

# The BUSY Schools Campus: Newsletter

Term 3, Week 2 Friday, 21 July, 2023

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# The BUZZ from the Campus Principal

#### **Enrolments Update**

New Year 11 Enrolments: 116 New Year 12 Enrolments: 29 School Total Enrolments: 145

#### Welcome back to Term3!

To all our new and previous families and staff, we offer a huge BUSY welcome. I hope everyone had a break and took time to take care of themselves before we begin a new and exciting new term. Over the holidays I completed the last interviews for 2023 enrolments. We are now at capacity for this year and are now enjoying a small break from enrolments until we begin the next round of enrolment interviews for 2024 later in the term and in Term 4.

We begin this term with the following additional staff:

Work Readiness Officer: Mia Luo

Education Youth Worker: Tylah Hibbens

Teacher Aide: Bri Gergely

We will also have a new Engagement Officer, Jess Hansard, who will begin in Week 4.

This week, we began our new electives. As part of our commitment to student mental health and fitness, we will now have a class from each group participating in the AIM Foundation's Thrive program each term. We now also have a wider range of offerings with music, cooking, gaming, study (both independent or supported), drama & creative writing, art, and fitness. Any students who missed the sign up for their preferred elective in Week 1 need to see Harrison to find what electives are still available.

We also began the BSTW program this week with our new WRO, Mia. Students are expected to engage with these work readiness modules on one of their non-subject days if they do not have other work or study obligations. There are 46 modules that are offered over the 2 years covering topics such as writing resumes, mock interviews, workplace health and safety, conflict resolution, and attaining different certificates depending on career choices amongst these.

#### **Lockdown Drill and Fire Evacuation Drill**

We will have a lockdown drill on Tuesday and Thursday of next week. Please discuss with your child if there are any possible concerns so that they can prepare for this mandatory activity. It is particularly important that young people understand that during these drills or in the case of an emergency, they should not be using their phones as it can back up systems, which then make it harder for authorities to have open communications. Thank you for your help with this.

# **QCAA** competition

A great opportunity for students to win a new laptop and headphones just for checking in on your QCE account. Ends 15<sup>th</sup> September. Students can enter the competition and find more information at: <a href="https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au/get-motivated/get-involved">https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au/get-motivated/get-involved</a>

# **Parent Teacher Meetings and Report Cards**

On Thursday afternoon, we had our first parent/teacher meetings with our Year 12s. These are a great opportunity to meet the teachers and see how your child is progressing. Year 11 meetings will be on Friday 11 August Week 5 between 8.00-6.00pm. Report cards will be made available from Friday 28 July.

### **South-East Brisbane Chamber of Commerce**

Richie Fuimaono and Laura Ferricks accompanied me to the SEBCC event where we were presented a Certificate of Corporate Membership and where we met many new contacts who were excited to hear the BUSY Schools story. Local Councillor for Morningside Ward, Lucy Collier, was so impressed by the work BUSY Schools do with disengaged young people that she offered a work experience on the spot to our students! Many of the businessmen and women we met were excited to build relationships with the school and wanting to get on board with offering work experience opportunities for our young people so we encourage all our young people to catch up with Laura and Richie as soon as possible to get your work pathways going in the direction you want it to go!



# School Transport Assistance Scheme | Transport and motoring | Queensland Government (www.qld.gov.au)

#### **School Transport Assistance Scheme**

• Bus and Ferry Assistance

How to apply: <u>STASApplication (tmr.qld.gov.au)</u>

(Link to form) Eligibility

Students may be eligible for school transport assistance if they:

- have parents/guardians who are residents of Queensland
- are independent students who are residents of Queensland
- attend an approved school or an alternative program approved by the Queensland Department of Education
- are 18 or younger.

Students are not eligible to apply for school transport assistance if they are:

- pre-prep and kindergarten students
- mature age students
- overseas, interstate and exchange students
- TAFE students
- distance education students
- tertiary students.





# Meet the Staff Work Readiness Officer MIA

Hello everyone, I am Mia, the new Work Readiness Officer at the Brisbane City Campus. I joined the team this July and will be responsible for delivering the Busy Schools to Work Program, which aims to equip students with employability skills and provide them with assistance in creating resumes, cover letters, and interview techniques.

