

The BUSY Schools Cairns Campus: Newsletter

Term 2, Week 8

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A note from the Campus Principal

It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the year. BUSY Schools started in 2020 with just a few students, and over the last three years we have continued to grow, allowing us to support more and more young people. The school is now in the process of renovations to allow us to support even more young people. This year, we will be adding three more classroom spaces, as well as more breakout spaces where we can support small groups and the individual needs of students.

This week, we welcomed Kylie McCurry, our Engagement Officer. Kylie will be making the attendance monitoring calls, assisting with the chasing of VET course paperwork and assisting Clare with her administrative duties.

This term has continued to be a challenge with the effects of the flu season upon us. Once again, our young people have shown their resilience and ability to support each other and the staff with each new change that they have faced. We thank them and hope that all staff will be back on board strong and healthy very soon.

Naomi Vucas
Campus Principal

Week Ten Catch Up Week – YEAR 11 ONLY!!!

BUSY Schools continue enrolling new Year 11 students for most of the year with the aim of catching those students up for them to roll into Year 12 the following year. It is for this reason that we do not run a standard timetable in Week 10 of Term 2 or Term 3.

If your young person is up to date on all their assessment, they will NOT be required to attend their school subject days in Week 10. You will know this as they will be given a 'Golden Ticket' saying that they are not required to attend. TAFE and other VET courses are still running as normal in most cases.

If your young person is not up to date with assessment, they will be required to attend all five days starting on Monday 19th June until they are caught up. Once they are caught up, they will get their 'Golden Ticket' and you will be informed that they are no longer required to attend for that week. All VET courses continue running, so students will attend those courses as per their normal timetable. For example, if a student has TAFE on Wednesday, they will attend catch-up sessions at school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

If you are unsure, please contact the school on 4058 4792 after your student's last day in Week 9.

Year 12 students must continue their normal timetable as they have very strict timelines and attendance expectations!

Visual Arts Classes – Term 3 Timetable Attached

Visual Arts in Practice classes will continue fortnightly in Term 3. Please see the attached timetable.

If you are unsure, please contact Faith (faith.sayer@busyschools.com.au) for clarification.

Curriculum Survey for Students, Parents and Carers

Last year, BUSY Schools conducted a survey asking for feedback on the type of curriculum offerings our students would be interested in engaging with. As a result of this survey, we implemented the optional subject of Visual Arts in Practice, and it has been amazing to see how talented and creative our students are when given the space to show it.

We are running this survey again this year. Students were given time at school to complete the survey, but we would also like to hear from the parents and carers. We would greatly appreciate it if you could click on the link below and complete the short survey providing us very useful feedback and insight as to how we may be able to grow and support our young people. The link is: <https://forms.office.com/r/AB2ZcD9EGz>.

Berry Street News – Helpful v Unhelpful Thoughts

Thousands of thoughts run through our head every day. Some of these thoughts are helpful thoughts, and some are unhelpful thoughts. A helpful thought makes us feel confident, happy, and brave.

Here are some examples of helpful thoughts:

- I'm really good at English.
- I'm not a great guitar player but I sure have fun playing!
- I can manage to be in class without my friend.

An unhelpful thought makes us feel worried, nervous, or sad.

examples of unhelpful thoughts:

- I won't do well on the next math test.
- I can't finish this project on time!
- This class is too hard without my friend.



Everyone has unhelpful thoughts that come and go in their mind. Usually, these thoughts do not lead to any problems. However, when you develop a habit of unhelpful ways of thinking about situations, bad feelings can develop. Can you imagine having unhelpful thoughts in your mind all day? It would be very hard to feel good.

Basketball Challenge

The Basketball Challenge – June 2023

www.basketballchallenge.com.au

This campaign is so very exciting, as it is our first year of this annual event. We are just 6 days into the month and already we have 120 participants, 30 teams and more than 100 donations!

How many baskets can you sink in the month of June?

Please **spread the word amongst your friends and family**, as **registration is free** and there are some awesome prizes up for grabs including a 2-night stay at an ACCOR Hotel + \$500 spending money AND \$500 shopping vouchers for Rebel and JB Hi-Fi.

Funds raised will help us continue to operate and establish additional campuses where they are needed most so that disengaged students can access barrier-free education.

Please refer to the attached flyer.

Employment and Vocational Pathways News

PLEASE CHECK COMPASS NOTICEBOARD DAILY FOR ANY NEW COURSES OR VACANCIES THAT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR

AVAILABLE WORK EXPERIENCE

We are looking for any parents or family members that own or work for a business that is interested in taking on unpaid work experience students. If you or your employer is interested please contact Amanda and Amba in the EPO office

We have three employers who are looking for unpaid work experience students for potential paid school-based apprenticeships and traineeships:

Butcher - Earlville

Bakery - Earlville

Office/Administration - Aeroglen

REGIS AGED CARE – WORK EXPERIENCE

Regis Aged Care in Whitfield and Redlynch have come on board to offer BUSY Schools students work experience within the Aged Care sector. This fantastic opportunity will allow students who are interested in a pathway into the healthcare sector to work alongside the Lifestyles teams with the permanent and respite residents and the daily running of an aged care facility.

Please see Amanda and Amba in the EPO office for more information.

SHORT COURSES FOR TERM 2!

Here are the new dates for the Construction White Card, Responsible Service of Alcohol and First Aid course for this term:

White Card – 13th of June

White Card – 16th of June

RSA – 20th of June

First Aid – 23rd of June

Please come and see Amanda and Amba for enrolment forms.

UNIQU YOU – MENTORING FOR FEMALE STUDENTS

If you are a female student wanting help deciding your career pathway this program is for you!

Speak to women in industry via video call to hear about their experience and how they could support you with your pathways. Come see Amanda in the EPO office for more details.

QATSIF SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT APPLICATION

QATSIF (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation) is currently supporting 3900 First Nations Year 11 and 12 students with \$500 per semester toward the costs of their senior studies. Across our first 14 years, we have supported over 16,300 students across all Queensland's education systems (State, Catholic and Independent)

An eligible QATSIF Scholarship Applicant:

- is a person of Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander person, is accepted as such by the community in which they live and reported as such in the school's Federal and State Government Census Data.
- is an Australian citizen and resident of Queensland.
- is enrolled at this school as an Aboriginal or / and Torres Strait Islander student. Students who have identified following their initial enrolment at the school should provide a Confirmation of Aboriginality to QATSIF with this application.
- intends to undertake and complete their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement* (QCIA) during the school years 2024-2025 and has the ability and the school's confidence of fully completing their QCE or QCIA* by Year 12 Graduation.
- has current school attendance of 85% or more.
- is under age 35.
- is currently achieving A-C in English and a C or higher in every current grade subject.
- demonstrates effort and behaviour of a C or above.
- participates in school activities which enhance their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural identity.
- demonstrates willingness to fully participate in the life of the school and be a worthy role model of behaviour for other students.

The QATSIF portal is now open (<https://application.qatsif.org.au/qatsif>) to begin accepting Round 15 QATSIF Scholarship applications for your eligible Year 10 and 11 First Nations students. Closing date is the 21st of August 2023.

Google Review

Have you noticed a positive change in your teen since they started attending The BUSY Schools? Would you like to share this with others?

Please leave us a review on our Google page to help others decide if The BUSY Schools is the perfect solution for their teen.

To leave a review, visit <https://g.page/r/CUkV7U-PMCuEEBM/review>.



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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