

# Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Senior Campus



Exceptional Learning Opportunities For All

Our values : Respect, Commitment, Relationships

June 2018

## COMING UP

21st June	Variety Night Continues
25th June	NAIDOC Week
6th July	Last Day of Term 2
23rd July	Staff Professional Development Day BWLC
24th July	All students return for Term 3
25th July	Year 10 2019 Parent Tour
26th July	Year 10 & 11 Parent Teacher Night
7th August	HSC Showcase
13th August	Year 10 Course Seminar Day p3-5
14th August	Year 10 Subject Selection



# FROM MRS COOPER

*"We all have the right to aim for excellence and to attain excellence in multiple ways." - Professor John Hattie*

This week's Variety Night showcasing the College students displaying their sense of self, passions and work towards excellence in performing arts was a testament to Public Education and our wonderful community. I would like to congratulate all students involved, the countless hours that staff put in to making a show like this a success, the community of parents who provided refreshments and the parents who attended the evening in awful winter weather. I am a very proud Principal of our community.

This newsletter abounds with examples of our students stepping up and getting involved in the many opportunities available to them at our campus. If students are to reach their potential inside and outside of the classroom environment they need to engage with the many opportunities that ask of them to follow their interests, take a risk, and learn from different people and sources.

I have been conducting lesson observations and reading through teachers 'teaching programs' across the school. In every classroom to date I have observed passionate teachers using different teaching strategies to engage our students. We continue to strive to improve. In order to do this we need to conduct deep reflection at every level. Staff conducted a 3 hour professional learning evening after school last week where we focused on deep self-reflection and assessment. This in preparation for external validation.

BWSC Woy Woy Campus has been selected to undertake External Schools Validation in November this year. This is an opportunity for us to assess our level of achievement across the 14 domains of the Schools Excellence Framework. It is an external assessment by an independent panel who assess the evidence we are able to assemble which substantiates our Self-Assessment of achievement. We have assembled a team of staff to lead the self-assessment and evidence gathering for External Validation. We will examine 4 key areas of Teaching, Learning, Leading and our School Strategic Plan in this process. I am confident that we have outstanding processes and systems in place and the evidence gathering will be an empowering process which we as a staff will share.

Winter has well and truly arrived and I hope you all stay well and warm. I look forward to seeing some of you in the upcoming STAR celebration breakfast and NAIDOC assembly.

Rebecca Cooper



**Congratulations:**  
To Daniel Jurd, Vince De Vries and Jake Dempsey for completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

# PERFORMING ARTS UPGRADE - WOW !



Representing the creatives...all things performance and creative, on stage and backstage.



# FROM OUR DEPUTIES

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Community Members,

As Term 2 progresses we begin to look and plan for the remainder of 2018 and into 2019.

Many important events are coming up, but most important is all students should be working hard to successfully complete your current year of school to allow you to move to the next - **attendance, diligence and application** are the three critical aspects. Remember – Every teacher in every subject must sign you out at the end of Term Three or Four to show that you have successfully completed the requirements to progress.

**Year 10** – Subject Selection information is being distributed and Miss Beemster is meeting with all classes to assist with Subject Selection for 2019. It is expected that students will know their electives by early Term 4.

**Year 11** – Semester Two Assessments are well underway and Yearly Examinations are on in weeks 9 and 10 of Term 3.

Year 11 reports have been issued and we would like to congratulate the vast majority of our students on their efforts for the first half of year 11. Keep up the great work!

**Year 12** – The HSC is now very close, final assessments are underway and the Trial Examinations are on in Weeks 5 and 6 of Term 3.

