



The Waalitj Kaaditjin* Academy has been established to support and promote Aboriginal education at Busselton Senior High School. All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (TSI) students are invited to join the Academy upon enrolment.

At Busselton SHS we value and celebrate the diverse cultures of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their families. We are fully committed to improving outcomes for Indigenous students and helping each to succeed at school. The Waalitj Kaaditjin engagement program strives to meet the needs of our students and support them in achieving their goals.

Waalitj Kaaditjin aims to address three areas of our ATSI students' interests and concerns; connection to culture, health and wellbeing, and sports. BSHS have created strong partnerships with a number of organisations in order to be able to meet outcomes linked to these 3 areas that have been identified by our students as areas they would like support in. The school has also established an academic relationship to support select students.

Connection to Culture – Undalup Association Inc. embraces the Aboriginal culture. Undalup believe that the shared ownership of events and projects will lead to a more reconciled and respectful future giving us all a sense of belonging and drawing everyone into the culture, spirit and history of the area. We have been fortunate to offer many On Country excursions to our students to further develop their knowledge of their culture and history such as visits to Ngilgi Cave, Ellensbrook House, surfing in Margaret River, planting native species in Meelup. These are just some of the opportunities we have offered our students through our collaboration with Undalup.

Health and Wellbeing – The South West Aboriginal Medical Service (SWAMS) is a Noongar controlled health organisation who provide health care services to Aboriginal people in a way that reflects self-determination and advances overall health status. The SWAMS bus visits our school at various times throughout the year and offers a free clinical service to our Aboriginal students. We have recently also welcomed a SWAMS mental health worker to our school who is available for any of our Waalitj Kaaditjin children to have a yarn with.

Sports – The Stephen Michael Foundation was established by the South Fremantle Football Club to deliver programs that support the development of youth as valued members of their community. Areas they will focus on developing include: leadership and decision making; coaching and umpiring; AFL skill development; physical and mental health; Aboriginal culture and employment in sport. This is a new partnership that BSHS have formed and we look forward to commencing with the foundation in 2020.

Academics – Aurora Education Foundation is a national not-for-profit organisation that focuses on Indigenous education. Delivered by specialist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff, mentors and Elders, the Program provides each student with over 200 hours of wrap-around support each year. This includes 20 days of residential academic camps, tutoring, mentoring, well-being support, academic equipment (for example, laptops and Wi-Fi), as well as post Year 12 transition support. This is also a new partnership commencing in 2020.

* Waalitj – Sea Eagle, Kaaditjin – Knowledge



Enrolment Form – please return to Student Services

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are invited to enrol in the Waalitj Kaaditjin Academy. Students are also able to opt out at any point; however, they then may not be offered certain excursions/opportunities which are delivered exclusively through the Academy.

Student name: _____

Year group entering: _____

Previous school: _____

Future aspirations: _____

Student Contract

I, _____ understand that being a member of Waalitj Kaaditjin is something to be proud of and as such agree to the following:

- Respect all members including other students and staff
- Observe and uphold BSHS REAL expectations whilst at school and on excursions
- Wear school uniform
- Participate in all opportunities offered by Waalitj Kaaditjin
- Maintain attendance at school

Student signature: _____

Parent/carer signature: _____

Waalitj Kaaditjin representative signature: _____

Date: _____

Please see the attached information regarding excursions.



Dear Parent/Guardian

Students enrolled in Waalitj Kaaditjin during 2022 will be offered a number of excursions and incursions throughout the year. A number of these excursions will be within the local area visiting local beaches in Busselton or Dunsborough, visiting primary schools or heading down to culturally significant locations in Margaret River. In order to reduce the number of consent forms you may need to fill in we are seeking permission for your child to attend excursions throughout the year that occur within the local area.

Prior to the excursion, we will still communicate with you regarding the full details of the excursion but you won't be required to send a consent form in. If you do not give consent for a particular excursion we will require a text, phone call, email or note asking for your child to not be included.

Excursions that go further afield e.g. Bunbury or Perth or overnight camps will still require consent at which point we will send the paperwork home to you.

Please fill in the attached consent form if you give your consent for your child to participate in local excursions only. Also please note that the Busselton SHS mobile phone policy applies for all excursions so students are not allowed to take them whilst off school site.

Yours sincerely

Mandy Carey

Associate Principal

Gwen Gray

Aboriginal Islander Education Officer

CONSENT FORM FOR EXCURSIONS: Waalitj Kaaditjin 2022

Contact Information

Student name: _____ Year: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mobile Phone Policy Acknowledgement:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Medicare No: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Medical Details

Update

The following details have changed from those recorded on my child's medical information form at the start of this year. (For example your child may have developed asthma, epilepsy, diabetes, allergies)

Self-Administration of Medication

My son/daughter self-administers medication and I give my consent for a staff member to administer that medication if s/he is unable to do so.

Yes No Not relevant

Over the Counter Medications

If required by my son/daughter's condition, staff members have my permission to administer

Paracetamol Yes No

Ibuprofen (eg Nurofen) Yes No (Not to be given to sufferers of asthma)

Water Activities

My child has achieved Swimming Stage Number: _____

I am unsure of my child Swimming Stage, please assess my child: (Please tick)

Excursion Related Photographs

Photographs of my son/daughter may be published by this school or the media.

Yes No

I have read and understood the information and accept the conditions (DOE Liability Policy) regarding the Physical Education class excursion and give my consent for my son/daughter to attend.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____