



BSSC News



Welcome to Term 4

It is hard to believe that we are now at the beginning of the final term for the year. I hope all students were able to have a restful, yet productive break and are looking forward to completing their year as positively as possible.

I was thrilled to see many hundreds of students taking part in our holiday Revision Program and I commend them all for attending lectures and completing practice exams. I am confident that this additional preparation will place students in good stead to perform well in their upcoming exams.



While Term 4 is largely a term of celebration, where we get to acknowledge the wonderful achievements of our students (and the families that have supported them) as they complete another year of education, there is still a great deal of hard work that needs to be finished off. I encourage all students to make good choices, where they work hard to ensure that they are positioning themselves to be their best, both academically and personally, in the coming weeks and months.

I would like to sincerely thank all BSSC teaching and support staff, who work tirelessly to ensure that every student is supported throughout this time. Every one of our staff is committed to making sure that all students have the feedback, guidance and advice needed to achieve success. I would also like to thank all parents/carers for the additional support and care you will be providing to your child, as you all navigate the pressures that sometimes come with this time of the school year. I am incredibly grateful for all in our college community who rally to support the success of all our students.

I wish everyone a successful and enjoyable term 4, where every student accesses all the available support, enabling them to thrive in all areas of life.

Kylie Hand
Principal

Term 4 key dates

Monday 6 October	Term 4 commences
Monday 20 October	Year 12 Art Exhibition (5-6:30pm)
Tuesday 21 October	Year 12 Graduation
Wednesday 22 October	Year 12 Celebration Day
Tuesday 28 October	VCAA exams commence
Wednesday 5 November	Last day of Year 11 classes
Thursday 6 November	Unit 2 exams commence
Wednesday 12 November	NETschool ROA
Wednesday 19 November	RTL interviews (1-7pm)
	VCAA exams end
Thursday 20 November	RTL interviews (1-7pm)
Friday 21 November	RTL interviews (9-11am)
Monday 24 November	Step Up program commences
Friday 5 December	Step Up program concludes
Thursday 11 December	VCAA results released
Tuesday 16 December	Awards Evening
Friday 19 December	Term 4 ends

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: 9.30-10.30am, Monday 27 October
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.



Wellbeing tip:

This time of year can be stressful for students, with the pressure they may place on themselves regarding exams, as well as the anticipation that may be felt around the significant change that is about to occur for those leaving school. Headspace have developed [materials for people who are supporting students with school stress](#). If any student or parent/carer would like any additional advice or support, please contact the college Wellbeing Team via wellbeingteam@bssc.edu.au.

Year 11 Updates



Confirmation of subjects: All students will have received confirmation of their 2026 subject selection via email last term. They should check this carefully and notify their Student Engagement Coordinator immediately if there are any errors. Any student who is yet to complete their subject selection must do so ASAP.

Unit 2 exams: At the completion of Unit 2 classes, all Year 11 students will complete Unit 2 exams from 6-12 November. These are important pieces of assessment, that not only allow students to demonstrate their understanding of important content, but also provide excellent preparation for Year 12 studies.

Ready to Learn interviews: All students and parents/carers will be invited to attend the college for a 30 minute interview over 19-21 November. During this time, students will meet with their Yr 12 Advisor, receive their 2026 timetable and all other information that will set them up for the 2026 school year. Bookings can be made via Compass later in the term.

Step Up: The first two weeks of Year 12 classes will take place from 24 November - 5 December. It is very important that all students attend these days, as subject content will not be repeated.

Year 12 Updates

Finishing off the year: For our Year 12 VCE students, most will have now completed all SACs/SATs, but many will still have approximately 50% of their assessment remaining in their exams. Full attendance in class has never been more important and I ask that all parents/carers strongly encourage attendance in every class; not just until the end of timetabled classes, but until the day of each exam. For our Year 12 VCE VM and VPC students, there will still be assessments to complete and tasks remaining to ensure they are work ready. Again, attending every class will ensure that students can access all the support they need to maximise success beyond these weeks. Please click [here](#) for more information.

VTAC applications: All students should have now submitted their VTAC application. Late applications can still be made, if needed. Students are reminded that SEAS and scholarship applications are due on 10 October, and no extension is available to this. Students can be reimbursed the \$80 timely application fee by submitting their receipt to the Finance Office.

Careers and Pathways (CAPs) advice: It is strongly recommended that all Year 12 students seek the support of our CAPs team if they need any support in preparing for their pathway beyond school. Our team are able to assist with university and TAFE applications, apprenticeships and traineeships, as well as support students who are seeking other employment.

Graduation: Our Graduation ceremony will take place from 5.30pm on Tuesday 21 October at Red Energy Arena. Student and guest tickets are able to be purchased via CompassTix for \$15 each until Monday 13 October. After this date, those on the waitlist will be offered remaining seats. Any families with balances remaining from the School Savings Bonus can request a reimbursement for ticket costs by emailing finance@bssc.edu.au. Students will need to arrive by 4.00pm on the night for registration, with guests able to be seated from 4.30pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there for this wonderful occasion.

Last Day of Year 12 Celebration Day: Another highlight of the school year is the Celebration Day on the last day of Year 12, to be held on Wednesday 22 October. All students dress up in costumes and start the day in Ulumbarra Theatre at 9am for their final assembly. We follow this with a morning of fun activities, before a parade to showcase the terrific costumes. More detail about the day will be communicated to students and parents/carers prior to the day.



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