## Minimum Standards

This term, our first group of Year 10 students sat the HSC Minimum Standards online tests in Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Ms Gilchrist, Ms Crump and Mr Norris prepared students with practise test questions and are proud of the success rate thus far. Over 65 students have now met the Minimum Standards and parents will be notified by the end of term. The next group of students will have an opportunity to sit the tests early next term. Teachers will continue formulating literacy and numeracy strategies to support students yet to meet the requirements. What is very important to remember is that not meeting the Standards at this point is not unusual and does not preclude a student from completing their HSC. The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) has shared the following video to help explain the new HSC Minimum Standards:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vVgH9TsbJk>

# FROM OUR DEPUTIES

**UNIFORM and LATENESS** - We continue to remind students about the importance of School Uniform and Punctuality, please assist by encouraging students to be on time and in full school uniform.

One final note is a message to **ALL** students, parents and community members, "please take extreme care whilst driving near the school (especially morning and afternoon), the roads around Woy Woy Campus are very busy and we need everyone to take care to avoid any accidents. Please remember that this is a school zone (40km/h) designated for the safety and protection of the children!

Thank you everyone and maintain the effort for remainder of the year.

Mr. S. Warren  
Deputy Principal

Mr. M. Hoareau  
Relieving Deputy Principal

## How Do I Excuse My Student's absence?

**We need to know when your child is away, and by law, a response should be sent to the school within 7 days as to why they are away. You can:**

Email: [woywoy-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:woywoy-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

- Call us on : 4341 1600
- Send in a note with your student and have them stop by the Front Office
- Use the school app to send a response after an absence
- Reply to the SMS we send out each day. If you are not getting an SMS when your child is away, the chances are we need your mobile number updated.

# SUPPORT UNIT HAPPENINGS

It has been a wonderful start to Term 2 in the Support Unit. All classes are settled and students are engaged in their learning. Mrs Storey's class has been very creative cooking up some beautiful cupcakes and toppers for Mother's Day. Ms O'Keefe's class has been learning about road safety and the effects of fatigue has on driving, while Mrs Branton's class have participated in the community program Clean 4 Shore, helping to clean our local waterways. We had our first Outdoor Education excursion in Week 1. The group walked from Warrah Trig down to Patonga Beach before enjoying a BBQ lunch. The track provided some amazing views out over to Palm Beach and up Hawkesbury River. The Outdoor Education program this term will be varied and we are sure that all the students will enjoy the different excursions we have planned.

Mrs Martin Rel. Head Teacher



# YEAR 12 ABORIGINAL STUDIES

Year 12 Aboriginal Studies have finished a two term journey by completing their HSC Major Projects. The Major Project is core part of their Year 12 studies that involved the students planning, investigating and analysing an Aboriginal concept of their own choice. Student's projects this year ranged from in-depth research reports to outstanding art pieces. The students should be extremely proud of the effort and research placed into their projects. As a result of their efforts the students have scored some very high marks. The students would also like to collectively thank the members of Mingaletta. Mingalatta is a local Aboriginal organisation who provided the student with invaluable advice and guidance throughout their Major Projects.



**BRISBANE WATER SECONDARY COLLEGE**



presents

**VARIETY NIGHT  
2018**

**JUNE 19th & 21st**

**WOY WOY CAMPUS HALL**

**Doors open 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start**

A showcase of  
musical, comedic & dance performances

**Tickets: \$10 Adults / \$5 Child / \$25 Family**

**Available from Umina & Woy Woy Campus**



# COCKATOO ISLAND ART CAMP



# MUNA 2018

Year 12 students Liam Hylton-Evans, Zoe Sounness and Ben Spencer recently competed in the Central Coast Model United Nations Assembly representing the college.

The team prepared well and delivered their arguments professionally as they argued on four resolutions related to current world issues from the perspective of the country Myanmar. The team also looked the part dressing up to reflect the culture and customs of Myanmar.

The event was very successful and was visited by representatives of local and state governments including state member for Gosford, Paralympian and former BWSC teacher Liesl Tesch. The students enjoyed the day, learned a lot about how the UN works and enjoyed catching up with their Year 10 Geography teacher Ms Tesch.

