

The BUSY Schools Cairns Campus: Newsletter

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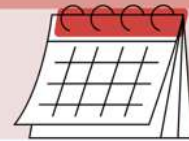
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A note from the Campus Principal

Our awesome students have another week's worth of experiences with us at BUSY Schools, and we are starting to feel the students settling into the school. It is still early days for our new students, but the growth and effort they are putting into education and employment is more and more noticeable every day. The first assessments are upon us, and this is when our young people need the most support. They are dealing with the hormones, the anxieties and trying to fight through their own negative self-talk. I encourage everyone at home with a student that is working on assessment right now or working through challenges in their life to encourage them and boost them up as much as possible. Encourage them to believe in themselves and to give everything their best shot regardless of the outcome. A student who is trying their hardest is all we can hope for. Help them believe that they can achieve; it's amazing what achievements these young people can accomplish with some support, guidance and people believing in them when they can't do it for themselves.

Naomi Vucas
Campus Principal

WEEK 8 ASSESSMENT NOTICES



Monday 13/3

Yr 11 Essential English and SCS drafts due in first lesson.
Yr 11 Essential Maths Exam in class.
Yr 12 Essential Maths PSMT FINAL due in first Maths lesson.
Yr 12 SCS stimulus for exam handed out in class.

Tuesday 14/3

All students working on assessments (as above)

Wednesday 15/3

Yr 11 Essential English and SCS drafts due in first lesson.
Yr 11 Essential Maths Exam in class.
Yr 12 Essential Maths PSMT FINAL due in first Maths lesson.
Yr 12 SCS stimulus for exam handed out in class.

Friday 17/3

All students working on assessments (as above)

Planning ahead

Next week: Yr 11s will submit their Final English assessment (presentation in class).
Yr 11s will also submit their final SCS assessment.
Yr 12 SCS Exam in class.

Next Week's Assessment News – Stephanie Mullins

Week 8 Assessment notices, 13/3 – 17/3

Yr 11

Yr 11 Essential English and SCS drafts due this week. Your teachers will collect your drafts in class and provide you with feedback.

Yr 11 Essential Maths Exam in class time.

Yr 12

Yr 12 Essential Maths PSMT final due this week in your first lesson.

Yr 12 SCS stimulus handed out in class time.

Extension requests: If you require an extension on your assessment/exam, please provide the school with a **medical certificate or other evidence** of your extenuating circumstance. See/email Steph if you have any questions about extensions. stephanie.mullins@busyschools.com.au

Staff Training – Differentiation

In our meeting last week, staff were working on improving on their differentiation strategies and being even better prepared in planning to support the many needs of our students. In any given lesson, we know there will be people who will be at different levels of knowledge of content and working on different ability levels in the various processes that students will need to complete the task. Our goal is to continually improve on planning for the multiple levels and multiple students in the classroom.

I would like to thank the staff for engaging in the process and sharing their strategies with the team.



Afternoon Gym Sessions



Thank you to Cor and Merylyn for giving up their time to escort students across to Genesis Sportsworld and then supervise them while the trainer works with them twice a week. I was fortunate enough to go across with the group the other week, and they were fantastic. The trainer supports them with their technique and offers support and encouragement.

Alumni Networking Event

On Thursday we had our first ever Alumni event held at school. This event welcomed past students as well as current students to meet and greet with local and national businesses.

Matt and Shontelle from Australian Defence attended and spoke with students about their options, such as the Gap year experience, Work Experience opportunities, different roles within each branch as well as ADFA for students wanting to go to university.

Jack from Skill360 spoke with students about the short courses and other qualifications available for students at school as well as when they leave school.

Paula from CSF Industries spoke with students about the different areas that students could gain employment within their business, Administration, Logistics and Freight, Boilermaking, Roof Plumbing and Metal Fabrication.

This was an easy transition for Annette at Prime to discuss what Prime does as they work on the back end of CSF Industries for production and manufacturing for Prime's building and construction contracts and ongoing works. Annette is also part of a volunteer group in Cairns called Women in Construction, which supports females in all construction industries that need mentoring or fellow support.



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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