



EDUCATION THAT
LEADS TO
**REAL CAREER
PATHS**





**“I’M HAPPY, SOCIALLY ENGAGED AND EXCELLING
TOWARDS MY FUTURE IN COMMUNITY SERVICES.”**

**Bella
Salisbury Student**



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ABOUT US

The BUSY Schools is an alternative school for Year 11 and 12 students who have disengaged from traditional education and who are looking for a different approach to senior schooling.

At The BUSY Schools, we recognise the strengths of our students and that a supportive environment can build confidence and unlock endless opportunities.

At The BUSY Schools, students re-engage with education and complete school while getting a head start into employment through vocational training pathways that forms part of their curriculum.

The BUSY Schools is a part of The BUSY Group Ltd, a not-for-profit organisation that delivers a range of employment services, apprenticeship support and vocational skills training nationally. The BUSY Group network presents an extensive range of vocational training, school-based apprenticeships and traineeships, disability support, and employment support options to ensure every student is assisted in their chosen career.



OUR AIM IS THAT

100% OF STUDENTS
WILL GAIN EMPLOYMENT
OR PROGRESS TO FURTHER TRAINING OR
EDUCATION ON COMPLETION OF OUR PROGRAM





OUR VISION, MISSION & VALUES

Vision

Our vision is to have more young people completing school, more young people in meaningful employment and as a result, exposing more communities to positive change.

Mission

Really understand the needs of our students, our people and our community in doing so, build positive, respectful and productive relationships to maximise engagement, enhance educational achievement and open up a world of career opportunities.

INCLUSIVITY

People of all communities coming together as one team for common goals.

EXCELLENCE

We always strive to succeed.

RESILIENCE

Equipped to meet challenges and excel.

INTEGRITY

We act with honesty and sincerity.

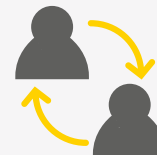
INNOVATION

Embracing new ideas and technology to stay ahead of change.

BE SAFE



BE RESPECTFUL



BE A LEARNER



BE STRONG





EDUCATION THAT LEADS TO REAL CAREERS

A CONNECTED NETWORK OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

- Group Training Organisations
- Australian Apprenticeship Support Network Services
- Australian Government Employment Services Programs

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

- Local industry employers
- Community and training organisations
- Government representatives

VOCATION AND TERTIARY PATHWAYS

- Vocational Education and Training
- Tertiary education

Students are supported individually for their career plans by Employment Pathways Officers and Work Readiness Officers who assist with career planning; work readiness; preparing and sourcing work experience and school-based apprenticeships/traineeships.

PATHWAYS TO YOUR BUSY FUTURE

THREE QCAA SUBJECTS + VOCATIONAL COURSES

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION LEADS TO:

- Eligibility for a QCE
- Vocational certificate(s)
- Employment
- Further education - diploma courses or other tertiary study options leading to higher education qualifications.

OUTCOMES:

- Eligibility for a QCE (subject to satisfactory completion of subjects and VET courses, and accruing at least 20 credits towards a QCE)
- Vocational qualification(s) (if undertaken)
- Increased employability skills

VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

The BUSY Schools supports students to enrol in a range of vocational courses that align with their interests and career exploration goals. You are entitled to one government subsidised qualification whilst at school but you may also choose from a range of full fee programs.

THE BUSY SCHOOLS DIFFERENCE

- Small class environment
- Individualised Learning Plans and Senior Education and Training (SET) Plans
- Assisted vocational or tertiary education pathways
- Work readiness skills and preparation through the *BUSY Schools to Work* program
- Industry introduction, visits and work experience
- Opportunities for a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship
 - Year 11 students: 1-2 days per week
 - Year 12 students: 1-3 days per week
- Individualised timetables
- No homework
- All-inclusive educational program, no fees or levies and inclusive of all learning resources (stationery, textbooks, access to laptops etc), uniforms, food while on campus and any additional course costs

BUSY SCHOOLS TO WORK

The BUSY Schools have developed a specific work readiness and employability skills program designed to help students prepare for and succeed in the world of work.

All students complete the BUSY Schools to Work program which includes:

- Information sessions covering a broad range of employability skills and topics such as:
 - Workplace Health and Safety
 - Respect, communication and workplace expectations
 - Education requirements for industry
 - Wellbeing, support and self-management
- Industry compliance-based certification, for example -
 - White Card
 - First Aid and CPR
 - Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA),
 - Barista Course
 - Working at Heights
 - Blue Card
- Engagement with industry partners and representatives
- Trade/job taster programs that introduce students to broader career opportunities and gain basic skills and knowledge in a variety of industries.



