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Principals Address

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

As we come to the close of our first term for 2021, I look back on the last eight weeks with great pride for what Busselton Senior High School and its wider community consistently works towards. Collectively, we strive to ensure that our students are able to learn and grow in a rapidly changing and evolving world. Whilst the start of the term was delayed, we have certainly hit the ground running with busy classrooms, engagement programs, school events, and staff professional learning. Navigating through this term has been busy as we have condensed curriculum into only eight weeks. I commend all staff and students for their hard work in achieving this. Our purpose at Busselton Senior High School is to always provide our students with high quality learning and support, fostered through excellent teaching, academic and vocational opportunity, and high quality pastoral care. Term 1 of this year has been no different, and I am honoured to be leading this school in achieving its vision.

The annual School Ball, International Women's Day, Parent/Teacher Night and the Inter-house Athletics Carnival are just some of the standout moments of the past few weeks, and invaluable to our school culture. I thank all involved in these events for their hard work in putting these on, it truly does take a 'village approach' to ensure that we achieve our goals. Acknowledging and celebrating important dates and milestones is a fundamental part of school life at Busselton Senior High School, and each one contributes to our positive school culture.

I hope you enjoy a safe and restful Term 1 holiday break, and have a very happy Easter with family and friends. The students return for Term 2 on Tuesday 20th April (Monday is a Pupil Free Day).

Kind Regards,

David Gault
Acting Principal



School Ball

The Year 12 Ball was held on Saturday, 20th March at the Busselton Golf Club and what a night it was! The arrivals of students were spectacular- vintage cars, stretch limousines and even a fire engine. Every single student looked phenomenal, and staff couldn't stop delighting in all the fabulous outfits. The 'White and Gold' themed night was filled with fabulous music, dancing, laughter, and delicious food. All students represented the school and themselves with pride, and should congratulate themselves on their great attitudes all night long. The night was a highlight of the Busselton Senior High Term 1 calendar and the memories for Year 12's will last a lifetime. Thank you to Ms Brandt and her team for their countless hours of organising to ensure students enjoyed their night to the fullest. Thanks also to all the staff who attended and assisted in an outstanding evening.