Thanks to Rotary, The University of Newcastle, the participating students from Central Coast schools and organising teachers.

Mr Nicol



# BRONZE DUKE OF ED

Congratulations:

To Daniel Jurd, Vince De Vries and Jake Dempsey for completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Well done Mr Ruzek.



Staff undergoing  
First Aid Training.



# STAND TALL

On June 13, 30 BWSC students attended the Stand Tall event in Darling Harbour. Stand Tall is about motivating youth to make positive choices in life. It truly was an inspirational day for all.

Highlights included, having our very own train for the day with free juice and fruit provided by Coles, Ice cream for lunch, Liam Hylton-Evans winning the dance-off competition, Cyrus singing up a storm and of course all the amazing speakers throughout the day.



# CENTRAL COAST CAREERS MENTORING

Congratulations to all the students who have completed the 10 week mentoring course with Central Coast Careers Mentoring. Students found this a very worthwhile program, and each student spoke about the value of the program to them individually. If you are interested in participating in Term 3 , please see Mrs Beemster.



**Careers Expo** - 26th June (Tuesday, second last week of term). Great opportunity, well done year 10 students who returned notes.

**Newcastle Callaghan Campus tour** - Unaccompanied excursion 5th July (Last Thursday of this term). Notes available in the Careers room and on Facebook

**Macquarie University tour** - 30th July (week 2 next term). Notes available in Careers room and on Facebook.

**Coming up.....**dates to be announced... Defence Forces presentation, Career Development day, Ourimbah Campus plus more....keep an eye on facebook, the daily notices and newsletters.

**Year 10** - are encouraged to speak to Ms Beemster or Mrs Frances about possible subject choices for years 11 and 12

**Year 12** - UAC books will be distributed early next term. UAC and early entry SRS opens on the 1st August (week 2 next term).

Ms Beemster - Careers Advisor

# YEAR 11 CHEMISTRY

Year 11 chemists and Mrs Telford have been polishing their analytical skills: measuring masses of solids, and volumes of liquids.

The students are learning about the measurement unit used by chemists, the mole.

The mole is the chemistry equivalent to the dozen.

The students visualised the size of a mole of substances by weighing out the molar quantities of various substances, such as cling wrap, various metals, and some household substances such as sugar.

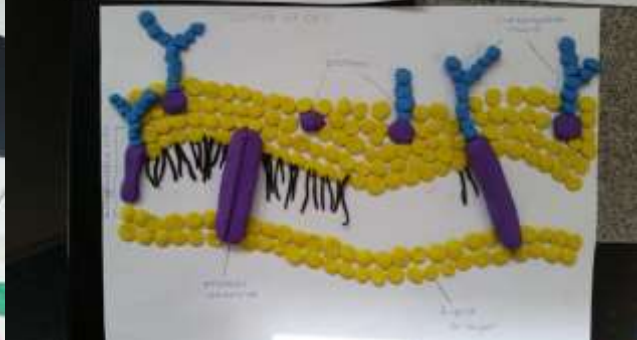


Year 11 Biology currently analysing human blood to estimate red and white blood cell size



# YEAR 11 BIOLOGY

Year 11 Biology getting creative making cell membrane models



# WOMEN IN ENGINEERING



Congratulations to Ebony Brown and Teneshia Gilbert of Year 10 who claimed first place for their emergency aeroplane evacuation parachute. The girls competed at the UTS Women in Engineering Day against other teams of students from across Sydney.



# ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Photographer's choice: My photo of the day is this one. 'Mateship, camaraderie and respect'. I'm also loving the smiles on the teachers faces too. Thank you boys, for giving us a wonderful memory. Mrs Garner





# SOCIETY AND CULTURE

Year 12 Studies of Religion & Society and Culture students recently visited Nan Tien Temple near Wollongong. The Buddhist Temple complex provided opportunities for the students to learn more about Buddhism, the lives of monastic Buddhists and take part in activities like meditation, chanting, tai chi, mindfulness origami and many more. Students really enjoyed being part of the Buddhist immersion experience and visiting the beautiful temple complex.

