



Bankstown Senior College Newsletter

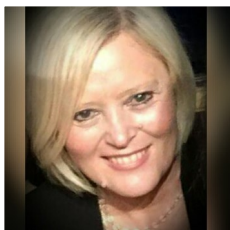
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From the Relieving Principal



Term 2 marks a very important point in relation to the year's academic work. HSC students have recently received their Semester One reports and Preliminary, Year 10 and EFS students will receive their reports at the Parent-Teacher afternoon in week 10. (Students have been given information about this important occasion in Mentor class.)

Thus, I feel that this is a good time for students to stop and reflect on why they decided to study at the College. When asked, students generally reply that they want to gain an educational credential that will allow them to access further education or vocational opportunity. In order to gain the maximum benefit from their learning, each student should ensure that they attend regularly and participate in all learning activities in their classrooms. Our staff instruct and guide students but, ultimately, it is each student's efforts and perseverance that will lead to success. The College provides a wide range of support structures, academic, social and emotional, and students should avail themselves of this help as they prepare for important examinations.

The revised College plan for 2015-2017 has been completed and can be viewed on the College website, www.bankstowns-h.schools.nsw.edu.au. You can also find the School Report at this site. We welcome any parents, who would like to attend our Term 2 meeting on May 31st. Further information will be sent to you shortly.

The end of the term will witness the graduation of students from the Intensive English Centre (IEC) and

English for Study (EFS) courses. A number of these students will be joining preparation classes which commence next term. To others, you leave with our best wishes for your future educational endeavours.

Lastly, I am more than happy to speak with any parent about their child's progress. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me at the College. When teachers and parents work together, we achieve success.

Sharon Byron

From the Relieving Deputy Principal



What an honour it has been to be the relieving Deputy Principal for a period of time this term. It has been a great opportunity for me to work with the school community in

a different way. Everyone has been very supportive and I especially appreciated those staff and students who assisted in making my time interesting and enjoyable.

The College now has a Student Car Park Policy which outlines the responsibilities that students have to demonstrate in order to be able to use it. Of utmost importance is the safety and wellbeing of the students of the whole college, and using the car park in an orderly and respectful manner will ensure that this eventuates. Students who wish to use the car park must apply for a permit from the office before they can use it.

Year 12 will be receiving their half-yearly reports soon, and these will



be very important in helping students understand what they need to do to improve their study habits before the Trials. Every student in Year 12 can reflect on their exam performance and further develop their exam technique by completing past papers. As well, I wish all Year 11 and 10 students all the very best with their half yearly exams and hope that the experience of doing these exams better prepares them for the HSC in the coming years.

I am looking forward to attending the exciting campus visit with the Macquarie Mentoring students and Mrs Ginis on Friday 20th May and I am very pleased to have been invited. I believe the Macquarie Mentoring program is a very valuable experience which can lead to amazing possibilities for our students.

Maria Georgiou

From The Deputy Principal



It has been a very busy term at Bankstown Senior College. All students have completed their Half Yearly exams and their reports have been written to provide feedback to both students and parents on progress made throughout the semester. Please read these reports carefully and follow the advice given by the teachers to help improve your learning.

The College provides learning support for students in a number of ways and parents are encouraged to attend the Parent/Community Meeting on Tuesday 31st May from 10:00 – 11:30am to get information on how students can access this extra help.

As part of our Learning Support program at the College we have invited guest speakers from 'Elevate Education' to present study skills sessions for Year 12 students. The 'Ace your Exams' presentation gave students 12 steps to exam excellence and provided them with resources they can access online to prepare for and practice exam questions. Students have commented that these sessions have really helped them by improving their confidence and guiding the way.

The Bankstown Senior College teachers are also very busy developing their knowledge and skills in order to best teach and support student learning. We understand that student wellbeing is vital for successful learning so the staff undertook training in Mental Health First Aid which is a nationally recognised accredited course. The program promotes the mental and physical wellbeing of both staff and students and aligns with our commitment as a public school to ensure we provide a teaching and learning environment that enables students to connect, succeed and thrive.

