

From the Principal

Congratulations to the Senior School students who have completed their first exams for the year. This is always a time of year that comes with a certain amount of anxiety, particularly for those Year 11 students who are sitting their very first ATAR course exams.

The exams are not an end in themselves and it is important that we take something away apart from the actual result. In the context of the two year program, the mark that students achieve is a percentage of their whole course work and it is not an insurmountable task to overcome a disappointing result.

Students should also learn from the exam itself. They should learn about the effectiveness of their study program, the strategies they use to recall content, time management and how they should 'tackle' an exam. These aspects of the exam process will improve for them each time they enter the exam room.

Prior to the exams, all Year 7 and 9 students sat the 2019 NAPLAN online tests. The process worked well in our school and although there were some issues Nationwide, there was little impact for our students. More specific details are provided below.

As we move into the second half of Term 2, our Country Week teams are in full swing preparing for the event in Week 10. Parents will be receiving information from the school through the Consent2Go program and I urge you all to respond in good time so that the organisers and coaches can be well prepared for the event.

This is also the time of year for enrolment applications for 2020. This includes the selection process for the Specialist BEST and VASP programs. If you are aware of families who live in our intake area, please take the time to alert them to these processes and to contact the school for information on enrolling their child. In the meantime, staff from the school will be visiting the local primary schools to speak with Year 6 students and their teachers about life at Bunbury High.

Finally, our school has entered into the WA Education Awards for the Secondary School of the Year award and two of our teachers, Amelia Carpenter and Inga McQueen have been nominated for Secondary Teacher of the Year. I will keep the school updated on the progress of these nominations. Congratulations to both Amelia and Inga for recognition of their outstanding work in the school.

Craige Pettit, Principal.

Editor's Note:

While he is too modest to focus on his own success, I am very pleased to also announce Craige as a nominee for Principal of the Year in the WA Education Awards. Congratulations!

ADMINISTRATION

Term 3 School Development Days

In addition to the usual School Development Day at the beginning of Term 3 (22 July), there will a School Development Day on Monday 26 August (start of Week 6, Term 3). Students do not attend on either of these days. As a result, there will not be a School Development Day to commence Term 4. Term 4 will begin for students on Monday October 14.

New Payment Option

We now have the facility to make payments using BPay. Future contributions and charges notifications will identify the schools BPay information.

BPay Biller Code: 300355

Customer Reference: student number

BPAY NOTE: If you choose to make a payment from your Credit Card (VISA or MasterCard), you will incur a Cash Advance Fee. To avoid being charged a Cash Advance Fee, please ensure payment is made from one of the listed Debit Account types, not a Credit Card.

LOWER SCHOOL

NAPLAN COMPLETION

I am pleased to report that the recent NAPLAN assessments ran very smoothly for our Year 7 and Year 9 students and, on the whole, we managed to avoid the issues experienced in many other schools throughout Australia. A small number of students experienced connectivity problems during the Writing test, resulting in five students electing to re-sit using pen and paper. Considering that 1400 tests were undertaken in the school during the NAPLAN window, I am confident that the vast majority of students were unaffected and should have their achievement and progress reported accurately in 2019.

While it is likely there will be ongoing discussion about the validity of NAPLAN achievement for comparative purposes across schools this year, the material of most value to teachers will continue to be the diagnostic data they receive about each student. This helps to inform what students 'can and can't do' based on the test results. Armed with this information, our teachers are able to tailor learning activities more accurately to each child's specific needs, particularly in their English and Mathematics classes - something that our school's results show is very effective.

NAPLAN is, of course, also linked to the OLN aspect of the Western Australian Certificate of Education (formerly 'Year 12 Graduation'). To satisfy the OLN requirement, students need to achieve at least Band 8 in NAPLAN for Reading, Writing and Numeracy in Year 9. Should they not reach this level, students are required to undertake the OLN assessments throughout Years 10, 11 and 12, until such time as they achieve Band 8 equivalence.

Information about NAPLAN and OLN is available on the School Curriculum and Standards Authority website. Alternatively, do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss anything further.

Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Reporting Workplace Learning

Workplace Learning reporting closes 14 June. VET students should submit the Logbook for recording the WPL hours accurately on the school reports. In particular, as this is the last report in this format for Year 12, we aim to document the journey.

Good attendance at school, WPL and VET training is also vital to demonstrate responsibility, work ethic and reliability to future employers. Make the most of your report!

Ms Liz Chambers, Work Place Learning Officer

ALL STUDENTS

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Host Families – Japanese Cultural Exchange

Bunbury Senior High School is hosting Japanese high school students on 28 July - 13 August 2019 and we are looking for families within the school community who are willing to give our exchange students a taste of our "Aussie" culture! Hosting gives your family a wonderful opportunity to make an international friendship and integrate a new family member into your daily routine. You will also receive a payment for hosting a student.

If you want to know the secret to hosting, watch the video and hear what a host family had to say: <https://www.facebook.com/goldil.com.au/videos/2420868314896602/>. Please contact Gold Intercultural Learning @goldil.com.au, email at homestay@goldil.com.au or or phone on 08 9444 7687 or if you are interested!

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.bunburyschools.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

Deon is on Long Service Leave for the first six weeks of Term 2. In his absence Paul Reynolds (PC The Arts) is keeping the Breakfast Club going and our support workers will order the food from Foodbank. Many thanks in advance for their help.

Bunbury YouthCARE has 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

Canteen

We would like to appeal any parents or grandparents. If you have any spare time we are in need of volunteers. Usually our volunteers come in between 10am -2pm.

We are happy for a couple of hours if that is all you have to spare. Please contact Debbie or Sharon 9781 2566 7am -2.15

IMPORTANT DATES

11 June 2019	Year 11 Meeting Pd 1
12 June 2019	P & C Meeting 6pm in Library Year 11 OED Canoe Excursion
17 June 2019	Year 12 Meeting Period 5 BEST Testing for 2020
18 June 2019	VASP Testing for 2020 Year 12 OED Orienteering Excursion Year 9 -12 AIME Excursion ATAR Symposium for PAL and Economics Year 11 – Perth
19 June 2019	Careers Excursion Year 11 Students
20 June 2019	Youth Literature Day at BCGS Year 9 -12 WADL Debating Round 4
21 June 2019	Young Writers Day at BSHS Year 7/8 June Archimede Fusillo
24 June 2019	SWHS Netball Cup
25 June 2019	Year 11 Meeting Pd 5
27 June 2019	Music Showcase WADL Debating Makeup round
28 June 2019	Prefect Event – Environmental Awareness – Clean Up Whole School Assembly- Country Week – Period 3
1-5 July 2019	Country Week
1-5 July 2019	Year 11 & 12 Work Place Learning
5 July 2019	Last day of school for Term 2

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

23 July 2019	Students resume
26 July 2019	2020 Enrolments close
26 August 2019	School Development Day – Students do not attend school