

BULLSBROOK COLLEGE LESCHENAUTIA NEWSLETTER



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Year 12 Workplace Learning Block Placement

For the last three weeks of Term 1 our Year 12 students participated in learning at workplaces as an important component of their WA Certificate of Education (WACE).

We are so proud of them. There were 47 Year 12 students who had the opportunity to try out their chosen career, and earn WACE points at the same time. Students attended a huge range of venues from health care, retail, trades, the arts, animal care and hospitality. Whatever our students were interested in, we tried to make it happen. We are very grateful to the employers in our community - and beyond - who supported this program. They are to be congratulated on their commitment and professionalism.

Feedback from employers has been overwhelmingly positive, with many students being offered paid work as they completed the placement. The benefits of work placement for students are numerous. There is nothing like experiencing the requirements of the work place to build confidence, understanding of employers' expectations and opportunities to add those experiences to students' portfolios and CVs. In **Week 4 of this term, 72 Year 11 students will begin a two week work placement.** They are prepared and eager to start. We wish them well and look forward to hearing all about their experiences on their return to school in Week 6.

Year 10 students will also have this opportunity in Term 4 this year. We will provide each of our Year 10s with more information later this term.

A very big thank you must go to key staff who organise each placement and oversee all of the regulatory requirements which must be met for students to be part of these work placements. These staff include Mrs Hugo, our Careers Education Coordinator and Mrs Embling, the Workplace Learning Officer.



Callum Mattacks—iFly Indoor Skydiving



Casey Moore—Jelly Beans Childcare



Josh Ferrao—Ellenbrook Auto Electrics



Chantelle Lawrence—Aegis



Damon Owen—Westrac



Emma Cooper—Broadspectrum, RAAF Pearce

STRIVE & ACHIEVE

NAPLAN

The annual NAPLAN testing will commence on Tuesday, 15 May and will run through to Thursday, 17 May. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will complete tests in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Mathematics. The results of the tests will provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to support our planning to improve students' achievements. A good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast will support your child in being well equipped to participate in the tests.

Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI)

Across our school there are changes happening in the approach teachers are adopting to raise the level of student connection in each classroom. As with any large change we are implementing it steadily but persistently. Some of our staff are rapidly becoming experts as we support their access to training and enable them to practise what they have learnt. They are then sharing that with colleagues and working to support each and every person to adopt the strategies which are associated with "explicit direct instruction". As with all new learning, different classes will adopt this at different rates depending upon each teacher's stage of experience.

Some of our older students are having a mixed reaction – some of which is a direct result of their introduction to what is a new learning experience. Some are apprehensive and others are enthusiastic and supportive. Teachers are working positively to overcome doubts older students may be feeling. All of this work has been undertaken after careful consideration of the evidence to support its effectiveness as a way of strengthening students' connection with learning in a school environment.

If you would like to find out more about EDI then phone me Bernadette Jones, Principal or Mrs Faith Ross, Associate Principal and we will happily give you more information. We will put out information to parents seeking interest in attending an information session on EDI in the next few weeks as we are excited about sharing our work with you.

'SHOUT OUT' ASSEMBLIES

In our secondary programs we don't get together enough to celebrate the good work of our students – both inside and outside of school. Our students have so much to be proud of. Their behaviour on excursions is always proudly noted. Visitors to the school comment on how friendly we all are. It's too easy for some to say "I only go to Bullsbrook!" Building pride in students and the school is important to our teachers. Some of the students being acknowledged this week will receive colours, honours or service awards at a more formal assembly—with parent invitations issued beforehand— to be held towards the end of this term.

Our Colours, Honours and Service information and policy is also on our website. If you have a child at our school who is doing amazing things outside of school we'd love to hear from you. On Tuesday, 8 May we held two secondary assemblies—Years 7 to 9 and Years 10 to 12—to share news around the school and celebrate some student achievements.

Early this year Kalita Tomlinson was one of four people who were Emcees for the Scouts WA Youth Awards, held in the Government House Ballroom. At this event Scouts were presented with their Australian Scout Medallions and Venturers their Queen's Scout Awards. There were over 300 people at the event, including Kerry Sanderson AC, outgoing Governor of Western Australia, and numerous other dignitaries. Hannah Owen was also presented with the Queen's Scout Medal which is an outstanding award. Kalita and Hannah did their families and school proud.

