



FAQs - December 2024

Bendigo Senior Secondary College

Dear BSSC Students and Parents/Carers,

The school year officially closes today and I want to wish all of you a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Soon enough our minds will turn to the 2025 school year and the information below will become useful. I ask you to take particular note of the dates listed at the bottom of this message.

During Step Up teachers provided students with some work to do over the break and completing these tasks will be a good start to the year. Please see advice below about Step Up work and additional Summer School/Revision opportunities.

Other information that may be helpful during the holiday break:

When is the college open?

The college will be closed from 2.30 p.m. on Friday 20 December and the general office will open again at 9.00 a.m. on Monday 20 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 do classes start in 2025?

Classes start on Thursday 30 January.

When do I get my 2025 timetable?

2025 timetables are available to view in Compass now.

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

Students who were at BSSC in 2024 will use the same Compass login details in 2025. Students who are new to the college in 2025 were given Compass login details during our Ready to Learn interviews in late November or during Step Up. If you were not here at those times, have forgotten your login credentials or need help to log in to Compass you will need to contact the college on 5443 1222 after 20 January and ask to speak to someone in the Student Services Centre.

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 28th and Wednesday 29th 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)
- Current students:
 - o Select one of your subjects via the 'pencil' menu at the top of screen
 - o Click on the Resources tab and select the 'Step Up' folder
 - o Review the contents in the 'Step Up' folder.
- New students:
 - o Go to your 'schedule'
 - o Go backwards to the Step Up dates, or forward to the January/February dates
 - o Select one of your subjects
 - o Click on the Resources tab and select the 'Step Up' folder
 - o Review the contents in the 'Step Up' folder.



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

Students are able to register for 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.

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:

Wednesday 15 January 9.00am – 6.00pm
Friday 24 January 10.00am – 2.30pm

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 want to enrol for 2025?

This link will take you to a page on our website where you can complete an expression of interest form. BSSC Enrolment - Bendigo Senior Secondary College
Someone from the college will be in touch with you to arrange an enrolment interview in the week commencing Monday 20 January.

Alternatively, you can leave a voicemail message on 54431222 and we will contact you.

Important dates to note in Term 1, 2025

15 & 24 January	Booklist collection (see above)
30 January	Classes commence
3 February	Year 11 Information Night 7.00pm at Ulumbarra, students & parents required
5 February	School photos (for students who didn't have photos taken during Step Up)
19 February	Year 12 Information Night 7.00pm at Ulumbarra, students & parents required
10 March	Labour Day public holiday
4 April	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