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## The BUZZ from the Campus Principal

### Year 12 Graduation and Formal

On Wednesday night, we held our first Year 12 Graduation at the Greek Club in West End. The evening was attended by Adrian King, Chairperson for the Board of Directors, Efthimia Voulcaris, Director of the Board, Lee Aitken, CEO of BUSY Schools, and Toni Banfield, Executive Principal of BUSY Schools as well as sponsors Robert Sinnerton of Allied Business Locations, and Kat Dekker of Give Industries. Students, guests, and staff attended the formal event in beautiful gowns and suits and after the awards were presented and the meal finished, everyone joined in the dancing and fun at the photo booth.



Please see the link below for messages about the Year 12 Journey  
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=dGdBOZPWcSw&feature=youtu.be>

## Preparing for 2024

Next year there will be changes to the timetable with **Wednesday** becoming our **Industry Day** with RTOs delivering certificate courses at the school on this day instead of Fridays like this year. This change is so that all BUSY Schools will align so that if students transfer there will be less disruption to their schedules. If you know of conflicts such as TAFE obligations that mean a new subject day timetable is required, please contact Harrison or Annie as soon as possible. New timetables and classes will be sent via email over the upcoming weeks prior to school recommencing.

### BUSY Schools Surveys

Each year we survey parents/carers and students to gain feedback about our program at The BUSY Schools. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts about your young person's engagement with The BUSY School program. Your comments will help us make improvements to the existing program and make plans for new program initiatives if needed. Students complete a student-based survey during class.

- Parent: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BUSYSchoolsBrisbaneCityParentSurvey>
- Student: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BUSYSchoolsBrisbaneCityStudentSurvey>

## Restorative Practices at The BUSY Schools Brisbane City campus

BUSY Schools have committed to the practice of Restorative Discussions with REAL Schools. Please see the below videos to gain a better understanding of this partnership and how these discussions will help us to support young people to make better choices.

These are the first of a series of videos that we will share with you as we continue with this partnership. We really want parents to join us on this restorative journey we've embarked on, and we hope this is a resource your community will find helpful.

Parent Video 1 – What is a Real Schools Partnership?  
<https://youtu.be/VWqEwA4K6a4>

Parent Video 2 – What is Restorative Practices?  
<https://youtu.be/8TJYGHaJxA>

Anne

## New Staff

### Assistant Principal

Hi Busy Schools Brisbane Community. My name is James Petaia the newly appointed Assistant Principal. I am exhilarated to be part of a great community – the vision and values of the school aligns quite well with who I am as a person. I've recently come from St James College as the Head of Faculty for Health, Physical Education, Digital Technologies, Hospitality & Outdoor Education. I also pioneered the first Rugby Union Academy program in partnership with TAFE & Queensland Reds. I am an English & Legal Studies Teacher, who has taught Health & Physical Education and everything else, you name it! I believe in the value of education. Every day I see how education makes or breaks opportunity. Opportunity creates choices and these choices create lives. I believe if a person is a lifelong learner, there is nothing they can not accomplish, and as a teacher the greatest gift I can give someone is a passion for learning. Every single student that I have met thus far at Busy Schools has something special and unique – I am appreciative to be part of their educational journey at the school. I would say I'm both a Rugby Union and Travel enthusiast – love the game and the framework it provides to integrate learning. Travelling has always been an integral part of my life – learning history and cultures firsthand is eye opening. I look forward to getting to know families and students in the coming year. Please feel free to drop in and have a chat.



### Teacher Aide

Hi! My name is Leilani (but most people call me Lani) and I'm thrilled to be joining the team here as your newest Teacher Aide! Working here is a total career change for me – until now, I've been in the retail and customer service industry, with the last 7 years as a manager at EB Games and Zing Pop Culture. My absolute favourite hobby is eating, and my second favourite hobby is cooking (which has turned out to be a very convenient combination for me). When I'm not at work, I enjoy being a couch gremlin, playing games, and watching movies/TV (currently Dropout's Dimension 20 and Game Changer series). I also collect fun earrings and absolutely love animals. I feel very lucky to have the chance to work in a school that aligns so closely with my own values and life experiences. My high school years were very challenging, but I believe that my journey so far is a key part in what drives me to work with our students and be the kind of compassionate, positive, and supportive influence that I would've really appreciated back then. I'm very excited to get to know and learn alongside everyone this term, so please say hi if you see me around! 😊



