



# BSSC News



## Welcome to Term 1

It is a great pleasure to welcome all new and returning students and families to the 2026 school year. I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and restful break and that our students are feeling positive and motivated as they begin the year ahead. For those in our community who were affected by the fires, please know the support of BSSC is behind you.

Last year, we were once again very pleased with the academic results and personal achievements of our students. Those who experienced the greatest success were often those who attended all classes and embraced the wide range of opportunities available at BSSC. I encourage all students to continue taking advantage of these opportunities throughout their time at the college and to seek support from our dedicated teachers and support staff whenever needed.

I would like to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing involvement and interest in their child's education. We know that students achieve their best outcomes when they are well supported both at school and at home. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is information that may assist in supporting your child, or if you have any questions regarding their progress. I look forward to seeing all Year 12 students and parents/carers at our Information Session at Ulumbarra Theatre at 7pm on Wednesday 11 February.

On behalf of all staff at Bendigo Senior Secondary College, I wish every student a successful year and look forward to working together to ensure all members of our community are able to thrive and reach their full potential.

Kylie Hand  
Principal



## Term 1 key dates

Thursday 29 January	Classes commence
Wednesday 4 February	School photo make up day
Wednesday 11 February	Year 12 Parent/student information evening
Monday 9 March	Labour Day public holiday
Thursday 2 April	Last day of Term 1

## SAC reschedules

In keeping with VCAA policy, SACs are only able to be rescheduled and scored if a student misses the original SAC due to a school approved activity (eg. excursion, camp) or experiences an illness or serious intervening event. Where an illness or serious intervening event cannot be supported by a medical certificate, a [Statutory Declaration](#) is required. Please note this is a change for 2026.

## Opportunities for feedback

At BSSC, we are very open to receiving feedback from parents/carers and students, in order for us to continually improve as a college. The following opportunities are available:

**Cuppa with the Principal: 9:30am-10:30am, Monday 16 Feb**  
Join Kylie and members of the Leadership Team to discuss all aspects of the college and to see classes in action. Call 5443 1222 to register for this event.

### BSSC feedback form

Please use [this form](#) to provide feedback to us any time.

### Positive messages to staff

When you have a positive experience with one of our staff, or teams of staff, please let me know via [email](#) and I will ensure this gets passed on to the relevant person/team.



Annual privacy reminder for our college community



## Wellbeing tip:

We know that starting a new school, or the final year of schooling, can sometimes be stressful for students. There is a great deal of support for any student who may need this. Headspace have developed [materials for people who are supporting students with school stress](#). If any student or parent/carers would like any additional advice or support for any wellbeing issue, please contact the college Wellbeing Team via [wellbeingteam@bssc.edu.au](mailto:wellbeingteam@bssc.edu.au).



## College Council nominations

School Councils help set the strategic direction of schools and play an important role in informing decisions that impact all students. The BSSC College Council has six parent members, four staff members, two student members and four community members. Council members generally serve a two-year term.

We now call for nominations for the following positions on our College Council:

- Three parent representatives to serve a two-year term
- Two students to serve a two-year term

Further information can be found [here](#). Nomination forms are available by calling 5443 1222. Nominations close at 4pm on Monday 16 February.

## Traffic & student safety

Traffic access to BSSC is limited due to the fact Park Road is a no-through road and is only one-way at the southern end. This inevitably creates traffic congestion at the beginning and end of the school day. We seek the support of parents/carers in minimising the safety risk to students in the following ways:

- If students are being driven to school, please consider dropping them off on the city side of Rosalind Park, in Barnard Street or across at the QEO car park. You will save considerable time in traffic.
- If you are dropping students off at the college, please use the drop off point near the front of the theatre. In the interests of student safety please do not drive into the college grounds or through the horseshoe adjacent to the side entrance of the theatre. There is a lot of student foot traffic in that area and visibility of pedestrians is limited.

Students are not permitted to park on the college grounds at any time.

## Importance of attendance

One of the most important contributors to academic success is attendance in class and Advisor meetings. Every class is an opportunity for learning and for students to demonstrate this to their teacher.

Students who regularly miss classes cannot perform to their capacity and are very much at risk of not being able to pass their senior secondary subjects.

If a student has reasons for not being able to attend, the family should make contact with the child's Student Engagement Coordinator ASAP, to put together an attendance plan. And unless a student is unwell, it is not OK to be away.

## Secure bike storage

We encourage students to ride their bike or walk to school, where possible.

If a bike is brought to school, it must be locked in the recently built secure bike storage area. To access this, please visit the Student Services Centre and your account will be activated to allow your Compass card to open the shed. Bikes should still be locked when inside the shed.

Please don't ever leave a bike in another location, as we have unfortunately had some instances of theft occur in the past.

## Revision and extension opportunities

At BSSC, we want every student to have the opportunity to achieve their best.

To support this, we run many bootcamp sessions across various subjects, where students can utilise their non-scheduled class time to access support from teachers and tutors.

Students of all ability levels are strongly encouraged to regularly attend these sessions as part of their study regime.

Information regarding these opportunities can be found [here](#).



**Our BSSC team is ready for a wonderful year at the college!**

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