

Issue 1 – Term 1, 2017

### From the Principal

At the first whole school assembly I made a special welcome to all of the Year 7 students and their families and all other students and staff who are new to Bunbury Senior High School.

At that time 164 Year 7 students had made a start with us and the total student population was around 940. There are also approximately 100 teaching and support staff, making our school a large organisation in the CBD of Bunbury.

Bunbury High has commenced the first of another three years on a new business plan and with this has come a review of the school values and vision. At the assembly I informed the school that our new vision is "Inspiring Self Belief". This is a very powerful statement that has come from staff and student input and it will underpin the way we work now and into the future.

A new set of values and commitments to parents, students and staff will also be rolled out early this year. Our values describe the characteristics and aspects that make up our great school. Those values are Learning, Collaboration, Diversity, Courage and Wellbeing. All of these were considered to be of the highest importance by staff and students. I am looking forward to the integration of these values throughout this year.

High schools are big places and it is very easy for people to get 'lost' with their issues or concerns. I encourage all parents to remain in contact with the school and make our organisation a large part of your family because we are here to assist, and we are all here to get the best possible outcome for your children.

Mr Craige Pettit, Principal

### Administration

#### Parent-Teacher Interview Afternoon

On Wednesday 29 March (Week 9), classes will finish at 12.30pm and students will be dismissed. Starting at 1.00pm (and concluding at 5.00pm), teachers will be available to meet with parents to discuss individual student progress. Details of how to access the online system to book interviews with your child's teachers will be forwarded to each family closer to the date.

Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

#### Speed Limits and Parking Matters

Parents are reminded to adhere to the 40km speed limit in the school zones when dropping off and collecting students. Please also be aware of the yellow lines on the roadside which indicate a No Standing Zone. In these areas parents are not permitted to stop and drop students off or collect students.

Parents are also reminded that staff car parks should not be used for dropping students at school or collecting them at the end of the day.

Glenda Smith, Manager Corporate Services

## Student Contributions and Charges

A huge thank you to the many families who have been so prompt with the payment of Contributions and Charges.

A reminder that students enrolled in our specialist programs such as BEST and VASP that payment is required at the commencement of the course and should have already been paid.

Contributions and charges can be paid at the school administration between 8.00am and 4.00pm during school terms excluding public holidays by Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS, Credit card - in person or by telephone.

Direct deposit to the school bank account :

Account details: BSB 016 560 Account No 3408 25826.

Centrepay, a direct bill paying service is now available to anyone who receives a Centrelink payment. Forms are available from school administration.

We understand the cost of schooling can be a burden for many families particularly at the beginning of the year. If you wish to discuss payment options or a payment plan please contact the the school on 9781 2500.

## Secondary Assistance Scheme

You may be eligible for Secondary Assistance if parents or guardians hold one of the following cards:

- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Centrelink Family Health Care Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

Please see our website for further information and application form.

<https://www.bunburyshs.wa.edu.au/>

Applications close 7 April 2017

## Senior School

### Workplace Learning

2017 is looking very exciting for a large number of senior school students in the vocational training pathway. For Year 11 parents and students please be aware that insurance from the school is required for work placements and cannot be issued until the student has completed an induction process, which is underway. This is to enhance the safety and well being of the student in an unfamiliar and potentially risky environment. Please contact the school should you need further information about your child's program.

Liz Chambers, Workplace Learning Coordinator

## Lower School

Year 8 Immunisation Day, Thursday 16 March, 2017

Kylie Ward, Manager of Education Services

## Between the Lines English Excursion

Between the Lines English Excursion is being held on Thursday 23 March at St Mary MacKillop College in Busselton. The cost is \$20 and is a compulsory excursion for all GAT Students. There are additional limited places for other Year 7-10 students. Workshops are by Western Australian authors and illustrators tailored to meet the needs of specific year groups.

Mark Woodland, HOLA English

## Literacy Planet

All Year 7-10 and SHED students now have access to Literacy Planet. Students have been provided with their username and password.

[www.literacyplanet.com](http://www.literacyplanet.com)

Students are expected to complete the lessons posted each fortnight before progressing. Students should be accessing Literacy Planet at least once a week as part of their regular homework schedule. Literacy Planet supports students' success in English, NAPLAN and OLNA.