Other initiatives at the College that also promote emotional and physical wellbeing include Harmony Day which again was a big success, Yoga classes for female refugee students every Tuesday and the Morning Breakfast Club providing a healthy start to the cold winter days in Term 2 and 3.

BSC staff also completed a combined emergency CPR and anaphylaxis course which provided them with the training to apply cardiopulmonary resuscitation techniques, recognise allergic reactions and symptoms of anaphylaxis and successfully administer an adrenaline auto-injector. Hopefully we will not have to use these skills!



Other areas of professional learning for staff this term included Leadership and Evaluative Thinking, Boys Education, Augmented Reality, ALARM Extended Response Writing, Flexible and Personalised Learning, Developing a culture of Academic Engagement, Excellence and Success, SMART Goal-setting and the Trade Skills Forum. We also hosted the Bankstown/Glenfield Principal's Network meeting which enabled Principals across the local districts to meet, collaborate and share best practice, address new reforms and discuss new innovations and initiatives.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following students for being nominated to receive a Public Schools NSW VET Award. We are very proud of you!

Fawwaz Almagd for Retail Services

Hakim Noor for Business Services and Information and Digital Technology

Esho Anoaël for Construction

Moi Thi Nguyen for Hospitality

Jenni Gardiner



English/EALD Report

Term 2 has been a very busy time for all students and teachers. The courses are well and truly under way and students are busy preparing for exams and assessment tasks.

Year 11 and Year 10 will soon be sitting for their Half Yearly exams. They need to make sure they attend all classes and revise their work. They should also practise writing under exam conditions.

Year 12 is nearing the end of their study of "Discovery". The ESL group is preparing for the panel discussion task while Standard and Advanced are completing Module A, which requires students to engage closely with pairs of texts to examine perspectives and language experiences. We wish all these groups well.

The English Department will soon be starting up a games room in A13 at lunch times. This was a suggestion made by students in a recent SRC survey. We encourage all interested students to inform their English teachers as to what kinds of games they would like to play.

The annual writing competition will also be commencing soon. Teachers will be informing their classes about the topics set for each year group. Last year we had around 60 entries. We hope that even more students enter this year.

S. Ginis

Relieving Head Teacher

SRC Report

The SRC members have been very busy this year in their attempt to make college life more enjoyable for students. In particular, they worked tirelessly helping staff to organise Harmony Day, which was a great success. Thank you to all students who assisted the SRC, such as the Year 11 Hospitality class, and all staff who also offered their expertise and help, in particular Ms Rahimi.

In Mentor classes students have just completed a Harmony Day survey, which allowed them to offer suggestions for next year's Harmony Day. We will be looking at all comments and making some changes for next year. Many students commented that they especially liked the choice of the vegetarian pasta made by Aria Hasan, and the celebration of Persian New Year.

In the survey students were also enthusiastic about a Talent Quest to cater for our talented students at BSC and the IEC. We will be looking into finding a suitable time for that to occur. In the meantime make sure to start practising your performances!

Other suggestions made by students in the survey included a games room to be run by the English faculty. English language games will soon be

available in A13. See Mrs Ginis or Mrs Georgiou if you have any suggestions about the types of games you would like to play during lunch times. Students will be informed in Mentor about when this will start.

Remember, if you have any ideas on how to make college life even more enjoyable, please speak to one of the SRC members.

S. Ginis and Z. Miglionico

SRC Coordinators

Macquarie Mentoring Program

The Macquarie Mentoring Program is progressing very well with a large group of enthusiastic Year 11 students now ready to visit Macquarie University.

The Macquarie Mentoring Program matches our students who wish to go to university, with students who are current students at Macquarie University. Our students are helped to understand university expectations, ATARS and possible career choices in a fun and interesting way with the support of these vibrant and enthusiastic mentors.

Here are a few of our students working passionately with their Mentors on a Thursday afternoon. Watch out for photos of our University experience in the next newsletter.

S. Ginis

Coordinator





Careers News

This year has started well with the Year 10 Work Education Program. Students are now writing their **Resume** with one on one support from the EALD teaching staff: Ms Hala Trad and Mrs Elizabeth Pandelis as well as additional learning support from Ms Kath Milgate. Students receive personalised learning opportunities at Bankstown Senior College and this program is such an example.

