

The BUSY Schools – Coolangatta Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 1
Friday 27/01/2023

Principal's Address

Dear parents and caregivers,

I would like to welcome you all to a new and exciting year, 2023. The BUSY School Coolangatta has grown tremendously, and we are welcoming all of our new Year 11 and Year 12 students to our campus. This year, we will have our very first cohort of Year 12 students who will graduate at the end of this year, and we are really looking forward to this very special event.

We have very special days planned for our parents next week, as we open up our campus to our parents for our

'PARENT SAFARI', which we will hold at the beginning of each semester. During this time, you will have the opportunity to 'be the student' - for an hour and a half. You will be learning all about the things that your young person will study in English, Mathematics and Social and Community Studies during Term 1 and Term 2. And what better way than to 'be the student' in class yourself?

New staff member introduction

Education Youth Worker – Che

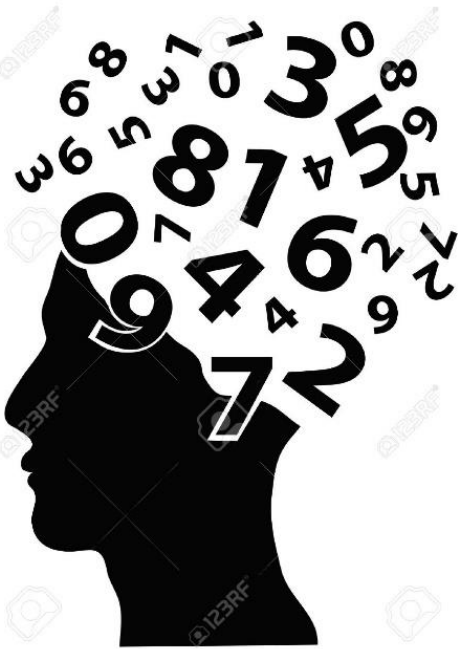
Hi everyone! My name is Che (pronounced Shay) and I am the new Education Youth Worker here at the Coolangatta campus. I taught English, ESL and History for several years at high schools all around Queensland and Victoria before deciding to transition into mental health. Now that I have finished my Diploma in Psychology, I am very excited to start in this new role and to get to know all of the students at this amazing school!



English Teacher – Scott

Hello everyone, my name is Scott and I am the new English Teacher. I have been teaching for a while now – I started in London in a similar school setting to The BUSY School, then worked in Inclusive Education in Canberra. I have just moved to the Gold Coast with my family and we absolutely love it. You may see me cruising the streets on my electric scooter and just smiling. I am so grateful to have joined such an amazing school community, and I can't wait to get started for 2023.

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What's new in Mathematics?

Welcome to 2023 Mathematics! What's new? Well, I'm new – sort of! I'm Andrew, and I'll be taking most of the Mathematics classes this term. This includes both the Grade 12 classes, and some of the Grade 11s. And I'm excited because I really enjoy Mathematics, and especially Essential Mathematics, which is the course we study at The Busy School.

For the 11s, we start by examining general number work that is important in day-to-day life. This encompasses topics like working out percentages, ratios, understanding basic graphs, and so on. The 12s will be delving into the world of shapes, which will entail tackling a very intriguing problem-solving task for much of the term, and culminate in their first exam early in Term 2.

I am looking forward to completing this last stage in our students' school life very much and seeing them graduate into productive members of our community.

What's happening in Essential English?

I am so excited for the start of the 2023 school year. Our first focus will be getting to know each other and ensuring that I know how best to support students. All you really need to do is be kind to yourselves and each other. This dialogue will be the perfect introduction to the first assessment tasks for both Year 11 and 12. The first assessments are:

Year 11 – FA1, a multimodal presentation (spoken/signed presentation + a slideshow).

Year 12 – IA1, an extended spoken response.

I know that speaking in front of people can be terrifying, so if you are feeling worried come and talk to me, we can find a way to make it work!

I will be gifting the school community with a fun fact about myself each week – fun fact #1 is that my parents speak French, but I don't. Also, they're not French.

Social & Community Studies update

Welcome to the 2023 school year. This year we have both year 11 & 12 students on Campus at Coolangatta. The Social & Community Studies SCS subject welcomes Matt Evans to the team, he will share his time between SCS & Maths.

*The year 11s will start the term undertaking a subject about the World of Work, they will explore the following: Identify and understand the personal qualities and skills employees need for the workforce. The ability to deal with diverse workplace structures and relationships is important in becoming an effective member of a workplace environment. Negotiating and managing a work/life balance which is integral to personal health and wellbeing, and to being an effective member of the workforce. We will also focus on how the nature of work has changed over time, so have the demands made on employees/workers.

