December & January FAQs



The information below is provided for the benefit of new and returning 2024 students and families and anyone with inquiries about enrolment for the new school year. Students and families were also provided with this information via Compass on December 20.

When is the college open?

The college will be closed from 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday 20 December and the general office will open again at 9.00 a.m. on Monday 22 January. The college phone line 5443 1222 will be open right through the holiday period and you can leave a message at any time. Messages are checked regularly during this time.

When will I receive information about arrangements for the start of 2024?

Information will be sent to family email addresses in the week commencing Monday 15 January or sent in hard copy to mail addresses where this has been requested. This will contain information about

- Student's Advisors for 2024 and their Advisor room
- Ready to Learn interviews and how to book them
- First day of classes for 2024

If for some reason you do not receive the email by 22 January, please email enrolments@bssc.edu.au

What if I wasn't able to attend the two-week Step Up program?

Students who were unable to attend the two-week Step Up program should make every attempt to complete all missed work before the commencement of the school year. Details of how to access all work can be found below. Support will be available in the college library on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st January for any student who would like some help to get this work completed. More information about this will be sent out in January.

Accessing work from the two-week program:

- Login to Compass (can be accessed via BSSC Homepage www.bssc.edu.au)
- Select one of your subjects via the 'pencil' menu at the top of screen
- Click on the Resources tab and select the 'Step Up' folder
- Review the contents in the 'Step Up' folder.

Are there any Summer School/Revision opportunities available in the holidays?

Students are able to register revision opportunities over the holidays. Some of these are free and where there is a cost this will be reimbursed by the college. Many of the opportunities can be found on our BSSC Revision page at: https://sites.google.com/bssc.edu.au/bsscrevision/home (please note that only students can access the site). During the holiday break, please register yourself and bring your receipt to the Finance Office at the start of the year for reimbursement.

When do I get my 2024 timetable?

2024 timetables will be available to view in Compass from mid January.

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What are Ready to Learn interviews and when do they occur?

Ready to Learn interviews involve parents/carers and students in a 30-minute session with their Advisor to share important information for the 2024 school year. Ready to Learn interviews occur on:

- Monday 29 January between 2.00pm and 4.30pm.
- Tuesday 30 January between 11.30am and 7.00pm.
- Wednesday 31 January between 11.30am and 7.00pm.

Families need to book a time for their interview via Compass. Instructions on how to book will be in the email or letter sent to families in the week of 15 January.

When do classes start in 2024?

Classes start on Thursday 1 February.

Where do I get booklist information?

All booklist enquiries should be directed to Education Plus in Kangaroo flat: https://edplus.com.au/ or phone: 5447 8588.

You may also join the "BSSC Second-hand books" group on Facebook, to source as many materials as possible second hand. Please ensure that you check for the correct edition.

Booklists will be available to collect from BSSC at these times:

Thursday 18 January 1.00 – 6.00pm Tuesday 24 January 8.30am – 12.30pm

Collection will be from the ground floor of the E Wing (the three storey building adjacent to the gym, there will be signage out to assist you in finding the location)

What do I do if I can't access Compass?

Students who were at BSSC in 2023 will use the same Compass login details in 2024. Students who are new to the college in 2024 were given Compass login details during our orientation program in late November. If you were not here during orientation, have forgotten your login credentials or need help to log in to Compass you will need to contact the college on 5443 1222 after 22 January and ask to speak to someone in the Student Services Centre.

Important dates to note in Term 1, 2024

18 & 24 January Booklist collection (see above)

29, 30, 31 January Ready to Learn interviews (see above)

1 February Classes commence

7 February School photos (for students who didn't have photos taken during Step Up)
14 February Year 12 Information Night 7.00pm @ Ulumbarra, students & parents required

11 March Labor Day public holiday

21 & 25 March Parent Teacher Interviews (normal school days)
28 March Last day of Term 1 (classes end at 2.30pm)

More detail about each of these events will be issued prior to the relevant date.

This information will also be available on the college website and Facebook page over the holiday period. I look forward to seeing everyone here at the college next year.

Yours faithfully Dale Pearce Principal