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A note from the Campus Principal

Thank you to all the students who made it through the last week of Term One while still meeting school expectations and learning right up to the last day. I was a very proud Principal as I walked into classes with teachers actively teaching and students actively learning. Everyone has felt their energy wane over the last week, but it has been so good to see them all push through it.

There are some exciting events happening next term including Three-Way Conferences, Immunization events (optional), and an Employment Networking Event. It will be yet another busy Term full of learning and new experiences. I am looking forward to it.

Sadly, we also say goodbye to our highly respected Work Readiness Officer, Craig O'Neill. He has been working with groups of students in a ten week program preparing them for work and giving them the edge that they will need in an increasingly competitive job market. We wish you all the best in your next adventure Craig! May the force be with you!

Naomi Vucas
Campus Principal

Vaping

Other names:

E-cigarette, e-cigs, vaping, vape, vape pens, pods, Juul, electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), puff bars, and e-hookah.

What are Vapes (E-cigarettes)

E-cigarettes are battery-operated devices that hold and heat e-liquids that emit vapours that users inhale. Using an e-cigarette is called vaping.

E-liquid can contain nicotine which is the same drug present in regular cigarettes and other tobacco products. This means that vaping can also become addictive. E-cigarette products bought in Australia are not legally allowed to contain nicotine. If purchased somewhere else (e.g. online or overseas) they may contain nicotine because labelling may not be regulated like in Australia. Additionally, even when labelled as 'flavoured', e-liquids can still contain nicotine because labelling is not always correct on e-cigarette products. E-liquids often contain chemicals like propylene glycol, glycerol, and ethylene glycol, some of which are known to cause cancer.

Although it is illegal in Australia, e-cigarettes are sometimes used to vape/inhale cannabis and other illicit drugs. Cannabis e-liquids can contain ingredients which are not listed on the labels, including nicotine and/or other drugs. This can increase the risk of addiction to vaping.

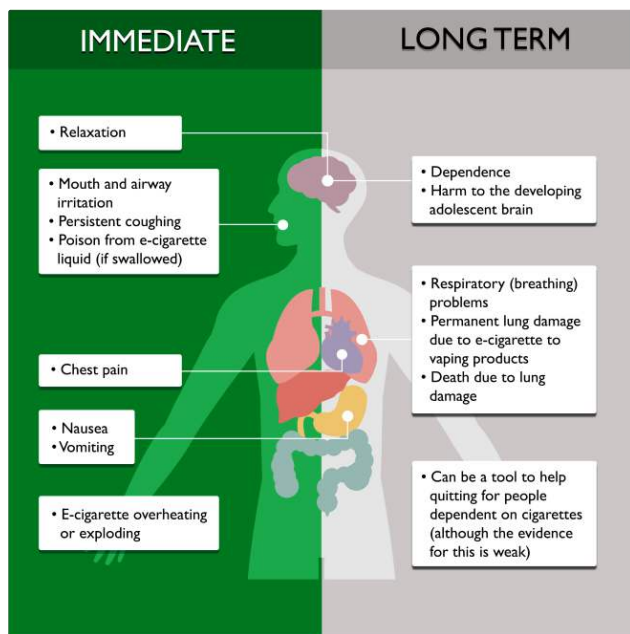
Positive Choices, <https://positivechoices.org.au/parents/electronic-cigarettes-and-vaping-factsheet>, 30th March 2023

Quitting Vaping

Like smoking traditional cigarettes, quitting vaping is hard but there are services that can assist with helping to quit. There is some good news from Quitline, they are now providing free Nicotine Replacement Therapy (where clinically appropriate) for people who vape – this includes under 18s, though a doctor's approval will be required for under 16s. The Quitline number is 137848.

Vaping and the effects on your health

Positive Choices, <https://positivechoices.org.au/parents/electronic-cigarettes-and-vaping-factsheet>, 30th March 2023



School Immunization program

In Term 2, BUSY Schools will give our students the opportunity to participate in the QLD Health Meningococcal ACWY Vaccination program. The Meningococcal ACWY Vaccination is usually administered to students in Year 10, but we are aware that, like in any schools, some students may have missed this vaccination. The school will be hosting a Parent information afternoon on the 19th of April 2023 at 5:30pm where QLD Health nurses will be available to talk about the vaccination, the vaccination process and any concerns that you may have. The school will then have Vaccinations booked in for Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th May.

