

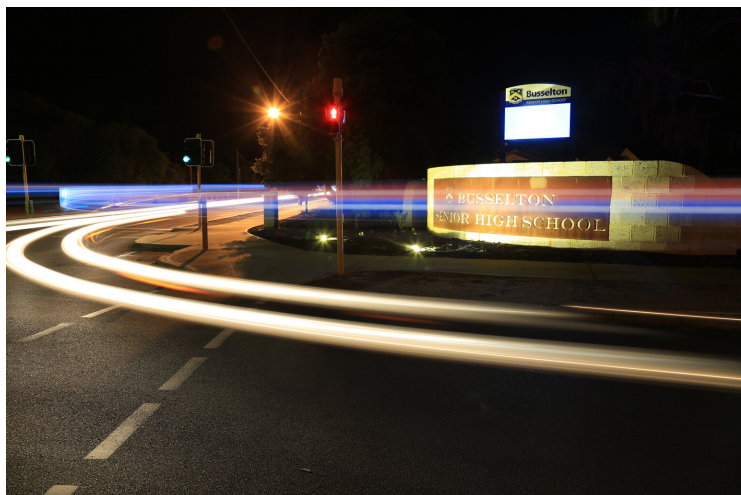


BUSSELTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

R.E.A.L

May 2020





Principals

Address

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

As school and classroom learning is now back approaching normal, it has been evident to me that Busselton Senior High School is a strong community with a legacy of triumph over difficult times. The current situation has been particularly challenging as we have chartered our way through unknown territories.

Our aim has always been to work through this together and provide a safe and calm environment for all our students and staff. Staff at Busselton Senior High School deeply considered a variety of perspectives prior to the end of Term 1. Our staff committed their energies to adapting our pedagogy to online forums, and developed learning packs in readiness for the change of education delivery. I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to all staff at Busselton Senior High School for their efforts to ensure that our students learning continued. The support they have shown each other through the 2020 school year has been unprecedented, and I am privileged to lead this staff body.

It is great to see restrictions slowly lifting and I am enjoying seeing the extras that our school

provides emerging - band practice, art activities and sport (albeit in a modified form).

Our natural desire to be social and enjoy each other's company face-to-face has been evident in our students joy as they returned to school over the last few weeks. The buzz and happiness of the conversations and interactions around the campus in the breaks and in classrooms was infectious and actively commented on by staff and students.

I'd like to personally thank our parent body and for their thoughtful and wise way they have responded to the Government requirements. Equally I would like to thank our students for their resilience in this ever changing environment.

As we continue to negotiate this social re-emergence, I look forward to parents returning to campus. In the meantime, while we wait for this to be relaxed, I feel a strong sense of community in the way parents and families are supporting each other at Busselton Senior High School. I encourage you to keep on actively caring for each other as we continue the journey together.

Kind regards

Dainon Couzic
Principal





P & C Update

2020 has certainly seen an unprecedented turn of events and like so many other P & C's around WA, our meetings, Annual General Meeting and other general business events were put on hold until Covid-19 restrictions were relaxed.

During this time our main focus has been on trying to keep the canteen open and running. We are very happy to say that we were able to achieve this through the efforts of our wonderful team. Keeping the canteen going couldn't have happened without them. So, we would like to extend a very big thank you to our canteen staff Deb and Julie, Alli Edwards in school administration and Magda Brennan. We really appreciate you all.

We also have a new winter menu. Have a look at the school's Facebook page or website for the scrumptious winter foods available, and also details on how to order online.

On behalf of the P & C, we would also like to say thank you to all the teachers, education assistants, administration staff, cleaners and gardener for the many hours of work to put in place procedures to keep our children safe, protected and engaged in their education, whether at home or at school during the Covid-19 pandemic. As parents we can take comfort in knowing that our children are cared for by you all.

Our next general meeting is Monday 15th of June at 7:30 in the school's staff room. Come along and join us. We would love to see some new faces.

Kind regards

Lisa Checker
BSHS P & C Vice President

School Board

Introducing one of our new board members, Samantha Mansfield.

I was born and raised in Perth however I have lived in Busselton for past 18 years, having moved here at the beginning of 2002 with my husband for his work.

We have two children, aged 12 and 15, who attend Busselton Senior High School (BSHS) in year 7 and year 10, after completing their primary school years at the wonderful Geographe Primary School.

In 2002, having completed my nursing degree earlier in my career, I completed my Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery through Curtin University, and became a Midwife. Midwifery is not just my job, it is my passion and I absolutely love it! I am a self-employed Midwife in Private Practice, providing family-centred continuity of care for clients throughout many towns in the South West. I provide Midwifery care in client's homes as well as local hospitals in Busselton and Bunbury.

I really value being a member of the Busselton community and love living here with my family in the South West. It also helps that our region is filled with my other loves in life – amazing beaches, great produce, and coffee!

