



BSSC News



Welcome to Term 3

I hope all students were able to have a restful break, after a busy end to Term 2 and prior to a big Term 3.

I congratulate all students for the hard work that has already been completed, particularly the work related to the midyear exams. I am confident that the exposure, experience and feedback of this process will place all students in a stronger position to complete exams at the end of the year.



Pictured above: BSSC Principal Team

Term 3 is arguably our busiest term, where almost all of Units 2 and 4 curriculum is taught and we build momentum towards ensuring that every student is in the strongest position to perform at their best on the end-of-year assessments. The September/October 'holidays' are a time where an intensive revision program runs for all students studying a Unit 3/4 VCE subject.

Another focus of this term is to prepare all students for 2026. Year 11s will complete their Year 12 subject selections and Year 12s will lay the foundations for their time beyond BSSC, whether that be completing a VTAC application, applying for TAFE or ensuring that resumes are up to date and ready to start applying for full time work. We will be encouraging every student to involve their parents/carers in these important processes and decision making.

I wish everyone a successful term, where every student accesses all the available support, enabling them to always be their best.

Kylie Hand
Principal

Term 3 key dates

Monday 21 July	Term 3 starts
Wednesday 30 July	BEP Showcase
Sunday 10 August	BSSC Open Day
Monday 25 August	PTS interviews
Wednesday 27 August	PTS interviews
Monday 1 September	Year 12 group photo
Thursday 4 September	Musician of the Year
Friday 5 September	BSSC Formal
Wednesday 10 September	Market Day
Monday 15 September	Wellbeing Week begins
Friday 19 September	Term 3 ends
Monday 22 September - Thursday 2 October	Revision Program

Parent Teacher Student (PTS) Interviews: 25 & 27 August

PTS interviews will be held on Monday 25 and Wednesday 27 August, 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 and will be notified when the booking link opens on Compass in early-mid August.

Graduation

Although not until Term 4 (Tuesday 21 October – *please note the date change*), tickets for the Year 12 Graduation, to be held at Red Energy Arena, will go on sale this term. Tickets will be approximately \$15 and families with funds remaining from their School Savings Bonus will be able to use these to purchase tickets. Given our change in location, ticket numbers will no longer be limited to only two guests, as has been the case in previous years. More details to come via Compass next term.



Wellbeing tip:

Parents and carers can access the **Reachout resources** for information on a variety of topics related to supporting adolescents. Reachout also offer free 1:1 counselling support, for parents/carers to discuss any concerns.

Students can access additional wellbeing support via the **BSSC Wellbeing Team**.

Importance of attendance

It is at this time of year when we often see an increase in the number of students who become unwell. Although this generally cannot be avoided, it highlights the importance of students being in every class when they are well. Students who have good attendance manage periods of absence much better than those who have regularly missed classes. As a family, please always prioritise excellent attendance in class, as this will almost certainly lead to greater academic success and reduced anxiety for every student.

Extension & revision opportunities

Bootcamps and Masterclasses: Regardless of the level they are operating at, we encourage all students to participate in the many Bootcamps and Masterclasses that are conducted every week, as an opportunity to extend their learning.

September/October Revision Program:

All students enrolled in at least one Unit 3/4 VCE subject, are expected to take part in the following revision program throughout the Term 3 school holiday period:

- Week 1 (22-25 Sept) – Revision lectures: students will sign up to a program of revision lectures, which will be conducted at BSSC by experts in each of our subject areas. Strategies will be provided on how to excel in the VCAA exams. The cost of this program is fully covered by the college.
- Week 2 (29 Sept – 2 Oct) – Practice to Perform (P2P): students will complete a practice exam in each of their subjects, under full VCAA conditions, and will receive detailed feedback on their performance. Year 11 students doing a Unit 3/4 subject will be encouraged to complete multiple exams for this subject.

External revision lectures: Students are able to attend any revision lecture and the cost will be fully covered by the college. Revision opportunities are promoted via the [BSSC Revision site](#) (accessible by students only), however students can also source their own opportunities and will be reimbursed for these costs. Students involved in any of the above opportunities will go into the [raffle](#) to win cash prizes, drawn in November.



Subject selections for Year 11s

This term, all Year 11 students will complete their subject selections for 2026. If a student is unsure what subjects may be chosen, it is highly recommended that they attend our Open Day on Sunday 10th August, from 11am-2pm, to speak with teachers from all subject areas. Information regarding the subject choices at BSSC can be found in our [Program Guide](#).



Sport

If a student is competing in any National or International events, please contact Kylie Hand or Nathan Williams, as the college can offer financial support to these outstanding athletes.

Careers & Pathways advice for Year 12 students

Term 3 is a busy time for students who are considering their next steps post schooling and wondering what life will look like once they finish their Year 12 studies. Those who are looking to enter the workforce, find full or part-time work, explore what a Gap year looks like or pursue a TAFE qualification, are encouraged to book in to see the Careers and Pathways team. If you are considering a possible University entry pathway, it's essential to meet with the Careers and Pathways team to plan your VTAC Application. They can support you with University choices, VTAC applications, SEAS, scholarships and more.

VTAC – Key Dates for 2026 Intake:

- Applications Open: 4 August 2025
- Timely Applications Close: 29 September 2025 (5 pm)
- SEAS & Scholarship Applications Close: 10 October 2025

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 28 July, 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) and I will ensure this gets passed on to the relevant person/team.

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