

Issue 5 – Term 2, 2016

From the Principal

The end of first semester brings two important and diverse events to the school calendar.

The first is Country Week which involves approximately 150 students and thirteen staff visiting Perth to compete against other country schools in a range of sporting and cultural events. Our school has a history of excellent results and although, it is very difficult to predict an outcome, we do hope the team achieves at their very best.

The other very different aspect of school is the Year 10 to 11 course selection process. Year 10 students have taken part in the first stage of their selections and early next term they will have a second opportunity to select from the range of courses that have been deemed to be viable for the two years of their senior schooling.

All Year 10 students and their parents will have the opportunity to meet with experienced people in the school who have the role of providing the information that will assist the decision making process.

Parents are also invited to attend the information evening on Wednesday 29 June in the school library.

Finally, the first semester reports will be in the mail this week. I encourage all parents to carefully read the report and follow up at the school if there are any issues that require our support.

I wish all staff, students and their families a safe and relaxing mid-semester break.

Craige Pettit, Principal

Administration

Staff Changes

The start of Term 3 will see a number of changes to our staffing profile:

Mr Adam McGill (HPE) will commence a 12 month appointment as Director of Sport at Darling Range Sports College in Perth.

Ms Peta King (HASS) will commence an 18 month appointment at Eaton Community College as Manager of Vocational Education and Training.

Ms Danielle Trott (HPE) will leave the school to pursue travel.

Mr Graeme Hammond (Technologies) will be on Long Service Leave for the remainder of the year.

We wish all involved a fulfilling time in their new roles or pursuits.

Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

Senior School

Year 11 and 12 Students – Week 10

Due to the number of Senior School students (and teachers) attending Country Week in the last week of Term 2, a modified program has been arranged to replace normal classes. Full attendance is still expected, however all Senior School students will work together in the Library. Each Year 11 and 12 teacher has provided a work package which their students (including those attending Country Week) will need to complete for the start of Term 3. A range of teachers will provide support in the Library during the week and students can access them as required. This arrangement was used for the first time last year and feedback from the students involved was very positive.

Community

Chaplain's Corner

Our Year 12 students had a visit from two Street Chaplains during their year assembly. The Chaplains spoke to the students about how they are able to assist people in the Bunbury CBD on Friday and Saturday evenings.

They explained that most people go out with friends to have fun and enjoy themselves, but sometimes things don't go as they planned and that is when the Street Chaplains can help them with things such as calling a taxi or a parent to take them home, or having band aids and first aid items available.

Deon Throne, Chaplain Bunbury SHS

The safety of our students is always of the highest importance to Bunbury Senior High School staff. Earlier this year information was included in our newsletter regarding traffic around the school and the significance of the yellow line on the road outside the school Library. This yellow line is a "NO STANDING" area – this means that you cannot stop your vehicle at any point along the yellow line to drop off students.

The danger of students crossing to the Library in the mornings while there are cars on either side of the road is enormous. Likewise parking on Upper Esplanade across from our school bus stop is another danger area where students come out from behind buses to waiting cars. New speed signs have been erected around the school.

The City of Bunbury is monitoring the traffic parking and speed around the school at peak times and a "NO TOLERANCE" approach will be taken should people choose not to comply with the signage.

Please consider the safety of our students.

Glenda Smith, Manager, Corporate Services