



BUNDAMBA STATE SECONDARY COLLEGE

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Term 1 Newsletter 2023



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands across Metropolitan Region, where the fresh water flows into the salt water. The blending of these waters signifies the interconnectedness of all First Nations people and the lands where schools and workplaces of this Region are situated.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present, who are the keepers and preservers of the cultural knowledges, languages and traditions.

We all have a role in creating workplaces, schools and communities that recognise, uphold and value the contribution of First Nations peoples.

DATE CLAIMERS

Term 2

16/04/23 - Term 2 commences
24/04/23 - ANZAC Day Assembly
25/04/23 - ANZAC Day Public Holiday
26/04/23 - Parent/Teacher Interviews
01/05/23 - Labour Day Public Holiday
02/05/23 - P&C AGM and General Meeting
11/05/23 - Bundamba Fest
26/05/23 - National Sorry Day
19/05/23 - Ipswich Show Public Holiday
20/06/23 - STEM Incursion (Year 9)
23/06/23 - Athletics Carnival

Term 3

10/07/23 - Term 3 commences
20/07/23 - Subject & Career Expo
25/07/23 - Parent/Teacher Interviews
01/08/23 - Camp Maroon (Year 11)
14/08/23 - JET & SET Planning
01/09/23 - Student Free Day
12/09/23 - Recreation Camp (Year 12)



Principal's Message

Term 1 has been a welcomed change in comparison to the last few years. Our students have been back in classes from day 1 with no schoolwide interruptions. A big thank you to all our families and carers for how you have prepared your students to come to school looking like learners everyday. At BSSC, we know that learners who are prepared and ready for learning have the best chance of engaging at school.

Secondly, with a more 'normal' start to the school year, our student attendance at school is significantly higher. I want to reinforce how important attendance is at school for all year levels. Your student cannot learn if they are not taking the opportunity to attend and engage. Please only allow your student to stay home if they are too sick to be at school learning. Every single day counts in learning. Learning doesn't all happen in one week, or one lesson. Learning happens incrementally, gradually, little bit by little bit through repeated effort and engagement.

This week, your student's term 1 report will be emailed to your listed school contacts. It is a great opportunity to talk to your student about their learning and reflect on their habits and patterns from term 1 that allowed them to achieve the reported results. Ensuring your student knows why they achieved the result on their report is really important so that they know how to improve for the future. If your student doesn't know, ensure you make contact with your student's teacher.

Similarly, if you don't receive your report this week or you know you have changed your listed contacts, please contact the main administration.

There are some exciting events coming up next term at our school, such as the second annual Bundamba Fest. Keep the date in your calendars, we look forward to seeing many of you there. Watch our social media for more information on both of these and other events coming soon. All the best for a safe and restful holiday season with your loved ones.

Regards, Sandra Quinn - Principal

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Year 7

Welcome to 2023!

It has been a busy introduction to the school year. We have introduced year 7 to the high school experience. Students have settled in well and engaged in their learning by showing our four core values- Pride, Respect, Responsibility and Empowerment.

We celebrated success in the pool during our annual Swimming Carnival. We have had a wonderful year 7 parent welcome BBQ, thank you to everyone who attended. Week 8 has seen students working through the NAPLAN testing online. With various sports training now in 'full swing.' There are plenty of extra-curricular activities to engage in at BSSC.

Congratulations to all year 7 students on their successful transition into high school. We look forward to continuing to support your educational journey.

Year 7 Art - Life Water Colour Experiments

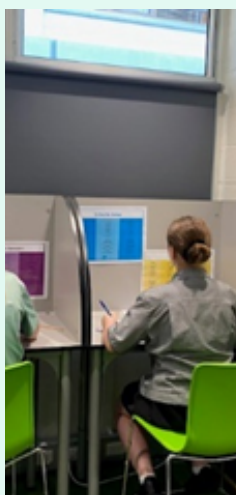


Year 7G HPE



Year 9

This year is an exciting time in the life of a Year 9 as it is the final year of Junior Secondary. In Term 4, all Year 9s will participate in SET planning which includes choosing their Year 10 subject electives. SET planning or, Senior Education and Training Plan is when all Year 9s will need to meet with a staff mentor and a parent/carer and set their goals for their Senior Secondary Education phase: Year 10 -12. In Year 10 it is important that students are choosing subjects that align with their Career pathway plans.



