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The BUZZ from the Campus Principal

Enrolments Update Year 11 Enrolments: 118 Year 12 Enrolments: 30 School Total Enrolments: 148

End of Term

How amazing it is that we are now halfway through the school year! Congratulations to all students, families, and staff for putting in the hard work to achieve so much in our first semester. We have seen an incredibly rapid growth over the past 6 months not just in enrolments but with how our students are engaging in school and work opportunities. It has been a great joy to see our students grow in confidence and personal well-being. Everyday we see our students learning and supporting each other as they navigate the road towards adulthood. Our staff continue to humble me with their absolute commitment and kindness towards our young people. I am truly grateful for the wonderful opportunity the BUSY School Brisbane City has offered me to lead such a fantastic community. Thank you and well done everyone! Have a great winter holiday break and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 10th June.

Changes in Term 3

In Term 3, our weekly program will change slightly with a **more structured timetable on non-subject days**. With a new Work Readiness Officer (WRO) beginning in Term 3, we will now be able to offer the BUSY Schools to Work (BSTW) program on these days. This means that students who come in on these days who do not have catch-up work or TAFE work or assessment to complete, will attend BSTW classes for a half day program. The fitness room that has been previously used as a space for students to gather will no longer be available as we implement the BSTW program. The BSTW program is a course of 46 modules that are completed over 2 years and is part of our commitment to having students work ready. Modules include WHS, conflict resolution in the workplace, gaining a White Card for construction, the Barista/RSA/RSG short course, First Aid/CPR, writing resumes, and mock interviews plus more. All students who do not have TAFE, Work Experience, Traineeship or Apprenticeship commitments are expected to attend school on these days to work towards completing the BSTW program.

New Staff

This term we had 3 new staff begin at the Brisbane City campus with another 3 expected to begin in Term 3. We officially welcome, Karl (Maths), Heather (English and Social & Community Studies), and Laura (EPO). Next term, we hope to have another Education Youth Worker and a Teacher Aide, plus a Work Readiness Officer.

Uniforms

We would like to remind families that it is expected that students wear the school uniform when they are at the campus. This includes wearing either the school hoodie or jersey with closed in shoes. Crocs and slides with socks are not acceptable footwear for WHS reasons.

Certificate II Health Services

On Friday, 14 July, Week 1 of Term 3, students wishing to do the Cert II Health Services will be able to enroll and have a fitting for their scrubs. This is a great course for many career choices because of the skills and knowledge gained about different topics such as working effectively with others, communicating and working in health or community services, working with diverse people, first aid, removal of waste materials, food safety practices, principles and practices of infection prevention and control, workplace health and safety, and conducting manual tasks safely. Students who complete this course successfully will also attain **4 credits towards their QCE**.

AIM Foundation – Thrive program

As of next term, all students will gradually participate in the Thrive mental and physical health elective. This is an 8-week program and will be held during the elective class with 20 participants in each group with 2 facilitators provided by the AIM Foundation. Each term a new group will participate on their subject days. This program is designed to help students develop stronger resilience, mental health, and a fitter and healthier lifestyle. It also ends with a great lunch provided by Zeb.

Anne

Events/Opportunities

School Officers' Day

Wednesday was officially School Officers' Day but with half our team at the Basketball Challenge at Shailer Park campus, we had a celebration today to remember the great work our non-teaching staff do at the Brisbane City campus. A huge thank you from us all to Tamar, Richie, Laura, Riley, and Harrison!

BUSY Schools Curriculum Survey

This survey helps us determine the direction of the curriculum for the future. Please complete the form online so that we can identify and plan for any other subject options that students would like to see offered at the school in 2024. Students, parents, and staff are encouraged to complete the form to give their feedback. <https://forms.office.com/r/AB2Zcd9EGz>

National School Reform Survey

An opportunity for all to help shape the future of school education. Survey participants can have their say on range of issues including:

- Improving education outcomes
- Supporting student health and wellbeing, and
- Supporting and retaining teachers.

The survey is available to complete [here](#) and will be open until Friday, 23 June 2023.

For more information about the National School Reform Agreement go to <https://ministers.education.gov.au/clare/teachers-parents-and-students-encouraged-have-their-say-future-education>

Certificate III Entrepreneurship & New Business

Students from Year 11 and 12 made their proposals to Karine Smith from Brisbane City Markets and Anne for their stalls to sell their products at the markets as part of their assessment. The students did some great research into costs, customers, products, and advertising. A great job was done with fantastic reviews and advice from the panel about their future ventures. Well done.



First Aid and CPR

In Week 9, staff continued their professional development by updating their First Aid and/or CPR training. Like many of our students, staff engaged with the online theory training prior to the practical day where we updated our skills in CPR, bandaging, and responding to emergencies. First Aid training is every 3 years and CPR is updated every year. Well done to all our staff who are now fully up to date.



University of Canberra Creative Competition

The partnership between TAFE Queensland and the University of Canberra has brought back the [UC Creative Competition](#) for 2023. It's exciting that submissions are now open, providing an opportunity for creative individuals to showcase their talents and potentially win recognition for their work.

