



Bankstown Senior College

Newsletter

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From the Principal



I am pleased to report a very successful start to the year at Bankstown Senior College.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our students, both new and familiar faces and a special welcome to Mr Geoff Lowe, our new Librarian. We continue to welcome new students to the College, either into courses now running or in anticipation of the preparation class intake in Semester 2. It has been very pleasing to see the majority of Year 12 students in serious preparation for their Half-Yearly examinations in Weeks 10 and 11 of this term. Year 12 students have access to some valuable learning support as they prepare for this most important year. The Learning Support faculty, under the guidance of Mr Culligan, provide formal learning support classes for all students, with the focus on preparation for the HSC examinations. Students can also make appointments to work with the university tutors (also based in the Library) in their study periods. I encourage Year 12 students to make

the most of these valuable resources, which are provided through the College's RAM funding.

Year 11 and Year 10 students underwent an extensive orientation process in the first two weeks of term, culminating in Team Building Day and a barbecue. Interim reports will be issued to all students in Week 7, which will also be the last week for subject changes. Hopefully there will be very few of these.

The College has been very fortunate in that we now have a newly updated construction facility, for the delivery of Certificate 2 in Construction Pathways. This state-of-the-art facility has been funded by the Federal Government and will be officially opened later in the year.

The College welcomes parent and community input and I would like to take the opportunity to invite all parents and caregivers to our first Parent meeting on 8th March. In the meantime, if you have any concerns about your son or daughter, please feel free to contact me at the College.

Anne Doyle

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From the Deputy Principals



It has been a wonderful start for all in 2016 at Bankstown Senior College. I have had a great start to the year and met some wonderful students who have recently enrolled at BSC and re-acquainted myself with those students who are continuing their studies in 2016.

I am looking forward to a great year with many highpoints. The upcoming Harmony Day is one of my favourite whole college community events which particularly showcase Bankstown Senior's richness of culture. Whilst the focus is on multiculturalism, the day also celebrates our college culture of harmony, participation and togetherness. We dance, play some sport, enjoy the sausage sizzle and generally celebrate our collaborative and supportive college culture on this day.

I am proud to say that Bankstown Senior College is an educational institution that offers a variety of support for students. Teachers are always willing to help students achieve their very best and structures are in place to ensure students can access the academic and social support they need. At the College we place great emphasis on personalised learning where every student is assessed and an individual learning plan is developed which allows each student to grow as confident and self-directed learners. As part of our commitment to improving all student outcomes we have created a Learning Hub in the Library this year. Here students will find a support network which includes Learning and Support staff led by Mr Culligan Head Teacher Learning Support and University Tutors. I encourage all students to seek support in the Library Learning Hub during study periods and recess and lunch from these current university students and teachers. They have expertise in a variety of subjects and understand what you are going through. The tutors have recently completed the HSC themselves and will be able to assist you in developing strategies to support you in your academic endeavours.

Thank you to the Bankstown Senior College community for your continued efforts this year in working toward our College Strategic Directions. I am sure that this year is going to be magnificent as we work as a team toward our common goals.

Sharon Byron

Deputy Principal J. Gardiner



Welcome all students of Bankstown Senior College to a new year! The start of a school year is always an exciting time, getting to know new students and preparing for the year ahead. New students seemed to enjoy orientation week and I was glad to have the opportunity

to meet you at the orientation week barbecue. I hope you enjoyed your sausage sandwich that Ms Doyle and I cooked for you in the sweltering heat! The ice-blocks were very popular that day!

I would like to congratulate the students who were elected to be on the Student Representative Council, their election speeches were very impressive and delivered with confidence. I have seen these students hard at work already trying to make the College a healthy, safe and social environment where students feel a sense of belonging, build positive relationships and actively participate in the school community.

Parents are invited to attend the first Parent/community meeting for the year on the 8th March. It is important for parents and community members to have an understanding of some of the policies and procedures of the school and gain some insight into various programs and activities being run by the College.

