

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Leading up to the end of the school year there has been a lot of activity outside the classroom. The VASP students visit to Melbourne, the Year 9 and 10 BEST Camps, Year 10 University Excursion, the Performing Arts Showcase, Year 8 Wellbeing program, Interactive Media Event, Hackathon at Maker+Co and I apologise if I have missed any others. Congratulations to all students who have been a part of any of these and thank you to all staff who have made them a successful learning experience for students.

As we move into the final week of this 2019 school year we are also coming to the end of the 2017 to 2019 School Business Plan. Evaluation of this plan has been ongoing and it is informing the 2020 to 2022 plan, which I expect will be made public some time in Term 1 next year. Input has been received from the staff, students and the school board over a six month period. The areas of focus for us are;

- Quality teaching and learning,
- Skills for lifelong learning,
- Numeracy,
- The physical environment,
- Wellbeing, and
- Sustainability

This is a significant change from the current plan because there is a much broader perspective on the role the school plays in the education of young people. The plan recognises the importance of wellbeing and the impact our school can have on our environment. It is these holistic aspects of learning that have seen our school recognised as the 2019 WA Secondary School of the Year.

During the last week of school there will be one whole school assembly and one assembly for each Year Group 7, 8, 9 and 10. These assemblies will be devoted to recognising those who have achieved outstanding results in a range of areas in the school including attendance. Congratulations to all those students who receive awards.

Finally, I would like to wish all students, staff and their families the very best for the festive season. I look forward to your safe return in 2020.

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.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/](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 am sure our students and staff are looking forward to having a break in the summer holidays after a busy end of term. I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year. If you are traveling I pray you

get to and from your destination safely and that you have an enjoyable time with family and/or friends over the festive season. I trust 2020 will be a wonderful year for you.

Deon Throne, YouthCARE Chaplain

### **Canteen**

Thank you so much to all our wonderful volunteers who have helped us out throughout the school year, we are so very grateful for the time you give to us, we wish you and your families a very safe and happy holidays, we look forward to seeing you next year along with some new faces who have already contacted me for 2020.

Debbie, Sharon and Louise

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

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