

## **BSHS Newsletter – Term 4 - Issue 12 – 2018**

### **From the Principal**

This is the last of the 2018 newsletters. A lot has taken place in the school this year and I want to thank all staff and community members who have contributed to making this a very successful year.

From my perspective, success is in regard to the progress we are making in a whole school methodology of teaching, student leadership development, staff leadership, new programs, meeting our targets in the Business Plan, links with the community, student wellbeing and the progress students have made in their respective courses. Our school is having a lot of success as evidenced by the number of people who want to send their children here but are unable to because of the local intake boundaries.

Our Year 12 students attended their final formal event in the school on 26 November. The event was held in the Amphitheatre on what was probably the coldest November night on record. This did detract from the event in some way, however the feedback from parents, students and staff has been generally positive. Thank you to the Year 12 group for their contribution during the year.

The majority of the Year 8 cohort attended a 'retreat' for three days in Week 8. The program had a wellbeing focus and is the beginning of a longer term program that will impact on the entire lower school cohort by the end of 2020. Those students who were unable to attend, participated in similar sessions back at the school. A highlight of the retreat was the community walk on the Friday morning. I want to thank the parents who also attended this walk and gave their support to the whole event. I hope that we can build on this in coming years.

As I put pen to paper, the Year 10 VASP group are attending workshops in Melbourne. This is a fantastic opportunity presented by the Arts learning area and one that I hope encourages those students to continue their work in visual art in future years.

As the year draws to a close I want to wish all students, staff and their families the very best for the festive season and I look forward to your safe return in 2019.

Mr Craige Pettit, Principal

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)**

All parents/carers would, by now, be aware of the BYOD program commencing in 2019. The explanatory BYOD document is always available on the school website under the Administration tab (Policies and Procedures).

To assist with the security of the devices at selected times (such as during PE and some Technologies classes), it is essential that students take up the opportunity to use a school locker. Acquiring a locker is a simple process, but it does require students to bring a secure lock – luggage locks and similar are not suitable. Lockers will be arranged in the first day or two of the 2019 school year.

If you have any questions regarding BYOD, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

### **Financial Information 2019**

The 2019 Financial and General Information for Parents and the 2019 Resource Lists are now available on the school website (click on links below). Hard copies are available from the front administration if required.

The [2019 Financial and General Information for Parents](#) 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.

**NOTE:** *Students studying Bunbury Elite Sports Training (BEST) and Visual Arts Specialist Program (VASP) are required to pay the compulsory charge for courses prior to commencement of the course on 4 February 2019.*

Itemised invoices will be provided in Term 1 once subject selections have been finalised. In the meantime, we encourage early payment and accept various forms of payment detailed below.

The **2019 Student Resource Lists:** [Lower School](#) or [Senior School](#) for student use detail requirements for each course. Whilst these items can be purchased from any supplier, Bunbury SHS has chosen Office Max as preferred supplier of our 2019 student resource lists. We recommend you use their online ordering system on their website at [www.OfficeMaxSchools.com.au](http://www.OfficeMaxSchools.com.au). Your school access key is **W6FK2F**.

**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.

**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**

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 alternative payment options or set up a payment plan, please contact the Accounts Officer on 9781 2500.

Mrs Sue Gledhill, Manager Corporate Services

**Arrangement of the School day in 2019**

In 2019 we will be starting the day without Home Room. All students will commence in their Period 1 classes at 8.40am. There will be two minutes added to each teaching lesson and the day will conclude at 3.00pm, as it does now. There will no change to bus times.

In the new arrangement there is no 'buffer' created by Home Room. Therefore, I encourage all families to consider whether changes to current routines will be necessary to ensure that students

are here and work-ready for the start of each day. Please contact me if you are uncertain about any aspect of this change.

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vice Principal

## **SENIOR SCHOOL**

### **Year 11 and 12 ATAR Examinations 2019**

Year 11 and 12 students will sit their Semester 1 examinations during Week 5 and (part of) Week 6, Term 2 in 2019. The examination period crosses over the June (Western Australia Day) long weekend, which is likely to be an important time for study. Families with students in the ATAR program are encouraged to consider this if making plans for the long weekend.

Mr Ian Lockhart, Vic Principal

## **SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

### **Getting to School in 2019**

Want to avoid the hassle of traffic jams, can't find a park and really don't have the time to take the kids to and from school? TransBunbury has an extensive network of school special services using fully accessible air conditioned buses that can do the work for you. They operate to / from Leschenault, Australind, Eaton, Bunbury, Dalzellup and Gelorup.

To find out how please have a look at the School Special Timetable guide at [www.transregional.wa.gov.au](http://www.transregional.wa.gov.au) . Once you find your timetable, simply open it up and all the information you need will be there or simply call the info line on 13 62 13.

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/](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**

Many thanks to the students, staff and parents who have given items to our collection for the Salvo's Christmas Appeal. I will hand over the items to the Bunbury Salvation Army on the last day of term.

As Christmas time draws closer and life gets busier, I hope you can all share in the joy of blessing others at this time of year.

Mr Deon Throne, Chaplain

## IMPORTANT DATES

1 -8 December 2018	Year 10 VASP Melbourne Trip
10 December 2018	Whole School Assembly, Amphitheatre, Period 2
11 December 2018	Final Year Assemblies, Year 7-10, Period 1-4
13 December 2018	Students Last Day
14 December 2018	Staff Last Day

### **Christmas School Holidays**

28 January 2019	Australia Day Public Holiday
29 January 2019	School Administration Resume
31 January 2019	Teaching Staff Resume
31 January 2019	Uniform Shop Open, 9am – 4pm
1 February 2019	Uniform Shop Open, 9am – 12pm
4 February 2019	Students Resume