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### A note from the Campus Principal

Dear BUSY Schools Coolangatta school community.

First of all, I want to thank all of our students for their efforts and their persistence in completing their exams and assessments this week. This was quite a stressful time for most students who completed **Essential English**, **Essential Mathematics** and **Social and Community Studies** exams.

We do have parent/Teacher interviews next week, so please read the section below.

Have you noticed a positive change in your teen since they started attending The BUSY Schools? Would you like to share this with others?

Please leave us a review on our Google page to help others decide if The BUSY Schools is the perfect solution for their teen.

To leave a review, visit

<https://g.page/r/CcX2CiWBhFjuEBM/review>.

### Parent/Teacher interviews:

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held next week on **Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May from 3 pm until 6 pm** and also on **Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May from 10 am until 2 pm**. Please use the school's system called 'Compass' to make your bookings with each teacher. If you are unable to book online, please contact Wendy via email [coolangatta@busyschools.com.au](mailto:coolangatta@busyschools.com.au) or phone: 0456 895953.

### Excursion to the Gold Coast Careers Festival, Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June

On Friday week 7 all students will be visiting the Gold Coast Careers Festival at the Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre, 296 Broadbeach Road, Carrara, 4221. This will give our students the opportunity to meet local employers, educators and training providers under one roof. Students will be able to:

- Find out about studying at Griffith University, Bond University, Southern Cross University and TAFE Queensland
- Visit exhibitors from a wide range of institutions to learn more about possible study options
- Speak to Gold Coast employers to hear about opportunities – both current and future
- Speak with a Career Advisor about their career direction, job search or bring their resume for review
- Hear directly from current students on stage panels

This is an all-day event. The buses will be leaving at 8.45 am and return at the end of a normal school day at 2.45 pm. If you wish to take, or pick up, your young person directly to the venue to meet us there, please contact the school beforehand to make these arrangements.

Kind regards,  
Klaus Knobloch  
Campus Principal

### Essential Mathematics Update - Andrew



Big week! The first lot have done their exam. This week, after the Thursday/Friday crew have completed their assessment, it's done for the term. However, we start preparing immediately for the next one, starting in the second week of next term! Yeah, no rest for us at all this year with the Grade 12s. Straight into simple and compound interest, in preparation for the next PSMT on how to save and buy a house.

### Essential English Update - Scott

Week 6 has been a beast! Year 12s have completed their CIA (common internal assessment, they are not becoming spies). This assessment is overwhelming and complex, and I am so proud of them. All students made an effort to engage with the assessment and did their very best.

Year 11s are continuing work on their FA2, so emails are sent home weekly with their progress. If a student misses a checkpoint, they must attend the next week to catch up.

I would like to mention again how excellent our students are, this school is the best 😊



As the weather cools down, I am grateful that I am no longer in Canberra – here is a photo I took in April 2021, it was -4°C 🥶

### Social & Community Studies update - MJ

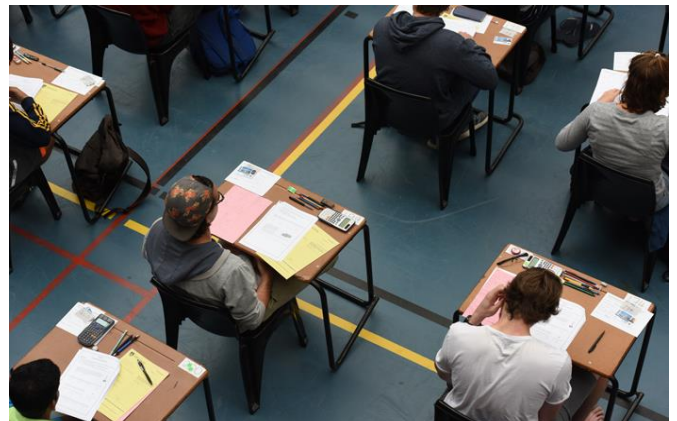
We're nearing the end of term two and year 11 students are doing so well finishing their assignments! I am getting more and more submissions every day and it makes my heart happy. Any students that have been a little behind for any reason are encouraged to come in on a Wednesday to catch up or even to get ahead. We're here to help and Wednesdays are great days to come in.

Let's keep working away and finish well 😊

-MJ

### Curriculum Update: Charmaine

What is Curriculum at Busy School. The curriculum typically refers to the planned course of study that outlines the knowledge, skills, and concepts that students are expected to learn at each grade level or in each subject area. The specific curriculum followed can vary depending on the educational system, and sometimes even individual schools. Core Subjects: Include Essential English, Essential Mathematics, and Social & Community Studies. *\*It is that time of the Term when all our year 12 are having Exams for each subject. Wishing them all luck with their results!*



### A note from our Education Youth Worker - Che

The past fortnight has been a very busy one with our students working hard to complete their assessments. It has been great to see so many of our young people getting ahead in their studies, as the last few weeks of this term are going to be particularly busy!