These vaccinations are at school for any student who returned the parent or carer consent form to the school.

Please RSVP to book your seat to the information afternoon to Marney (Marney.fichera@busyschools.com.au) by Monday 17th April 2023.

Fresh Start Academy Community Free Cuts for Mens Health

Free Promo 2-day event providing free Barber Services to young men in our community. Our Barber Academy is providing 3 Month VIP cards to all young men prepared to participate in Sexual Health screening with Queensland Health. Those VIP cards will provide free Barber services for 3 Months.

Check out our amazing set up with Selectability at the Bike Shed. An ideal location where young men can come and get their personal grooming services sorted in a comfortable community inclusive location.

See the attached flier.

Student Leader News

The student leaders have been busy behind the scenes these last few weeks. Not only have the students been participating in weekly meetings but they have also been assisting Cor with the barbeque lunch, designing an information session for the graduation/formal theme; as well as organising a new initiative for BUSY Schools Cairns. The new initiative will be unveiled by the student leaders early on in Term 2 and the votes for the graduation theme will be counted and announced during that time as well!



What 'Rosies' does for the community

- The mission of 'Rosies' is to provide companionship and unshakeable acceptance to those who are homeless, at danger of becoming homeless, or who are feeling lonely or socially isolated. We treat our friends on the street in the same way that you would treat a visitor to your home to a cup of tea or coffee.
- Stay tuned to see how we at BUSY Schools will assist 'Rosies'...



VISUAL ART



Students have been working on finishing assessment pieces the last couple of weeks and are now ready to hand in their drawings! Next term we will be moving on to making painted skateboards looking at a subculture for inspiration. There are some examples of work by students including a painting done by one of our QCIA students using gold leaf, and a trial of the skateboard designs! Some amazing work being done!

Employment and Vocational Pathways News

REMINDER!

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

FIRST AID COURSE COMPLETION!

Our second last First Aid course with Skill360 had a strong completion with numerous Year 11 and 12 students gaining their qualification.



JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING CAMP – TERM 2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Thank you for being patient and expressing interest in the inaugural JCU Engineering Futures - Residential Camp:

Camp Details

Over five days, students live on the JCU campus and take part in academic, personal development and team-building activities. The interactive program provides opportunities to meet JCU students and university staff and encourages students to build connections with their peers.

Dates: Monday 3 July – Saturday 8 July 2023 (Week Two of school holidays)

Location: JCU Townsville, Bebegu Yumba campus, Douglas

Accommodation is in the residential colleges on JCU campus with catering provided for all participants while on campus. The camp will be supervised by JCU staff

Costs: JCU will coordinate and support all travel, accommodation and meals for students

Please see with Amanda and Amba in the EPO office for applications.

RIO TINTO & WCCCA BURASY WORK EXPERIENCE – WEIPA

The Bursary Work Experience Program enables the children of Traditional Owners to gain valuable insight and experience at our Weipa Operations.

Through this program, eligible recipients are provided with a structured work experience program which enables them to make informed choices about their future career pathways. Students gain knowledge of the mine and business operations and the various roles that are available at Rio Tinto.

We offer work experience in many areas including:

- Mining Engineer
- Environmental Science
- Land and Sea Management (Rangers)
- Archaeology and Cultural Heritage
- Shipping and Logistics
- Procurement
- Information Technology
- Public Relations and Communications
- Human Resources
- Heavy vehicle workshop inc Diesel Fitting, Fitting & Turning and Boilermaking
- Trades inc Electrical, Plumbing, Light Vehicle Maintenance
- Mine and Plant Operator
- Rail Maintainer
- Fuel Infrastructure/Terminal Management

Please see with Amanda and Amba in the EPO office for applications

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND CAMPS

The InspireU Program brings Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students from across the state for a week-long camp on our St Lucia campus in Brisbane. During the week, you'll will participate in a range of interactive and fun activities, led by UQ academics and our industry and community partners. The camps are themed around the professional disciplines such as Business, Science, Health Sciences and STEM.

