



BSSC News



Welcome to Term 2

I hope all families enjoyed a restful and refreshing holiday break.

Our students approached Term 1 with diligence and commitment, building a strong foundation for what promises to be a significant term ahead as we move towards the mid-year exam period.

I encourage all students to maintain this positive momentum by attending all classes and making the most of the many opportunities available to support, extend, and enrich their learning.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter, which provides a snapshot of the many activities and events taking place across the college. I encourage all parents and carers to stay informed about our learning, wellbeing, and pathway programs, and to reach out if you would like further information or support.

I wish everyone a successful and rewarding term, with every student striving to achieve their personal best.

Kylie Hand
Principal



Term 2 key dates

Monday 20 April

Friday 24 April

Monday 27 April

Sunday 3 May

Wednesday 13 May

Monday 18 May

Monday 1 June

Monday 8 June

Monday 15 June

Tuesday 16 June

Wednesday 24 June

Thursday 25 June

Friday 26 June

Term 2 commences

College ANZAC ceremony

School review parent/carer
online session (5:30pm)

BSSC May Open Day, 11am-1pm

PTS interviews (3:30pm-7pm)

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Mid-year exams commence

Public holiday – King's birthday

Indigenous Careers Expo

General Achievement Test (GAT)

College production

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BSSC's Got Talent

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Term 2 ends

School review

Every four years, all government schools participate in a school review process, allowing an opportunity to reflect on their performance over the past four years and to strategically plan for future improvement.

Dozens of students will be selected at random to meet with the Reviewers and to discuss their BSSC experiences.

Our Reviewing Team also wants to meet online with as many parents/carers as possible at 5:30pm on Monday 27 April. To join this session, please click [here](#).



Click [here](#) to meet BSSC's 2026 College Council representatives



[Extension opportunities for all students](#)



Wellbeing tip

As Term 2 begins, improving your time management is key to staying on track. Good habits can reduce stress, prevent last-minute cramming, and make your workload feel manageable. Start by applying simple strategies to your daily routine, such as creating a weekly schedule, setting reminders, organising your workspace, exercising, sleeping well, and building consistent routines. For more tips, visit: [Reachout](#).

School Savings Bonus (SSB)

If any families have unused funds from last year's SSB, these can still be used. Please send receipts for textbooks purchased from EdPlus and BSSC hoodies to finance@bssc.edu.au for reimbursement.

Please note that SSB funds can also be used for excursions and Year 12 Graduation tickets later in the year.

Mid-year exams, the GAT, work experience and short courses

Mid-year exams: At the end of Semester 1, all VCE students will participate in mid-year exams from 1-5 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 16 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 prepared. *NB: Year 11 VCE VM students whose only Unit 3 subject is PDS are not required to sit the GAT.*

Work experience and other opportunities: All VCE VM and VPC students not involved in mid-year exams are encouraged to register for Work Experience and/or some short courses during exam week (1-5 June). More information will be available via Compass closer to the time.



ES Personnel Day - 15 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.



PTS interviews - 13 and 18 May

Parent/Teacher/Student (PTS) interviews will be held on Wednesday 13 and Monday 18 May, from 3:30-7pm, 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, which will open on Monday 4 May.

BSSC students in the CBD

I am consistently impressed by the way the vast majority of our students conduct themselves in public. We regularly receive positive feedback about the respectful and considerate manner in which they represent BSSC.

Recently, however, some CBD traders have raised concerns about students using their tables to eat food purchased elsewhere and, at times, leaving rubbish behind. Students are reminded that they should only enter businesses as customers and that outdoor dining areas are reserved for patrons of those venues.

We recognise that small businesses are doing it tough in the current climate, and I ask all students to be mindful, respectful, and considerate of business owners and their customers at all times.

Student raffle - prizes of \$500 to be won

All students who participate in 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 mid-year 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 Wednesday 18 November. Please note that only students without unapproved absences in Term 4 will be eligible to win.

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