 4 to week 8. <b>Draft is due in week 7</b> <b>Final is due in week 8 (13-17 Mar)</b>

It is important for students to be well-prepared and attend all assessments on time. The assessments will be a combination of written tests, projects, and presentations. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to working together with you to support your child's academic journey.

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**Well Being:**

Worry is a normal part of life and can even be helpful in some instances. We often worry about the things that are important to us, like finances, work, and family, and this worry has the potential to help us make good decisions in these areas.



Sometimes however, worrying can become more of a hindrance than a help. If you’ve been experiencing worries that are excessive, uncontrollable, or irrational, for an extended period of time, you may be suffering from generalised anxiety disorder, or GAD.

If you feel that your worrying is out of your control, and that you need some help understanding and dealing with it, some of these strategies may help. <https://thiswayup.org.au/learning-hub/anxiety-and-worry-explained/>

### Wellness Room:

We now have a wonderfully bright and welcoming space as our Wellness Room. This is a place for students, families, staff, and BUSY Health visitors to use as needed. The room is in the administration area of the school, and we encourage our whole community to access this space through either Harrison or Tania.



### Funky Shirt Friday:

On Fridays, staff are encouraged to wear funky tradie shirts from the Trade Mutt Co. as discussion starters about mental health. We encourage anyone who would like to ask about the shirts and their origins, to simply ask.

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The only way to truly change the culture surrounding mental health is by taking action over what we can control, and that starts with the way we speak and act ourselves. The best day to put yourself out there is a Friday, and the best way to put yourself out there is by wearing a funky shirt. Funky Shirt Fridays - wearing outrageously funky shirts on the best day of the week to encourage meaningful conversations and make an invisible issue impossible to ignore. [www.trademutt.com](http://www.trademutt.com)



### Feedback Process

At The 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 Anne English 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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