

## The BUSY Schools Southport Girls+ Campus: Newsletter

Term 4, Week 2

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### A note from the Campus Principal

Dear Families,

I am very proud of our students who have taken on the challenges of change this term with resilience. We have adjusted the timetable to have our Industry Day on a Wednesday instead of Friday. Their elective time is now at the beginning of every day. Thank you to Nicole our Education Youth Worker for sharing that time with our students.

I want to thank all of the community members who have come to support our students with great workshops and presentations. Our leaders in training class visited Southern Cross University for the Leadership Summit. Thank you to Jess for sharing the day with them and supporting them in an environment that was very new to most of the students.

Just a reminder we will have our Parent/Carer Teacher Conferences over three days, 20, 21 and 22 November. Thank you again for supporting your child in arriving to school on time and ready to learn.

Kind regards,

Ulla Hansson  
Campus Principal

### Social & Community Studies

This term the students have dived into the world of money management, they have researched different types of employment, learnt how to read pay slips and navigated industry sites to ensure they can advocate for themselves in the workplace. The students have also been learning about investments and got to use an investment simulator game to see how their skills would fare in the fast paced world of finance.

### STEM

This term we have begun modeling prototypes to solve a problem for our industry partner Telwater. Telwater explained that they needed a solution to make cupholders more accommodating for different size and shapes of bottles. The students have been working towards a solution prototyping their own solutions and have begun putting together their business pitch for 'Stronghold.'

## Women in Leadership

This week a few of our leaders were able to attend a Women in Leadership conference held at Southern Cross University. The students listened to presentations from Lisa Blair as she shared the harrowing experience of her world record breaking solo trip around Antarctica on the on her vessel 'Climate Action Now.'

Lisa shared her successes and challenges and how she approached such an enormous undertaking to become a leader in her field. The students then got to participate in Q&A with Gold Coast Women in Business of the year winners. The students were fantastic representatives of our Campus who learnt some strategies to support them as they progress on their leadership journey.



## Essential English

*'Strength doesn't come from what you can do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't'* (Rikki Rogers)

The fourth and final term of Year 11 has well and truly begun and the students have started working on their final assessment of Y11, which is to create a multimodal vlog about an Inspirational Australian. We have been studying the life and work of the Vietnamese refugee, Anh Do, and in the coming weeks will be moving on to look at Adam Goodes, Cathy Freeman, and the Holocaust survivor who we had the honour of meeting and interviewing during our trip to Queensland Holocaust Museum, Peter Kruas.

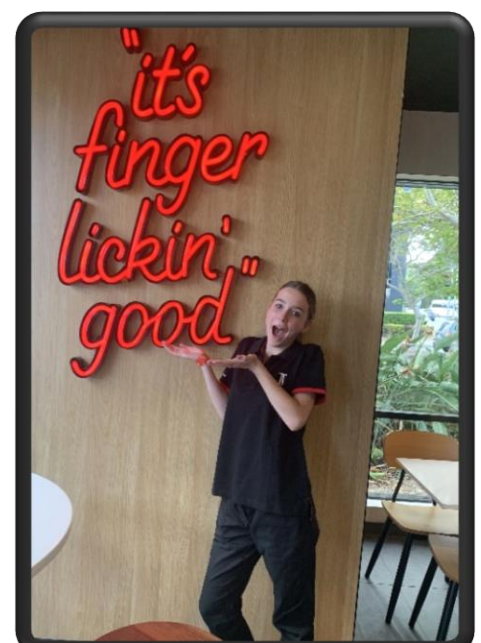
## Essential Mathematics

Another fortnight over, and another week closer to the end. The students have been working diligently on their last topic, surveys and analysis. We will be finishing our last topic over the next week before we move into final preparations for our end of year exam. It is important that students study and focus as we get close to the business end of the end, and ask that you join us in our commitment to encourage your student to do the best that they can do.

## Electives and Pathways to Employment

A whirlwind school holidays and first 2 weeks of school – here are some of the highlights.

Congratulations to Rhiannon who has secured a traineeship with Chempro chemist in Surfers Paradise undertaking a Certificate III in Business with a retail focus and Ameliya who will be working with KFC (Collins Foods) with a Certificate III in Hospitality.

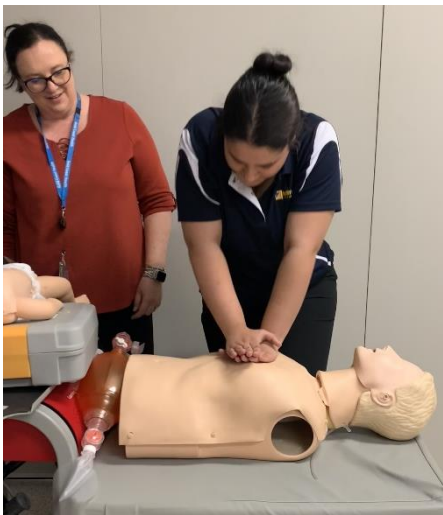




We were able to transport several of our students to our Shailer Park campus for their 'No Limits, Your Future Pathways Expo' – the students were able to talk with a variety of training organisations and employers keen to undertake school-based traineeships. Sommer was rewarded with lots of gummy snakes when she correctly guessed the number in the jar – its not always about school and careers. Both Timena and Priscilla were featured on our social media posts – great ambassadors.



This week saw Montanah and Zahra have a tour of the Gold Coast University Hospital as part of their Deadly Start programme and were able to listen to students within the Health care system voice their enthusiasm and experience. Both girls were given a go with CPR on the mannequins which are able to tell you to go faster, press harder and that you were doing a "Good Job".



Today saw the introduction of a new physical exercise "Tone" where John instructed the girls on correct technique of light weights for arm exercises and also mat work to strengthen their stomach muscles – lets see how they feel tomorrow.



**Please check in with your students to ensure that they are completing any certificate training that they have. Feel free to call, email or make an appointment if you need to chat.**



## Wellbeing & Support

Welcome back everyone to term 4! We have started off the term with some great guest speakers and workshops for the girls. The first week back we had Kyle from RailSmart come out and talk to the girls about rail safety. This education program is delivered by QR rail to high school students, promoting and encouraging safe behaviours and positive choices across the QR rail network. The program covered level crossing and train platform safety, the dangers of high voltage electricity, and train etiquette. The **RailSmart** program has been designed to address the curriculum's focus area of safety, health, and physical education by sharing messages that encourage decision making that helps keep students stay safe and enhances others' safety and wellbeing.

This week we were lucky to have Lalanja come in and do a cultural workshop with the girls. Lalanja is a Kuku Yalanji Artist and cultural facilitator, specializing in art workshops. The girls were taught Aboriginal art and jewelry making and were able to try some damper. This was a great educational workshop, allowing us to learn more about our First Nations People.



We also had Katie the Money Coach come in and talk to the girls about finance and savings. Katie spoke to the girls about tax, superannuation, and savings. Katie gave some great tips to help the girls now that they are all starting to work in traineeships.



## 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 Ulla Hansson to discuss the issue.

Report the feedback on the BUSY Schools Website: <https://www.busyschools.qld.edu.au/busy-schools-feedback/>



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