Year 12 have started making and having their careers interview. In particular they are getting their documentation ready for their Educational Access Scheme application. This looks at disadvantage criteria like financial hardship, disrupted schooling, English language difficulty, home environment, personal illness/disability, school environment and refugee status in order to maximise their chances of access to university post school.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY REFUGEE SCHOLARSHIP

Zia Nasser is a student in Year 12 who is an asylum seeker has been offered a scholarship which will cover all his tuition fees to study law for 4 years at ACU. He is classified as an international student due to his visa status and as a temporary resident would have needed to pay the full tuition cost. He can now celebrate as he will have no HECS debt. This is a very generous scholarship from the Australian Catholic University and Zia is a very lucky recipient. It will also pay the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF), which is used to provide services to all students at ACU and private health care insurance.

Zia has studied hard and maintained perseverance in the face of adversity and is to be commended for his effort. Zia can start in the second semester in August. Congratulations and we wish you all the very best for your future, may it be even more prosperous!

I would like to thank ACU and look forward to continuing our equity pathways partnership relationship which has been established with Bankstown Senior College. There are further programs which are available for our students. One new initiative offered by ACU is the ESL English HSC Workshop on Monday 4 July 2016. Students will be given registration information at the up-coming Year 12 Meeting.



Elizabeth Sydenham – Equity Pathways Officer from ACU presenting Zia his scholarship

Ms Dokmanovic
Careers Adviser

College After School Assistance

Wednesday afternoon is a flurry of activity in the library. Students are seeking assistance with homework, assessment and class activities from volunteer teacher and tutors, making it a very busy place.

IEC, Year 10, Year 11 and HSC students are all accessing the professional help available to reinforce, clarify and hone their understanding.



After School Assistance in Bankstown Senior College Library



Leadership Conference

On the 17th of March I participated in a leadership excursion to Parliament House in the city, where I had a chance to meet with the Governor General.



Through the experience I have learnt that being a leader is not as easy as we think. Being a leader requires giving up your time to focus on issues that affect the youth of today: such as new transport challenges, renewable energies to support our growing population and living sustainably.

We need to ask ourselves how best to make use of the limited resources in order to leave it in a better situation for the future. These issues need to be discussed with students to get their input in finding solutions for the challenges. I learnt first-hand how difficult it can be for our current leaders whom I observed debating in the houses of NSW parliament. I strongly urge all of you to embrace success persevere through the failures and strive for a life less ordinary - fight for it and insist upon it always.

Hakim Noor Year 12

Sharing is caring – Teacher Collaboration

Teachers work hard to make a difference in the learning of their students and this often depends on team work and collaborations. Recently the dedicated staff attended a Tuesday afternoon discussion on Boys Education lead by Mr Niazi who has recently attended a state conference and an in-service focussing on making learning better for boys. He was able to share some up to date statistics and strategies with his fellow life long learners in a collaborative forum ensuring all teacher share and use what is learnt about boys education.

Music in the Air

Year 12 music students Hakim, Yupar, Yousef and Esteban attended a musical concert called "A Night At The Grammys" at AMIS on 11th May 2016.

The visit was a real eye opener for our students. A variety of music including R&B, Alternative Latin, Pop and Classical swirled and embraced dancers and actors as they moved in harmony with the music- truly inspirational.

The year 12 students are now focussed on ensuring their music and performances will be energetic and dramatic. There is no doubt they will be performed with enthusiasm.



Year 12 Music Students

Role Models Return to the College



Every term past students of Bankstown Senior College return to up-date teachers about their successes. Recently Karmin Milhim and Daiana Adam visited. Both young women are presently in tertiary education and steadily working to achieve their goals and establish careers. Karmin is at UTS doing a Bachelor of Business. Daiana is studying at the College of Applied Philosophy. Their visit, like all other visiting students, was very positive and celebrated by all they met.



Ibrahim Almraoof returned earlier this Term to update teachers about his progress at the Police Academy.

