

BUSSELTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL R.E.A.L



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Principals Address



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our term began very smoothly with all staff and students returning after a well-deserved break.

The initial focus was on our Year 12 students, who were impressive right to the end, culminating with their dress up day, breakfast, whole school farewell and finally into the formal ceremony. The care and commitment from staff, listening to the various speeches and the way the graduating students conducted themselves, was an inspiring example to all of our students.

The message that should flow down to our students in Year 7-11, is not once, in any of the speeches from staff or students, did I hear of anyone taking an easy option or shortcut to achieve their goal. Successful education is a partnership between staff, students and parents and caregivers. Too often in lower school is it more common to hear and see avoidance, rather than see the courage to challenge ourselves to seek support or try a little harder.

Outside of our high expectations around student achievement, our intent at Busselton Senior High School is to also enable and develop conscience citizens who are equipped with the academic and social skills needed for a successful transition to their chosen pathway. With this in mind, the graduating class are well positioned for the next step of their chosen journey and we wish them well for an exciting future. For those continuing on with the WACE exams, we wish you every success knowing the work that has been completed to date and share the anticipation of the final results, knowing that Finis Coronat Opus will ring true.

It was timely that on the 29 October we celebrated World Teacher Day, recognising the important role teachers play in shaping the aspirations of our young people. Teachers have always been valued for their important educational role; but with the impacts of COVID and changes to our functions, there is now a far greater appreciation for the important role they play in promoting students' social and emotional well-being as well. It is with pride that I acknowledge the commitment and efforts of all staff at Busselton SHS, particularly their capacity to model our R.E.A.L values to our students.

During this term I have also been busy meeting our new and returning parents and students. It has been an inspiring opportunity to listen and hear first-hand our incoming student's expectations, hopes and goals for their senior schooling journey. They have set an immediate standard that I trust we can all live up to.

Finally, this week has seen a number of R.E.A.L reward activities on offer for students who have been able to maintain their good standing around attendance, behaviour and achievement. The selected students involved in these activities should know that their efforts are noticed and appreciated, and for those who missed out, the next event present an opportunity for improvement.

I thank the parents who have made the time to make contact or visit. I am always ready to listen first hand and involve your experience to obtain the best outcomes for your child. I am open and transparent with our students that Busselton SHS is their school, just as much as it is our parents.

Regards

John Watters, Principal

Associate Principal

Mandy Carey, Associate Principal Year 11/12

What were some of the biggest moments/ proudest achievements this Term?

The Year 12 Final Day/Presentation Evening was my proudest moment this year. I commenced here in 2017 when the 12s were in Year 8 so they were my first group of students to complete high school; I felt like a proud mum that day.

How have students displayed REAL values?

The VET students who attend Workplace Learning throughout the year continue to uphold our values with their employers and this ensures that our students in subsequent years are invited back time again. I really do thank the students for the way in which they conduct themselves out in our community. Our ATAR students are currently sitting their exams, striving to achieve, so I wish them all the best during this time.



What have your students taught you this Term?

Our 11s and 12s have shown a lot of resilience the past 2 years due to COVID and they have navigated their way through lots of changes, disappointments and cancelled events. They have taught me that they are strong young people and that they will be able to handle all that life throws at them which makes me feel pretty confident for our future being in their hands.

What is happening at BSHS for the remainder of 2021 that you are looking forward to?

I am looking forward to the Year 10/11 Excellence Assembly at which we will farewell the Year 11s until they join us for their final year next year and I am also looking forward to the incoming Year 7 Orientation Day where we get to meet our newest students for 2022. In addition, I'm looking forward to the Mate vs Mate day when we go up against my former school, Cape Naturaliste College. Go Busso!

What improvements would you like to see in students for the remainder of 2021?

Rather than improvements for my year group, the 11s, it's more about maintenance and ensuring that they finish out the year as well as they started. For the Year 10s, I encourage the students to consider themselves as Year 11s already and conduct themselves as Senior School students which means behaving in a manner that the rest of the school will look up to and to also work hard within their subjects.

What is your hidden talent or something people are surprised to know about you?

It's not really a talent but I am a runner and recently completed my 2nd marathon.

A message for the recently departed 2021 Year 12's.

Like I said to you at the Presentation Evening, life is not a dress rehearsal, meaning that we don't get a second shot at most things so make sure you take every opportunity that comes your way. On a personal note, I'm really going to miss you guys.