Please keep an eye on our socials for the important dates in term 3.

A reminder for all, as we head to the end of term 1 and into our winter and cooler terms - that it is important for all our year 9 students to be in our P&C approved uniform including jumpers and trackpants.

So far term 1 for Year 9 has seen a few exciting opportunities:

- Our Year 9 & 8 flexi classes are up and running!
- Our Year 9s have already been on 2 excursions to The Railway Museum and Brisbane Museum
- Completed NAPLAN

In Term 2 and 3 in the students' Bundamba Care Class (BCC) all Year 9s will engage in a series of lessons and internal and external presentations to outline their Pathway options, including:

- UQ presentation "Finding Your Future"
- Classroom activities to learn about all the Senior Schooling terms such as QCE, ATAR, General and Applied Subjects, TAFE, VET and traineeships, and BSSC Senior Pathways: Green, Mint and White
- Classroom activities to investigate Career Options using www.myfuture.edu.au
- Reviewing their academic grades using TrackEd sheets and how to set SMART goals
- Head of Department Year 10 subject talks;
- BLO Candice Ferrier talk about TAFE, Apprenticeships, Traineeships and Work experience options:
- Bundamba SSC Career Expo



Chaplain Jenn



Meet our Chappy Jenn!

Hi, I'm Jenn and I'm the school Chaplain. I aim to be a listening ear, providing social, emotional, and spiritual support through caring. I'm excited to meet staff, students, and families from all walks of life.

This year's Chappy Tuesdays are intended to provide students with an engaging and safe environment. Board/card games, karaoke, trivia, and get-to-know-you games will be part of this. I will begin the PACE program, Positive Attitude Changes Everything. This program will allow us to work with students, families, and other staff members to define school culture and how to have positive relationships. It will also incorporate cultural and local community events into the school environment.

Breakfast club will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:00 am, giving all students the opportunity to eat a healthy and nutritious breakfast for their overall well-being. We hope to expand our food options for students with food intolerances and allergies. I will also be running Seasons for Growth which is an 8-week program that assists in companion support through the seasons of grief in our lives. So if this is something you think your child would benefit from please express your interest to the school we are hoping to run it from term 2.

I will be at the school on Tuesdays and Fridays between 7:30 am and 3:00 pm in J Block Library. Please feel free to stop in and have a chat or I can be reached via email at jpri267@eq.edu.au.
Chappy Jenn

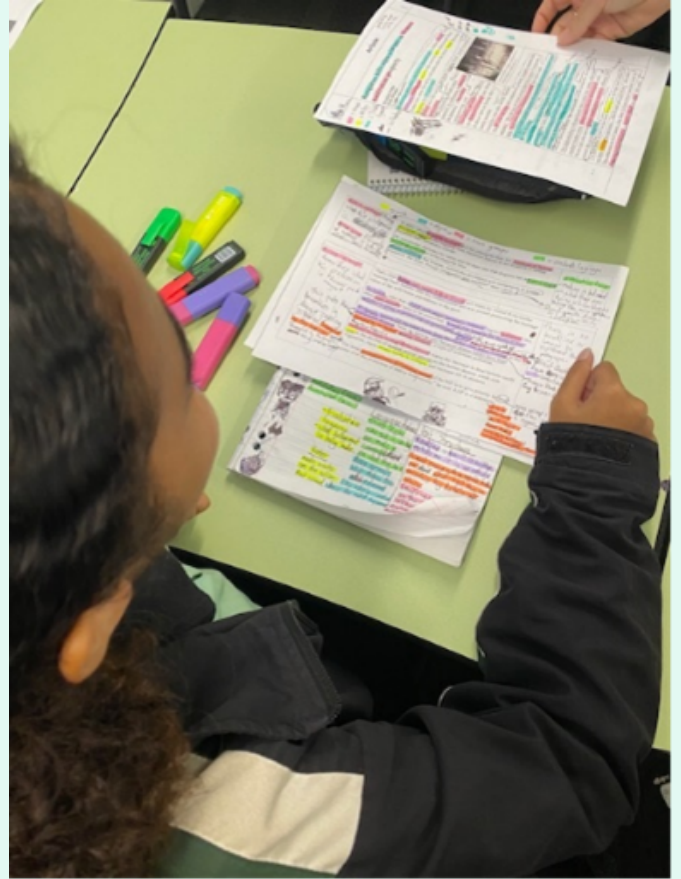


English Department

This year, the English Department at BSSC is committed to meeting the learning needs of our students through an exciting rejuvenation of the texts studied in the English classroom.