The college boasts a high degree of student's success. The graduating class of 2015 included students entering a variety of courses including the Sciences, Nursing, Medical Science, Economics, Business Studies and English.



A new look library moving into the electronic world

Our college library continues to function as the hub of our learning community. The new teacher librarian, Mr. Lowe is busy putting magazines onto a catalogue so that they can be borrowed electronically. Throughout the day the computers are in constant use as both teachers and students work on classwork and assessment tasks.

At recess and lunch the library continues to be a high energy space as students collaborate enthusiastically in groups and discuss their learning.



The work spaces of the library are bright, open, welcoming and colourful, because of the many students artworks being displayed.

Most recently the library has a new catalogue system called **Oliver**. This system is designed to allow quick easy access and reference every minute of the day. It will also allow users to reserve books, write reviews, access clickview and check loans and their due dates.

A helping hand for students

Term 2 of 2016 has begun, and what better way to start it than by gazing upon the smiling, eager faces of the students of Bankstown Senior College. Well, that's how we University Tutors see their faces. Many would just attribute their bleak expressions to pain a suffering caused by exams and unexpected marks, but we can see the truth! They are eager to learn! But truly, they have started Term 2 looking refreshed and seeking to better their marks by paying a visit to the Library. The tutors here are very helpful and we do our very best to make sure the students understand their subject material, and actually get something out of it rather than just reading words off a page. Their understanding makes us happy, and happiness is the key to success!

John G

Bankstown Tutorial Program (BTP)

Excursion

On Wednesday the 6th of April, BTP staff and students went on an excursion to a Korean BBQ restaurant in Bankstown.

There was a large variety of meals and a unique buffet-style experience, where you could choose your meal and also cook your own food at your table. It was also something that enhanced our cultural horizons and gave an opportunity for staff and students to socialise outside of school constraints.



After the beautiful luncheon, where we stuffed ourselves with delicious Korean meals, we went to Oliver Brown and finished our lovely afternoon with hot chocolate drinks. It was a great and fun experience which we will all no doubt cherish.

Caitlin and Yupar

BTP Reflection



Harmony Day is a day that celebrates students' differences and Bankstown Senior College celebrated this occasion by hosting various entertainers, including African drummers and Chinese Dragon dancers. This celebration enabled students and staff from all parts of the college to come together and experience the diversity of cultures and customs of the college community. Being part of BTP has enabled me to interact with other students and develop an awareness of other cultures and customs. Harmony Day celebrations helped in this way, as I got a henna tattoo and watched cultural dances etc, along with everyone else, which gave us all a sense of the welcoming atmosphere of Harmony Day at BSC.

Caitlin





Football Team knocked out

Week 3 saw the open boys football team play in a knockout competition against Canley Vale High School.

The game was close with Bankstown sadly being defeated during the final 10 minutes of the game, 6 points to 4.

A quick thinking Ahmed Charkawi, member of the team, saved a number of goals including all attempts from corner kicks.

Our team demonstrated a high degree of skills and collaboration. Goal scorers; Ardoan Alkhameesi, Osman Gowni and Seng Aung from the IEC played well as did the entire team. They all did our college proud.

A member from Canley Vale made a comment to Mrs Boulet during the game, "you aren't supposed to use professional players in the knockout competition." Obviously they were impressed with Bankstown Senior College's fantastic football skills.

Mrs Boulet was very proud of the whole team who showed great enthusiasm high energy and dedication as they represented the college.



BSC Football Team

Table Tennis Team hitting into Round 2

The open boys table tennis team have made Bankstown Senior College proud, by defeating the team from South Strathfield High School.

The team consists of Osman Gowni, Sam Wang, Tinshwe Tinshwe and Simon Kwan.

Points were seized early by Bankstown and our team began the rounds with high energy and enthusiasm. Osman was a strong player, who won the first two rounds easily. As the rounds continued South Strathfield Team fought back. The final round was a game breaker, which after a long rally, was won by Sam.

Term 2 saw Bankstown Senior College play against the team from Beaumont Hills High School for the second round. The game against Beaumont Hills team saw Bankstown victorious and now the team wait for round 3.

