

BSHS Newsletter – Term 4 - Issue 11 – 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As a measure of how our school is performing, you cannot get much better than being awarded WA Secondary School of the Year. That's what happened to Bunbury High at a prestigious awards ceremony at the Crown on 28 October.

Although the award is for 2019, it recognises many years of application to our strategic planning and persistence in doing what is in the best interests of our community. It is also an award to the students and their families who have been strong supporters of the school and the staff who have committed themselves to the students they teach and the work they do in all areas of a complex senior high school.

From my perspective, what was presented to the judges was a genuine account of life at this school and not a fabrication of presentations aimed at impressing them. The judges received feedback from parents, teachers, support staff, community members and students. Some of the strongest supporting comments came from students who were not 'hand picked' to impress. The message from the school community was a common message about support, not giving up on people and being courageous with the strategies we implement to engage students in education. I was incredibly proud of Bunbury High when I represented the school at the awards and very appreciative of the opportunity I have had to lead this amazing school.

We are gearing up for the Year 12 Presentation Ceremony on 25 November and once again we are holding this in the Amphitheatre. It was very cold and windy last year and although we hope it to be warm, I encourage anyone attending to ensure they rug up.

I look forward to catching up with parents and family of our Year 12s and wishing them well for their next journey in life.

Craige Pettit, Principal

ADMINISTRATION

Contributions and Charges

As the year draws to a close, the school would appreciate payment of any 2019 contributions and charges that remain unpaid. A final statement was sent last week indicating unpaid items. There are several available payment options :

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

Direct Deposit: BSB: 016560 Ac# 340825826

Credit Card: by phone or in person

Cash payable at Administration

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

Our preferred supplier for Resource List items in 2020 is Office Max, however you may purchase from any supplier you choose.

Sue Gledhill, Manager Corporate Services

Gifted & Talented Program – places in 2021

CHAMPION YOUR CHILD'S TALENT

Apply now for our Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Program at Bunbury SHS! Our academic program challenges, inspires and empowers exceptionally able students to excel every day. If your child is currently in Year 5, you can now apply for Year 7 entry in 2021. If your child is in Years 8, 9 or 10 they can apply for a top up place in 2021.

Find out more and apply at: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/gifted-and-talented>

Applications close 9 February 2020. Testing occurs early March.

Kelly Anderson, Vice Principal

LOWER SCHOOL

GREaT Nursing Program (Get Real Experience and Try Nursing) – Year 10 2020

Have you ever thought about a career in nursing, midwifery or medicine? Would you like to 'try it', through a 5 day work experience program?

The GREaT program is a fantastic opportunity run by the Department of Health. It involves an exciting 5 day work experience program that will provide you with opportunity to work alongside nurses and midwives.

You will:

- Observe nurses and midwives doing their job in a public hospital.
- Rotate through several clinical areas to shadow nurses in critical care and general wards.
- Observe procedures such as bathing newborn babies, applying wound dressings, and setting up intravenous therapy.

What better way to decide if this is the career for you!

There will be a meeting for interested students to find out more about this program and the application process early in 2020. Details of the meeting will be advertised in the daily notices in Week 1 2020.

Applications OPEN Monday 3 February 2020 & CLOSE on Friday 13 March 2020. Applications will remain open for 6 weeks. (No late application will be accepted)

The application link will be available from the [Department of Health Website](#):

Ms Caz Gibbney, VET, Career and Enterprise

COMMUNITY

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

What an amazing day for the Year 7 HASS Market Day. Well done to the staff, students and parents/carers who worked so hard to make the day a great success.

Well done also to our new prefects collecting donations from classes each day for the Salvo's Christmas Appeal. They are fantastic leaders in our school.

I have a few brochures for the upcoming Scripture Union holiday camps in the summer holidays if any students are interested. They can collect information from me in Student Services.

I hope things are going well for you in the lead up to the school holidays and Christmas. Feel free to contact me at the school if I can be a support to you or your child.

Deon Throne, YouthCARE Chaplain

Canteen

We are in need of volunteers. We would like to appeal to any parents or grandparents that may have some spare time to help us out. Usually our volunteers come in between 10am - 2pm, however we are happy for even a couple of hours if that is all you have to spare. Please contact Debbie or Sharon 9781 2566 between 7am - 2.15pm, Monday to Friday.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| 25 November 2019 | Year 12 students Compulsory Rehearsal, 1.30pm Amphitheatre Presentation Night, students arrive by 6pm Presentation Night Ceremony, 6.30-9.30pm |
| 25-29 November 2019 | Year 10 Exams for intending ATAR Pathway students |
| 27 November 2019 | P&C Meeting, 6pm, Library |
| 2-6 December 2019 | Year 8 Activity Week |
| 2-7 December 2019 | Year 10 VASP Camp |
| 3 December 2019 | Year 7 Immunisation |
| 4 December 2019 | Primary Schools Band Tour |
| 5 December 2019 | Board Meeting, 5pm |
| 6 December 2019 | Year 11 ATAR students last day |
| 9 December 2019 | Year 10 ATAR Pathway University visit |
| 10 December 2019 | Year 7 2020 Orientation Day Uniform Shop Open, 8am-10am and 2pm-4pm |
| 11-13 December 2019 | Year 9 BEST Camp |
| 12 December 2019 | Performing Arts Night, 6-8.30pm |
| 16 December 2019 | Whole School Assembly, Period 1 |
| 16 December 2019 | House Leaders Excursion, Period 4&5 |
| 17 December 2019 | Year Assemblies, Period 1-4 |
| 17 December 2019 | Year 8 HASS Medieval Fun Day, Period 5 |
| 19 December 2019 | Students last Day |
| 20 December 2019 | School Development Day - Staff last Day |
| 21 December 2019 | SCHOOL HOLIDAYS |
| 28 January 2020 | Administration Office OPEN |
| 30 January 2020 | Teachers Resume |
| 3 February 2020 | Students Resume |