Callan Jones is another example of an outstanding role model outside of school. As a volunteer and cadet of the Bullsbrook Fire Brigade for the past three years, Callan represented them recently at the Transfer of Command Ceremony where the new Commissioner was officially sworn in. Callan also volunteers his time as a motorsport official, attending the 2018 Virgin Australia Supercars Championship in March in Adelaide and will again be officiating at Barbagello Raceway this year. In January Callan was awarded the Junior State Official of the Year for his dedication and professionalism to motorsport officiating. Well done Callan.



Callan Jones



Kalia Tomlinson

Year 12 Biology ATAR Visit to Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research

Mr de Jongh's Year 12 students went to this amazing place and experienced a whole new world of scientific research. The Institute focuses on research aimed at supporting global changes in medical practices to improve human health. Our students visited the Cancer and Cell Biology department and were exposed to the work of gene sequencing and polymerase chain reactions. By all accounts students enjoyed it very much and were delighted to win the competition against another school visiting on the same day. Researchers at the institute also introduced students to possibilities and courses available at universities should they pursue tertiary science programs. We thank the wonderful staff at the Institute for their dedication to our learning and for opening up an amazing world of cutting edge research.



Shyla Petricevich and Kody Worrell



Anika Freestone, Katie Glover and Sophie Dawson



Shyla Petricevich, Kody Worrell, Shane Ashworth and Brannon Hayes

Externally Set Tasks – Year 12 Courses

All students enrolled in a General or Foundation Year 12 Course are required to complete the Externally Set Task (EST) developed by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) for that course. The EST is compulsory and forms part of the school-based assessment – 15% of the year long course. The EST occurs between Weeks 2-4 of this term. Each school develops their own specific schedule for the testing within these weeks.

The EST assists to ensure the fair assessment of student achievement in Year 12 General and Foundation courses. The EST has an educative role in establishing common understandings among teachers of the course standards and related content. The process provides access to feedback which will encourage teachers to review, and where appropriate, adjust their marking. The EST models best assessment practice which teachers can apply to other school-based assessment tasks.

The EST Task is a written assessment task. It is constructed to be completed in 50 minutes and is based on syllabus content from Unit 3. The task can comprise of several items or components/parts. The task is developed to provide discrimination between students of differing abilities.

At Bullsbrook College, teachers require students to complete a number of Practice ESTs throughout Year 11 and Term 1 Year 12. This practice gives students the opportunity to hone their test literacy skills and sets them up to perform well in the SCSA developed EST. The EST is marked by teachers at the school and a sample of assessments from each class is sent to SCSA to enable accurate state-wide moderation. Feedback on the moderation process for each course is usually available by the end of Week 4, Term 3.

Year 10 Students' Preparation for Year 11

The all important decision making for Year 10s is well underway. Parent and student interviews commenced last week and continue this week.

We are eagerly awaiting the OLN results for our Year 10, 11 and 12 students and expect to have them in the next few days. Year 10 exams are being held in the week of 5 June.

Workplace Learning Thank You

Bullsbrook College would like to acknowledge and say thank you to the following businesses who hosted a Year 12 work place learning student for three weeks at the end of Term One.

100.9fm Noongar Radio	Deering Autronics	Pridelands
Aegis The Pines	Department of Finance	Rebel Sport
Berry Sweet	Ellenbrook Auto Electrics	Scouts WA
Best and Less	Ellenbrook Woodlake Childcare	Shire of Gingin
Best Tractor Parts	ERC Bindoon	Swan Valley Café
Big W Ellenbrook	Great Beginnings Childcare	Swan View Primary School
Bindoon Bakehaus	Jellybeans Childcare	Target
Broadspectrum RAAF (Warehouse, Electrical and Food and Beverage)	IGA Bullsbrook	The Good Guys
Bullsbrook Community Kindergarten	Kerem Adventure Camp	Valley Equine Vet
Central Stock Care	Northam Family Lawyers	W&J Greenwell
Chequers Hotel	P&J Fencing and Carpentry	Westrac
Coles Ellenbrook	Perth Theatre Trust	Woolworths Ellenbrook
	Pet City	You Dazzling Beauty

Important Dates

14-21 May 2018	Year 12 EST Testing
15-18 May 2018	Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 NAPLAN
Friday, 18 May 2018	Year 11 & 12 School Ball
Thursday, 24 May 2018	Biggest Morning Tea (Primary)
21 May to 1 June 2018	Year 11 Work Placement
Monday 4 June 2018	WA Day Public Holiday

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