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*The year 12's will begin the Term with Health: Food & Nutrition, they will explore the following: Healthy eating for personal health & wellbeing. The different food needs of specific groups within our community. How to be responsible for their personal health and wellbeing is another focus as well as how eating and cooking habits are determined by cultural, socioeconomic, and other factors. Global trends in food and nutrition shape our attitudes to health and nutrition. Students will also undertake a practical component of cooking a nutritious well-balanced menu.

Learning Support News from Mel

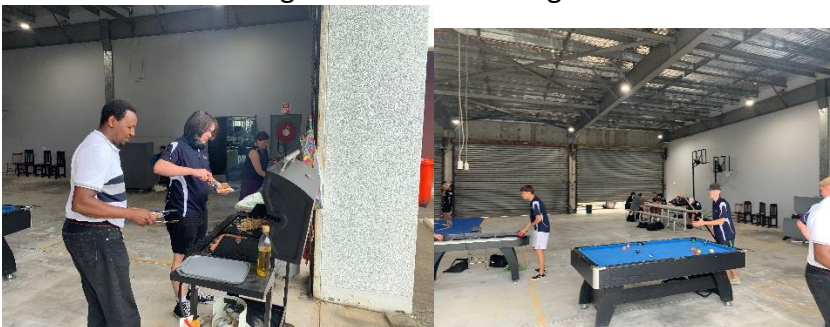
What a week already! New faces and some familiar faces as well. So great to see you all refreshed and to hear about your holidays. I am so looking forward to working with you all even if we all feel as perplexed as **'Baby Bean'** (for those of you who don't know I mean Baby Mr Bean).



So much to take in on the first week back but first week is always the hardest and most tiring. Take a breath and enjoy your weekend ready to get into it week 2. Well done for being here at Busy Schools.

A note from our Education Youth Worker

This week the BUSY school has really lived up to its name, as we welcomed a whole new cohort of Year 11s and the school grew from around 35 students to over 80! We started the week with a fantastic orientation day, allowing our new students to find their way around and meet the staff and their classmates. I am sure that this will be the beginning of many great new friendships for our students. We finished the week on a high note with an Australia Day barbeque and cricket match, which was an absolute blast. Well done to all our new and returning students for making the most of the first school week of 2023!



Work Readiness Program by Elijah

And we're back! A big welcome to everyone, especially our new students. I hope the first week went well and you all got settled in.

I will be reaching out to make contact with a lot of students who are going to be involved in my 'Work Readiness Programme' (During hour of power), where we learn all about the Employer Requirements, Employee Standards, Character Values, Confidence, Respect, Time Management and many more. Students can choose to attend when they would like to know more about a specific topic i.e. Interview Questions

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I encourage all students to keep an eye on their emails for all information about any short courses and certificates we will be running this year, as there will be a lot of chance for personal growth

Happy Australia Day guys!!

Term 1 Assessment Calendar

Term Week	Essential English	Essential Mathematics	Social & Community Studies
Week 1 23 – 27 Jan			
Week 2 30 Jan – 3 Feb			
Week 3 6 – 10 Feb			
Week 4 13 - 17 Feb			
Week 5 20 –24 Feb		FA2 PSMT Notice	M1: WOW Project Notice
Week 6 27 – 31 March	FA1 Extended Response Notice	FA2 PSM2 Checkpoint	M1: WOW Job search/Analysis Checkpoint 1
Week 7 6 – 10 March	FA1 Extended Response Checkpoint	FA2 PSMT Checkpoint	M1: WOW Job advert & Analysis Due Final Checkpoint 2
Week 8 13 – 17 March	FA1 Extended Response Draft Due	FA2 PSMT Draft Due	M1: WOW Draft copy Cover Letter Checkpoint 3
Week 9 20 – 24 March	FA1 Extended Response Final Due	FA2 PSMT Final Due	M1: WOW Final Copy Cover Letter Checkpoint 4
Week 10 27 – 31 March			Catch ups

It's always great to have students who are happy to help, whenever possible. Thanks Year 12 Student leaders.

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Fun Facts with Matt

Hi Sports Fans

I'm doing a little of everything this year so will continue from obscure facts from history segment as my contribution. I turned 55 on the 26th and this led me down the path of what was and what kids miss out on now. Join me now as we explore "the dangers of the '70's".

Who remembers cracker night? An evening we would all get together and try to make anything with gunpowder which would be

turned into an explosive. Letter boxes not made of concrete would not survive the night and the local council would spend large amounts of time pulling bonfires apart.

How about junior chemistry kits and junior carpentry kits. Our cat Ginger never came back and to this day my mother blows up about the teak dining room table losing a leg – ahh memories.

Lastly, driving. Dad and mum smoked in the car and there were no seat belts and they both drank at parties – good times.

Don't forget mixed bags of lollies, Sunny Boys and Devon sandwiches.

Take care everyone, next week 'whatever happened to cheap, good fish and chips?'

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 Klaus Knobloch 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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