Presentation Evening

Busselton Senior High School Year 12 students walked their final steps of secondary school on 20th October 2021 at the school's Presentation Evening. This was a momentous occasion for students, families and teachers, and the school could not be prouder of the Year 12's achievements. Associate Prinicpal Ms Mandy Carey was a wonderful host for the evening. Dr Wayne Webb did the Welcome to Country. Principal Mr John Watters, former Associate Prinicpal Mr David Gault and former student and reality TV star Kerryn Mc Gee addressed the graduating students. Geogrpahe Bay Music provided entertainment. Thank you to all our supporters for their generous donations of Excellence and Subject Awards. Thank you to our staff, students, guests and parent/caregiver body who ensured the night was one to remember. During the evening Ms Carey quoted American comedian Jon Stewart in her speech, "The unfortunate, yet truly exciting thing about your life, is that there is no core curriculum. The entire place is an elective." That sure makes the future sound very exciting! Good luck to you all!



Presentation Evening



Presentation Evening

Congratulations to the 2021 Excellence Award winners.

Indigenous Award Damien Farrell

AIEO Excellence Award Maalikyle Weston

Outstanding Community Leadership Award, donated by Undalup Association Chonoa Calyon

> ADF Long Tan Memorial Leadership and Teamwork Award Emma Wylie

> > ADF Innovators Joshua Snow

Sportspersons of the Year Kaitlin Letchford & Joshua Snow

Community Nurse Award Jennifer-Lee Marchese

Citizenship Award, donated by Libby Mettam MLA Drew Morgan

Forrest Medal Leadership Award, donated by Hon. Nola Marino MP Sarah Barros

> Endeavour Award, donated by Hon. Jackie Jarvis MLC Olivia Carbonell

Outstanding Graduate, donated by Edith Cowan University, South West Hayley Batterbee

VET Award, donated by The Apprentice & Traineeship Company Montana Ternadi

Rotary VET Training Award, donated by Busselton/Geographe Bay Rotary Damien Farrell

> APEX Award, donated APEX Busselton Jack Barnes-Young

Busselton Lions Club Tertiary Scholarship Kaitlin Letchford

Presentation of School Captains for 2021, donated by Chrisitan Fletcher & Blue Wren Damien Farrell & Emma Wylie

> Announcing of Student Council 2022 School Captains- Toby Hull & Lucy Mansfield Vice School Captain- Liam Faulkner-Alabisi School Councillors- James Anderson, Ryan Deas, Sam May

> > Sir William Stewart Bovell Scholarship Yoshi Ruwanpura & Emma Wylie

BSHS Dux: Vocational Education and Training, donated by Brett Titterton Amber George

BSHS Dux: Tertiary Entrance Studies, donated by BSHS P & C Joshua Snow

Presentation Evening

Congratulations to the 2021 Subject Award winners.

<u>Mathematics</u> Essentials- Mia Martin Applications- Asha Germana Methods- Joshua Snow Specialist- Joshua Snow Top Maths Student, donated by Geographe Tackleworld & Camping- Joshua Snow

> <u>English</u> General- <mark>Amber George</mark> ATAR- Yoshi Ruwanpura

<u>Humanities</u> Geography- Mark James Sara Donovan Modern History- Kaitlin Letchford

<u>Science</u>

Biology- Emma Wylie Physics- Joshua Snow Chemistry- Joshua Snow Human Biology- Kaitlin Letchford Top Science Award, donated by Iluka Resources- Joshua Snow

> <u>The Arts</u> Visual Art General- Kirby Broadbent Visual Art ATAR- Naledi Jonas Music ATAR- Yoshi Ruwanpura

> > Design and Technology

Materials Design and Technology Wood, donated by KJ Sparrow- Luke Hawkins Materials Design and Technology Metals, donated by KJ Sparrow- Beau Beniston Building and Construction Certificate II, donated by Geographe Makit Hardware - Beau Beniston Building and Construction Workplace Learning Excellence, donated by Prime Supplies- Kane Feutrill

> <u>Physical Education</u> General- **Montana Tenardi** ATAR- Kaitlin Letchford

<u>Home Economics</u> Cert II (Kitchen Operations) Workplace Excellence & Academic Excellence, donated by Nick and Kerry Fucile- **Drew Bowler** Food & Science Technology Award, donated by Supper Road- **Drew Bowler**

