

BELCONNEN HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 1 Week 5 Newsletter



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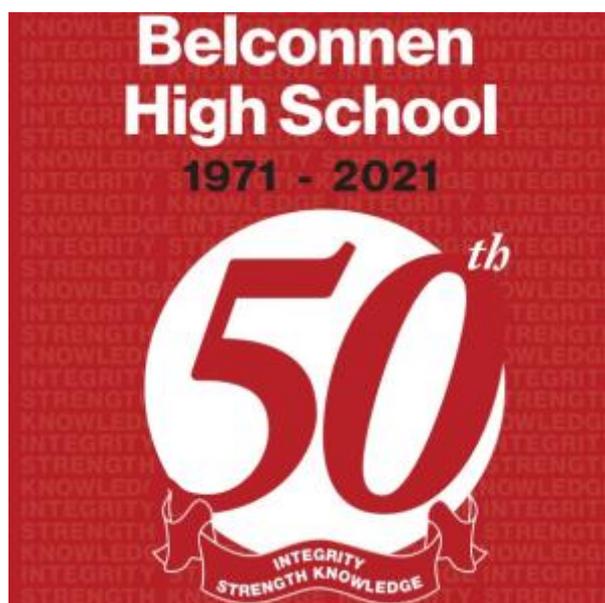
Principal's Message



Welcome back to the 2021 school year to all of the Belconnen families. This year we have welcomed our new Year 7 cohort, our largest for many years. This growth sees our population at approximately 550 students. Our Hall felt very full on the first day back for all, and it was great to see all of our students prepared and eager to start the year. My thanks go to all of the parents and staff for their hard work in preparing for the new school year.

This year we will be celebrating 50 years of Public Education at Belconnen High School and I encourage you all to get involved in the activities that will celebrate this fabulous achievement. These opportunities will culminate in a large celebration event linked to our traditional Belconnen Day and will be held in term 4. If you are interested in being a part of the planning and organising team for any events please let me know.

Our first activity for students will be announced at the assembly next week. We are running an art competition to pick a winning design to use as our artwork for the 50th celebrations. I will be encouraging all students to get involve and put forward a submission for this competition.



Year 7 Camp

I had the pleasure of joining Year 7 students and staff on camp at Wombaroo for Wednesday/Thursday this week. Students were participating in a range of challenge activities and it was fabulous to watch them connect and support each other. A huge thank you to the large group of staff who attended camp and went above and beyond to maximise learning opportunities for our students.



Mid-Semester Reports, Semester Outlines and Academic Calendars

This year, students will be expected to keep up-to-date with classwork and assessment via Google Classroom and Google Calendar. Both of these tools can be accessed via any device with internet

access such as Chromebooks and mobile phones. Each student will have an individualised assessment calendar via Google Calendar/Classroom and will receive training not only in how to plan their busy lives but also in how to share their calendar with parents and guardians.

We know how busy life is for parents and students - between work, casual jobs, sports, music practice, etc. It is easy for things to slip through the gaps. This can lead to stress around assessment time as students struggle to balance their responsibilities. Therefore, Belconnen High School uses Google Classroom and Calendar to be the place students, parents and teachers begin a conversation about time management and producing consistently high-quality work.

To get you started, below are a series of YOUTUBE videos on how to use Google Calendar and I invite you to watch them together and discuss with your child:

[Google Calendar Part 1 - Introduction](#)

[Google Calendar Part 2 - Making an Event](#)

[Google Calendar Part 3 - Sharing your Calendar](#)

Mid- Semester reports will be emailed to parents and students on Thursday 1st April. This will include information on booking interview times with classroom teachers. The parent/teacher interviews will be conducted in week 1 of Term 2, Tuesday 9th April and Wednesday 10th April. Please ensure you discuss the report with your child and make appointments with teachers where required.

Year 7 Meet the Teacher Evening

Also contributing to the great start for year 7 students was the Year 7 Meet the Teacher Evening held at the school. The well attended night was fantastic as our student leaders led their families around their new school. Again, I wish to thank staff and families for this great night.

School Board

The School Board for 2020 will conduct their final meeting this term. I wish to thank the retiring members of the Board for their work. Nominations have now closed for the vacant positions for the 2021 Board. The School Board for 2021 will be appointed on the 1st of April and I will introduce the Board members in the next newsletter.

Rebecca Pearce



Dropping or picking your kids up from school?

Parents and carers – please keep our kids safe by parking safely and legally around schools especially at school drop offs and pick ups.