### Education Youth Worker

Hi everyone, 😊 I'm Malia and I have just joined the Busy Schools Brisbane City team this term as a part time Education Youth Worker on Wed-Fri. My husband and I moved to Australia from Wellington, NZ two months ago and we are loving it. In New Zealand I have previously worked in youth detention and spent many years at a special school teaching young people with level 3 ASD. I love watching rugby league, eating good food and going to the gym with my hubby. I'm chill and always down for a yarn so feel to see me in the Vibe.

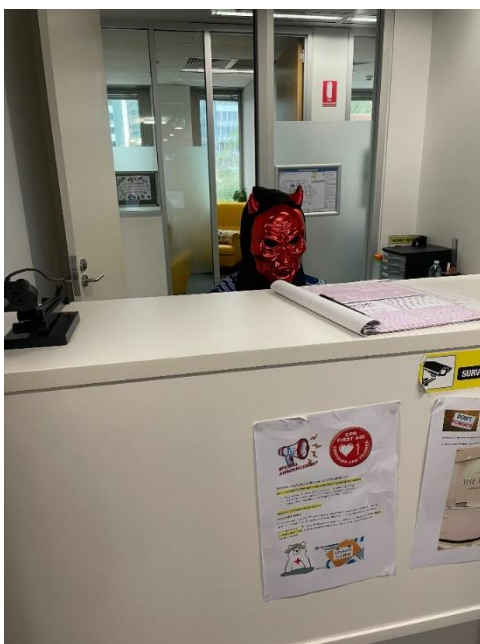


**Cash for Containers** – we now have bins at the campus to collect containers but you can also cash these in and use the school's number to help raise funds for our school. **#C11097235**



## Halloween

Lots of fun was had with students and staff dressing up and shenanigans had. Even a few songs were sung with dancing in tow. Congratulations to our winners for fancy dress who both received a gift card for \$15







## Fire Department RAP

This week the local Kemp St Fire and Rescue Station delivered the RAAP Program (Road Attitudes and Action Planning) to our students. This road safety and education program was presented by experienced firefighters who have extensive experience in responding to road crashes and provided preventative strategies to support young people to make informed decisions to mitigate risks and consequences by planning ahead. Our students were very respectful and engaged really well with great questions and feedback.



## First Aid & CPR

Congratulations to those students who completed their practical lessons for their First Aid and CPR course at TAFE this week.





# Staff Wellbeing

Staff were asked to identify a song they connected with being motivated. These were their responses:



# Curriculum Team:

**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.



## 2024 Next Step Year 12 Completers Survey

A reminder that our Year 12 students will be invited to participate in the *Next Step* Year 12 Completers survey starting in March 2024. The short confidential survey will ask questions about graduates' activities since finishing school, like study and work.

Graduates can expect to be invited to the survey via a letter from the Minister for Education or an email or phone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office on behalf of the department. Please check your contact details are correct with your school and your learning account by logging into the student portal at <https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au/>

We appreciate your participation in this important survey as it helps our school improve our senior services for future students. For more info visit [www.qld.gov.au/nextstep](http://www.qld.gov.au/nextstep).

We are in Semester 2 Term 4 of the academic calendar year. An update on the term assessments are as follows:

### Term 4 Assessment Schedule

Subject	Year 11	Year 12
<b>Essential English</b>	Week 4 – 7: 23 Oct – 17 Nov FA4 Extended Response assignment	Week 2 – 5: 9 Oct – 3 Nov IA4 Extended Response assignment
<b>Essential Mathematics</b>	Week 6: 6 Nov & 8 Nov Exam at 9am	Week 4: 23 Oct Exam at 9am
<b>Social and Community Studies</b>	Week 7: 13 Nov & 15 Nov Exam at 9am	Week 3: 16 Oct Module 6 Exam at 9am

**It is important for students to be well-prepared and attend all assessments on time.**

*Congratulations to all our Year 12 students who completed all their assessment tasks as they prepare to leave the BUSHY Schools Brisbane City Campus.*



# Wellbeing Team:

New Ways November 2023

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month

2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way

3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you

4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community

5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel

6 Try out a new way of being physically active

7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire

8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week

9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"

10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea

11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way

12 Find out something new about someone you care about

13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax

14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about

15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."

