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A note from the Campus Principal

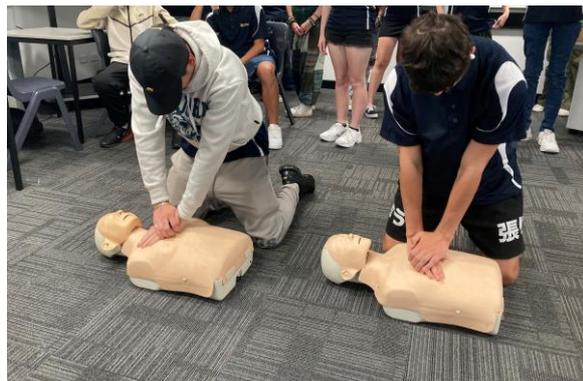
Dear Parents, Carers, Students and School Community,

At BUSY Schools, our goal is to get all students to gain employment or progress to further training or education on completion of our program. The Year 11 students are already making great progress by participating in a range of programs to help build their resumes for future employment. Last week, a group of students completed their practical component of First Aid and this week classes have started to do First Response Evacuation Training with Australian Fire Protection. All Year 11 classes will take part in the training where they will undertake training on:

- Responding to the fire emergency
- Identifying the class of fire
- How to select the correct first attack equipment – fire extinguisher, fire hose reel or fire blanket
- Demonstration and safe operation procedure for first attack equipment
- Demonstration and guided use of fire extinguisher to extinguish a live fire
- Determining if it is safe and appropriate to use first attack equipment
- Procedures to follow after using the first attack equipment has been used
- Post evacuation activity, e.g. recording, recharge fire extinguishers

Upon completion of the First Aid and First Response Training, students will receive certificates. Students who are doing the First Aid Training will also receive 2 credit points for their QCE. This is a great opportunity for our Year 11 students to further their skill sets and enhance their employability.

This is great to see our students eagerly working towards achieving qualifications and undertaking training. Keep up the great work!



Shane Blood
Campus Principal

BUSY HEALTH IN BUSY SCHOOLS

BUSY Schools has engaged the services of BUSY Health to provide a range of health services to students. One of these services will be to help gather information for the purposes of NCCD along with ongoing counseling sessions for students referred to BUSY Health. Please carefully read the information below about BUSY Health in BUSY Schools.

ABOUT BUSY HEALTH IN BUSY SCHOOLS

Where organised with BUSY Schools, BUSY Health provides integrated health support and assessments through our multidisciplinary team of registered and accredited health professionals.

BUSY Health was established in 2021 to provide psychological and occupational health supports for individuals, community organisations, schools and workplaces, with the aim of ensuring individuals are empowered for work, study and increasing overall wellbeing.

In engaging with BUSY Schools, BUSY Health seeks to ensure that students and their parents, guardians or legal representatives are informed about what you can expect from us and our engagement with students at BUSY Schools. This information provided here is designed to provide you with an overview of our supports, and to assist in building shared understanding and expectations.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

At BUSY Health, we understand the challenges that students can face and how this can impact their experience of school and overall health and wellbeing. Within BUSY Schools providing mental health support through BUSY Health, our practitioners work directly with the individual school student to identify and reach goals to better manage their mental health within the educational setting. All sessions are individualised to the student's needs, drawing on evidence-based practices. Our BUSY health practitioners provide the student with professional support and referrals to help understand and manage challenges including but not limited to:

- Mental health concerns, including anxiety and depression;
- Anger management or bullying;
- Issues with home and family life;
- Issues with sexuality or identity;
- Thoughts regarding suicide and self-harm;
- Pressures with study or career goals;

BUSY Health also works with students who present with behavioural or mental health concerns, neurodiversity, developmental conditions or psychosocial disability.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA (NCCD)

The NCCD is an annual collection of information about Australian school students with disability. The NCCD enables schools, education authorities and governments to better understand the needs of students with disability and how they can be best supported at school.