The BUSY Schools is aware that our students come from diverse backgrounds and we've built a strong foundation of communication and support for all students and families. Our team of teachers, work readiness officers, employment pathways officers, education youth workers and teachers' aides work closely together to support the students to cope with the demands of schooling, as well as the demands that they face outside of school.

The BUSY Schools also alleviate some of the stress that schooling can cause by supplying transport and school supplies, including uniforms to students, as well as food for breaks.

The BUSY Schools students are also supported with opportunities to regularly consult with a range of health practitioners who attend campuses regularly. This service is to provide additional collaboration with students to support their social and emotional needs and to improve opportunities for these young people to achieve their education, training, employment, health and lifestyle goals.



EDUCATION THAT FOCUSES ON THE INDIVIDUAL

At The BUSY Schools, our aim is to unlock potential and transform our students' lives.

THE BUSY SCHOOLS EXPERIENCE

Throughout students' time at The BUSY Schools and beyond, we want to impact their life and career journey through our absolute focus on them as individuals.

At The BUSY Schools we aim to make education as enjoyable and engaging as possible by providing:

Supportive learning environment

- Student lounge and kitchens
- Quiet study and chill-out zones
- Group breakout spaces for collaboration and team work
- Recreation spaces for fitness and fun
- Individual and small group learning spaces

Uniforms: 2 The BUSY Schools uniform shirts.

Year 11: hoodie. Year 12: senior jersey (or similar).

Food: Nourishing lunch and snacks daily.

Personal Development Support: Education Youth Worker and access to other allied health services.

THE BUSY SCHOOLS SUPPORT

The BUSY School's approach to education goes beyond academic knowledge to encompass the key employability skills that employers are looking for.

We work with each and every student to help refine their education and career goals and map out a career pathway that best suits their goals. Through our industry contacts and networks, we go above and beyond to ensure the very best outcomes for our students.

We strive to provide students with the highest quality educational experience possible by focusing on:

- Quality teaching and learning, using a strengths-based trauma informed approach
- Work readiness - skills and preparation for employment
- Graduate outcomes - through individual career pathway planning
- Assisted pathways to start paid employment and training while still at school.

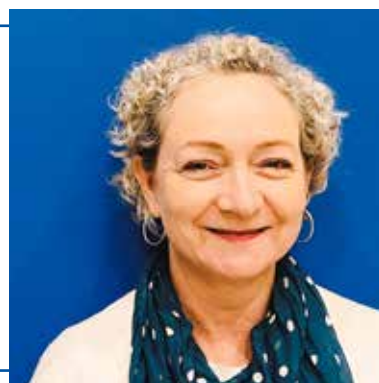


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Chipo Gweshe,
Head of Curriculum and Assessment

“I FEEL LIKE I’M REALLY MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THESE YOUNG PEOPLE’S LIVES.”

Sally Avis,
Social and Community Studies Teacher



SAMPLE TIMETABLE

Students in Group 1

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30am	Essential English	Essential English	Hospitality Cluster	Work opportunities e.g. Work Experience, school-based apprenticeship or traineeship OR VET qualification facilitated by an RTO	Work opportunities e.g. Work Experience, school-based apprenticeship or traineeship OR VET qualification facilitated by an RTO
10am	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea		
10.30am	Essential Maths	Essential Maths	Hospitality Cluster		
12pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
12.30pm	Elective Activities	Elective Activities	BUSY Schools to Work Program		
1.15pm	Social & Community Studies	Social & Community Studies	BUSY Schools to Work Program	VET qualification facilitated by an RTO	VET qualification facilitated by an RTO
2.45pm	Finish	Finish	Finish		

Students in Group 2

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30am	Work opportunities e.g. Work Experience, school-based apprenticeship or traineeship OR VET qualification facilitated by an RTO	Work opportunities e.g. Work Experience, school-based apprenticeship or traineeship OR VET qualification facilitated by an RTO	Hospitality Cluster	Essential English	Essential English
10am			Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea
10.30am			Hospitality Cluster	Essential Maths	Essential Maths
12pm			Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12.30pm			BUSY Schools to Work Program	Elective Activities	Elective Activities
1.15pm	VET qualification facilitated by an RTO	VET qualification facilitated by an RTO	BUSY Schools to Work Program	Social Community Studies	Social Community Studies
2.45pm			Finish	Finish	Finish

OUR PROGRAM

The BUSY Schools recognises the importance of providing opportunities to improve the social, educational, and employment outcomes of young people, particularly those who have disengaged or at risk of disengaging from education and not completing high school.

We are a Queensland Special Assistance School approved by the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board under the Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2017.

All students develop an individualised learning plan and SET Plan in consultation with our Employment Pathways Officer, Learning Support, teaching staff and parents/carers, aligned with students' interests, strengths and ability. Students are given the opportunity to guide their own learning journeys, as well as enter into the workplace. The education program provide students at The BUSY Schools with the opportunity to work towards and achieve a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or have been identified to receive a Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA).