16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself

18 Connect with someone from a different generation

19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site

20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before

21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them

22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them

23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love

24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently

25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way

26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show

27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it

28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card

29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen

30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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## 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/Tylah/Malia to access the room.

## Therapy Dog – HUEY – FRIEND TO BUSY HEALTH COUNSELLOR BEC AND THE BRISBANE CITY CAMPUS!

Research into therapy dogs in schools shows an increase in attendance, confidence, and motivation, whilst also decreasing anxiety, which all leads to better learning outcomes, greater engagement, as well as enhanced relationships.



Name: Huey

Birthday: 24/1/22

Favourite thing to do: Find a really big stick that I can barely carry and try to get someone to throw it back to me

Favourite band: Snoop Dogg

Favourite food: I'm not fussy .....all food is Pawsome!



**Braking the Cycle - PCYC Braking the Cycle (BTC)** is a volunteer driver mentor program designed to support learner drivers without access to a supervisor or registered vehicle to complete their logbook hours. The aim of the program is to provide young people with increased employment opportunities, community connection and driver education.



- Participants are matched with a specific volunteer from an extensive and experienced driver mentor network. Mentors provide encouragement and help young people improve their self-esteem and develop positive road safety attitudes.
- With the support of government, community and corporate partners, Braking the Cycle is currently offered at 51 PCYC clubs across Queensland. Since its inception in 2012, Braking the Cycle has received numerous awards from the Australian Road Safety Awards, Queensland Reconciliation Awards and Regional Achievement & Community Awards, a silver award in the 2017 National Crime and Violence Prevention Awards, and most recently named a winner of a prestigious Prince Michael International Road Safety Award in December 2018.

**For more information, please see either Tamar or Tylah or Malia.**

### School Transport Assistance Scheme

How to apply: [STASApplication \(tmr.qld.gov.au\)](http://STASApplication(tmr.qld.gov.au))

(Link to form)

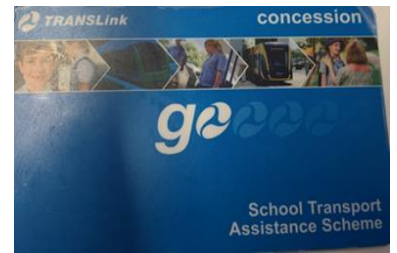
#### Eligibility

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.

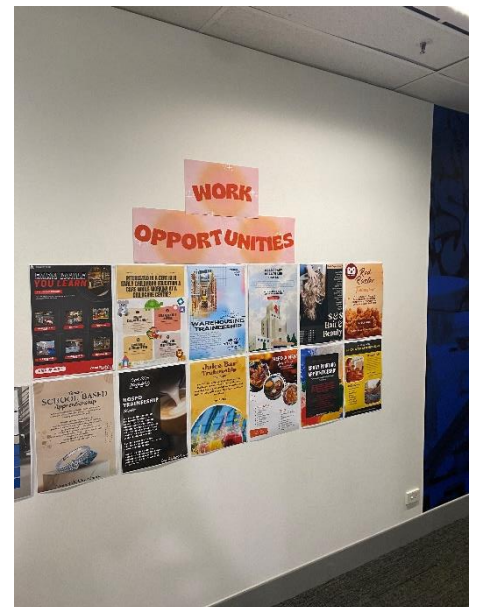
Students are not eligible to apply for school transport assistance if they are:

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



## Industry Team:

Check out the different work opportunities on the wall display near reception – lots to choose from as we enter the busy school holiday and Christmas season.



### Work Experience, Traineeships, Apprenticeships Opportunities

#### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS SUCCESSES!