It's illegal and not OK to double park or park across pedestrian crossings, corners or nature strips as this reduces pedestrian visibility and blocks the ability for kids to see the road clearly. The consequences can be fatal.

You can also expect to be fined for parking in no stopping zones, bus zones, or in front of driveways.

For drop offs in the morning, why not park a little further away from the school and walk with your kids the rest of the way?

For pick ups at the end of the school day, have a pre-determined meeting spot that's nearby. This helps if you're running late so your kids know where to wait and you don't need to rush.

Walking part of the way to school is also a simple way to reduce congestion and increase safety around schools. Part way points help make the school drop off and collection run easier and faster for parents and reduces congestion at the school gate. For more options on getting your kids to and from school visit <https://www.transport.act.gov.au/about-us/schools/active-travel-toolkit>

Access Canberra inspectors including License Plate Recognition vans will be on patrol, so let's work together to keep our kids safe. For more safety tips visit <https://youtu.be/AslMVXpA9Zc> and www.act.gov.au/safeparking

BUSINESS MANAGERS NEWS



Northern Territory Trip

Well, the excitement is starting to build for the trip with many things being organised such as shirt designs, ordering bags, sorting out travel insurance, risk assessments being completed, organising swim tests and fitness bushwalks et cetera. There are a few things to note about the trip:

- At this stage, we have **two places available** on the trip for either Year 9 or Year 10 students. If your child is interested in going on the trip, please call the Front Office and be prepared to pay a deposit.
- Payments need to be made according to payment plans. If you have not started making payments, please do so.
- Please return permission notes as soon as possible.
- Travel insurance forms will soon be given to students or placed on the Google Classroom. Your prompt filling out and return of these forms would be appreciated.
- Please ensure students who are attending the trip have an up-to-date tetanus shot, as at times we will be in isolated locations.
- Please note the change to the itinerary for Trip A (12 to 27 September). This trip will now depart from Belconnen High School by bus, for Sydney Domestic Terminal at 3am to catch our Darwin flight from Sydney.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

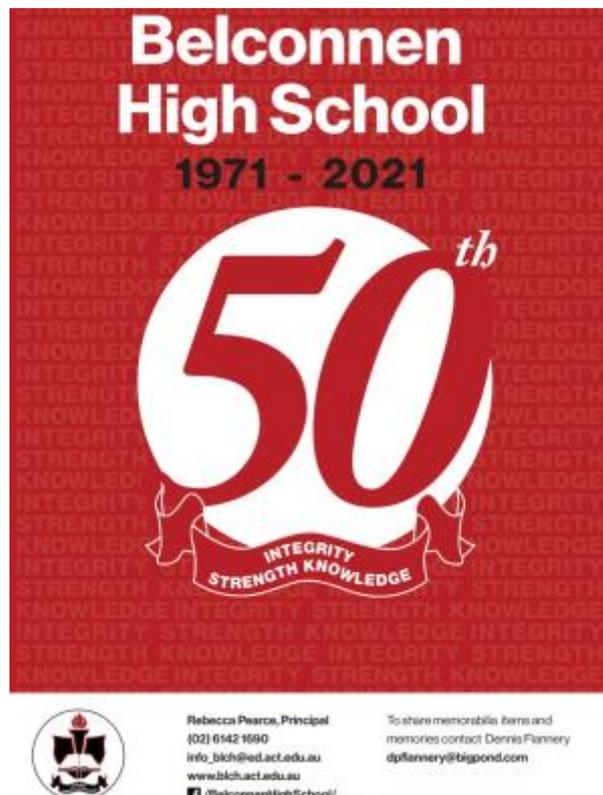
Kind Regards,

Richard Erlandson



1 - Kings Canyon

BHS's 50th Year (1971-2021)



A Planning Group is looking at a range of activities to focus on BHS's 50th Year - this year.

Once activities have been decided upon they will be advertised to the school and the wider community.

From the Archives

Press Release from Federal Department of Education and Science (3 May, 1971)

'Belconnen High School Opens'



BHS Yearbooks

The Planning Group has been collecting BHS Yearbooks with the aim of collecting a full set from 1971 to 2021.

It appears that a Yearbook was not produced in 1971 and possibly not in 1972 though we are still looking for a 1972 copy as well as copies of Yearbooks from the following years:

1976, 1977, 1978, 1981, 1983, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2014.