If you were to ask me to define myself, I would consider myself an artist at heart. I have a plethora of creative thoughts and passions. Drawing, illustrating, graphic design, and photography – anything related to art truly captivates me. However, despite my artistic inclinations, I also possess a practical side, thanks to my Project Management Degree. I am dedicated, organized, and hard-working, always striving to work with a clear purpose in mind. One of my deepest passions lies in the education industry. I have a strong empathy for others, and this led me to volunteer at a charity that focuses on educating children with cancer. This experience solidified my decision to pursue a career in education, as I believe in the profound impact it can have on people's lives. In my personal life, I am often referred to as the "psychologist" among my family and friends. I love reading books about psychology, healing, and self-development. Being a good listener, I am truly passionate about guiding people towards making the right choices.



I am a firm believer in constant self-improvement, always striving to become a better version of myself. Learning new things and acquiring new skills are things I can't seem to get enough of.

Working at BUSY has been an incredible experience beyond my expectations. The warmth of the people, the great culture, and supportive co-workers have made it truly enjoyable. I feel fortunate to be a part of this meaningful work.

It's a pleasure to meet all of you, and I look forward to contributing my best efforts as a part of this team. Thank you!

# **NAIDOC** Week

NAIDOC Week is an Australian observance lasting from the first Sunday in July until the following Sunday. The acronym NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines' and Islanders' Day Observance Committee. NAIDOC Week has its roots in the 1938 Day of Mourning, becoming a week-long event in 1975. As a school, we celebrated this observance by creating canvas tiles in each class and posters about 'Heroes of Change'.





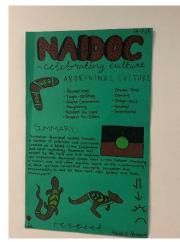








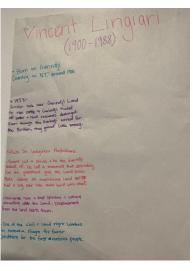












#### **Curriculum:**

# **Certificate II Self Awareness and Development**

Well done to all the students who received their Certificate or a Statement of Attainment this week.

# Students receiving their Certificate II Self Awareness and Development or Statement of Attainment



**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.



#### 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.

The Hush will also be used by new students when they first start as part of their orientation with the support of the Teacher Aide or other staff.



#### From the Industry Team:

#### **Corporate Day**



On Wednesday, our campus hosted a morning with guests from a range of industries and corporations to learn more about the BUSY Schools. This was a great day to see our school and the wonderful stories of what our students have achieved since starting at Brisbane City Campus. Bruno and Mathaias from Year 11 told a little bit of their story and represented our school with great pride and character. Well done boys and the Industry Team for putting on a great day.



#### **Industry Days**

**Certificate III Entrepreneurship and New Business** - delivered by Skill 360 from the BUSY Group continues this term on every Friday (enrolments for this course are now at capacity). Students should be at school to begin classes at 8.30am. Please note that for students to be able to participate in the running of a small business stall at the markets, they must demonstrate a commitment to the course through their attendance and completion of class work.

The **Certificate II Health Services** - delivered by Axiom RTO. Students signed up in Week 1 with classes every Friday. This term, students will be able to catch up on any missed work online. Students who previously were enrolled and did not complete the modules are encouraged to access this online learning to complete the course and accrue 4 credits towards their QCE.

The **BUSY Schools to Work (BSTW)** -delivered by Mia (WRO) – began Week 2. All students who do not have other learning or work commitments are expected to attend these classes for a half day on one of their non-subject days or industry day. This course offers a range of over 46 modules that can be completed over two years at a different pace for students so that it fits in with their other learning and work commitments. All students who are able to attend are expected to participate in these modules as part of their learning and work readiness program.

# **QBuild Apprentice Positions – APPLY NOW BY SEEING LAURA OR RICHIE**

The Queensland Government is looking for trade apprentices to join the QBuild team. Trades available include **carpentry**, **refrigeration mechanic**, **electrical**, **painting**, **and plumbing** across Queensland.

There's plenty of variety for a QBuild apprentice with no two days the same. One day apprentice could work on a new build, and the next, could perform restoration or maintenance work on a heritage building. The opportunities are endless!