Another important event coming up soon is Harmony Day on 17th March. I hope to see all students attending this fun event. It is a chance for students to get involved in a variety of activities celebrating the many cultures represented at Bankstown Senior College. There will be music, art, dancing, food and drinks, sports games and competitions so make sure you don't miss it!

Year 12 students need to be aware that your half-yearly exams are coming up in Weeks 10 and 11 and these marks will count towards your overall assessment mark for the HSC. It is very important that you develop a study routine so that you are prepared for these exams. Seek help from the Learning Support teachers and tutors in the Library if you need it!

Jenni Gardiner



Bankstown Senior College – Captains' Reports



Hakim Noor

My name is Hakim Noor. I enrolled at Bankstown Senior College in February 2014, as an EFS student. The moment I began at this College there was nothing that I wanted more than to become a SRC member. I was nominated but unfortunately was not elected.

I was a little disappointed, but it just meant that I had to try a little bit harder. After a few months I got the chance to attend Prep and then I had achieved Year 11. I studied and worked very hard and now I've finally reached my ultimate goal...year 12.

After all the hard work I completely forgot that I was eligible to apply to become the school captain for 2016. One of my best friends Elizabeth, who was always helping and assisting students at the college suggested I join the SRC group with her. I thought to myself, really? Again? What's the point? I had zero confidence. When my teachers started to mention school captain speeches, I began to write my speech, I was so stuck with what to say so a good friend of mine Melinda helped me write it, and it was perfect.

Finally, the day of the election arrived! I asked myself who will be a part of the SRC? Many students said they would vote for me but I was still very nervous. The deputy principal, Mrs. Byron announced the names of the school captain and SRC members for 2016. I remember hearing "female college captain is Elizabeth Glasovac" I was clapping and was really proud of her. The "male captain is Hakim Noor" I was speechless and surprised but tremendously happy. If you really want to achieve goals, you just have to work hard. You must always continue to stay positive too.

Being captain means a lot to me, because this school has helped me so much to achieve my dreams and I finally get to contribute to this college. I believe that I can make many changes and organize events and things students have issues with. As the college captain the most important thing for me is to be a bridge between the students and the teachers of the college, by working together and observing the positives and eliminating the negatives of the college. Cooperation can result in amazing results and an overall happier and healthier learning environment for all student and teachers. I am passionate about ideas I possess and strive to make them a reality. I love setting goals, both achievable and far-fetched because I know that having an initial direction can be the difference between success and regret.

Thank you for all the support, thank you to my friends for helping me through this journey! I will do my best as a role model in everything I do at the College.



Elizabeth Glasovac

My journey began at Bankstown Senior College two years ago. Throughout my years here at College I have experienced a lot and have become more confident in what I do. I have also learned

to develop my leadership skills and I have been part of many groups such as the girls' basketball team and supporting HSC students through their exams.

Last year's College Captains inspired me to be a leader so I took the time to put my name down for SRC.

Finally, I was chosen to be one of the College captains for 2016. Thank you to all my friends who supported me to get this leadership role.

Year 12 Report

We are very pleased to welcome back the Year 12 HSC students. They have already completed ¼ of their HSC year in term 4 of 2015. Students are now busy using their free study periods to revise work from last term as well as completing assessments and reviewing this term's work, for all their subjects.

HSC is a very busy year and in week 10 of this term, the half year examinations will begin. Using their free study periods in the library and requesting assistance from Learning Support and the library tutors, who are available during school time and also from 3:30 to 5:00 on Wednesdays, are ways to help decrease exam anxiety because students will be prepared.

Students who are prepared to work and attend class consistently will find that attendance, revision and requesting assistance are all ways to successfully achieve their goals.

Welcome back and may you all enjoy your HSC experience.

Mrs Pandelis
Y12 Year Adviser



SRC Report

The S.R.C. for 2016 has been elected! Our new school captains are **Elizabeth Glasovac** and **Hakim Noor**. Our new vice-captains are **Charles Guo** and **Aria Hasan**. SRC members are **Yupar Thwere** and **Mustafa Morshed** from Year 12, **Sara Ahmed** and **Mohammad Hassan** from Year 11, and **Hani Abdile**, and **Hava Rezaie** from Year 10.