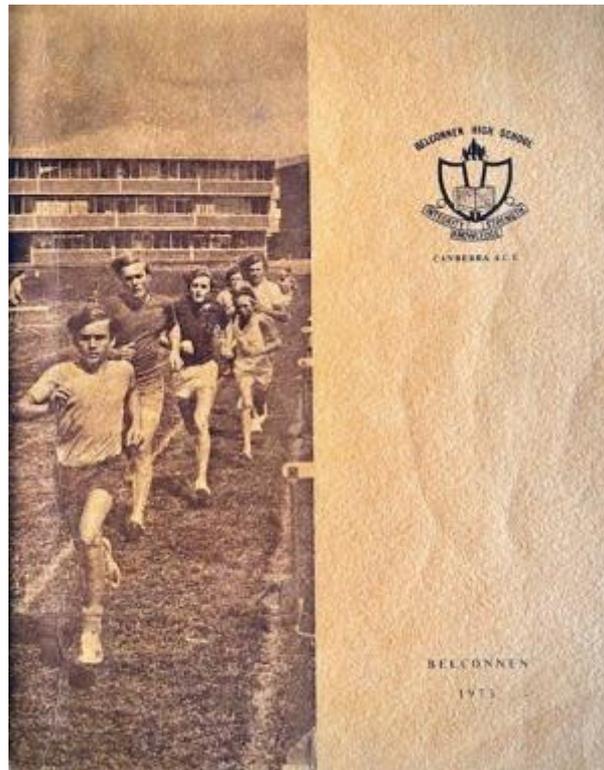
Please contact the school if you have any of these Yearbooks and can either donate them or lend them to the school so digital copies can be made.

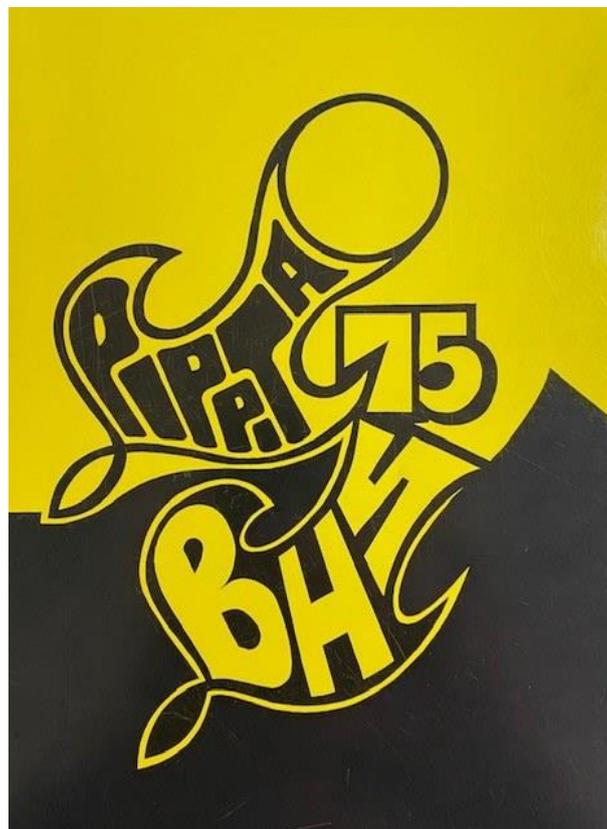
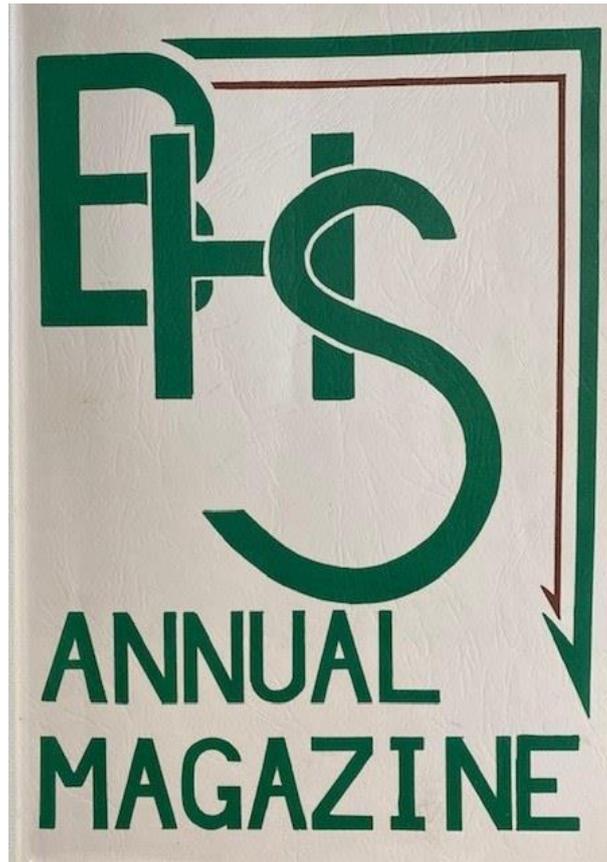
We are planning on making digital copies of all the BHS Yearbooks in order to preserve them.