A QBuild apprenticeship offers a flexible, safe, inclusive, and diverse work environment with a chance to earn while you learn.

If you know anyone that may be interested, please share the

https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobs/QLD-500263-23, QR code or information on our EPW website Apprenticeships with QBuild | Department of Energy and Public Works (epw.qld.gov.au).

Applications close on 21 August 2023.



Bruno Gugliucciello – Certificate III in Cake and Pastry with *The Kneadery (Apprenticeship)* Lucca Zappala – Certificate III in Commercial Cookery – *Australian Catering Services (Apprenticeship)* 

Breeanna Keep – WEX at Coomera State Special School

Jody Meredith – WEX at Coulter Motors

# Work Experience, Traineeships, Apprenticeships Opportunities

Work Experience that could lead to an apprenticeship

Barton's Car Place - Wynnum & Capalaba

Acall Plumbing - Wynnum

Certificate III in Hospitality and Certificate III in Commercial Cookery

**CSI Southport** 

Redcliffe RSL

**Club Pine Rivers** 

Certificate III in Business available with the current employers

City Beach Brookside
Wellness at Wilston
Boost Juice Brookside
Basil & Vine Burpengary
Cinnabon Westfield Chermside

Pizza Hut Nundah Milk & Froth Clayfield Subway Enoggera

Subway Gardener's Point

Subway Annerley Subway Keperra

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Subway Nundah Milk & Froth Aspley Subway George Street City Boost Juice Indooroopilly Subway Queen Street Brisbane Subway Oxley Table 26 Indooroopilly Subway QUT Gardens Point Victoria Point Sharks Chempro We would like to remind all female students to access the <u>UNIQ You</u> 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).





# STEP 1: CHOOSE YOUR ADVISOR

Explore unique and interesting roles and pathways through the <u>UNIQ You</u> 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 <u>online booking form</u> to request a call at a time that suits you.

STUDENT BOOKING FORM



# 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.



#### **CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SONGWRITERS!**

We invite participants to submit a demo of an original song (that they've written individually or as a team) and the lyrics to the song in written form (i.e. your lyrics written out in a word document).

JMC Academy is proud to announce the 2023 songwriting competition for students across New South Wales, ACT, Victoria and Queensland in years 9-12. The aim of the competition is to highlight the talent of high-school songwriters from across the country and to showcase the creativity of young people.

The demo can simply be recorded on your phone (we just want to hear the song performed!) and only include the vocals however instrumental accompaniment is encouraged. You're welcome to record the demo in other ways too if you have the means.

So what do you need to submit?

- Demo of your original song in MP3 format (maximum 5 minutes in length)
- Lyrics sheet
- Completed application form (online using the link below)

That's it!

There are a few T&Cs though so make sure you familiarise yourself with the rules.

Applications must be submitted by Sunday 27th August 2023 11:59pm AEST

The winner will get the opportunity to work with JMC Academy staff to record, mix and master their song!



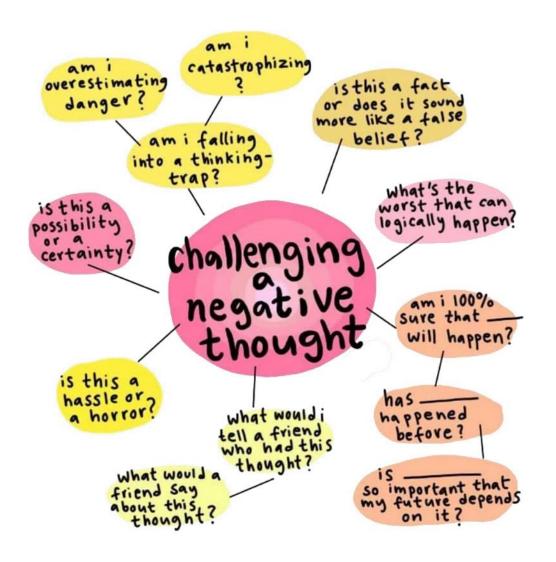
# From the Wellbeing Team:

# **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. 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.

A little bit of inspiration





# **Restorative Conversations**





# **Support Services**





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





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