

BSHS Newsletter – Term 1 - Issue 3 – 2019

From the Principal

At the recent School Board meeting, the Board approved the nomination and subsequent membership of Jonathan Adams. Following this process, Tim O'Byrne, former student and community representative was offered and accepted the position of Board Chair.

The Board acknowledged the tremendous contribution by Erin Van Noort as Chair for the 2018 school year and Tyril Houghton as a staff representative for four years. Student representatives, Kavan Patel and Esther Koomson, were also acknowledged for their contribution as student representatives. The new student representatives from Year 11 are Emma Tinley and Natasha Wildschut.

An important item of business was the issue of our building program. The recent tender process was unsuccessful and we are now at the stage of reviewing options to progress the building.

The cafeteria is the priority and this will go ahead once decisions on the location and scope of the project have been reviewed and agreed upon. The Board is very clear about a preferred location and will pursue this through the appropriate avenues in coming weeks.

As we come to the end of a very successful first term, I want to congratulate the Year 7 students for the way in which they have settled into high school. The change in education environment has been significant but as a cohort they have demonstrated adaptability and cohesion as a group.

This group will participate in the NAPLAN Online in Term 2 and for many of them this will be their first venture into the online format of this systemic test. Students will be accessing the school owned Apple MacBooks for this test and parents will receive information in ample time for students to be prepared.

As this is the last newsletter for Term 1, I wish all students, staff and their families a safe vacation period and a happy Easter.

Mr Craig Pettit, Principal

ADMINISTRATION

2019 SECONDARY ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS CLOSING SOON

[2019 Secondary Assistance \(SAS\) Application Form](#)

The Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs. To be eligible for the allowance the parent/guardian must hold a Department of Human Services (Centrelink) or Veterans' Affairs card that represents a statement of income for the family. Forms need to be submitted by **[Friday 12 April 2019](#)**.

The allowance consists of two components:

- \$115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian or the school.
- \$235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school.

Mrs Sue Gledhill, Manager Corporate Services

LOWER SCHOOL

NAPLAN

The annual round of NAPLAN testing commences in Week 3, Term 2 for all students in Year 7 and Year 9. Bunbury SHS is a NAPLAN Online school and, as such, all aspects of NAPLAN will be completed electronically, as they were in 2018.

Parents and students will receive specific information regarding NAPLAN, including student timetables, early next term.

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL

Externally Set Task (EST)

In the period from Week 2 - Week 4 in Term 2, Year 12 students enrolled in a General Course will complete an Externally Set Task (EST) for each General course. The EST is a relatively new assessment item, developed and prepared by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority. The results of the EST counts as 15% of each student's achievement in a General course. The ESTs mostly impact students in the VET pathway, with some students required to complete up to five ESTs. The schedule for the ESTs that we have developed ensures that no more than one EST is completed each day by any student. Parents should be aware that the EST takes the form of a test and it is likely that students would benefit from home study to prepare for their assessment(s).

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

ALL STUDENTS

School Athletics Carnival

The school's athletics carnival will be held on Wednesday 10 April (Week 10) at the Bunbury Athletics Track. It is a normal school day and attendance is required. Information has been given to all students. Students NOT traveling on school provided buses to and from the venue need to return their permission slips to the front office as soon as possible.

Mr Adam McGill, PC Health & Phys Ed

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Studiosity

FREE study help, anywhere. Get live help online in Maths, English, Science and more.

Year 10, 11 & 12 students have been given an activation card for Studiosity with instructions to activate your free account. If misplaced, a replacement card is available in Administration.

Studiosity is also available on mobile. This app can be downloaded from Apple App Store or Google Play. Download the app so you can:

Save a question for later

Snap & upload a photo of a problem

Get notifications and review your writing feedback

Use voice to text

Review past sessions

Mrs Kylie Ward, Manager Education Services

House Point Application

Many students at Bunbury Senior High School are selected to represent their region, WA or Australia in various fields of endeavour, or they participate in significant competitions/events out of school. The school seeks to acknowledge these achievements within our House System through awarding of House Points.

