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## **STUDENT NEWS – Week beginning Monday 30th November 2009**

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## **Must Read Information for ALL students**

### **WELL DONE YEAR 11 STUDENTS – A VERY POSITIVE TRANSITION WEEK**

We congratulate students on the very positive approach taken throughout transition week and the excellent attendance by the majority of our students. This first week of Unit 3 classes has set the scene for next year by providing you with an opportunity to start focusing on your Year 12 program. We encourage all students to continue to follow up on the work provided by staff during this week as you enjoy your holiday break. Well done everyone – we look forward to welcoming you back into classes on Monday February 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 as we commence Blast Off Week 2010!

### **LOCKERS – CLEARING THEM FOR 2009 AND HOW TO ACCESS A LOCKER 2010 (NEW PROCESS)**

Students are reminded that all lockers need to be cleaned out and all belongings removed by 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Any items not collected by this date will be removed and recycled by the college. Students who would like use a locker in 2010 are reminded that the process will be different next year. All students wishing to use a lock must hire one of the college combination locks as noted on the 2010 booklist. The cost of the college issued lock is \$25, of which \$20 will be refunded to students/parents at the end of the year on return of the lock and clean vacation of the locker. Students will no longer be able to provide their own locks due to continued issues with students requiring locks to be cut off this year, causing damage to the lockers. Lockers will be assigned to students based on lock orders through the booklist.

### **COMPUTERS**

All computer accounts and email addresses will be deleted after the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009. All files stored on home folders and email left on the email server will be removed. Email addresses will not be accessible after the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009. All computer logon accounts will be disabled and removed from home folders on 17<sup>th</sup> December. Students should make a back up of any data (i.e. emails and data in home folders) which they would like to retain beyond this year as no ongoing copy of this data will be retained at BSSC after that time.

## **Pathway Community 8 : Visual Arts**

All Art students are reminded to collect their folios from the Visual Arts department ASAP – Please!

## **Student Pathways/Careers Information**

### **CAREERS**

- Have a look at Scholarships still available on [Careers webpage](#) – not just for current Year 12 students!

- The centre for Media, Design and Arts at Box Hill Institute is running a four day taster program for budding radio presenters/producers at the end of the year (8 - 11 December). The program is suitable for anyone over the age of 15 who may be interested in a career in radio.
- **2010 SCHOLARSHIPS:** Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation is offering scholarships to **2010 Year 12 students** for their tertiary study. We are keen to receive applications from students who are country Victorians, who wish to return to the country following completion of a university course, and who demonstrate leadership potential.

Details regarding these scholarships are available from your local secondary school or on [www.msrf.org.au](http://www.msrf.org.au).

Just a reminder that the MIPs team are available to meet with students right up until the 18<sup>th</sup> of December. Our jobs and info board is full, we have newspapers and internet access, everything at your fingertips! Make an appointment or pop in at any time, we look forward to assisting you with your needs and having a chat.

Lorelle, Helen and Marla – G17

## Student Wellbeing

### INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES PAYING FOR TEXTBOOKS AND FEES.

Where it may be difficult for families to produce one large payment to cover the costs of textbooks and fees, families are encouraged to pay for just the school textbooks initially, so that they can be collected and students can have everything they require to start the 2010 school year. Then, if necessary, families can make a payment plan to pay off fees throughout the term, semester or year. Payment Plan forms are available from the general office and students can submit them, with a copy of their booklist, to the Finance Office. Payment plans can be set up electronically through your financial institution, Centrelink payments (using a blue Centrepay form), Credit Card or by regular visits to the finance office using cash, EFTPOS or cheques. Brief information sessions on how to complete a Payment Plan form will be held at 12.30 and 3.30 pm in the library on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Students who are:

1. living independently (not with their parents) and experiencing significant financial difficulties
2. young carer's (assisting to care for a parent who may receive a disability pension)
3. recipients of a Housing or Opportunity Scholarship
4. effected by the drought
5. effected by the February 2009 fires, or
6. refugees

are invited to make an appointment to meet with a staff member for assistance. Please telephone 5443 1222 to book an appointment from November 30<sup>th</sup> onwards in the library. If you have a scheduled meeting you are asked to not submit your booklist in the usual manner.

*Students from families experiencing financial difficulties are also encouraged to purchase second hand books directly from other students or from Landmark. Additionally, students are encouraged to consider applying for a Housing or Opportunity Scholarship, which are advertised throughout the year, and/or contact a community organisation such as St Vincent de Paul, the Salvation Army or Bendigo Uniting Care Outreach for support to help cover educational expenses.*

### WELL-BEING TEAM AVAILABILITY

The Student Counsellors and the Health Promotion Officer (School Nurse) will be available for students in the Well-being Centre (upstairs in the old gaol) up until December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. To arrange an appointment email [counsellor@bssc.edu.au](mailto:counsellor@bssc.edu.au) or [nurse@bssc.edu.au](mailto:nurse@bssc.edu.au) or telephone 5443 1222.

## General Information

### WE WISH TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO OUR KOORIE STUDENTS TO:

**What** - Lunch – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December between 12.00-12.50

**Where** – BIHC in P02. If you don't know where that is, just ask someone!

**Why** - an opportunity to say hello, meet some people who will be able to help you through your time at BSSC; a chance to ask questions; make some suggestions and ideas

Jane Warne, Heather Jones and Mary Fry

### BENDIGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

This Sunday 29 November, the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra will hold a Concert in the Forest Street Uniting Church commencing at 2pm and the Bendigo Youth Choir will also hold a Concert at the St Andrews Hall commencing at 5pm. All welcome, and a discount applies if you attend both Concerts. If you are interested in joining the Bendigo Youth Choir please contact 5447 7212.

### REMINDER: OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE SECOND HAND TEXTS AT REDUCED PRICES FOR 2010

Thank you to all students who have taken second hand texts to the library to sell. If you missed this opportunity you can still sell your text books by taking them out to the Landmark School Supplies shop front at 1 Rohs Road.

## SECOND HAND BOOK SALE



Students/Parents can purchase second hand books (or new books as well) from the bookseller through the Library

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec: 2pm - 7pm

Payments for second hand books will be at 1/3 of purchase price and books will be re-sold at 2/3 of purchase price.

Outside of the dates listed above you may go to Landmark School Supplies to purchase and sell books at the shop front address listed below.

LANDMARK SCHOOL SUPPLIES

1 Rohs Road  
Bendigo VIC 3550  
(03) 5441 8743

**If you have any constructive feedback on the format of the Student News or method of distribution, please contact me or Jan Tilburn in the Student Coordinator's office.**

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