<u>Business</u>

Certificate II Excellence- Sophie Bradley Workplace Excellence, donated by Harcourts- Brianna Sermon Academic Excellence, donated by Harcourts- Amber George

Manufacturing Industry Studies

Certificate II Engineering Excellence, donated by South West Steel- Luke Hawkins Academic Excellence, donated by Prime Supplies- Damien Farrell Workplace Excellence, donated by Hip Pocket Work Wear & Safety- Mitchell Pearce

Recreation Studies

Workplace Excellence, donated by City of Busselton- Wil Hallyburton Certificate ll (Sport Coaching) Excellence- Edan Cristinelli Academic Excellence, donated by City of Busselton- Montana Tenardi

> <u>Geographe Training</u> Top Student Work Place Learning- **Amy Bushell** Overall Excellence- **Amy Bushell**

Year 12's Last Week



Geographe Bay Music



Wow! What a busy Semester 2 we have had. At the time of our last newsletter, we had just completed the Senior Tour to Perth and the Mid-Year Concert. Since then, so much has happened that it is hard to keep track!

The Symph Band 2 students did their tour to Perth to participate in the ABODA Schools' Junior Band Festival, led by Mrs Danielle Parkinson. The group arrived in Perth and were straight away rehearsing for their performance the following day. They did a fantastic job and attained the second-top rating of Excellence for their performance at the festival. The students were also able to see the WA Symphony Orchestra in action on the Saturday night. For most students, this was a hugely informative and enjoyable experience.

Our annual Primary School Workshop was held in Week 9, led by Mr David Parkinson. For the first time, this event was held at Cape Naturaliste College, which is where Symph Band 3 rehearses. This was a great success with all of the GBM primary school students invited to attend. With over 130 students involved, it was a very busy but fruitful day. It was also an opportunity for the Classical Guitar students to have their debut performance. This group was led by Miss Fiona Lemon and is sure to grow over the coming years.

We fare welled our Year 12 students with the BSHS Presentation evening and the GBM Senior Concert. Symph Band 1 and Jazz 1 performed at both of these events, with Soul Band performing at the Senior Concert. This latter event also allowed for the final solo performances of our Year 12 students, as well as showcasing the Year 11 ATAR students as soloists. It was a great way to say bon voyage and good luck to our Seniors and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours. These ensembles have now had an influx of new members with lower school students now having started rehearsing with Symph 1 in Week 4. More invitations may be coming out for eligible students as the year progresses and it will be great to see these students rise to the challenge of more difficult music.

We have two official events left this year. The first is the IMSS Parent Information evening for the parents of those students who intend to enter GBM in 2022. This will be held on the Monday of Week 8 (24th November) starting at 5:30pm in the BSHS PAC. Any parent who has a child entering either the high school or primary school programme, is welcome to come along to this session. Everything to do with the IMSS programme will be covered and will be a great opportunity to have any queries cleared up.

Our final event will be the Sundowner, which will be a showcase of our lower school and primary students. This event will be held at BSHS on the Year 8 quadrangle. Last year's event was a great success and a really enjoyable evening. This year's Sundowner will follow the same format with the Support Group providing food and drinks for sale. There will also be a fundraising raffle with great prizes so bring along some cash to get tickets and nourishment. Some volunteers to help on the BBQs are required so if you are able to help out for a while on the night, then this will be greatly appreciated. More information will be coming out over the coming days.

Brad Oversby HOLA – Geographe Bay Music



150 students from BSHS, Geographe and West Busselton PS took part in our 8th annual BSHS Walk for Tenderfeet from Eagle Bay to Pullman Bunker Bay on Friday 24th September where they were joined by a host of community supporters for a morning tea reception.

School Captain Damien Farrell welcomed everyone to Country and spoke of the cultural significance of the area to the Wadandi custodians. Emily Armstrong then delivered an inspiring speech calling for all girls across the world to be educated by 2030. Over 132m girls miss out due to poverty, cultural practices, and a host of other factors. Emily spoke of the Student Council's support for the UN Sustainable Development Goals and for the girls a Tenderfeet our sister school in Kibera. The BSHS student council have raised in excess of \$32,000 over the last eight years which is an absolutely fantastic effort.

This year students from West Busselton Primary and Geographe Primary joined us for the walk and enjoyed a glorious morning capped off with a sumptuous morning tea on the terrace courtesy of Pullman Bunker Bay also a supporter of the SDGs.

