

## The BUSY Schools Campus: Shailer Park

Term 1, Week 10

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### A note from the Campus Principal

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and School Community,

We have now come to the end of term 1 and I would like to thank the staff for all the support they provide to our young people everyday. I would also like to thank our parents and carers for their support in what is usually a busy and difficult term 1 as students adjust to a new learning environment and more challenging work. Together, we have made it through the term and our students should be proud of their achievements so far.

Our Year 12 students have only 27 weeks left of their senior education before they graduate. I strongly encourage Year 12 students to be constantly checking with their teachers to ensure they are on track and accepting the additional support that is on offer to complete assessments.

I would also like to remind all students about the importance of attending their vocational courses. The assessment in vocational courses is competency-based and students need to attend and complete all assessments to be deemed competent. They must achieve competency in every module, or their certificate will not be awarded, and they will not receive the QCE credit points that go with it. All students are relying on completing vocational courses to receive credit points to gain the QCE. Without these credit points, students won't be able to achieve the QCE. Please check with your vocational provider (RTO) regarding your progress and make sure you are on track. If you are not on track, ask the trainers what you must do to successfully complete the course.

#### **Non-State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS)**

Under the Non-State Schools Transports Assistance Scheme, there are two programs that parents/carers can apply for assistance for students transport costs:

- Bus Fare Assistance Program (BFAP)
- Students With Disabilities (SWD)

Applications are available online during the month of May for Semester One and October for Semester Two. Please see further information attached to this edition of the newsletter for assistance on how to apply.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful term 1 break and I hope you have a great Easter with family and friends. Term 2 will commence on April 17.

Shane Blood  
Campus Principal

## Industry Visits

### **Q Ford**

Six students this week had the opportunity to check out the facilities at Q Ford in Springwood. Students were given a tour by John, the service manager at Q Ford. The students asked lots of questions and had a chance to see up close a motor in the repair stage, as well as see the cars from underneath. The students will commence work experience in the coming weeks to try out the chance to be signed up as a school-based apprentice.



### **GCI Group**

Six students were invited to take a tour through GCI Group this week. Students were shown various sections for manufacturing, laser cutting, boiler making, welding, and administration behind the scenes. GCI Group welcomes students to undertake work experience to get a feel for the engineering industry.



## School-based Apprenticeship/Traineeship Updates

Izabella was signed up this week at Edens Landing Child Care Centre. Izabella has been a shining star at the Centre having worked hard through her trial period and as a result, offered a traineeship in Child Care. Izabella will be studying a Cert III in Early Education Care whilst completing her Year 11 studies. Well done Izabella!



Valeska was signed into a Certificate III in Business Traineeship with the Australian Retail College working in their offices as an admin assistant on Mondays and Tuesdays. Since Valeska commenced with the College in January she has really impressed her manager. On Valeska's first day, they started her on the filing, photocopying, and scanning and they soon realised that Valeska was very capable and was quickly given more tasks. Valeska is already speaking to clients over the phone and learning to use their student management system. Valeska is so efficient they are always looking for more things for Valeska to do because she finishes her tasks so quickly. Congratulations Valeska!



Harrison was signed into a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care Traineeship with Edens Landing Education and Care Centre. After completing one day of work experience with the Centre in February, Harrison impressed the staff and was offered the traineeship. Harrison has been attending school two days a week and working at the Centre 2 – 3 days. Harrison is loving working at the Centre and looks forward to completing his traineeship and one day becoming a primary school teacher.



## Art Class

Over the past few weeks, a small group of students commenced Art Class during recreation time with Vicki. Students have been experiencing different mediums of paints, paper, and colour to create some wonderful pieces. We have amazing, wonderful, and creative students here at BUSY.

- Flower painting. Created by using cotton tips in pastel water colour paints which highlights the gracefulness of the hanging flowers.





- Cityscape. Created by using a layering technique in which the background is painted first, then is layered with black buildings and finally using oil pastels to highlight the shadows of the city buildings as the setting sun starts to dim on the horizon.



- Easter art.





# Student Travel Rebates

## Semester 1

### Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **non-state school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your **family** spend more than **\$35/week\*** on bus/ferry fares to and from school (\*\$25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available service** not owned or associated with the school?

### Students With Disability

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and **apply at [SchoolTransport.com.au](http://SchoolTransport.com.au) during May.**

**Late applications cannot be accepted after 31<sup>st</sup> May.**

## 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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