Our team usually trains during lunch times to perfect their doubles games.

Katrina Boulet

Visual Arts Excursion

This year's ARTEXPRESS exhibition focused on some of the most outstanding artworks made by students for the art making component of the 2015 Visual Arts Higher Certificate Examination. The current year 12 art group attended an excursion to the Art Gallery of New South Wales to seek inspiration for their own art making practice and immerse themselves in an art environment.

The day included visiting the Sydney Biennale exhibition which exhibited many installations from postmodern artists.



Mrs Skourtis and Visual Art Students at the Art Gallery Of NSW



Students engaged and interacted with the works and had lots of fun. The Art Express exhibition provided opportunities for students to explore and engage with students works from other schools. Subject matter, forms and media varied greatly in the exhibition and our students felt their experience will help them to take risks and make works that challenge the boundaries of art making practice.

Niki Skourtis

All Parents are welcome to the Term 2 Parents Community Meeting/Morning Tea

Tuesday, 31May, 2016

10:00am to 11:30 am

Bankstown Senior College

C 10 (above the cafeteria)





Harmony Day

As you may have heard the 21st of March was Harmony Day. So what is Harmony Day? Harmony Day is a national day of cultural respect and acknowledgement of all those who call Australia home, from the indigenous traditional owners to those that have travelled from many countries around the world. As we take pride in both our individuality and cultural diversity, it is important to remember that we all stand collectively shoulder to shoulder as Australians at Bankstown Senior College.



This year at BSC we celebrated Harmony Day on the 24 of March. Harmony Day plays an important role at our college. Being a high school of over 360 students we have a large culturally diverse group of students and teachers, all with a rich, colourful heritage and history

with many students with different cultural backgrounds. Bankstown Senior College takes pride in this with many students coming from over 20 different countries.



Once again this year with such a diverse community, we shared cultural music, dance and the colours of the painting which still surrounds the cafeteria. Many thanks to the African drumming group who brought the sound of Africa to the day. The Australian Bush Dance was a joyful outpouring of energy as were the Loin dancers, Henna art, sport, class activities and the BBQ.

Persian and Afghan students also shared with the entire College aspects of their culture including food national dress and Handcraft to celebrate New Year.



We wouldn't be able to make the Harmony day work without the help of our staff, SRC and other students.



I am sending this message to all the BSC community, to celebrate Harmony Day, talk to your friends about their background, share stories and spread the spirit of Harmony. Make new friends and try talking to someone you may have never talked to before as Harmony Day is all about living together cheerfully. Set aside differences with others and ultimately work towards making BSC a better place to learn and have fun.

Mrs Rahimi CLO



STUDENTS IN HARMONY



Message from the Bankstown IEC Head Teacher



Dear IEC Students and Families
Welcome back to every student at Bankstown IEC and the College as well and to all teachers and office staff to Term 2! The autumn holidays are now a thing of the past and at the IEC students now

are working very hard. Every student is trying his or her best to learn and to be successful. At the moment we have about 100 newly arrived students from many countries, from Iraq, Lebanon, Vietnam, China and Myanmar. It is great to see them and to welcome them to our school!

Last term, 3 students from **Bankstown Senior College**, **Hani Abdile** in Year 10, **Shamaa Hamdan** in Year 10, **Maung Kyi Win** from EFS with the School Community Liaison Officer **Ms Qudsia Rahimi** and 4 students from Bankstown Intensive English Centre, **Eisha Yawarish**, **Mohammed Alattar**, **Mary Alsaifi** and **Lauren Liang** with me attended the Youth Conference Summit organised by Auburn Diversity Services on Wednesday 30 March 2016. It was a fantastic event as all the students were given the opportunity to meet other students from different schools, government and non-government and talk about youth issues today and in particular about refugees, migration and settlement issues. Some high ranking officials were present and in their brief speeches showed their support towards refugees and the problems they face today. Our students contributed very well to the discussions and networked with their groups. The day ended with an excellent spread of food and drinks and lots of music and dancing.



Thank you to the students who participated in this event and bringing back these messages to our school!