Libby Mettam MP and mayor Grant Henley made speeches congratulating the students for their remarkable efforts expressing the pride of the whole community for their leadership and ongoing commitment to humanity and the goal of educating all and especially vulnerable girls in the slums of Kibera.

Emily's speech was the showpiece of the event with her impressive inclusion of a message directly to the Tenderfeet students delivered in near perfect Swahili. "Many of the audience found Emily's speech quite moving in its sincerity and as an expression of heartfelt empathy." Commented event organizer and Global Schools Advocate, Geoff Holt.

"Those of us at here today could not be more proud of Emily and Damien and all of those who took part in this the seventh Walk for Tenderfeet. It has galvanized community support and we would like to say an enormous thank you to all of our corporate and community supporters."

Last year Geoff Holt and the Tenderfeet program at BSHS received recognition from the United Nations Association of Australia (WA) for Excellence in Global Citizenship Education. "It's great to see that Education for Sustainable Development is taking hold in local schools and the wider community and informing many other initiatives such as climate action, conservation, waste recovery, recycling and many other initiatives alongside Tenderfeet. All of these are directly aligned to the 17 SDGs."



After the event students gathered for a sausage sizzle back at school and were treated to some Brazilian drumming courtesy of Stacey Smart Geo Music. There was also a quiz based on the UN SDGs. "What a great way to end the term. We were so happy to be involved and to raise money for a such good cause and can't Wait to be involved next year." Commented West Busselton Primary School's Sophie Smith.

The day prior to the walk Year 9 members of the council ran a morning tea for the staff at the school to raise money for Tenderfeet with a magnificent, printed canvas prize donated by Christian Fletcher Gallery as well as hampers from Guglehupf and Yallingup Bread. Once again Kellie Lewandowski scored the main prize having outbid everyone else for this amazing work of art.

The Student Council are to be congratulated on their outstanding efforts as are all of those who took part in this fantastic initiative proving once again that Busselton SHS is a lighthouse school which promotes excellence in Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship.

Geoff Holt Head of Year 9 & 10

Tenderfeet



Philosothon



On the 27th of October 10 students, from Busselton Senior High School, took part in the South-West Philosothon. For some of our students this was the first time they had participated in this event.

Busselton Senior High School was represented by James Anderson, Emily Armstrong, Oshar Burner, Bon Freeman, Ellis Davies, Lexi Chidgey, Stefi Windsor, Makayla McAuley, Kiara McAuley, and Elliot Coutts.

Bon Freeman had a fantastic night and was placed 3rd in the year 9 category. Oshar Burner was placed fourth, as was Lexi Chidgey and Elliot Coutts.

A big thankyou to Mrs Alison Freeman for coming in on the Friday before and giving us a whole day to practice for the night. She showed us what we needed to do to score high points, clearly it had a positive affect as BSHS team 1 finished 4th in the standings and many of our team members placed highly in their respective age groups.

Another huge thankyou to Gwen, the AEIO at our high school, for coming along in her own time on Friday. She gave us a unique view and stance on our focus questions while also educating us on the cultural significance on the local land and Uluru.

And lastly, a big thank you to Ms Riley who coordinated our team and supported us on the evening.

Team Captain - James Anderson, Year 11

R.E.A.L 2021 Harry Perkins Institute

On a chilly October morning, the ATAR Biologist's and Human Biologist's boarded a bus to travel to the renowned medical research centre. The Harry Perkins Institute staff took the students through biotechnological techniques used in cancer research in their facility. The students went head-to-head with others from Newton Moore High School, in a timed activity, about PCR-Polymerase Chain Reaction. The session got hectic as they had to amplify DNA multiple times in each cycle, doubling each one in the same time limit. The researchers outlined how this technique, when automated, could take one strand of DNA from a forensic sample etc and amplify it millions of times to help identify a culprit/Melanoma gene.

The second session was in a Negative Pressure Lab being taught how to prepare samples of DNA for genetic analysis. This was an amazing experience with each student using hi-tech equipment out of the reach of the normal classroom. PCR mixtures and Gel Electrophoresis plates were prepared and analysed with the help of the HPI researchers. This gave the students a true insight into real-life applications of their curriculum.

Lastly, the group were given a tour of the research facility where many breakthrough treatments were being trialled, including a COVID nasal immunisation spray. As we gathered to travel home the researcher congratulated the group on their enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour.