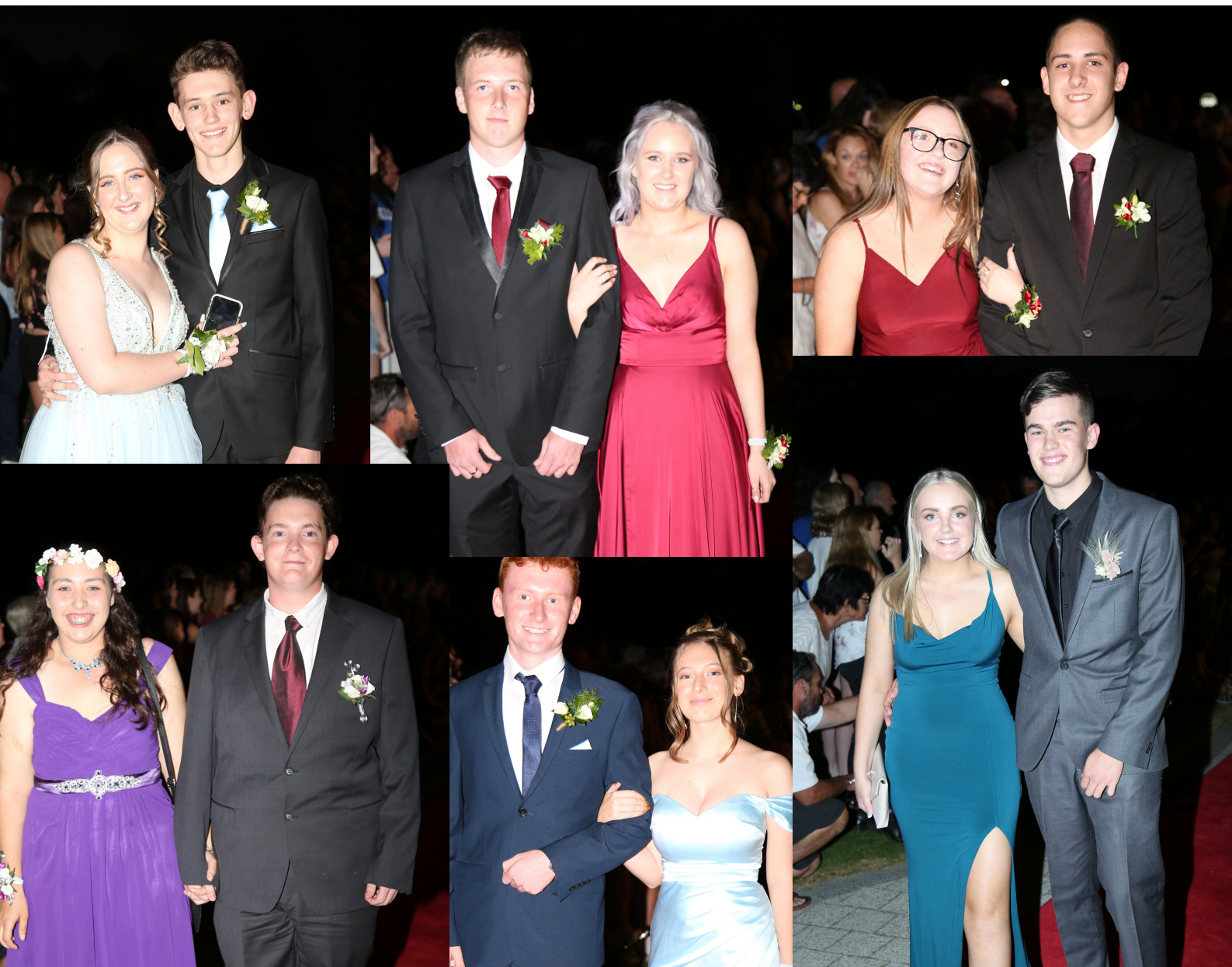
Belle of the Ball - Georgia Marshall Beau of the Ball - Jacob Banks

Best Arrival - Celia Whiteside, Sophie Bradley, Hayley Batterbee

Best Dressed - Naledi Jonas, Drew Morgan

Queen of the Dance Floor - Jordy Mills, King of the Dance Floor - Jack Barnes-Young

Cutest couple - Lucy Griffin and Darcy Foord



School Ball



Interhouse Athletics

In Week 9, BSHS held its Inter-house Athletics Carnival and what an amazing time was had! The sun was blazing down but everyone's participation was phenomenal. Well done to all students for your fantastic enthusiasm and energy. There are some amazing sports stars within our school. Thank you to all staff who made the day happen. And CONGRATULATIONS to Geographe for winning the day!



International Women's Day

Busselton Senior High School celebrated International Women's Day with a staff vs student netball game and a high tea for female identifying staff. The school was proud to join in on the global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. There are so many incredible women working at BSHS, and the day was about recognising them. Donations were collected for Dress for Success charity which empowers women to achieve economic independence.

"We can all choose to challenge and call out gender bias and inequality. We can all choose to seek out and celebrate women's achievements. Collectively, we can all help to create an inclusive world. From challenge comes change, so let's all choose to challenge," International Women's Day website.

Several staff members also attended an International Women's Day breakfast hosted by Zonta Club of Dunsborough. Guests had the honour of hearing Dr Carol Kaplanian give the keynote speech. Carol shared her experience as a migrant woman to Australia, and spoke about her vital work in trauma and torture. It was a privilege to hear her story and understand the power in women using their voices



Waalitj Kaaditjin

Busselton SHS Waalitj Kaaditjin students were invited to the unveiling of a new statue at Yallingup Lagoon. The statue of Korrienne Gnwirri looks out to Koranup, meeting place of the spirits where people have passed, whilst braiding shells into her hair. The Wadandi Songline speaks of families meeting to gather seafood at this area. The younger women braided some of the shells and small flowers found, into their hair for decoration. The Waalitj Kaaditjin students created some of the art work on the path leading up to the statue. This was a memorable and special event for everyone involved.