On that note, I would like to inform all students, parents and caregivers of a special upcoming excursion. In recognition of NAIDOC week, our students will be going on an excursion to Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre, in Burleigh Heads. The excursion will be a whole school excursion taking place on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of June for our Monday/Tuesday group, and Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June for the Thursday/Friday group. Students will travel by bus, leaving from the school at 8:45am and returning around 1:00 -1:30pm. Once students return from the excursion, they will be dismissed from school for the day. We ask that students arrive at school by 8:30am so that we can get on the road on time. We also ask that they wear school uniform and bring a hat, water bottle and some lunch. Parents and caregivers, please keep an eye on your emails, as you will receive an email with more details about this excursion in the coming week. If for any reason you do not consent to your child attending this excursion, please contact the school in writing to inform us. For more information on the activity at Jellurgal, click on the link below. <https://www.jellurgal.com.au/tours/local-school-tours>

### Staff Profile: Marikka

Marikka is our EPO Employment Pathways Officer, prior to coming to Busy School Coolangatta she worked in the training sector as a Business Developer, Disability and the Employment Services area. Marikka's Job Role includes setting up Traineeships, elective VET Vocational Education Training Courses for students, such as Animal Care, amongst others. Marikka's favourite food is seafood. In her spare time, she likes to go to the beach or the Day Spa. Marikka has 3 dogs - Benji, Lucy and Buddy - he is a little bit naughty! Marikka has worked at Busy Schools for 9 months and what she loves most about working here is the students, all the different personalities, and having a bit of fun with them.



### A note from our Learning Support Team

Hi everyone!!!!

Such a massive week for a lot of you – you turned up, you smashed it and I am beyond words how proud we all are of you. In celebration I have decided to start our new Photography Competition for the campus. Posters will be put around the campus next week and prizes to be announced.

Get your cameras,



Phones, polaroids and even

Pinhole cameras out

(if you can remember Yr 9 Photography)

**Theme** is Sunsets –

Colour/Black and White/Filters all accepted.

So excited to see what some of you come up with. Mel xx



Just wanted to say a big congratulations to all the year 12 students who completed their exams this week!

You have all been so committed to studying and passing the exams it was amazing to see 😊

I also wanted to say a big congratulations to the year 11 students who have been completing their assessments.

Well done for staying motivated and doing the work.

-Indi 😊

### Industry team news from Marikka and Elijah

Hello everyone from the Careers team. We have some important dates coming up for the month of June. Next week, we have the Gold Coast Careers Expo on **2<sup>nd</sup> June** where students will have so much information at their fingertips to explore and navigate. This is open to all students to attend even if Friday is not your usual day we want to see you there. **7<sup>th</sup> June** our Animal Care students will also be doing their final prac day at the AWL visiting the dogs and learning all things about caring for our four legged friends. Please make sure your young person attends this day as it forms part of their final assessment.



Also a big congratulations to our Thursday Self-Awareness class on graduating we are so proud of your completion and hope you have learnt a lot from Adele each week.

Thank you to all the amazing employers who attended Mock interviews here at the Busy Schools. We are very grateful for the opportunity you provided for our students.



### A note from Matt

I know, I know, where does the time go? It's the end of another term!

### Year 11 Essential Maths

We commence an extremely practical topic for the students, that of **Money Management**. With students approaching the end of their schooling and with aspirations for cars, travelling and possibly moving out the need to develop money skills is particularly pertinent.

We will look at types of loans, how to choose a car based on what insurance costs, needs vs wants and taxation.

### Year 11 Social and Community Studies

Think back to your first few job interviews. Did you know what to expect or say? Interviewing can be a stressful experience for teens looking for their first job—especially if they have learning and thinking differences. It requires certain skills that may be weak spots, like listening comprehension or focus. Plus, it's unknown territory.

Students have just completed interviews with managers from businesses in the local area. It has been an enlightening and challenging learning experience. All students worked hard and were a credit to themselves and their carers.

## Year 12 Social and Community Studies

We complete our exploration of Money Management by taking a deep dive into Responsible Spending. It is easy to talk about – you can talk about how some things may be necessary while others aren't, and also how some items will be short-lived while others will last longer. But it can be hard to get comments like this to have any lasting effect on an increasingly independent teenager.

So, what we have done is posed the question “think about the value of money” if you combine it with the concept of time. For example, if you have to buy a new pair of jeans, how many hours of work does this equate to? When students started to work out how many hours of hard work they need to do, it changed their views on whether a purchase was worth it.

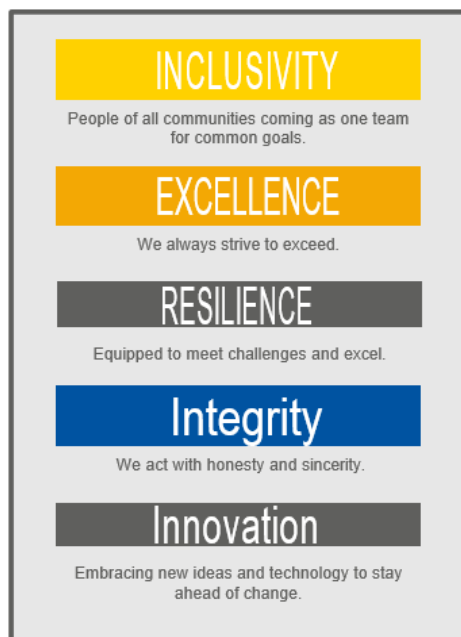
### Feedback Process

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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