

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

While the Department of Health advises that the risk of transmission of COVID-19 remains low, the situation is changing daily. We will act on the advice of the Department of Education, informed by advice from the Department of Health, to ensure that our decisions and advice to you are consistent and timely.

I recently emailed parents and caregivers information about COVID-19 that included a directive to staff and students who have visited high risk countries or been in contact with people who may be at risk that they **CANNOT ATTEND SCHOOL!**

My advice to you will not deviate from the instructions that I receive from the Department of Education. It is possible that we may be asked to close the school at some time. Certainly, that talk exists at the National and State level. Should that happen, our purpose will be driven by the needs of our students.

Our capacity to maintain contact with everyone via phone and internet means that students need not feel isolated or unable to continue with programs of work while at home. Furthermore, students and parents will be able to contact staff via “CONNECT” at: <https://connect.det.wa.edu.au/>

I will place timely advice on CONNECT and am also available by email:  
[gregory.slavin@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:gregory.slavin@education.wa.edu.au)

We will develop a communication network with appropriate Year Program Coordinators and the student services team to ensure that students are able to talk with people at school who know them best and with whom they feel most comfortable.

**SPECIAL REPORT: Coronavirus - a guide for parents**

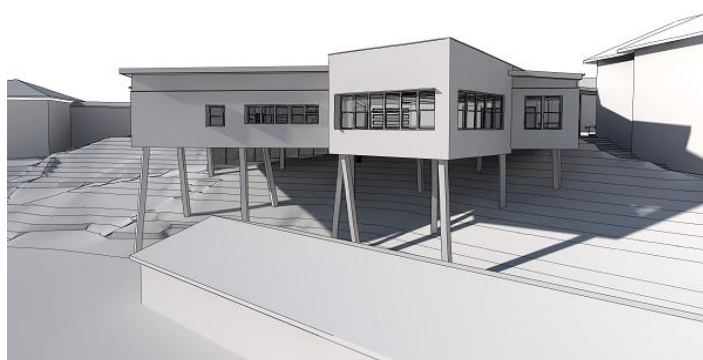
Here is the link to your special report -

[https://bunburyshs.wa.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-coronavirus](https://bunburyshs.wa.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-coronavirus)

The Schools Curriculum and Standards Authority, the body that directs decisions about senior schooling is obviously closely monitoring developments and as the need arises they will publish guidelines to schools that ensure that students are not disadvantaged by events related to COVID-19.

For now, we continue to deliver a professional service to your children in an environment that reminds me every day, of why Bunbury Senior High School was the 2019 Secondary School of the Year.

**The new canteen and cafeteria**



The cafeteria building works will commence **Monday 16 March** with the delivery and installation of site dongas next to the change rooms and fencing surrounding the construction zone. Once complete, the roadway from the quadrangle to the oval will no longer be accessible. Students will have access to the buses and oval via the art stairway beneath the tunnel and through the gymnasium foyer.

A fenced roadway will allow site access around the outer edge of the oval. The fenced area is a **Construction Site**. No entry to the area is permitted unless at the designated **student crossover**. This will be positioned near the new shed to allow student movement between areas throughout the day.

Our expectation is that the Canteen and Cafeteria will be open for business at the beginning of 2021.

Greg Slavin, Principal

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **BYOD – Bring Your Own Device**

Bunbury Senior High School provides students with a learning environment that is inclusive, creative and challenging, and which recognises the significant role that technology can play in enhancing the teaching, learning and assessment processes.

The school is committed to ensuring that students develop 21st century skills, knowledge and attitudes that will enable them to manage their lives in a rapidly changing, highly technological world. Through the curriculum, in all areas of the school, students learn to use relevant technology in positive and constructive ways to access, create and communicate information and ideas, solve problems and work collaboratively.

To guarantee that students have one-to-one device access and can be involved in ‘anytime – anywhere’ technological learning environments, the school employs a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) model. BYOD is a parent-funded program in which students own and use their own device at school and at home. Students need to have a fully charged device ready to use throughout the school day.

At Bunbury Senior High School, the required ‘BYOD’ is an Apple iPad - based bundle involving the following:

**Apple iPad 9.7” (Wi - Fi). 32GB storage (recommended). 128 GB is also available.**

**STM Dux Keyboard Case**

**AppleCare plan**

The appropriate iPad and peripherals are available at a range of electronics providers. The school has also teamed with Winthrop Australia to provide online portal ordering for those parents who may prefer shopping from home, with the advantage of reduced pricing. Purchase of the recommended items from Winthrop also enables the school to provide service support for damages or in the event of software or hardware issues. The Winthrop portal address is:

<https://sales.winaust.com.au/shop/bunburyshs>

Password: Kingia

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the BYOD program, please contact Ms Kelly Anderson, Vice Principal, on 9781 2500 or [kelly.anderson@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:kelly.anderson@education.wa.edu.au)

Kelly Anderson, Vice Principal

### **Contributions and Charges**

The 2020 Contributions and Charges, are available on the [Bunbury SHS website](#).

