



BUSSETON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

# R.E.A.L

*March 2021*

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2021 School Captains Damien Farrell and Emma Wylie



# Principals Address

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

What an interesting start 2021 has been for our school year! As most of you will know by now, I am currently acting in the position of Principal at Busselton Senior High School. I certainly did not expect my time as Acting Principal to begin the way it did, but once again our school has shown its ability to move with the times, and I feel privileged to be a part of such a flexible and supportive school, and wider community. I would like to take this moment to sincerely thank our students, parents, teachers and the wider school community for their ongoing resilience and adaptability during these ongoing and unpredictable global events. The delayed start to the year has meant we have hit the ground running, and our transition into the new year has already been full of learning and achievements. 2020 was a year like no other but it also showed us that we are living in one of the best places in the world, and in 2021, this still rings true. I come to work every day grateful to be living and working in a community that highly values and celebrates education. I look forward to a brighter year for us all, and hope to see you at school events during the year. Please enjoy the first issue of REAL for 2021 to get a glimpse of what is happening around Busselton Senior High School.

Kind Regards,

David Gault  
Acting Principal



L-R Mr Colin Sheffield- Yr 9/10 Associate Principal, Miss Kellie Lewandowski- Acting Yr 7/8 Associate Principal, Mr David Gault- Acting Principal, Ms Mandy Carey- Acting Yr 11/12 Associate Principal



# 2020 Results

2020 was an outstanding year for BSHS. Students excelled in so many fields it is impossible to list them all. Last year our Year 12's achieved a 99% graduation rate and a 95% attainment rate, this means that almost every student who left our school completed a Certificate II (or higher) or achieved an ATAR score to get them into university. This is something that needs to be celebrated and communicated to your friends and family.

## Year 7's 2021

While the Year 7 students had to wait an extra week before beginning their high school journey, they have quickly become an important part of the school already. Their smooth transition into high school is proof of their resilience and enthusiasm. Thank you to all Year 7 parents and the Primary Schools for their support in their student's next schooling chapter. Miss Kellie Lewandowski is Acting Associate Principal Year 7/8 for Term 1 and has done a fantastic job introducing the new Year 7's to high school. The school hosted a Meet and Greet BBQ for all Year 7 families where students and parents were able to meet staff, have a chat and ask questions. The Year 7's attended Forest Adventures for the Building Positive Relationships Day which was full of teambuilding activities including high rope climbing and flying foxes. The students got to know their fellow Year 7's a little better amongst the majestic trees of the Ludlow Tuart Forest. What a great start to high school!





# VET Induction

The BSHS VET Induction was held in Week 2 to outline expectations of VET students from both a school and employer perspective. Bret Jeffery, Operations Manager of Quattro Project Engineering and Tim Meikel, Manager at the Goose Café Restaurant, both addressed the students. Three ex-students spoke about their achievements since graduating from VET programs at BSHS. Business Studies graduate Barbara Featherstone (2014), Recreation graduate Keeley Milner (2015) and MIS student Ethan Milne (2019), all gave honest and open accounts of both their time at school, and their pathways since leaving school. Each speaker gave advice, with a common theme being around the need to make the most of opportunities presented and to work to the best of your ability at all times. To conclude the day, Yr 11 students attended sessions on OHS, workplace harassment and workplace standards. Suzanne Mikolics (Piacentini & Sons), Elaine Obrien (BSHS) and Viv Barton (School Nurse), all gave informative sessions and should be thanked for their contribution to a very successful day. Visiting presenters were very impressed with the attentiveness and engagement of the students, as were program Coordinators. The Induction Day set the scene for a positive year ahead!





# Beach Carnival

On the 26th February 2021, Busselton Senior High School's annual Beach Carnival was held at Meelup Beach with over 500 students in attendance. This day gives students the opportunity to participate in a range of exciting beach activities, building upon the school's vibrant and positive school culture. All year levels joined in together, demonstrating team work and school pride throughout the day. All students should feel extremely proud of their contribution to such a sensational day! A huge thank you to Mr Mike Gray and all staff for their efforts in organising and managing the day. Well done to Vasse who took out the day's honours!





# REAL Expectations

Students must uphold and rise to meet our REAL expectations (Respect, Empathy, Achieve and Learn). By doing this, it will ensure that every student at Busselton Senior High School can learn, 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 to support and work with the school when behaviour management issues arise.

## Uniform Policy

Students must wear the school uniform with pride and follow the school dress policy which is mandatory. This may not seem like a big deal; however, wearing the school uniform creates an identity for the school. It shows they are a part of an organisation and sends the message to the community that 'we are all in this together'. It gives students a sense of belonging and prepares them for the workforce. Most importantly, a uniform means students don't have to worry about peer pressure; when everyone is dressed the same worrying about what you're wearing isn't that important.

## Mobile Phone Policy

**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**.

## Attendance

Students must attend school. The research is clear: low attendance rates equal a decline in academic achievement. Ten days in a semester will put your child at risk. The effects of absence also 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.