Students at The BUSY Schools complete three Senior subjects from the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA): Essential English, Essential Mathematics and Social & Community Studies plus additional electives/courses from a range of Vocational Education and Training courses under the Australian Qualifications Framework.

Additional subjects may be offered at different campuses as an elective based on student's needs and interests, for example, Short Courses in Literacy, Numeracy and Career Education, Applied subjects such as Visual Arts in Practice.

SAMPLE CURRICULUM (WITH EXAMPLE VET ELECTIVES)

Course Example	Credits
Essential English	4
Essential Mathematics	4
Social and Community Studies	4
Certificate II in Hospitality	4
Certificate II in Workplace Skills	4
School-based apprenticeship or traineeship	Up to 6
Possible QCE credit	26

SUBJECTS



ESSENTIAL ENGLISH

Applied (Essential) Subject

DESCRIPTION

Essential English is a subject that encourages students to recognise language and texts as relevant in their lives now and in the future and enables them to understand, accept or challenge the values and attitudes in these texts.

Essential English is suited to students who are interested in pathways beyond Year 12 that lead to tertiary studies, vocational education or work. The course promotes open-mindedness, imagination, critical awareness and intellectual flexibility.

TOPICS

- How meaning is communicated through contemporary texts
- How different perspectives, ideas, cultural assumption, attitudes, values and beliefs are communicated through textual representations of a range of human experiences.
- Presentation of community, local and/or global issues and ideas in a range of texts that invite an audience to take up positions.
- Representation of identities, places, events, concepts and issues in media text to influence an audience.



ESSENTIAL MATHEMATICS

Applied (Essential) Subject

DESCRIPTION

Essential Mathematics develops students' conceptual understanding when they undertake tasks that require them to connect mathematical concepts, operations and relations.

They will learn to recognise definitions, rules and facts from everyday mathematics and data, and to calculate using appropriate mathematical processes.

A course of study in Essential Mathematics can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of trade, industry, business and community services. Students will learn within a practical context related to general employment and successful participation in society, drawing on the mathematics used by various professional and industry groups.

TOPICS

- Calculations
- Representing data
- Graphs
- Managing money
- Time and motion
- Data collection
- Measurement
- Loans and compound interest



SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY STUDIES

Applied Subject

DESCRIPTION

Social and Community Studies aims to develop an appreciation of, and respect for, cultural diversity and encourages responsible attitudes and behaviours essential for the effective participation in the community.

This subject focuses on personal development and social skills, with emphasis placed on an individual's impact on and integration with a diverse community. Developing communication, personal, interpersonal and citizenship skills, problem-solving and decision making, resilience, self-esteem and self-confidence.

TOPICS

Schools may select four out of a choice of six topics available in the syllabus. The topics are:

Lifestyle and financial choices: students investigate making choices for their lifestyles, considering how to enact positive change for the present and the future. They explore money management for the purpose of informing their choices.

Healthy choices for mind and body: students investigate choices related to recreation, leisure, food, and nutrition from both a personal and society perspective, considering the implications of their choices.

Relationships and work environments: students investigate relationship skills and work environments. They explore social contexts, issues and perspectives related to work.

Legal and digital citizenship: students investigate aspects of Australia's legal system and its operation to develop their understanding of being active and informed citizens. They can explore key values that underpin the law.

