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The BUZZ from the Campus Principal

Well, we are now at the end of the first year for the Brisbane City campus and what an amazing year! We saw 25 Year 12 students graduate a few weeks ago and this week, over 100 completions for Year 11 students. Right up to this Wednesday, we still had students enrolling in certificate course for 2024 and applying for traineeships and work opportunities. This is amazing work as we see our young people striving for excellence and working towards their goals with focus and determination. Congratulations to everyone, including staff and families who support these wonderful young people.

We say goodbye to a few staff as they take their journeys in other directions. Tylah, our Education Youth Worker has taken a role closer to home working with Child Safety. We know that she has a passion for working with young people at risk and we wish her the best as she moves in a direction that is so dear to her heart. She will be greatly missed by staff and students, especially those who grew to know her in the Wellbeing Vibe.

Social & Community Studies teacher, Cameron, is also moving to another school. Cameron began the year as one of the foundation teachers and we wish him the best for the future, wherever that may be.

Next year, we will have a much larger cohort with 8 classes running each subject day. This exciting growth means we will have a significantly larger staff and we are excited to introduce them to you in the new year.

On Thursday, Year 11 students went to the cinema to see the new Hunger Games movie and have pizza lunch at Southbank as a way to celebrate the end of the year. Next year we look forward to seeing more excursions each term to celebrate the successes our young people have achieved.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported me this year - families, students, staff, the BUSY Group, and our sponsors and supporters. Without your help and understanding, the school culture we have developed would not have been possible. The kindness, understanding, patience, and perseverance to work towards common goals and a sense of trust and belonging, have been so inspiring to witness. Knowing that we are all working together to support our young people in as many ways as possible and that we all have a similar vision for the future have made the enormous amount of work that has been achieved this year worth every minute. It is through our common values and mission that we are able to say and see that we are all making a difference that makes the future so much brighter for us all. **Thank you!**

As we approach the end of the year, on behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish all students and families a safe and *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.* We look forward to seeing you all return for a fresh start on **Monday 22 January 2024.**



Anne

Congratulations to all our Gold, Silver, Bronze medal winners, and Improvement Certificate Awards Winners!

We also congratulate our Academic Champions and Special Award winners.

Academic Award Winners:

Group 1

Essential English – Maddy Hawes
Essential Maths – Maddy Hawes
Social & Community Studies – Claire Guthrie

Group 2

Essential English – Nic Law
Essential Maths – Nic Law
Social & Community Studies – Nic Law

Special Award Winners:

Group 1

Spirit Award – Matthaïas Aiono
Diligence Award – Bethany Duxbury-Jones
Resilience Award – Claire Guthrie
Perseverance Award – Will Melville
Principal’s Award – Maddy Hawes

Group 2

Spirit Award – Ryck Calma
Diligence Award – Jamie Tauri
Resilience Award – Breanna Keep
Perseverance Award – Kalan Merker
Principal’s Award - Nic Law

We recognize and congratulate our 2024 Student Leaders

Student Leaders 2024:

Group 1

School Captain – Eadie Nelson
School Captain – Kein Sheldrake
First Nations’ Ambassador – Seth Lovett

Group 2

School Captain – Jamie Tauri
School Captain – Harry Price
First Nations’ Ambassador – Heidi Sellars

Whole School Leadership

Eco Leader – Conner Mitchell
Cultural Leader – Ricardo Edwards Fernandez
Cultural Leader – Bruno Gugliucciello
Cultural Leader – Matthaïas Aiono

Thank you to our supporters!

We would like to thank Workwear Hub for their ongoing support to the BUSY Schools. Support from sponsors allow our schools to offer the different opportunities and remove barriers that sometimes stand in the way of our students working towards their goals. This year Workwear Hub have offered a 15% or 20% discount to our staff and families. Please use the following code.

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End of Year Celebrations for Staff of Brisbane City Campus







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>

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.

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>

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**



School Transport Assistance Scheme

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

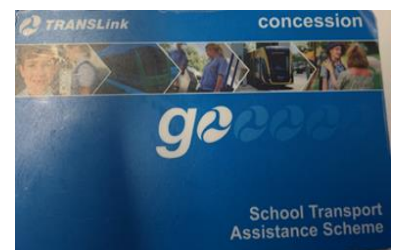
Eligibility

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



Support Services

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|  <p>Support for eating disorders and body image issues.</p> <p>Talk to someone now- Call the National Helpline 1800 33 4673</p> <p>Chat Online 8am-Midnight, 7 Days per week with a Counsellor.</p> <p>It is not a crisis care service. In an emergency dial 000, Life Line 131 114 or Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800.</p> |  <p>Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 Phone support is there all day, every day Online support is open from 8am-midnight every day (AEST)</p> |
|  <p>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)</p> <p>Phone: (07) 3257 7660</p> |  <p>Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467 Phone support all day, every day, and follow-up calls</p> |
|  <p>Remember, help is always close. Mental Health and Wellbeing 13 11 44 Remember, help is always close. It ain't weak to speak</p> |  <p>headspace 1800 650 890 Open 9am-1am daily (AEST)</p> |
| |  <p>Lifeline 13 11 14 Phone support all day, every day Online support 7pm-4am daily (AEST)</p> |
| |  <p>Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636 Phone support all day, every day Online support 3pm-midnight every day</p> |

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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| <h3>INCLUSIVITY</h3> <p>People of all communities coming as one team for common goals.</p> |
| <h3>EXCELLENCE</h3> <p>We always strive to exceed.</p> |
| <h3>RESILIENCE</h3> <p>Equipped to meet challenges and excel.</p> |
| <h3>Integrity</h3> <p>We act with honesty and sincerity.</p> |
| <h3>Innovation</h3> <p>Embracing new ideas and technology to stay ahead of change.</p> |



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