# From the Library

## LIBRARY BORROWING GUIDELINES

- ✦ All books are borrowed for an initial 3 week period
- ✦ Students may renew their books once for a further period of 2 weeks if they have not finished reading their book
- ✦ Returns can be made before school or during break 1 & 2
- ✦ If you need a reminder, the due date is stamped at the back of all books
- ✦ Any overdue notices will be sent via email to your student account & your name will appear on Student Notices, it remains a student responsibility to return books on time
- ✦ Borrowing is not permitted whilst a student has an overdue book/s
- ✦ Parents are notified by SMS at the end of the term if returns remain outstanding. Returns can still be made on first day of the next term
- ✦ Parents may be invoiced due to non return or damage after this period

YOU CAN FIND MAGIC WHEREVER YOU LOOK  
SIT BACK AND RELAX, ALL YOU NEED IS A BOOK!  
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# Multi-Tier System of Supports

Busselton Senior High School prides itself on the multi-tier system of supports (MTSS) it has in place. A MTSS is a systematic, continuous improvement framework that focuses on the positive educational experiences and outcomes of all students. MTSS is a way of thinking and doing that utilises high-impact, evidence-based pedagogical (teaching) practices to ensure every student receives the appropriate level of support, instruction and adjustments to be successful. MTSS works hand in hand with a Student Support Services Team who are dedicated to the betterment of students at our school. This system of support ensures that Busselton Senior High School can tailor programs to meet the academic, emotional and behavioural needs of all students.

Busselton Senior High School has three teams who work in specific areas of MTSS.

## Mental Health and Wellbeing

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Team's purpose is to implement multi-tiered strategies to support and encourage mental health outcomes in the whole school community in a safe and supportive environment. BSHS Mental Health and Wellbeing Team aligns with Act Belong Commit guidelines to promote mental wellbeing and create a stronger, more resilient school community.

## Professional Learning Community (PLC)

The Professional Learning Community Leadership Team's purpose is to drive whole school improvement in teaching and learning. This team aims to study and implement the most effective instruction strategies so that we can improve academic outcomes for all BSHS students.

## Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)

Positive Behaviour Support is an operational framework utilised by teachers that aims to improve student academic and behaviour outcomes by ensuring all students have access to the most effective and accurately implemented instructional and behavioural practices and interventions possible. PBS builds on existing strengths, complementing and organising innovative programming and strategies.





# Term 1 2021





## Busselton Senior High School

# PARENT NOMINATION FOR SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board plays an important role in BSHS and is focused on school programs and the needs of students. The board plays an important role in establishing the directions of the school, endorsing the school budget and evaluating school performance. The board is a vital link to promoting the school within the community.

**There is currently a vacancy for ONE Parent Representative on the School Board.**

Parent representatives are appointed for a THREE Year Term.

Meetings of School Board are held twice per term on a Monday evening. Other meetings are called from time to time.

Any parent interested in nominating for the available position is asked to complete a brief written statement (no more than one page) outlining relevant knowledge, skills and attributes you will bring to the School Board. Please include full name and contact details.

Please email submissions to  
[elizabeth.huxtable@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:elizabeth.huxtable@education.wa.edu.au)  
by close of business on Monday 15th March 2021.  
If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to  
contact the school on 9751 8900.



## BUSSELTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 2021 CALENDAR

Key:	Holidays:	Long Weekends:	PD Days:	Interruption Free Week	Country Week:
	Scheduled Meeting Day	Teachwell			

TERM 1 WEEK	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26 Australia Day	27	28 Staff Resume	29	30	31
1	1 Feb Students Resume	2	3	4 VET Induction	5	6	7
2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4	22 School Photos GSM	23 11 Bio / 12 Geo Camp	24 11 Bio / 12 Geo Camp	25	26 Beach Carnival	27	28
5	1 Labour Day	2 OLNA W	3 OLNA W RAC Presentation Yr 10s Yr 11 Geog Ex	4 OLNA W	5 OLNA	6	7
6	8 OLNA	9 OLNA	10 OLNA Yr 7 Immunisation	11 OLNA	12 OLNA	13	14
7	15 OLNA	16 OLNA	17 OLNA	18 OLNA SD Plan Check-In	19 OLNA	20 BSHS School Ball	21
8	22 OLNA Progress Reports emailed out	23 OLNA	24 OLNA	25 OLNA	26 OLNA	27	28
9	29 Inter-house Aths	30	31 Parent Night World of Maths	1 April	2 Good Friday	3	4
10	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

## COVID-19

As a school, Busselton Senior High School are acting on the advice of the Department of Education and the WA Health Department. All classrooms have hand sanitiser available for students and staff, and extra cleaning throughout the school is being done on a daily basis. If there are any changes to the Department of Education's COVID-10 operating guidelines, the school will advise parents and caregivers.





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