I enjoy being an active volunteer in the Busselton community and giving back a little to our town. I value community engagement and have held numerous volunteer roles including team captain for a large Aid station for the Busselton Ironman event for 10 years, working in the Geographe Primary School uniform shop, committee member for numerous school fundraisers, team manager for my children's sporting teams and am a current member of the Busselton District Junior Football Association



committee.

As a new parent representative on the BSHS board, I hope to bring a fresh perspective and I really look forward to being more involved. I am interested in learning more about how our school operates, plans and implements change and best practice for our kid's education. And just as importantly, the way in which BSHS nurtures and encourages students to achieve their maximum potential and follow their dreams.

I am looking forward to the new commitment and role and have already learnt so much about our school through the board meetings I have attended so far in person and via Zoom. I have, in particular, been incredibly impressed with how BSHS staff have, and continue to adapt and handle the ever-changing and challenging situation demanded by the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. What a massive task they've all had during this time, so I acknowledge and respect them all of their efforts.

What an interesting time to join a school board!



Respect
Empathy
Achieve
Learn

Busselton SHS

Gets R.E.A.L

Busselton Senior High School's R.E.A.L values are the cornerstone strategy in strengthening student culture within our school. The strategy is formed upon four foundational value of Respect, Empathy, Achieve and Learn.

With this in mind we would like to remind parents, caregivers and students of the following.

Uniform

Uniform is compulsory at Busselton Senior High School. Dress codes are tangible evidence of the standards expected of students and play an important role in promoting positive images of schools. A school's dress code supports all students to participate fully in school life.



The BSHS uniform policy helps create a sense of identity and a school culture in which every students experiences a sense of belonging.

The school has a uniform policy that applies at all times. Students and parents/caregivers are responsible for knowing and supporting the Uniform Policy and all garments worn to school must be purchased from our uniform shop Uniform Concepts.

Wearing a uniform:

- Ensures the safety of all students through easy identification
- Promotes a positive school image
- Engenders a sense of school pride
- Encourages equity amongst students; and
- Prepares students for the workplace

Acceptable uniform:

- School polo shirt with logo (sports polo for Physical Education lessons)
- Navy blue pants, shorts or skirt (acceptable length)
- Navy Blue School issued jacket
- Enclosed shoes, sandals with a strap

Unacceptable uniform:

- Polo shirts with non school logo, t-shirts, tank tops, long sleeved non school coloured tops
- Denim jeans or jeggings, striped shorts or pants, board shorts, black leggings/tights without a skirt or shorts over the top
- Non school coloured or logo'ed jackets
- No thongs, ugg boots or slippers
- Hats or Beanies in the classroom

We ask for your support in ensuring students are in the correct uniform.

The full uniform policy can be viewed at <http://www.busseltonshs.wa.edu.au/uniform> along with details of our uniform shop Uniform Concepts.

Behaviour Management

Students must uphold and rise to meet our R.E.A.L expectations (Respect, Empathy, Achieve and Learn). By doing this, it will ensure that every student at Busselton Senior High School can learn and feel safe and secure in our great learning environment. Failure to live up to these expectations prevents your child from learning and can have negative outcomes for future job prospects. The school has clear guidelines and expectations concerning the behaviour of students. While the school is proactive in our intervention and prevention strategies, it is important to emphasise that fighting, bullying, verbal abuse and harassment of others is completely unacceptable at Busselton Senior High School.

All staff will endeavour to help students make correct choices about their behaviour and assist them in improving. We ask parents/caregivers to support and work with the school when behaviour management issues arise.

Attendance

As stated by the state government on the 14th May. Students must attend school unless they are medically compromised. Students have had some educational disruption through the Covid19 pandemic, and as such it is now more important than ever that students attend school. The research is clear: low attendance rates equal a decline in academic achievement. The effects of absence accumulate over time; in other words, low attendance rates in Year 7 will not only effect achievement in the current year but in subsequent years. It also sets up a pattern of attendance for future work life.

Mobile Phones

In line with Education Department policy:

- Busselton Senior High School does not allow mobile phones to be accessed by students at any time while they are at the School. These devices are banned for all students from the time they arrive, until the conclusion of the school day. Mobile phones are to be, "off and away all day".
- Students should be discouraged from bringing their mobile phones to school, however, if a parent provides their child with a mobile device for safety reasons, they must ensure that the phone is not to be accessed over the school day.
- Students will have an opportunity to hand their phones in at Student Services on arrival at school and retrieve them as they leave at the end of the day.
- Phones will be secured in a phone locker for the duration of the day.
- Students who choose not to take up this opportunity are solely responsible for the security of their phone and accept the risks associated with them being stolen and/or damaged.
- The consequences for any student found recording, distributing or uploading inappropriate images or videos of students, parents or staff on school premises is **SUSPENSION**.

If a student is found to be using their mobile phone contrary to the above, their phone is to be confiscated and deposited at student services.



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