Mr Nicol



# YEAR 11 & 12 HOSPITALITY

Congratulations to our Year 11 and 12 Hospitality classes who catered for the Year 9 into 10 Information Night last week.

Under the guidance of Mrs Dowling, Mrs Brown, Mrs Marker, Mrs Carmichael, and prac teacher Mr Crotty students created a variety of sandwiches, quiches and slices for 200 parents of our Year 9 students. Everyone went home happy and full.

Well done everyone.



# MARINE STUDIES



Senior Marine Studies taking part in the Take 3 Microplastics Field Study Day with Mr Cobham and Mr Marker.

# CHEERLEADING

Our cheer girls at the recent Roosters NRL game.



# YOUTH IN PERFORMING ARTS

A Massive Shout Out to our Music students who performed at the recent Youth In Performing Arts concert at Laycock Street Theatre. It's a collaborative effort performing 'Come Together', with Yr 10 - Ruby Heighington, Yr 11 - Abigail Davies, Riannon Turpin, Chris Walker and Reuben Cass and our Yr 12 Drummer - Callum Kirk. Callum will also performed a jazz drum solo ! What a great effort. Well Done.



# OUTDOOR EDUCATION



Year 10 Outdoor Education completing part of the great North walk with Mr Cobham.

# HOMEWORK HUB

Well done to the 70 Year 10 students who stayed back recently to attend the Science Revision Seminar. It is great to see you all so dedicated to your studies.

Don't forget, you can access all the resources from the seminar as well as other hints by connecting to the Google Classroom using the code `ibm1e5k`



# YEAR 10 BUSHCRAFT

"Bushcraft", what's that about??

"Challenge, teamwork, problem solving, tough hard work"

Well the bushcraft students from Brisbane Water Secondary College certainly achieved all that and more, with Clean4shore today, on Pelican Island, removing the cone oyster baskets, from the derelict lease.

Low tide prevented Simon's barge from entering the inner Bay section on Pelican Island, requiring all of the baskets to be carried the 300 metres for loading.

Our first task was to round up all the baskets on the tidal water, then demolish the fibreglass boat that, "just appeared" in the mangroves. The sledgehammer made short work of the demolition, then a team carry of all the boat parts and oyster baskets, to Woy Woy Channel. Tough enough.

But wait, there's more.

Wading out 30 metres in knee deep mud to the lease, the existing baskets (about 80) were untied, and "thrown" back to the bank. Teamwork, yes, in deep mud, but done.

The task then was to carry all the baskets back to Simon's barge, waiting in Woy Woy Channel.

Plenty of laughter as the student "sank" in the mud, but a great sense of achievement, when looking back at the source of continual "dumping" of rubbish onto our local foreshores.

For the past seven years Clean4shore has removed these cone trays from the foreshore, and paid for disposal. The oyster grower responsible has contributed nothing to the clean up of his mess, reflecting poorly on those oyster growers who assist Clean4shore and follow industry standards, on their leases.

Only half of the lease was completed, and Clean4shore will return next week, with local school students to complete the task.

Supervisor George Ruzek summed it up "this is Kokoda training" mud, mud and more mud.

480 kilos was off loaded at Woy Woy tip from a huge load on the Clean4shore trailer. Massive effort kids, great shots camera one.



# BRISBANE WATER CLEAN UP



# BRADMAN BEST

Congratulations to Bradman Best who was a member of the NSW U'18 team that defeated Queensland before last weeks Origin game.

## Game Summary

A try by prop Stefano Utoikamanu with four minutes to play secured a 16-10 win for the NSW under-18s against Queensland under-18s on Wednesday night at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.



# OPEN NETBALL

Congratulations to the girls opens netball team. Through to round 4 of the State knockout after defeating Cherrybrook High School 54-52.