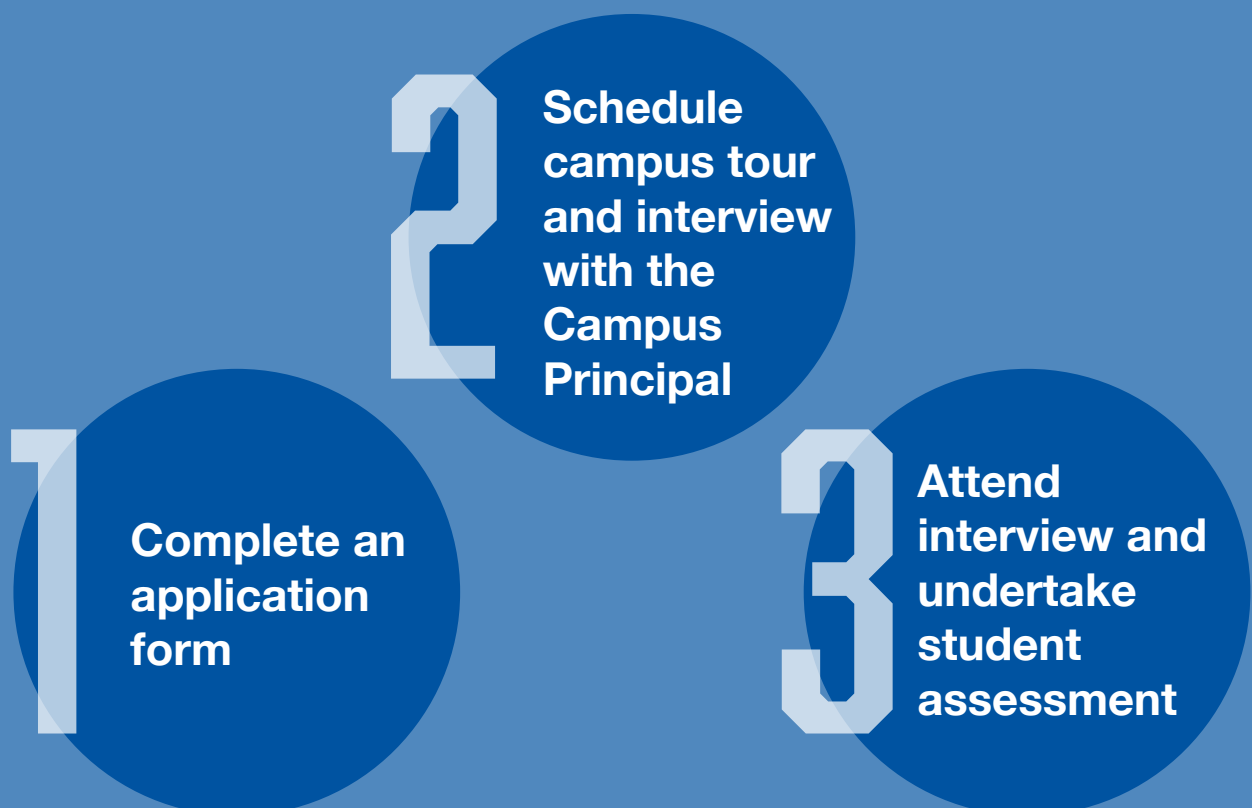
Australia and its place in the world: students explore features of contemporary Australian society, including how Australia's international involvement continually shapes our society's composition and future outlook.

Arts and identity: students explore markers of identity as a social construct. They investigate how the arts contribute to a sense of identity and belonging for individuals, groups, and communities.



ENROLMENT PROCEDURE

The BUSY Schools are Special Assistance Schools. This means that we make an important contribution to addressing educational disadvantage by catering for students who are disengaged or at high risk of being disengaged from education.



**THE BUSY SCHOOLS
ACCEPTS ENROLMENT
APPLICATIONS
AT ANY TIME.**

BUSY School

where opportunities begin

WHO CAN APPLY?

All applicants must be between 15 – 19 years of age at the time of application and have completed Year 10 or equivalent. Each application is assessed on merit and will be complimented by a face-to-face interview with the Campus Principal.

A referral form or support letter outlining a student's disengagement needs to be submitted as part of the

enrolment process. Typically, the form is completed by a Principal, Deputy Principal or Guidance Officer (or similar roles) from the student's most previous school.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Enrolment information and application forms are available via -

Online - www.busyschools.qld.edu.au

Emailing - admin@busyschools.com.au

Or call - 1300 176 472

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**Provide
supporting
documentation
as outlined
in enrolment
pack**

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**Student and
their family
advised of
outcome of
application**

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**Enrolment
evaluation
undertaken**

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**Finalise
commencement
paperwork and
determine start
date**



YOUR
ATTITUDE
DETERMINES YOUR
DIRECTION

CAMPUSES



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Salisbury QLD 4107
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Email - southport@busyschools.com.au



SUPPORT US

The BUSY Schools are a not-for-profit, registered charity. We cover all start-up costs for establishing a school campus and provide resources to our students free-of-charge including learning equipment, uniforms, food, staffing, training and facilities, so our families have no outlay.

Our schools go above and beyond to offer additional learning, wellbeing, personal development and career services to support our students' successes. We accept donations of any value and can provide tax-deductible receipts. Sponsorships of our programs and events are welcome and we would be delighted to recognise your support.

To make a donation or for further information on partnerships, simply visit our donations page on our website busyschools.qld.edu.au/donations/

All support received goes directly to building our capacity to establish and operate our campuses in the regions they are needed most.



THE BUSY SCHOOLS ALUMNI

The BUSY Schools provide an ongoing safe and supportive environment for students to stay connected to school community even after finishing their studies.

The BUSY Schools facilitate opportunities for graduated students to maintain their engagement with the supportive environment of the school and foster specific opportunities to be assisted further with employment or further study needs.

This occurs at events throughout the year but we also encourage young people to reach out for help and maintain the connections with The BUSY Schools as they move into their new phase of life.





