

# The BUSY Schools Campus: Newsletter

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# The BUZZ from the Campus Principal

Week 3 and we have over 30 students enrolled in Year 11 and 8 students in Year 12 – such amazing numbers. We keep growing and with that, we have new and interesting people joining our school community. Everyone is so welcome and celebrated in being part of the BUSY Schools family. For many of us at the school, our pets are also part of our family. So, from next week, we encourage students to bring a photo of their pets to add to the <u>Pawfect Place</u> – a wall of fame for our best friends.

Last week, Chris from AXIOM visited the school to explain the benefits of studying the **Certificate II Health Services and the Certificate II in Community Services.** Since speaking with again, I realise I need to make an apology for giving the wrong information about the credits that can be accrued by completing the certificate programs they offer. I indicated that either 2 or 3 credits would be gained for the QCE but, great news, the correct number is **4 credits towards the QCE**. Some students were not on-campus on Friday, so they missed the opportunity to begin the enrolment form, and for these to run, we need a minimum of 10 students to enroll. If you would like to study one of these courses, please contact Harrison (Administration Officer) for a form as these courses begin in Week **4.** Once you have enrolled you will be sent a link to complete the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Screening Tool that needs to be completed online prior to next Friday.

Students who are enrolled in the First Aid Certificate for Term 1 should have received an email with information and a link to begin the theory element of this course. Students have 4 weeks to complete the course so that they can participate in the practical all-day session in Week 7. We encourage students to begin this immediately so that they do not put pressure upon themselves closer to the due date. Students may either attend school to complete the course or they may work from home with the online link. Should students come to the school there will be a staff member available to help support students as needed.



A reminder, that students who are not enrolled in one of the Certificate II programs or do not have TAFE on Fridays, will begin the BUSY Schools to Work (BSTW) program as soon as we have an EPO on-site. Yesterday, Peta and Bernie from South Brisbane TAFE toured the school then discussed the ways we can support students this year. We look forward to building a stronger community connection with TAFE and seeing how our students can access the opportunities available through their courses both at their campus and at the BUSY Schools Brisbane City Campus.

Thursday, Week 2, was the first day students were able to access Cathedral Square, and it was great to see them walking around the Markets and representing the school in such a positive way. It is truly wonderful to see how each student presents themselves with respect and responsibility whilst in a public space.

Today, we had guest speakers from LIVIN and AIM (Achieve, Inspire, Motivate)— both talked about wellbeing but from different angles and perspectives. LIVIN focused on strategies and ways to manage anxiety and other mental health concerns whilst AIM talked about the importance of physical health and how this can help with preventing mental and physical health issues. Students were really engaged and loved the sausage sizzle we provided for lunch afterwards.

Anne English
Campus Principal

# Meet the Staff: Jay - Curriculum Coordinator and Maths Teacher



Hello Parents,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the BUSY Schools Brisbane City Campus Curriculum Coordinator and Mathematics teacher. With a diverse background as both an engineer and a teacher, I bring a unique combination of skills and experiences to the classroom.

I have always been passionate about both mathematics and education, and I am excited to be able to combine my two passions in my current role. In my previous experiences as an engineer and a teacher, I have come to understand the importance of providing students with hands-on learning opportunities and a challenging curriculum that prepares them for success in the future.

I am also excited to introduce myself as a passionate traveller and cook. I have a love for exploring new cultures and tasting the diverse flavours of different cuisines, and nothing brings me more joy than cooking and enjoying the curries I love. I find immense happiness in creating and sharing delicious meals, especially curries, with those around me.

I am deeply committed to the community. I believe in giving back and making a positive impact, which is why I volunteer as a Justice of the Peace in my community. Aside from my role as a Justice of the Peace, I am also passionate about my career and strive to make a difference in whatever way I can. I am dedicated to doing my part to create a better community for all, and I am always looking for ways to get involved and make a positive impact.

#### **Curriculum:**

We are excited to announce that our school will be using Microsoft Teams and OneNote to enhance the learning experience for our students. Teams will be used as a platform for students to communicate with their teachers, access class materials and assignments, and collaborate on projects with classmates. OneNote will be used as a digital notebook, where students can store class notes, complete assignments, and organize their work.

One of the benefits of using Teams and OneNote is that parents and carers can access this platform from home to support their young person. You can view your child's class materials, see their progress, and stay informed about their assignments. This will help you to stay involved in your child's education and support their learning at home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We are confident that Teams and OneNote will be a valuable addition to our students' learning experience, and we are excited to see the results.

Jaya Sockalingam Curriculum Coordinator / Maths Teacher Jaya.Sockalingam@busyschools.qld.edu.au



### **Wellness Room:**

We remind all students and staff that the Wellness Room is now available for improving your physical, social, occupational, intellectual, environmental spiritual, and emotional wellbeing. This is a quiet and private place where you may need to take a moment to refresh and repair. Please check in with Harrison to gain access to the room that is near the Sick Bay.









# **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.gld.edu.au/busy-schools-feedback/





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