The InspireU programs give you the opportunity to:

- Meet UQ faculty staff and learn about their preferred degree and career discipline.
- Stay on campus at one of UQ's colleges and experience student life at UQ.
- Participate in fun and interactive workshops and cultural activities.

Connect with current Indigenous UQ students and learn about their university experiences.

All reasonable (travel and accommodation) costs associated with attendance at the camps are covered by the University's [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Unit \(ATSISU\)](#).

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE INDIGENOUS PATHWAYS

Indigenous Pathways Virtual Information Session is being held online and its for our students who are interested in the joining the Australian Defence Force.

Date: Tuesday 4th of April 2023

Log on time: 5:20pm to be ready to go for the session at 5:30pm

Link: [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19:meeting_OThkNjU2OTItNzBiNi00Y2JlLWE4NTUtMTUxODQ2YWRjMjU0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%22f6309f8a-1954-4a8e-93a6-5a32224a6c7d%22%2c%22Oid%22%22187b8da2-6285-450a-a8a1-70670dfe7c0c%22%7d)

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DEFENCE WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

The Defence Work Experience Program provides young Australians interested in Defence as a future career, the opportunity to sample life in Defence and learn more about the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and the Australian Public Service (APS).

The Defence Work Experience Program is pleased to advise that Defence is offering opportunities for work experience activities. As placements are planned and confirmed, they will be advertised through the "Placements" tab. We encourage you to check the website regularly.

[- Jobs List - Defence Work Experience \(nga.net.au\)](#)

For queries about the Defence Work Experience Program please email Defence: WorkExperienceProgram@defence.gov.au

THE QUEENSLAND TOURISM INDUSTRY COUNCIL ROADSHOW 2023

QTIC would like to invite year 11 and 12 students who are interested in a career in the tourism and hospitality industry to come along to this fun, interactive event. This Roadshow showcases the vast range of career opportunities in our industry and introduces industry professionals who can share their personal career journeys. Students will also take part of in a range of activities including Cookery, Mixology, a Panel Q&A and a short tour.

Date: Tuesday 23rd May 2023

Time: 8:30am – 2:15pm

Location: Cairns Convention Centre

RSVP: By Friday April 21st 2023

Its FREE to attend, and BUSY Schools has 10 student places for eager students to attend. There are limited spaces so please come and see Amanda, Amba or Craig in the Industry Room opposite Classroom 5. Remember if you have a school day or course on this day you unfortunately cannot attend.

2023 QATSIF Creative Arts Competition

QATSIF (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation) is pleased to announce the opening of their **2023 QATSIF Creative Arts Competition**. This competition is open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander secondary (Yr 7 – 12) students in Queensland schools. There is no limit to the range of creative arts that can be entered, so please don't be limited by the suggestions on our poster.

This will be our 6th annual QATSIF Creative Arts Competition. You can check out some of our deadly 2022 QATSIF Creative Arts Competition entries at: <https://youtu.be/q8c1rfw0hik>

All students entering this competition will receive a certificate and either a trophy or medallion. Griffith University will be sponsoring our competition again and are planning to connect with some of the young artists to offer additional opportunities.

Competition will close at 5pm on Friday, June 9, 2023, Please see Amanda, Amba or Faith for entry forms and any questions.

SCIENCE & ECO FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 2023

International First Nations Space Science and Environment Symposium - Cairns 2023. This one-day hybrid event, held at the Cairns Convention Centre, will play host to industry leaders, experts and professionals from across the space, science and environment sectors. They will lead discussions and interactive workshops on STEM. The symposium will celebrate First Nations Scientists and inspire Australians to envisage a career in STEM. Join us on the 15th September 2023.

END OF TERM CELEBRATIONS

For end of term the teachers decided to have a sausage sizzle for the 1st break with the students. One of our wonderful school leaders Saffi took charge of the cooking with the help of Kayla (Year 12 student). It was a great turn out with no sausage left behind!



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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