The specific categories are as follows:

NATIONAL REPRESENTATION/RECOGNITION

Representing Australia in an International Competition.

STATE REPRESENTATION/RECOGNITION

Representing an organisation at a State competition.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATION/RECOGNITION

Representing Western Australia at a National level.

OUT OF SCHOOL EVENT

Representing Western Australia at a National level.

Significant representation/participation in a non school organised competition/event.

In order to be awarded House Points, students can apply for recognition by completing and submitting an online form (available on our website). Please attach evidence to support your application. Points gained by students, contribute to the totals of their respective House.

The House Application is available on our website:

<https://www.bunburyshs.wa.edu.au/policies-publications.html>

COMMUNICATION

Correct Contact Details

It is important to keep the school updated with your current email address as student information is generally distributed in this format. Please notify the school if you have changed your email or wish to identify another email address as your preferred point of contact. We are also now on **Twitter** @BunburyShs

Social Media

Bunbury SHS Facebook Page. Join us on Facebook! We regularly update our page with notifications of school and community news & events. www.facebook.com/BunburySHS/

Parents of students in Specialist & GAT Programs, we now have a Facebook page for each of these programs:

- VASP - [Bunbury SHS VASP Program](#)
- BEST - [Bunbury SHS Best Program](#)
- GAT - [Bunbury SHS Gifted & Talented Program](#)

Student Achievement

We want to get to know our students and school community better and hear all about your life out of school. If you have been kicking goals out in the community - whether you've had sporting success, are volunteering somewhere fun, or have an interesting or unusual hobby we want to know about it. Email Kylie.Ward3@education.wa.edu.au and you might be featured on our Facebook page in the near future.

Mrs Kylie Ward, Manager Education Services

Chaplain's Corner

It has been a busy term so I hope your year has been going well so far. I will be on long service leave for the first 5 weeks of Term 2. In my absence Paul Reynolds (PC The Arts) will keep the Breakfast Club going and our support workers will order the food from Foodbank. Many thanks in advance for their help.

The Rotary "Give a Dam, Give a Can" appeal will be on in the first 4 weeks of Term 2. Our Prefects will go around to classes collecting for the appeal. Please feel free to support this great cause and add to our collection.

Bunbury YouthCARE have organised a Maggie Dent seminar on 31 July on "Real Kids in an Unreal World: Building Resilience and Self Esteem in today's Children". It will be held at BREC and tickets are available from BREC.

Mr Deon Throne, Chaplain

IMPORTANT DATES

8 April 2019	Year 11 BEST & Year 12 Sport & Rec Surfing Excursion
10 April 2019	Interhouse Athletics Carnival, Hay Park
12 April 2019	Whole School Assembly, ANZAC Ceremony, Period 2
12 April 2019	Last day of Term 1

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

29 April 2019	Term 2 – Staff Resume
30 April 2019	Term 2 – Students Resume
30 April 2019	Whole School Assembly, Period 2
8 May 2019	Interschool Athletics Carnival
13 -24 May 2019	Year 12 General Students – EST Testing
14 -23 May 2019	NAPLAN – Year 7 & 9 students
16 May 2019	Criminology Excursion, Perth
20 May 2019	2020 General Enrolments Open
20 -29 May 2019	Year 7-10 GAT Big Science Competition Online
20 - 31 May 2019	Year 11, Work Place Learning
23 May 2019	Board Meeting, 5pm
27 May – 5 June 2019	Year 11 & 12 ATAR Exams
29 May 2019	Year 10 Meningococcal Immunisation
29 May 2019	Year 9-12 AIME Excursion
30 May – 5 June 2019	Jazz Festival, Port Macquarie
31 May 2019	2020 BEST & VASP APPLICATIONS CLOSE
3 June 2019	WA Day – Public Holiday