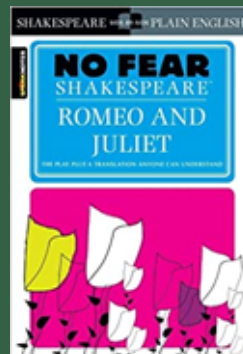
Our goal is to provide students with the opportunity to explore a diverse range of texts that are not only entertaining but also offer unique perspectives on the world and human experience. Currently, year 8 students have been analysing recent news media articles, and next term they will engage with the thrilling new novel “Liars (The Truth APP)” by Jack Heath. Meanwhile, year 9 students will also have the chance to study a brand-new novel “World Shaker” by Richard Harland. The fresh film study text in year 10, Netflix’s “The School of Good and Evil”, has received positive feedback from the year 10 cohort as an up-to-date film that is enjoyable to watch while also providing them with a range of teen representations to investigate.



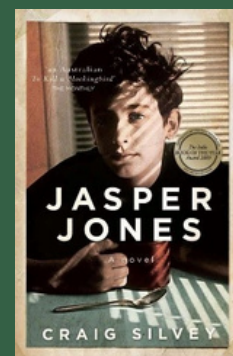
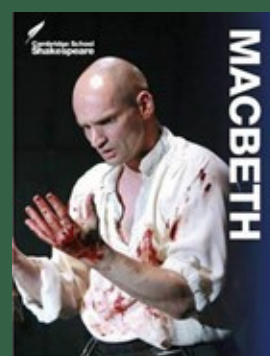
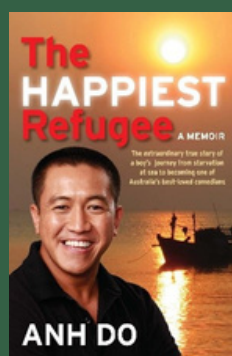
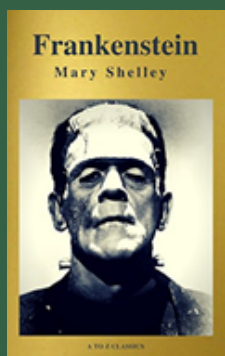
In the senior space, year 11 students are about to embark on a comparative analytical study of “Frankenstein” by Mary Shelley and for the first time the popular TV show “Stranger Things”. Texts in year 12 are also getting a revamp with the addition of the recent Greta Gerwig’s film version of “Little Women” being analysed alongside the Australian novel “Jasper Jones” by Craig Silvey.

These new texts will infuse fresh perspectives and insights into the English texts already studied, engaging students in new and exciting ways.

A Selection of Texts in Junior 7-10



A Selection of Texts in Senior 11 and 12



The Art of Persuasion: 2023 BSSC Debating

After a successful year of debating, the senior BSSC debate team is once again preparing to engage in verbal jousting with other schools in the Queensland Debating Union (QDU) competition in 2023.

Recently, the team competed at Brisbane State High School in a mid-term debate where they argued in favour of the statement "That are you ok day does more harm than good". Although they did not come out victorious in this first clash, we wish them the best of luck in their upcoming debates throughout the year.



New staff at BSSC



Name: Ms Jodie Dean

Teaching Area/s: English and EALD.

Interests/hobbies: Gaming, painting, drawing and reading.

Fun Fact: I am learning Spanish!

One thing you love about BSSC: The lovely students who always say hello as I walk through the school

Name: Miss Dakota Duffell

Teaching Area/s: HPE, Dance & English

Interests/hobbies: Dance. Athletics and supporting the Broncos to victory.

Fun Fact: I went to school with Mr Bygraves.

One thing you love about BSSC: The diversity and inclusivity of staff and students.



Name: Miss Jess Lowcock

Teaching Area/s: English and History

Interests/hobbies: Reading, travel, spending time with friends and family.

Fun Fact: I worked in pharmacy for 8 years.

One thing you love about BSSC: How supportive everyone is.

Name: Mr Dene Richards

Teaching Area/s: TA1 Media Arts TA2 Digital Technologies.