Mark Woodland, HOLA English

## English Daily Starter Activities

This year all Year 7-10 English classes commence the lesson with a specific literacy skill designed to support their development in English, NAPLAN and OLNA.

Videos and activities are available to parents and students through Connect and are located in the "Library" section of your child's English class.

Students are expected to watch the video before the commencement of each week as part of their scheduled homework program.

Mark Woodland, HOLA English

## Community

### School Photography Day

All students will have their photograph taken on Wednesday 22 February 2017, unless absent. Catch up day for absent students is Monday, 27 February. All students must return their envelope on photo day whether purchasing or not.

Students must have a school polo shirt (not Country Week or other shirt) without any undershirt showing. Please remember that these photos are a formal record of attendance at this school and will be proudly added to the 99 past year groups of Bunbury SHS students.

Kylie Ward, Manager of Education Services

## Homework Club

In order to support students' learning and to assist them to reach their potential we encourage all families to support our 'Homework Club' that operates Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 3.00-4.15pm in our school library. Each day there will be a minimum of two teachers from the Humanities and Maths/Science area who can help students with their homework or assessment tasks.

Please encourage your child to utilise this fantastic service and beautiful venue. The library is air conditioned and our staff are only too willing to help your child reach their full potential.

Liz Poller, Career & Vocational Education

## School Health Nurses

School Health Nurses are well skilled in assessing adolescent health needs, and frequently engage in health counselling with young people to identify issues, risks and protective factors, provide advice, provide brief intervention, assist with access and referral to other services, and provide follow up care.

A recent survey of School Health Nurses in WA secondary schools indicated that students present with a wide range of health issues. The ten most common issues are; anxiety, stress, depression or low mood, relationship problems, sexual health, sexuality, reproductive health, nutrition, lifestyle or health behaviours, and drug misuse. It is also common for School Health Nurses to encounter young people who self-harm, who have considered or attempted suicide, and those seeking help for sexual assault and/or domestic violence.

The school health centre is a place where adolescents can drop in or make appointments to discuss health and wellbeing issues. Young people may independently seek assistance from our School Health Nurse, Penny, who is available onsite every week day except Thursday. Students can also be referred by parents, teachers or student services teams.

Penny Thornton, School Nurse

## 2017 Zonta International Women's Day Breakfast

Inspirational Guest Speaker, Samantha Ridway, Rocketeer. A model, mum of four, a PhD chemistry student and Australia's top female Rocketeer. It will be held at the Mecure Bunbury Sanctuary Golf Resort, Old Coast Road, Bunbury on Sunday 12 March at 8.30am for a 9am start. \$35 per head, Individual tickets or Tables of 10.

Contact [www.zontabunbury.org](http://www.zontabunbury.org) or purchase tickets from Dale at La Femme, Plaza Shopping Centre.

## Bunbury City Bulls Junior Rugby Club Registration Day

Registration Day Saturday 18 February

10.30am – 1.30pm

The Bullring, Wallabies Way, Hay Park, Bunbury

Registrations also available online please contact [Juniorbulls.bunbury@gmail.com](mailto:Juniorbulls.bunbury@gmail.com) for the link

## Bunbury United Soccer Club Registration Day

Saturday 23 February

Bunbury United Clubrooms, Parade Road, Bunbury

4-6pm

Queries to Carmela – [cgarci@hotmail.com](mailto:cgarci@hotmail.com)

#### Tennis Excellence

The tennis programs are suitable for high school students and promote exercise, wellbeing and a lot of fun.

High School Squad (Hay Park)

Monday 4-5.30pm

Beginner – Intermediate Level

Or

CardioTennis

Tuesday 6.30pm

Arrange your own group of 6-8 players.

[www.tennisexcellence.com.au](http://www.tennisexcellence.com.au) or 1300 424 544

Teenfit Classes, Eaton Recreation Centre

Fitness classes for 11-15 year olds.

<http://erc.dardanup.wa.gov.au/programs/teens/>

#### Chaplain's Corner

I hope you've had a good start to the year. I am in the school as a helper, encourager and a support for students, staff and parents/carers.

This term I have been an extra helper in Year 7 & 8 Boys Phys Ed classes swimming at the beach. It's a good way for me to get to know these students and informally chat on our walks to and from the beach.

I am based in an office in Student Services and work full time at Bunbury Senior High School.

Feel free to contact me if I can be a support to you.

Deon Throne, Chaplain Bunbury SHS