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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Dinka Thuɔŋjäɣ						1107AM 11.00am-12.00pm	1107AM 6.00am-7.00am
Lao ລາວ	97.7FM 4.00pm-5.00pm					97.7FM 9.00pm-10.00pm	
Nepali नेपाली						97.7FM 4.00pm-5.00pm	97.7FM 4.00pm-5.00pm
Urdu اردو		4.00pm-5.00pm		4.00pm-5.00pm			
Somali اف سوماالی			97.7FM 10.00pm-11.00pm		97.7FM 10.00pm-11.00pm		
Bangla বাংলা	97.7FM 6.00pm-7.00pm					97.7FM 6.00pm-7.00pm	
Tamil தமிழ்	97.7FM 8.00pm-9.00pm		97.7FM 8.00pm-9.00pm				97.7FM 8.00pm-9.00pm

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Interest Groups in the College

The college has a number of clubs and discussion groups that meet regularly. This allows students to extend their social groups and build on their interests. Groups include Girls Yoga, Table tennis, Gym, Board Games, Bible Groups, Women's Group.



Students at the Bible Group

Women hold up half the sky

In 1911 following a declaration by the Socialist party of America, International Women's Day was first honoured in Denmark, Switzerland, Germany and Austria. The United Nations has recognized March 8th as International Women's Day since 1975.

We are the mothers and sisters, we are the daughters and wives, we are half of the society and we give birth to the other half. The 8th March is our time to end the oppression and persecution of women. The first time I heard about Women's Day was when I came to Bankstown Senior College.

I loved to mark that day by celebrating it in my way. As a chipmunk I found a way to draw a smile, grab people's attention and touch many hearts by Hi fiving and taking pictures of everyone and some were even hugging me.

As the college's women's group we gave chocolates to students and tied white and purple balloons around the school. For me it was a peaceful but fun day. Thanks to the following women who were involved in Women's Day.



Zeinab Rezai Year 11
Fatema Ahmadi Year 10
Mumina Saburi EFS

Jamileh Ahmadi EFS
Fatemeh Heidari EFS

Rodiayh Mohammad Year 11

Breakfast Club

**Time: Everyday
7:45 to 8:20
Term 2 Week 6**



Breakfast Club for students is due to begin this term, just in time for the cold weather.

All welcome for the free breakfast served in the Cafeteria.

Breakfast Club will begin in term 2 week 6 and will conclude at the end of term 3.

Breakfast served will include cereal, toast, fruit juice, tea and coffee.

We hope that students will make the most of this program.



Parent/Teacher Afternoon

On Tuesday 28th of June the annual Bankstown Senior College Parent / Teacher Afternoon will be held in the College Library. Please use this opportunity to collect your child's/family member's report and speak to your child's or family member's teachers to get an update on their progress and ways in which they can improve.

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

Make time for Fun Activities!

Learn more about something that amazes you!

Relaxation sessions!

Let's enjoy our Lunch together!

Your Ideas are important to us!



2016 CALENDAR

For your diary / notice board

Upcoming Events Term 2:

23 May	Year 11 Half Yearly Exams
30 May	Year 10 Half Yearly Exams
30 May	Breakfast Club starts
31 May	Parents Meeting
13 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
15 June	College Assembly
28 June	Parents/Teacher/Students Evening
29 June	EFS Graduation/Last day for Term2
30 June	Last Day for Term 2

Term 3: Monday 19th Jul to Thurs 22nd Sep

EFS & PREP Begin Classes:	1 st Aug
Trial Exams	8 th Aug to 18 th Aug
Industrial Technology Major Project	11 th Aug
Visual Arts Bodies of Work	30 th Aug
Music Performance Examinations	5 th Sep
Year 12 Graduation	21 st Sep

Term 4: Tues 11th Oct to Thurs 15th Dec TBC

<u>Year 11 Yearly Exams:</u>	12 th Sep to 22 Sep
<u>IEC Graduation:</u>	22 nd Sep
<u>HSC Written Exams Begin :</u>	13 th Oct
<u>Year 10 Exams:</u>	7 th Nov to 17 th Nov
<u>Presentation Evening:</u>	6 th Dec



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