National Day of Action Against Bullying

In Week 7, Busselton Senior High School hosted a BBQ and wacky sock competition for National Day of Action Against Bullying. The Z Club and Mental Health and Well-being Team organised the event which highlights a stand together against bullying and violence. Students and staff alike enjoyed a sausage and checking out all the different socks! Important conversations about the impact of bullying were also overheard. Thank you to everyone who showed up to #TakeActionTogether.



Synergy Solar Car

Earlier this term Busselton SHS students entered the first round of competition for the Solar Car Challenge run by Synergy. The competition was held at Newton Moore SHS. Students had 45 minutes to build and test a solar car ready for the races. BSHS students worked exceptionally well as a team, and even managed 2nd place after the wheels fell off their car during one of the heats! They then qualified for the next round of competition in Perth. Whilst they came 7th in the finals, they all worked so well together as a team, and had lots of fun! Congratulations!



Act Belong Commit

Busselton Senior High School is committed to the health and well-being of our students. We have partnered with the initiative of Act-Belong-Commit, which have the guidelines for promoting positive mental health by providing a simple approach everyone can adopt to become more mentally healthy.

The Mentally Healthy Schools Program provides a framework to embed Act-Belong-Commit within the classroom, school environment and whole school community, to boost the mental health and well-being of students and staff and prevent the onset of mental health problems.

The program aims to:

- Encourage young students to adopt mentally healthy behaviours early in life
- Build resiliency so they can cope better with problems and stress
- Reduce stigma around mental illness and increase openness about discussing mental health
- Build the capacity of school staff to create mentally healthy school environments
- Foster partnerships between schools and their communities.

This year we have been highlighting staff and students who are committed to ensuring BSHS is a Mentally Healthy School. Check out their #actbelongcommit videos on Facebook!



BSHS Explicit Instruction Strategies Success

As part of the PLC Leadership Team's purpose to drive whole school improvement in teaching and learning, 13 members of the team took part in a 16 week masterclass in Explicit Instruction Strategies through the Teach Well program. We wanted to study and implement the most effective instruction strategies so we could improve academic outcomes for all BSHS students. Our learning included:

- The research behind the highest-impact teaching strategies
- Maximising student engagement and accountability
- Strategically reviewing students' prior knowledge
- Improving student literacy
- Best-practice concept and skill development strategies
- Evidence-based lesson and learning program development
- Best-practice review and feedback strategies

Each teacher chose one class to focus on, and we collected baseline academic data and student surveys. We completed the work and practice over the five sessions before collecting post-course academic data and surveys again. Each focus class was compared to a parallel group who were taught as normal, so we could analyse any impacts the techniques had.



Over the 16 weeks of the Masterclass Series:

- 93% of focus classes saw an average improvement in academic measures.
- Comparison groups had an average improvement of 2.5%.
- Focus classes had an average improvement of 4.8%.

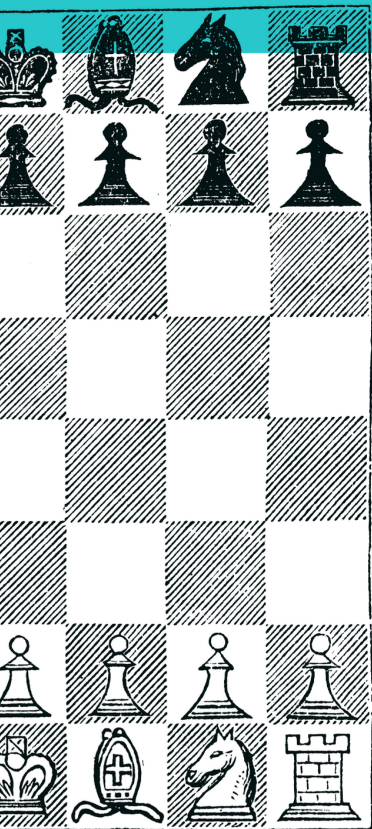
Of the teachers who completed the Masterclass Series:

- 50% thought that student behaviour had improved
- 92% thought that student behaviour had improved or stayed the same
- 92% of teachers would recommend the Masterclass to other teachers committed to improving the academic outcomes of their students.

We were incredibly proud of the achievements we had helped our students to make in just 16 weeks by using these strategies. Our team members are choosing another focus class for 2021 and we're looking forward to helping our students achieve even more over the course of a whole year. We are building up a bank of resources that other teachers will be able to use, and there are 13 more BSHS teachers who are taking the Masterclass this year so we're so excited that these high-impact techniques will become more widespread practice throughout the school.



From the Library



**CHESS
CLUB**

ONGOING

MONDAYS
&
& FRIDAY
BREAK 2
IN THE LIBRARY

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.
STUDENTS & STAFF ARE WELCOME!
SIGN UP TODAY!



Welcome to
**ready
readers
club**

*Good Books +
Morning Tea*

PERFECT TOGETHER



Sign up and read up to 6 fiction books from the library collection

At the completion of each book you will receive a stamp on your Ready Readers Club bookmark

Starts Week 1 and runs through until the end of Week 10

The 4 top readers will receive an invitation to a special morning tea in Week 11

Non-fiction, easy readers, picture books & graphic novels are not included

P & C Call out

The 2021 P & C would like to invite new faces to the committee! It's a great way to get involved with your child's school and keep up to date with what's happening around the school and canteen.

It's only \$1 to join!

**Contact Lisa for more info
pandc.busselton@gmail.com**

The P & C will be hosting a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at Busselton Bunnings on Saturday, 26th June 2021. All funds raised will go towards facilities and equipment in the Student Hub, benefiting all BSHS students. The P & C requires parents to volunteer at the Sausage Sizzle. Please email Lisa to register your interest pandc.busselton@gmail.com

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.

Term 1 2021 Photos



BUSSELTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 2021 CALENDAR

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

TERM 2 WEEK	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	19 Staff Resume	20	21	22 11 REC Camp	23 11 REC Camp ANZAC Ceremony P4	24	25 ANZAC Day
2	26 ANZAC Day	27 10 Camp	28 10 Camp Pay it Forward Day	29 10 Camp	30 10 Camp	1	2
3	3 Yr 12 Rec Camp Yr 9 Fieldwork EX	4 Yr 12 Rec Camp	5 Yr 12 Rec Camp Inter-School Aths Yr 6 Parent Night	6 SD Plan Check-In	7	8	9
4	10	11 NAPLAN	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN	14 NAPLAN Yr Writers and Reader Fest	15	16
5	17 SS Exams NAPLAN IDAHOBIT Day	18 SS Exams GSM NAPLAN	19 SS Exams NAPLAN	20 SS Exams NAPLAN	21 SS Exams NAPLAN	22	23
6	24 SS Exams	25 Yr 6 Transition	26 Yr 6 Transition Parent Night (8/9/12)	27 Yr 6 Transition	28	29	30
7	31	1 June	2	3 SD Plan Check-In	4 World Environment Day	5	6
8	7 June WA Day	8	9	10 SD PD	11 11/12 reports locked	12	13
9	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10	21 7/8 reports locked Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	22 9/10 reports locked Yr 11 Holocaust Ex Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	23 Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	24 Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	25 Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	26	27
11	28 Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	29 Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	30 Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	1 July REAL Activities (7 – 10) Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	2 Yr 11/12 - KO/B&C WPL	3	4
	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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