EFS students will be voting soon for their representatives. We congratulate these students who have been entrusted by their peers to represent them.

This dynamic and enthusiastic team, along with the help of some Year 12 volunteers, have already collected \$308.40 for Valentine's Day. This money will be sent to our sponsor child Claude in Kenya. Thank you to everyone who helped by buying chocolates and lollipops.



There are also a number of other fun events coming up this term, including Crazy Hair Day and Harmony Day. SRC members are also currently surveying students about increasing the variety of food sold at the school cafeteria.

Make sure you get to know your SRC representatives and let them know of any ideas you have to improve College life.

Mrs Miglionico and Mrs Ginis
SRC Coordinators

Careers News

Year 12 attended an excursion to the Australian Catholic University at North Sydney on Thursday 18 February 2016. This excursion provided Year 12 students with a useful insight into campus life. We were warmly welcomed with morning tea after our bus journey.



The day began with a session on 'Leadership' with 2 ACU students Mason and Asiya from the Education Faculty. Asiya is an ex-student from Bankstown Senior College who has successfully completed her first year of an Education degree at ACU majoring in Mathematics. The other group did a session on 'Collaboration' with student representatives from the Physiotherapy Faculty and Business Faculty of the university Tim and Lilyrose. The groups then swapped over.



A BBQ lunch was provided and then students completed the final afternoon session. One group explored Creativity and Innovation in the Occupational Therapy Department whilst the other group did a tour of the campus. Then the groups swapped over.

Evaluations of the day were completed; the groups reconvened on the quad and then boarded the bus for the journey home.

The Australian Catholic University is providing opportunities for our students to be aware of, aspire to and access post school destinations that enrich their lives. ACU Equity Pathways is making a concerted commitment in ongoing engagement with Bankstown Senior College so that cumulative, lasting gains are made to overcome barriers to our students' involvement in tertiary study.

Careers Adviser
Divna Dokmanovic



Year 10 & 11 Orientation Program

Starting at a new place can be daunting. It can be difficult to settle in and meet new friends. This is not the case at Bankstown Senior College and is evident in the success of the Orientation Program.



During the first week, students in Years 10 and 11 participated in a special program designed to assist them in getting to know the college, teachers and each other. Students undertook compulsory Board of Studies modules, computer introduction, VET Work Readiness and subject selection activities.



A series of fun activities focussing on teamwork were held on the last day, followed by a BBQ cooked by the Principal Ms Doyle, the Deputy Principal Ms Gardiner, and some dedicated Year 11 students.

VET NEWS

BOSTES has sent VET students their VET qualifications from their last year studies to the school for distribution. These credentials are useful to show additional qualifications a student has achieved and

a welcome addition to CVs showing a variety of employment skills for future career pathways. New Year 11 VET students in 2016 should have signed a VET student induction agreement in class to acknowledge the VET information they have received. The school has a new work placement agency – MWLP (Macarthur workplace learning program) who will be organising work placements for Yr 11 and 12 students this year.

English/EALD Report

Welcome to 2016! There has been a lot of action in the English/EALD faculty so far this year. It is pleasing to see so many students eager to improve their English and pursue a successful education.

Welcome to our new EFS students who have decided to study full time at the college. We hope that through their hard work and the guidance of their teachers, they will progress quickly towards the acquisition of strong English skills. Also, welcome back to our EFS students from last year, who will also be studying hard to prepare for further studies.

Year 10 English students have already completed assessment tasks, exploring the concept of *Being an Individual* through the collage and speech tasks. Congratulations to these students for displaying confidence and commitment.

Preliminary Standard, Advanced, Fundamentals and ESL English courses are exploring the concept of Journeys this term, where students are introduced to the metalanguage of the Board of Studies in preparation for the HSC next year. Assessment tasks are a mandatory and valuable way of ensuring students demonstrate the deep knowledge and understanding they are developing throughout the term. English Studies students have focused on The Family this semester, engaging in many authentic and rewarding assessments and class tasks.