UC are officially inviting all Year 11 and 12 students from across ACT, NSW and QLD to submit their best creative work – which could be a school-based project or their own personal work – for the chance to win study grants towards a Faculty of Arts and Design degree, as well as a range of Adobe products and cash prizes!

Music

As part of our wellbeing electives, we are hoping to offer music – whether this is creating music online or instrumentally. Recently, via LinkedIn and Facebook, we have put a call out for donations of any instruments. If you or anyone you know would like to support the BUSY Schools with donations, we would love to hear from you. A BIG thank you to all those families and friends who have already donated their unwanted instruments!



Reading

Many students have indicated their love of reading, so if you are doing some 'spring cleaning' of the bookshelves, we would love some novels for our young people. Popular genres include fantasy and horror but all donations gladly accepted.



Cross-campus Basketball Challenge

On Wednesday Week 9, 11 of our students participated in the inaugural Basketball Challenge at Shailer Park campus. Students had a shoot-out competition followed by a half-court game. It was a great day with Seth winning the shoot-out competition with being only one shot short of beating the Brisbane Bullet Jason Cadee! Well done, Seth! As part of the celebrations, PRIDE month was also remembered with facepainting. A big thanks to HOOPS N CRATES and Dominoes Pizzas for the wonderful prizes!



Corporate Basketball Challenge

On Wednesday, 8 of our students joined the BUSY Group and partners in the Corporate Basketball Challenge. There were a range of hoop shooting challenges where teams needed to make as many baskets as possible in 1 hour 13 minutes and 9 seconds – a number that when converted to seconds was the number of students enrolled in BUSY Schools at that time (4389). Check out our social media pages to see more great photos and videos especially of Seth and Harry who made baskets from the halfway line of the court! Some of our students joined the Hutchinson Builders team, Executive Team, BUSY Schools team, and supported the event by keeping score. **Over \$30000 was raised on the day** towards supporting our BUSY Schools. Outstanding effort and a great day for all.



Would you like to **win 2 nights away + \$500 spending money?** What about a \$500 gift card to spend at Rebel Sport or JB Hi-Fi? We are excited to announce The BUSY Schools Basketball Challenge fundraiser is now live! And you're invited to take part! Visit www.basketballchallenge.com.au to **register for free** and you could be in with a chance to win some awesome prizes! To get involved, simply find a local hoop in your area, set yourself a goal for how many baskets your team can sink during the month of June and ask your friends and family to support you in reaching your goal! Easy! Anyone can register to take part in this activity (both adults and youth) and do it wherever they can access a basketball hoop eg. home driveway, local park or even a mini hoop on the back of the bathroom door! It doesn't matter how good or bad you are at basketball; it's just about having some fun and shooting hoops with your teammates. Funds raised will help The BUSY Schools continue to open and operate campuses where they are needed most. Register today or contact Megan for further information via 0477 014 545 or basketballchallenge@busyschools.com.au

Employment Pathways

Work experience, traineeships, and apprenticeships

Congratulations:

To Rania from Year 12 who completed her work experience with Hundt Lawyers this term. Rania is currently completing her Certificate III in Legal Services.

To Jamie Tauri has completed her School Based Traineeship with BIRCH, CARROLL & COYL LIMITED. Retail Certificate.

All students are encouraged to catch up with Richie about opportunities that will help them be work ready. As the school continues to grow, it is essential that students be proactive in the direction of their pathways. If you are unsure of what career or job you would like to follow, drop-in and have a chat with Richie who might have some ideas that could work for you.

Work Experience

- **Carpentry & Automotives** with employers who are situated all over Brisbane. See Laura
- **Wynnum Junior Rugby League Club**. See Richie.
- **CSQ Get Ready program** for Girls+ for a period of 6-8 weeks during term 3 in preparation for **EKKA Events**. See Richie.
- **Screen Queensland (Film and Media)**, wanting to work behind the camera for multiple screenings.



UNIQ You 'Empow-her Day'

On Tuesday, 22 girls engaged in ZOOM meetings with female advisors from a range of industries including construction, emergency services, and aviation. BUSY Schools have partnered with UNIQ You to support our female students in finding careers in industries that are traditionally male dominated and thus can be a challenge for females to enter. With great mentors and advice, the opportunities to break these barriers and achieve big goals becomes a lot more achievable and desirable. Afterwards, we all had a sausage sizzle lunch to celebrate the day and the end of term.



GIRLS, GIRLS, GIRLS!

UNIQ You – an opportunity for girls to work industry/job

with a mentor in a traditionally male dominated

We would like to remind all female students to access the [UNIQ You](#) website and to book a call with a role model from a range of different industries. Please see the attached flyer or speak with Richie (EPO).

NICS - National Institute of Construction Skills – Get Ready Program

UNIQ You HOW TO BOOK A CALL

STEP 1: CHOOSE YOUR ADVISOR
Explore unique and interesting roles and pathways through the UNIQ You website or view our advisors by subject guide. These options give you access to our of almost 100 strong, positive, female role models.