**Sienna Nunn – Subway Traineeship**

**Arya Lawon – trial Childcare work experience**

**Kein Sheldrake –Telecommunications Traineeship**



**Traineeship Opportunities for Students (Earn while they Learn)**

<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>EOI Year</b>
Cert III in Health Service Assistance	Gold Coast Health and OSMAC	Gold Coast	Upon discussion	23/10/23 – 4/11/23
Cert III in Hospitality	Manly Deck & Bar	Manly	Any Day/Night	2023 - 2024
Cert III in Hospitality	Tiger Eye	Brisbane CBD	Any Day/Night	2023 - 2024
Cert III in Hospitality	Frigg Café	Mayfair Village Ascot Bethania	Full Week Tues, Fri – Sun Wed & Fri	2023 - 2024
Cert III in Hospitality or Cert III in Business	Zarrafra's Coffee	Beaudesert Bethania Caloundra Currimundi Greenslopes Mango Hill Maroochydore Morayfield Road	Mon – Fri	2023 - 2024
Cert III in Hospitality or Certificate III in Business	Airport Retail	Brisbane Airport	TBC	TBC
Cert III in Hospitality or Cert III in Business	Subway	Albion Annerley Brookwater Calamvale Camira Carindale Corinda Crestmead Eight Mile Plains Gumdale Logan Central Logan Village Marsden Meadowbrook Metropol Carindale Moorooka North Maclean Orion Park Ridge Runcorn Slacks Creek Springfield Lakes Stones Corner The Gap	Mon - Fri	2023 -2024
Cert III in Hospitality or Cert III in Business	CSI Club	Southport	Any Day	2023 - 2024
Cert III in Hospitality or Cert III in Business	Souths Sports Club Gallopers Sports Club	Acacia Ridge Ascot	Any Day	2023 - 2024
Cert III in Business Admin	Cross River Rail	Brisbane CBD	2024	Year 11 in 2024
Cert III in Early Childhood Education and Care	IMAGINE CHILDCARE AND KINDERGARTEN	Collingwood Park Everton Hills Flagstone Marsden Rochedale Holmview	Mon - Fri	2023 - 2024
Cert III in Early Childhood Education and Care	BRAY PARK EARLY LEARNING	Bray Park	Mon - Fri	2023 - 2024
Cert III in Early Childhood Education and Care	GROW WARLY LEARNING CENTRE	Bridgeman Downs	Mon - Fri	2023 - 2024



Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	GREEN LEAVES EARLY LEARNING	Albany Creek Ashgrove Chapel Hill Margate Warners Lake Cannon Hill Carindale Murrumba Downs	Mon - Fri	2023 - 2024
Cert III in Business	Table 26	Indooroopilly West End	Mon - Fri	2023 - 2024
Cert III in Business	Boost Juice	Albert St, Brisbane Brookside Indooroopilly	Mon - Fri	2023 - 2024
Cert III in Business	Pizza Hut	Nundah	Mon - Fri	2023 - 2024
Cert III in Business	Domino's	Albany Creek Arana Hills Chermside Ferny Grove Hamilton Kedron Strathpine	Mon - Fri	2023 - 2024
Cert III in Business	Victoria Park Sharks Club	Victoria Points	Any Day	2023 - 2024
Cert III in Business	Shingle Inn	Brookside	Mon - Fri	2023 - 2024
Cert III in Business	Milk & Froth	Aspley Clayfield	Mon - Fri	2023 - 2024
Cert III in Business	Basil & Vine	Burpengary	Mon - Fri	2023 - 2024
Cert III in Business	Club Pine Rivers	Bray Park	Any Day	2023 - 2024
Cert III in Business	Chempro	All over Brisbane	Any Day	2023 - 2024
Cert III in Hospitality or Cert III in Commercial Cookery	Redcliffe RSL	Redcliffe	Any Day	2023 - 2024

We encourage all female students to access the website and book a call with a role model/mentor who works in the industry you are interested in. Please see the attached flyer or speak with Richie, Laura, or Riley from the Industry team.



## 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.

**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.





## Restorative Conversations



## 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.

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

Remember, help is always close. Mental Health and Wellbeing 13 11 44

Remember, help is always close. It ain't weak to speak

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

headspace 1800 650 890  
Open 9am-1am daily (AEST)

Lifeline 13 11 14  
Phone support all day, every day  
Online support 7pm-4am daily (AEST)

Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636  
Phone support all day, every day  
Online support 3pm-midnight every day

## 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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**EXCELLENCE**

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