The HSC course is half way completed! As well as having completed two units of work, Year 12 English students have sat for their half yearly exams and two assessment tasks. This experience will help prepare students even more for their final exams, so it is strongly recommended that an effective study program is in place for every student leading up to the Trial exams in Term 3. Remember: you get what you deserve.

There are so many things to look forward to in the English/EALD faculty this year.

Maria Georgiou



Year 10 (2015) travel to Mount Tomah, Blue Mountains

At the end of Term 4, 2015, Year 10 students enjoyed a Geography lesson outside the classroom while on an excursion to Mount Tomah, Botanic Gardens and Blue Mountains. The purpose of this excursion was to develop the students' awareness of flora and landscape of the native Australian environment and to introduce them to a popular attraction of New South Wales.



With wonderful weather, the students were able to enjoy a bushwalk and discover some unusual native plants and observe the layers of the forest. The life cycle of plants and the effects of natural disasters on flora were highlighted to them. Students were accompanied by Mr Niazi, Ms Kormondi, Ms Azzi and Ms Pascalis on this very scenic experience.



During a quick lunch, they appreciated the surrounding panoramic views of the neighbouring mountains and the beautiful manicured gardens looking their best during the spring/summer seasons. The time in transit was equally as fun and exciting as the destination. It was a great way for students to socialise and bond on a four hour return coach trip which was filled with song and laughter for some and sound sleep for others.

Students of HSC ESL English discover Watsons Bay

In preparation for their Area of Study, a major component of the English ESL course, HSC students visited Watsons Bay, a popular tourist attraction. While accompanied by their teachers, Ms Richards, Ms Maguire and Ms Pascalis, this exciting outdoor experience enabled students to explore and discover an aspect of Sydney they may not have ever visited themselves.



With *Discovery* as the focus area, students were guided through key points of Watsons Bay. They strolled in the sand at the beautiful beach site of Camp Cove – the First Fleet's original landing point on Sydney's foreshore. Along the way, they paused to take in aspects of Australia's military history. They followed the lovely trail to the Hornsby lighthouse and from there they could capture sweeping panoramic views of the north shore and Sydney city skyline. The favourite final point was climbing the cliffs of the Gap at South Head, scene of some infamous shipwrecks.



Students snapped countless selfies of this amazing Heritage tour constantly hurried along by their teachers to maximise the limited learning guide. Watermelon was welcomed at the end of the tour and a lazy lunch in the park near the famous Watsons Bay pub and Doyle's fishing restaurant was the highlight of the day. Equally important was the Harbour ferry ride there and back - a sunny and scenic experience captured by the students with their series of selfies.

Ms Pascalis



A scholarship well deserved!



Bankstown Senior College is proud to announce its recipient of the 'Friends of Zainab Scholarship' (Tertiary Level) is Fadi MANSOOR (HSC 2015). This scholarship is awarded to public high school students from a refugee / asylum seeker background supporting them through the

critical years of their HSC. The Scholarship also supports students in their first two years of tertiary study. Each high school can present only two candidates every year, through a rather detailed process.

Fadi studied English (ESL), General Mathematics, Senior Science, Arabic, Arabic Extension and received an ATAR result of 69 which enabled him to study Medical Science at Western Sydney University. His tertiary entry to a course of his choice was an important achievement as education is a major priority for the Mansoor family. Fadi's older sisters have successfully achieved places in demanding tertiary level courses at university like Civil Engineering and Pharmacy. The Mansoor family honours hard work and high achievement and this is reflective in Fadi's outstanding secondary school achievements throughout his years of study at BSC.

Like many of our students, Fadi's family was forced to leave Iraq to seek refuge from some painful life threatening struggles. With this, came their arrival to Australia on 23 November 2012. Even though their efforts to settle and assimilate have been successful with the educational achievements of the four children, there have been great limitations placed on the family on all levels of their lives. Thankfully in such a short period of only three years through the extensive merit achievements of Fadi and his sisters, they have proven themselves and acquired the trust and respect from their family, friends and fellow students and their superiors who have shown a great interest to support them.