STEP 2: COMPLETE BOOKING REQUEST FORM
Once you know who you would like to talk to, complete the easy-to-use online booking form to request a call at a time that suits you.

STEP 3: HAVE THE CALL!
Keep an eye on your email for a confirmation email with a date, time and Zoom link. You will also be joined on the call by a UNIQ You team member or your school educator. You are also welcome to bring a friend along on the call as long as they are not on camera.

Get Ready Program

Contact
Arlene - Program Coordinator
08 939 12 851
arlene@nics.com.au

Scan to Register

What's involved?
What's the CSO Leader? Get Ready program?

Eligibility
Applicants for the Get Ready Program must be under 25 years of age and currently in Year 10 or 11 of secondary school.

FAQ
What's the CSO Leader? Get Ready program?

Week 1 & 2

Week 3

Apprenticeship Available

Curriculum

Congratulations to all students who have successfully completed Unit 1 (Year 11) and Unit 3 (Year 12). A lot of time and effort was needed to commit to completing the work that will help to accrue credits towards the QCE. Thank you to all our staff who have worked tirelessly to support student learning whilst supporting student well-being at the same time. In Term 3, we begin Units 2 and 4 with lessons beginning in Week 1.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

We will be offering parent-teacher interviews in Week 2 of Term 3. In Week 1, we will send details of how and when these will take place and how you can book in for a meeting with your young person's teachers. All parents/carers are encouraged to take this time to meet with teachers to discuss the young person's progress in different subjects and how we can work together to see greater success in the future.

Reminder Our school uses **Microsoft Teams and OneNote** to enhance the learning experience for our students.

Students can access class materials and assignments, collaborate on projects with classmates, and use One Note as a digital notebook, to store class notes, complete assignments, and organize their work.

Parents and carers can access this platform from home to support young people. 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.



Well-being

We remind all students and staff that the Wellness Room is 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. If you feel you need a private space for whatever reasons you may have, please check in with Harrison or Tamar to access the room.

The Hush

The Hush is a quiet room for quiet work or for quietness at breaks.

Students can come in on their flexible industry days to catch up on their subjects or work on assessment or to work on some of their TAFE components.



Vaping

Recently, there has been some cases of vaping in the school. We would like to remind all of our school community that vaping is not permitted within the building as per government laws. Vaping has serious health risks and is a serious breach of the BUSY Schools Code of Behaviour that could have serious consequences. We encourage families to visit the following website and discuss what vaping could mean to individuals. <https://www.vapetruths.initiatives.qld.gov.au/>

Alcohol

What does alcohol do to a developing brain?

Alcohol affects a young brain more than a fully developed adult one. Developmental processes are still happening in the brain until around age 26.

If your teen drinks alcohol, it can cause irreversible changes to their brain, particularly to the area that's responsible for rational thinking. Damage to this part of the brain before it's fully developed can lead to learning difficulties, memory problems and impaired problem solving. The longer your teenager delays using alcohol, and the less they drink, the better their brain functioning will be, both now and in later life.

Other risks of alcohol use for teenagers

Alcohol can affect how teenagers function, how they recognise risks, and their ability to make good decisions. Drinking makes teens more likely to put themselves in risky situations, which may result in harm to themselves or others.

Alcohol is a depressant, which means that it slows down the brain. The more alcohol is consumed, the greater the effect. This can lead to:

- slurred speech
- poor judgment
- lack of coordination
- slower reactions
- confusion
- heightened sense of confidence
- poor sleep



Our target: create a school culture and environment where undesirable behaviours are reduced in frequency and severity.

'Restoring Teaching', Voight, A. (p40)

RESTORATIVE QUESTIONS

For those who have done the wrong thing

- What happened?
- What were you thinking about at the time?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
- What do you think you need to do to make things right again?

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RESTORATIVE QUESTIONS

For those who have been harmed

- What did you think when you realised what had happened?
- What impact has this incident had on you and others?
- What has been the hardest thing for you?
- What do you think needs to happen to make things right?

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Support Services



Support for eating disorders and body image issues.

Talk to someone now- Call the National Helpline 1800 33 4673

Chat Online 8am-Midnight, 7 Days per week with a Counsellor.

It is not a crisis care service. In an emergency dial 000, Life Line 131 114 or Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800.



Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

Phone support is there all day, every day
Online support is open from 8am-midnight every day (AEST)



Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467

Phone support all day, every day, and follow-up calls



Open Doors Youth Service provides support to young people with diverse genders, bodies and sexualities.

We support young people who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, Asexual, Pansexual, Sistergirl or Brotherboy (LGBTIQAP+ Sistergirl & Brotherboy)

Phone: (07) 3257 7660



headspace 1800 650 890

Open 9am-1am daily (AEST)



Remember, help is always close.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

13 11 44

Remember, help is always close.

It ain't weak to speak



Lifeline

13 11 14

Phone support all day, every day
Online support 7pm-4am daily (AEST)



Beyondblue

1300 22 4636

Phone support all day, every day
Online support 3pm-midnight every day

Report the feedback on the BUSY Schools Website: <https://www.busyschools.qld.edu.au/busy-schools-feedback/>

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 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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