Here's to 2022, and the next group of our students having this incredible experience!

Alison Holt Science



N.E.A.L 2021 Yr 11 Recreation Studies Outdoor Expedition to Broke Inlet



Term 4 2021 Photos



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.

BUSSELTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 2021 CALENDAR

Key:	Holidays:	Long Weekends:	PD Days:	Interruption Free Week	Scheduled Meetings	
	Teachwell	SD Check-Ins				

Term 4	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	
1	11 Staff Resume	12 Students Resume Yr 11 Rec Camp Mental Health Week	13 Yr 11 Rec Camp Mental Health Week Yr 12 results entered	14 Yr 11 Rec Camp Mental Health Week	15 Yr 11 Rec Camp Mental Health Week	16	17	
2	18 MHWB Meeting	19 PLC Team Meeting	20 Yr 12 last day and BSHS Presentation Night	21 PBS Team Meeting	22	23	24	
3	25 Yr 10 Exams	26 Yr 10 Exams Yr 8 Ngilgi Cave Ex SLT Meeting P5	27 Yr 10 Exams Yr 7 Water Board Ex	28 Yr 10 Exams Yr 7 Water Board Ex SD Plan Check-In	29 Yr 10 Exams	30 GBM Jazz	31	
4	1 Nov ATAR Commences SD PD	2	3	4	5	6	7	
5	8 MHWB Meeting	9 PLC Team Meeting	10	11 Remembrance Day PBS Team Meeting	12	13	14	
6	15	16 SLT P5 Meeting	17	18 GSM	19 ATAR Concludes Yr 11 Reports Locked	20	21	
7	22Yr 10 Reports Locked Yr 7-9 assessment week	23 Yr 7-9 assessment week	24 Yr 7-9 assessment week Yr 11 last day and 10/11 Excellence Assembly P4 GBM Sundowner	25 Yr 7-9 assessment week SD Plan Check-In	26 Yr 7-9 assessment week	27	28	PAT Testing
8	29 MHWB Meeting	30 PLC Team Meeting	1 Dec	2 Yr 8 Econs Ex PBS Meeting	3 Yr 10 OED Canal Rocks	4	5	
9	6 Yr 7/8/9 Reports Locked	7 Yr 7 Orientation Day SLT P5 Meeting	8	9 Darling Rng SC Visit	10 Mate v Mate	11	12	
10	13 Staff Surf Res Requal 7 – 9 Excellence Assembly P4	14 Yr 9 / 10 REAL Activities	15 Yr 7 / 8 REAL Activites	16 Student Final Day	17 Trade Off	18	19	
	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Day	25 26		

BUSHFIRE PLAN

As we are coming into Bushfire Season in the South West, please see our website for the 2021-2022 Busselton Senior High School Standalone Bushfire Plan. The document is a detailed plan of how our school is to prepare and respond to a catastrophic fire danger rating alert or to a bushfire event.

https://www.busseltonshs.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Bushfire-Plan-V1-2021-2022.pdf

ID-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.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We would like to welcome you to our Busselton Super Store conveniently located at 33 Bussell Highway, West Busselton, WA 6280

A one stop shop for all your quality school uniform requirements. Our friendly, experienced staff will make buying uniforms a breeze!

DURING TERM 4 2021

All new students are encouraged to make an appointment with the uniform shop for a fitting during Term 4, thus avoiding long queues in January. Appointments can be made by logging onto www.appts-uc.as.me. Alternatively, you can contact the uniform shop on 9270 4663. Please note that the most popular times for appointments are after 3pm weekdays and Saturday mornings so book early to avoid disappointment.

Why not take advantage of our \$20 Layby service? Visit our store during Term 4 and secure your Back-to-School uniform order with just a \$20 deposit, pay off the balance and collect your order before 22 January to avoid the rush, long queues and last-minute panic!

Online Ordering available by visiting our website: nellgray.com.au

OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: 9am – 5pm Saturdays: 9am – 12pm

Closed 27 Sep 2021– 2 Oct 2021 inclusive Closed on Sundays, Public Holidays & partly during term breaks. Please telephone for details.

Closed for the Festive Season from Saturday 18 Dec 2021 until Tuesday 4 Jan 2022.

Week commencing 17 January, the store will be open Mon – Fri, 9am-5pm & Saturdays 9am-12pm (closed on Australia Day, Wed 26 Jan)

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