BUSY Health provides NCCD assessments and recommendation reports for students who may require adjustments under their Individual Learning Plan or additional on-site supports to facilitate their learning activities and engagement. This information is provided to the BUSY School and Department of Education for this purpose.

STUDENT SUPPORT

- Participation with BUSY Health is voluntary and at all times you have a choice in how the services are provided to you. You can include a support person and you can cease participation at any time.
- All discussions between you as a student and your BUSY Health practitioner are confidential, with any exceptions (such as mandatory reporting disclosures and those required by law) discussed with you at the outset sessions.
- Where you have capacity to provide informed consent, BUSY Health will not provide feedback on sessions to your parents, guardians or legal guardians unless required legally or to prevent a risk of harm.
- Where there is a risk of harm, we keep the school informed so they can support you appropriately.

RIGHT TO PRIVACY

It is important to understand that as BUSY Health is working directly with the student in your care, we are obliged to uphold their right to privacy. This means where the student can provide informed consent (i.e. they are assessed to have a sufficiently mature mind), we will not provide any information on their engagement with us except where the student has expressly consented for us to do so, there is a legal obligation, or in our belief it is necessary to manage risk.

COST AND IMPACT ON OTHER HEALTH SERVICES

There is no cost to the student nor their caregivers in accessing BUSY Health's services as the service is funded by the BUSY School.

Attending sessions with BUSY Health does not draw down upon nor replace support provided through Medicare via a Mental Healthcare Plan initiated by the student's GP. Students may however elect to work concurrently with both their external mental health provider as well as the BUSY Health practitioner at the BUSY School. We do encourage the student to discuss these arrangements with their external mental health provider and their BUSY Health practitioner to ensure consistency, continuity and integration of appropriate mental health support.

Where further support is required to ensure a student's wellbeing, referral options such as initiation of a Mental Healthcare Plan with their GP or referral to a specialised service providers will be discussed with the student.

Advantages of a School-based Apprenticeship/Traineeship

There are so many great advantages to becoming a school-based apprentice or trainee such as:

- Offers more flexibility and variety
 - The variety provided by SATs can have enormous benefits for young people who prefer hands-on learning.
- A great head start to your career
 - Young people employed as school-based apprentices and trainees develop workplace skills, knowledge and confidence and have competitive edge when apply for jobs. A SAT can lead directly to full-time employment once a student has left school.
- Gain a nationally recognised qualification
 - All school-based apprentices and trainees participate in vocational training that contributes to a Certificate II, III or higher vocational qualification which counts towards the student's QCE
- A fantastic opportunity to learn while you earn
 - School-based apprentices and trainees are paid while they learn workplace skills, gain confidence, and adapt to a work environment. It gives the student the opportunity to put skills learnt at school and the training organisation, into practice in a real work environment.

See Anna or Charli about doing a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship.

THE LION Richards School Based Traineeships – Available Now

School-based traineeships are now available at THE LION Richards! Start a career in hospitality whilst you work, earn, and learn. The LION Richards is a destination of choice for dining, gaming, entertainment and the industry leader in leisure and luxury.

The group are currently looking for some dedicated Year 11 students to join their school-based traineeship program for the duration of the 12 – 14 month program. You'll be able to work, earn and learn while completing a Certificate III in Business which will attract 8 credit points towards the QCE.

For more information see Charli or Anna as soon as possible.

Disability Support Work – Transitions to Work

We would like to hear from students who have an interest in becoming a disability support worker. There is a shortage of staff in this industry, and an incredible opportunity for some high school students to find a pathway during and after they finish school.

The ASE Group is planning to run a 4-week program (a few hours per week) which will help students to become a Disability Support Worker. The program will be fully funded and will give the opportunity to access a Yellow Card, a First Aid Course, and develop the necessary soft skills to thrive in such an important role.

If you are interested in becoming a Disability Support Worker, please speak with Anna for more information.

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 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 Shane Blood 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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