

BSHS Newsletter – Term 1 - Issue 2 – 2019

From the Principal

Nominations for parent members of the School Board are now online and close on Tuesday 19 March. If there are more nominations than places available, an election will take place at the open Board meeting on Thursday 21 March at 5:00pm in the School Library. Parents who are considering a nomination but want more information on the role of the Board, can call the Principal on 9781 2500.

At the last School Board meeting, the principal advised the Board that the proposed cafeteria building which included a staff room and learning spaces, has gone over budget and new plans have to be drawn to keep within budget. The Board will continue to be informed on the progress of these plans and where appropriate have input to the planning phase. This means that the anticipated building program and associated interruption to the school is not likely to occur until much later in the school year.

I want to congratulate all students who attended the School Ball on Saturday 9 March. The feedback on their behaviour and attitude with which they approached the event has been very positive. The same venue will be booked again for 2020 and the invitation to Year 12 only and their partners will remain in place.

The school Facebook page is updated on a daily basis and this is the best source of information for parents regarding current news and events. Recently, the page advertised an information session for parents of Year 7, about Connect. Many parents who are new to the school may not be aware of the capabilities of this program and as it is an easy way for parents to remain up to date with their child's progress, we feel an information session on how to navigate your way through Connect will be valuable.

Although the sessions are advertised for parents of Year 7, other parents are also welcome to attend. Please book your seat on the following link <https://www.trybooking.com/BBJNQ>

Mr Craige Pettit, Principal

ADMINISTRATION

Parent Interview Afternoon

On Thursday 4 April (Week 9), classes will finish at 1.26pm and students will be dismissed. Starting at 2.00pm (and concluding at 5.30pm), 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 by email on Thursday 21 March. Bookings will open on Monday 25 March at 8.00am.

BYOD

A big thank you to the many parents and carers who been able to support the school's BYOD initiative. It has been very encouraging to see that more than 90% of students in some year groups are regularly using their own iPad or equivalent technology in lessons.

We are in the process of uploading a number of self-help videos to the school website which provide students/parents with basic iPad support. These include, how to log-on to the school network, and how to access the Office 365 suite. The videos can be found at <https://www.bunburyshs.wa.edu.au> under the Student Support tab.

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

2019 Financial and General Information

The 2019 Financial and General Information for Parents can be found at the following link on our website: [2019 Financial and General Information for Parents.](#)

The booklet outlines the costs associated with sending your child to Bunbury SHS. We have continued our commitment to keep costs to a minimum while maintaining an interesting and engaging curriculum. All costs outlined in the booklet have been endorsed by the School Board in accordance with the Education Act 1999.

Itemised invoices have been posted out. We encourage early payment and accept various forms of payment detailed below.

Payment Options:

Payment can be made at school administration between 8.00am and 4.00pm during school terms by:

- Cash or cheque
- EFTPOS
- Credit card - in person or by telephone – **9781-2500**
- Direct deposit to the school bank account – **BSB: 016 560** **Account #: 3408 25826**

If you wish to discuss alternative payment options or set up a payment plan, please contact the Accounts Officer on 9781 2500.

[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

YEAR 7 TWILIGHT PICNIC

Year 7 Parents and Families, you are invited to our Year 7 Twilight Picnic. This is a great opportunity to get to know our staff and connect with other families in our school community in an informal setting on our beautiful front lawn overlooking the ocean.

There will be music performed by some of our talented music students, as well as Prefect and P&C involvement.

Please indicate your attendance on the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBNMF> . We would love to see you there!

NAPLAN PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION SITE

In advance of taking NAPLAN online (14 May- 24 May), students, teachers and parents are invited to use the demonstration site to familiarise themselves with the type of questions, and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online assessment.

Some of the key features of NAPLAN Online include interactive navigation, timers and drag-and-drop functionality. Students are encouraged to try all the tests for their year level to experience the complete range of question formats and interactive features available in the online NAPLAN assessment.

Please use following link to navigate to this site.

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-ass.../public-demonstration-site...>

Mrs Kylie Ward, Manager Education Services

SENIOR SCHOOL

Parents as Partners for Year 11 ATAR students

Ms Anderson invites parents and carers to attend an information session about senior school and how to support your teenager through their study program. This meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 March 6.30-7.30pm in the school Library.

Ms Kelly Anderson, Deputy Principal

Academic Support Program

Parents of Year 11 and Year 12 students please be advised that a letter was emailed to you regarding our Academic Support Program for this year. The program is focused on providing support to those students who need it. Queries regarding this program can be directed to Ms Anderson (ATAR) and Mr Walker (VET).

Ms Kelly Anderson, Deputy 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. In the lead up to the carnival more information will be provided to students and parents regarding transport and the various logistics of the day.

Mr Adam McGill, PC Health & Phys Ed

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

2018 Year 12 Students

If you had a Year 12 student in 2018, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority advise that you may download digital versions of their WACE, WASSA, ATAR course reports and awards from the new student portal: <https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au>

Please note, students who are in Year 12 in 2019 should not try to register or login to the new portal at this stage. **Current Year 12 students will be provided information at a later date.**

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

I enjoyed attending the Year 12 Ball and I trust our Year 12's had a great time on the night. A big thank you to Danelle, Ms Barrett and the Ball Committee for organising such a wonderful event.

Our prefects organised the "Jump Rope for Heart" activity and fundraiser in the quad and raised money for the Heart Foundation. Well done to all of the students and staff who participated and made it a fun event.

Please feel free to contact me at the school if I can be a help to you or your child.

Mr Deon Throne, Chaplain

IMPORTANT DATES

18 March 2019	Year 11 Meeting, Period 5
18 March 2019	Year 8 Immunisation
19-20 March 2019	Year 11 Outdoor Ed Snorkelling Excursion
19 March 2019	Piano Students - Oxana Shevchenko Performance
20 March 2019	Criminology Excursion
20 March 2019	P & C AGM, Library, 6pm
20 March 2019	Parent Connect Workshop
21 March 2019	Criminology Excursion
21 March 2019	Board Meeting, Open Meeting, 5pm
22 March 2019	Have Sum Fun Maths, BCC after school
25 March 2019	2020 BEST/VASP Applications Open
25 March 2019	Year 12 Meeting, Period 5
26 March 2019	Interschool Swimming Carnival
27 March 2019	Year 7 Twilight Picnic
28 March 2019	Year 9-12, Youth Literature Day, Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School
28 March 2019	Year 7-10 Between the Lines Excursion
29 March 2019	Ride for Youth, Period 1 & 2, PAC
29 March 2019	Year 7 & 8, Young Writers Day, BSHS
29 March 2019	Holocaust Museum Excursion, Year 10 GAT
2 April 2019	Year 11 Meeting, Period 3
3 April 2019	Whole School Assembly, Period 2, Gym
3 April 2019	Girls in Science Forum, Curtin University
3 April 2019	Australian Geography Competition
4 April 2019	EARLY CLOSE STUDENTS FINISH – 1.26pm
4 April 2019	Parent Interview Afternoon, 1.30 - 5.30pm
4 April 2019	Year 10 Criminology, Scitech Incursion, Period 2 & 3
5 April 2019	Prefect Event – Boardies Day – Surf Lifesaving
5 April 2019	AGWA – Perspectives/Visual Analysis Workshop
8 April 2019	Year 11 BEST & Year 12 Sport & Rec Surfing Excursion
10 April 2019	Interhouse Athletics Carnival, Hay Park
12 April 2019	Last day of Term 1