Itemised invoices will be posted out next week. We accept various forms of payment detailed below.

There are several available payment options :

BPay: **Biller code 300335 (reference # quoted on statement)**

Direct Deposit: **BSB: 016560 Ac# 340825826**

Credit Card: by phone **9781 2500** or in person

Cash payable at Administration

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

[2020 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 **Thursday 9 April 2020**.

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.

Sue Gledhill, Manager Corporate Services

## **LOWER SCHOOL**

### **Year 7 Immunisation**

Year Immunisation for HPV Dose 1 & booster of dTpa will be given in Week 9, Thursday 2 April.

Please return your permission forms as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

Kylie Ward, Manager Education Services

### **English Excursion - Between the Lines Festival**

Between the Lines Literature Festival will be held on Wednesday 1 April. Years 7 and 8 are to meet on the front lawn at 8.35am, and Years 9 and 10 meet in the library at the beginning of Period 1.

### **Year 7 English Excursion - The Little Hoo Haa**

All students attending this excursion are to meet on the front lawn at the commencement of Period 2 on Friday 27 March, and we will walk to and from BREC as a group.

Mark Woodland, PC English

## **SENIOR SCHOOL**

### **English Excursion - Between the Lines Festival**

Years 11 and 12 students attending between the Lines Literature Festival on Wednesday 1 April, are to meet in the library at the commencement of Period 5.

## **ALL STUDENTS**

### **Cinefest Oz Master Class**

Students attending this excursion on Wednesday 18 March are to meet in the library at the commencement of Period 1.

Mark Woodland, PC English

## **COMMUNITY**

### **P&C AGM**

The P&C AGM, will be held on Wednesday 18 March at 6pm in the school Library.

### **SCHOOLTV ME Monthly Topic**

#### **Happiness and Gratitude**

Happiness is a term that captures a huge variety of positive emotions such as humour, serenity, optimism, joy, pride, inspiration, love and hope. Happiness means different things, to different people and is essential to your understanding of emotional literacy. Throughout history, philosophers, religious writers and poets have pondered on the meaning of happiness and how it might be achieved. In the last few decades, scientists and psychologists have researched this further by studying a field of science called positive psychology.

The result of this research suggests there is a strong correlation between gratitude and greater happiness. Practising gratitude helps you shift your focus to positive memories or experiences, noticing the good in your life. Over time, this will re-wire your brain to create new neural pathways, increasing your state of happiness and overall wellbeing.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents and care-givers will learn how to achieve happiness and the benefits of practising gratitude. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition, and we always welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to this month's edition <https://bunburyshs.wa.schooltv.me/news/.../happiness-gratitude>

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/](http://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](mailto: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 have been enjoying helping out around the school this term and getting to know students. I run a Breakfast Club on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school in Room 17 (Home Ec) and all students are welcome to come to join in.

I am here as a support to students, staff, parents and carers so feel free to contact me at the school if there is some way I can help out.

Deon Throne, YouthCARE Chaplain

## IMPORTANT DATES

14 March 2020	GAT Application Testing
16 March 2020	Year 7 GAT Activity
17-18 March 2020	Year 11 Outdoor Education Snorkelling Camp
18 March 2020	Cinefest Oz Masterclass
18-19 March 2020	Criminology Excursion
18 March 2020	Year 7-10 Australian Geography Competition
18 March 2020	P&C AGM 6pm in the school Library
19 March 2020	Year 9-12 Youth Literature Day
19 March 2020	Interschool Cricket
20 March 2020	WADL Debating
20 March 2020	Year 7-8 Young Writers Day
20 March 2020	Lower School Have Sum Fun, after school
23 March 2020	BEST & VASP Applications open
23-24 March 2020	Year 7 GAT Camp
24-25 March 2020	Science and Engineering Challenge
24 March 2020	Interschool Swimming
25 March 2020	Interschool Cricket
27 March 2020	Year 7-8 Little Hoo Ha Excursion
27 March 2020	SW Debating Mini Competitions
27 March 2020	Year 10 Hawaiian Ride for Youth
27 March 2020	Year 11-12 ATAR Perspectives AGWA
31 March 2020	Interhouse Athletics Carnival
1 April 2020	Year 7-12 Between the Lines Literature Festival
2 April 2020	Year 7 Immunisation
3 April 2020	Prefect Event – Bushfire Appeal
3 April 2020	Year 10 GAT & Year 11 ATAR History, Holocaust Museum
6-8 April 2020	SHED Camp
6-9 April 2020	Year 12 Work Placement
7 April 2020	Parent Interviews 1.30-5.30pm
8 April 2020	Year 11 BEST & Year 12 Outdoor Education Surfing
9 April 2020	Whole School ANZAC Assembly
9 April 2020	Students last day of Term 1
10 April 2020	Good Friday – School Holidays Commence
27 April 2020	ANZAC DAY Public Holiday
28 April 2020	Staff Development Day – Student Free Day
29 April 2020	Students Resume