



# BSSC News



## Welcome to Term 2

I hope all families were able to have an enjoyable and restful holiday break. It is an honour to be appointed to the role of Principal of this wonderful college. Having worked over half my life as a teacher and Assistant Principal at BSSC, I am passionate about continuing to work with our staff to ensure that every student has the opportunity to reach their full academic and personal potential.

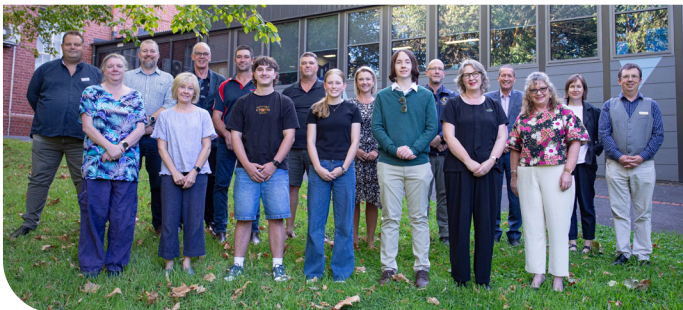


I sincerely thank Dale Pearce for his outstanding leadership of our college for the past 18 years and for the tremendous support and mentorship he has provided me throughout our handover. He has been incredibly generous with the sharing of knowledge to ensure that my transition to this role is as seamless as possible. If you missed our tribute to Dale on our socials at the end of last term, I encourage you to read it [here](#).

Each term, we will produce a brief newsletter for all families, highlighting the items that are relevant for this time of the year. We encourage all students and parents/carers to become familiar with the happenings of the college, ensuring all opportunities are accessed.

I wish everyone a successful term, where every student strives to be their best.

**Kylie Hand**  
Principal



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## Term 2 key dates

Tuesday 22 April	Term 2 starts
Thursday 24 April	ANZAC ceremony
Friday 25 April	Public Holiday - ANZAC Day
Wednesday 7 May	Combined Curriculum Day
	Student free day
Monday 12 May	Cuppa with the Principal
Monday 19 May	PTS interviews
Wednesday 21 May	PTS interviews
Monday 9 June	Public Holiday - King's Bday
Tuesday 17 June	GAT/Assessment Day
Tues 10 June - Mon 16 June	Mid-year exam period
Mon 30 June - Fri 4 July	BSSC's Got Talent
	Term 2 ends

## Parent Teacher Student (PTS) Interviews: 19 & 21 May

PTS interviews will be held on Monday 19 and Wednesday 21 May, from 3.30-7.00pm, at the college. These are an excellent opportunity to partner with teachers to best support your child to reach their potential. All families are strongly encouraged to make a booking via the link on Compass.

## School Saving Bonus (SSB)

If any families have purchased textbooks and still have remaining funds on their SSB, they can bring their receipt to the Finance Office to be reimbursed, up to the balance on their account. The SSB can also be used to purchase BSSC hoodies (through Breach Apparel), clothing and shoes (via State Schools Relief), textbooks (via EdPlus) and Year 12 Graduation tickets later in the year. Unused funds will remain on a student's account, to be used throughout their time at the college.



## Wellbeing tip:

To do their best at school, students should strive for healthy wellbeing. Sleeping and eating well, exercising, socialising and reducing screen time can all help. For more information, see [these wellbeing tips](#) from headspace. Students can access additional wellbeing support via the [BSSC Wellbeing Team](#).

## Importance of attendance

One of the most important contributors to academic success is attendance in class. 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.



## Mid-year exams, the GAT & work experience

**Mid-year exams:** At the end of Semester 1, all VCE students will participate in mid-year exams from 10-16 June. These will be conducted under VCAA conditions and will provide an authentic experience for all students, forming a very important part of their learning journey. These exams are compulsory for all students.

**GAT:** The General Achievement Test (GAT) will be conducted on Tuesday 17 June and is compulsory for all students completing a Unit 3/4 subject, including those studying the VCE Vocational Major. Preparation will be done in classes in the lead up to the GAT, to ensure that all students are ready for this assessment.

**Work experience:** All VCE VM and VPC students not involved in mid-year exams, are encouraged to register for Work Experience during this time. See the Careers and Pathways Team to get this organised. Please note that many VCE VM students will be required to sit the GAT on 17 June.

## Student raffle: big \$\$\$ prizes to be won

All students who participate in our extension opportunities, as well as practice exams, will receive an entry to an end of year raffle, where one prize of \$1000 will be awarded for participation in English subjects, and three prizes of \$500 will be awarded for other VCE and VCE VET subjects. Students will receive one ticket for every bootcamp session, revision lecture and practice or midyear exam that is completed.

An additional prize of \$500 will be drawn that is exclusively for VCE VM and VPC students. Students will be awarded an entry for taking part in an extension opportunity, Work Experience or for positive behaviour that is recognised by their teacher. Winners will be drawn on 20 November. Please note that only students without unapproved absences in Term 4 will be eligible to win.



## Extension opportunities

At BSSC, there are many opportunities for students to extend themselves. Regardless of the level they are operating at, we encourage all students to participate in the many bootcamps and Masterclasses that are conducted each week, as well as the revision lectures that will occur as we approach the midyear and end of year exams. These opportunities are detailed [here](#).

## 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: Monday 12 May, 10-11am

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 ([hand.kylie@bssc.edu.au](mailto:hand.kylie@bssc.edu.au)) and I will ensure this gets passed on to the relevant person/team.



## ES Personnel Day - 16 May

Our greatest resource at BSSC is our dedicated and expert staff. This term, we will have an opportunity to celebrate the exceptional work of our Education Support staff, who go above and beyond every day to ensure that every student is nurtured and supported throughout their time at the college. Whether part of the Wellbeing, Careers and Pathways, Student Engagement, Communications, IT, Finance, Curriculum, HR, Facilities, Library or Sports Teams, they complement the work of our teachers and are the cogs that keep this large engine turning, and we thank them all very much for their commitment and care.

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