During his course of study at BSC, Fadi has displayed his dedication, sense of responsibility and hardworking ethics inside and outside the classroom. He is friendly, very social and was eager to contribute his ideas and efforts to support the SRC activities and events of Bankstown Senior College.

Fadi is a young man of honour who will always apply his greatest effort at any challenge in his life and successfully fulfill the requirements of any role. His teachers and college friends wish him well in the pursuit of his course and career. We welcome his regular visits to the College to keep us updated with his progress.

Hedy Brunet and Maria Pascalis

Welcome Message From The Bankstown IEC Head Teacher



Dear IEC Students and Families
Welcome back to school to every student at Bankstown IEC and the College as well and to all teachers and office staff. The summer holidays are now finished and at the IEC classes now are working hard and everyone is trying their best to

learn and to be successful. Success is a positive word! There are always problems everywhere but our main focus is about trying to do our personal best in our school subjects and to be helpful with one another. At Bankstown IEC our teachers worked last year in preparation for 2016 on our school's "ABCDE Values" that we feel are part of our school's culture. These values talk about communication, respect, attendance and learning. These are:

Attend Class on time
Be prepared for learning
Communicate with respect to teachers and peers
Do your best and ask for help if you need it
Engage with the learning

These "ABCDE Values" will be displayed as a poster in every classroom to remind our students about what we do and how we do things at Bankstown IEC. There are translations of the poster in many languages as well eg Arabic, Vietnamese, Chinese, Persian, Spanish etc.

To all the IEC and College students, have a great and successful term!

All students at Bankstown are **fantastic** students!

Mr Dimitrios Kametopoulos

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Opening The Doors Of Learning

College Students will soon be able to access additional help in the library on Wednesday afternoons.

Tutor assistance starts Wednesday 2nd March in Library from 3:30 -5:00 pm and every following Wednesday afternoon same time!



An exciting new opportunity will be available from the 2nd of March on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 until 5:00 pm. There will be four tutors in Bankstown Senior College Library from the Catholic University to help students with any subject.

If you don't have free periods to access the tutors in the library during school time now is your chance to get some extra valuable and professional assistance to help you achieve educational success. Of course all students are welcome please sign the list in the Library or write your name on the line below and give it to the Librarian- Mr Lowe

Name.....Year.....

Parent Meeting Invitation to all parents

You are invited to our first
parent/guardian morning tea o

Tuesday, 08 March

10am – 11:30pm

for a welcome to Bankstown Senior College



We hope to see you there !



BSC
WOMEN/GIRLS GROUP

When: Every Thursday Lunch Break
Where: Room A 10
For More information:
See Mrs Brunet, Mrs Pascalis, Mrs Qudsia

Meet with other girls & Make

Learn more about something that amazes you!

Make time for Fun Activities!

Relaxation sessions!

Let's enjoy our Lunch together!

Your Ideas are important to us!

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2016 CALENDAR

For your diary / notice board

Term dates:

Term 1:	Tues 27 Jan – Thurs 7 April
Term 2:	Tues 26 April – Thurs 30 June
Term3:	Monday 18 July – Thurs 22 Sept
Term4:	Mon 10 Oct – Thurs 15 Dec TBC

Exams:

HSC Half Yearly :	29 March–7 April
Prelim Half Yearly :	23 May–2 June
TRIAL:	8 August–18 August
Prelim Yearly :	19 September–22 September
ROSA Yearly :	7 November–17 November
HSC Begins :	Thursday 13 October 2016

Upcoming Events:

Parents Meeting	8 March
Harmony Day	17 March
Year 10 Speeches	21 March
College Assembly	22 March
Easter	28 March
Last Day of Term 1	31 March



Join our team – we're hiring!

August 9 is Census night and the Australian Bureau of Statistics is looking for 2,500 motivated and community minded Area Supervisors to join our team across Australia.

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