Interests/hobbies: Film, television, video games, eSports, podcasting, rock climbing and bike riding.

Fun Fact: Teaching is my second career. My first career included forecasting and purchasing video game stock for EB Games Australia. This saw my travelling all over Australia and the occasional flight for meetings and playing games before they released.

One thing you love about BSSC: The commitment of teachers to the wellbeing of all students regardless of challenges.



Name: Mr Riley Bygraves

Teaching Area/s: Science (Biology)/ Maths

Interests/hobbies: Rugby Union, Cricket, Golf, Chess and Travelling.

Fun Fact: I went to the same school as Miss Duffell.

One thing you love about BSSC: The supportive and enthusiastic staff.

Name: Miss Chiara Pereira

Teaching Areas: Maths, Science and Learning Support

Interests/hobbies: Writing stories about space elves, watching sci fi shows and the colour purple.

Fun Fact: I am currently learning to speak Spanish, *pero soy muy mal!* (but I am very bad!)

One thing I love about BSSC: I love how everyone, teachers, students and staff are all very different but we all feel welcome and are able to learn together.





Name: Mr Caelum Hey

Teaching Areas: Humanities

Interests/hobbies: Travelling, Aviation, Pop Culture

Fun Fact: Huge movie watcher, I have watched over 500 movies in my lifetime.

One thing I love about BSSC: The support from other co-workers, always willing to help each other out no matter what the task.

Name: Mr Brayden Hoffman

Teaching Areas: HPE/Special Education

Interests/hobbies: Soccer coaching and winning the Rugby League Tipping Competition.

Fun Fact: I was the College Vice-Captain here.

One thing I love about BSSC: The HPE staffroom community.



Name: Mr Nick Hill

Teaching Area/s: HPE, Science and Biology

Interests/hobbies: Running, mountain biking and the beach.

Fun Fact: I did my university degree with Miss Duffell and Mr Bygraves.

One thing you love about BSSC: The supportive and fun culture of the staff and the smile the kids bring everyday.

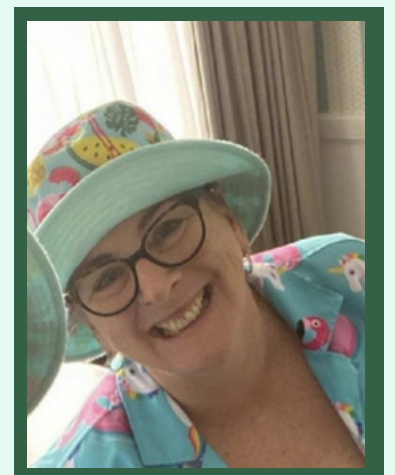
Name: Ms Sarah-Jane Owen

Teaching Area/s: Hospitality/Food Technology and Early Childhood Studies.

Interests/hobbies: Sewing and being craft with vintage fabrics, building Lego, reading and currently renovating my new home.

Fun Fact: I love all things Cats, Coffee and Cake.

One thing you love about BSSC: The staff have been wonderful and supportive.





Name: Mr Thomas Kulich

Teaching Area/s: Inclusion and English

Interests/hobbies: Coffee, hiking, travelling.

Fun Fact: I play the guitar.

One thing you love about BSSC: I love the sense of community and the dedication of the staff to supporting all students.

Name: Miss Emma Graham

Teaching Area/s: Maths and Science

Interests/Hobbies: Travelling and reading

One thing you love about BSSC: The students and staff are very supportive, and fun to be around every day.



Name: Mrs Belinda McCrory

Teaching Area/s: Guidance Officer

Interests/Hobbies: Netflix - crime documentaries and studying my PHD

One thing you love about BSSC: The student focus of our community.

Name: Ms Lesley Taylor

Teaching Area/s: Inclusion



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

At Bundamba State Secondary College, we are a Positive Behaviour for Learning school. PBL is a multiple tiered system of support which can be used to improve academic, wellbeing and behavioural outcomes.

Our PBL four core values are RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, PRIDE and EMPOWERMENT, we focus on these in all aspects of our college and in daily life.

Previously we acknowledged positive behaviour through VIVO Points. This year we are re-establishing a new reward system called STAR DOLLARS, this will launch in term 2 on our first whole school parade.

More information regarding STAR DOLLARS will be shared with families and students after our Launch parade.