An ex-student of BHS has lent us her copies of the 1973, 1974 and 1975 Year Books.

Find below a collection of photos from these Yearbooks.

BHS has had a history of inter school visits over the years with NSW schools like Deniliquin High School (see report below) and Parkes High School.





GOODBYE TO GINNINDERRA-ITES

It is with a heavy heart that we have to say goodbye to many students from the suburbs of Latham, Holt, Higgins and Mansfield. Due to the long arm of the Department of Education, they are departing for the new Ginninderra High School. Most of the students from the forms 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be leaving to attend the new school.

Even though the school will be sure to have its teething problems (so, we won't give it a toothbrush), with many students from our own illustrious school, it will be a good school.

Good luck to all the students leaving, as we surely (?) will miss them.

"Sebastian" (John Gibson)



WHEN WE WERE CHILDREN

Sweet was the summer of gold and green,
Fresh and blue was the sea,
It's spray stung our young cheeks
As we dreamed of dancing shadows and
sparkling dew.

It seems the dawn was softer then.
Like pink and blue wisps of promises
Carefree and gay, can you remember
When we laughed at life and lived
only for that day.

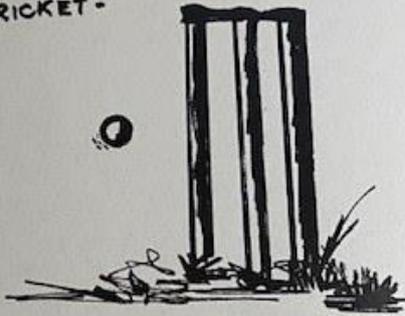
Now we are old and life has passed us by
We have seen its cares, joys, and sorrows,
We have been through the bustling
mechanics of life
When we think of our childhood days, does
it seem
Impossible that they ever happened.
Perhaps life has etched too many lines for
them to be erased.

R. Binns

BALLROOM DANCING

Ballroom dancing has about twenty-five students, and the instructors are Norma Skinner and Carol Redstone, the teachers are Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. McCann. The first dance we learnt was the Cha-Cha which everyone was hopeless at at first, but have all improved. Another one which we enjoyed was the rhythmic barn dance.

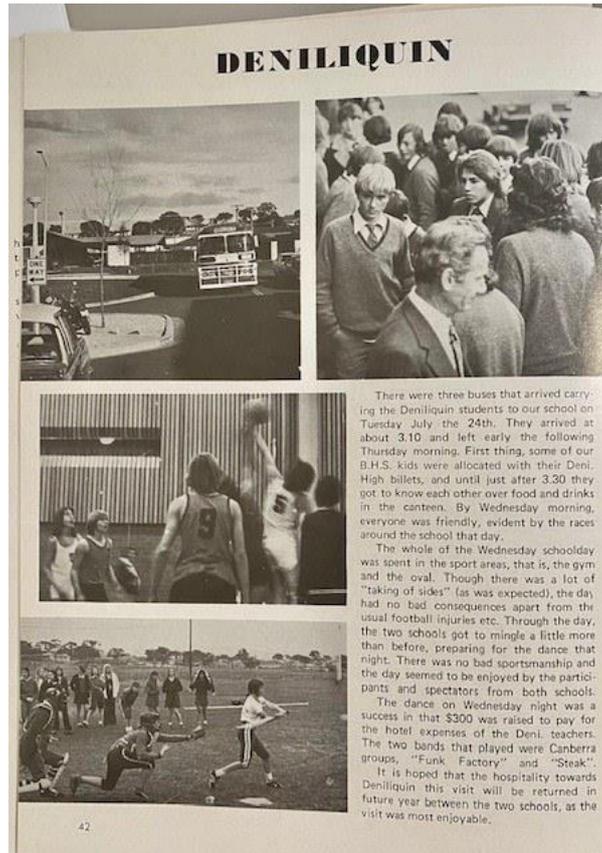
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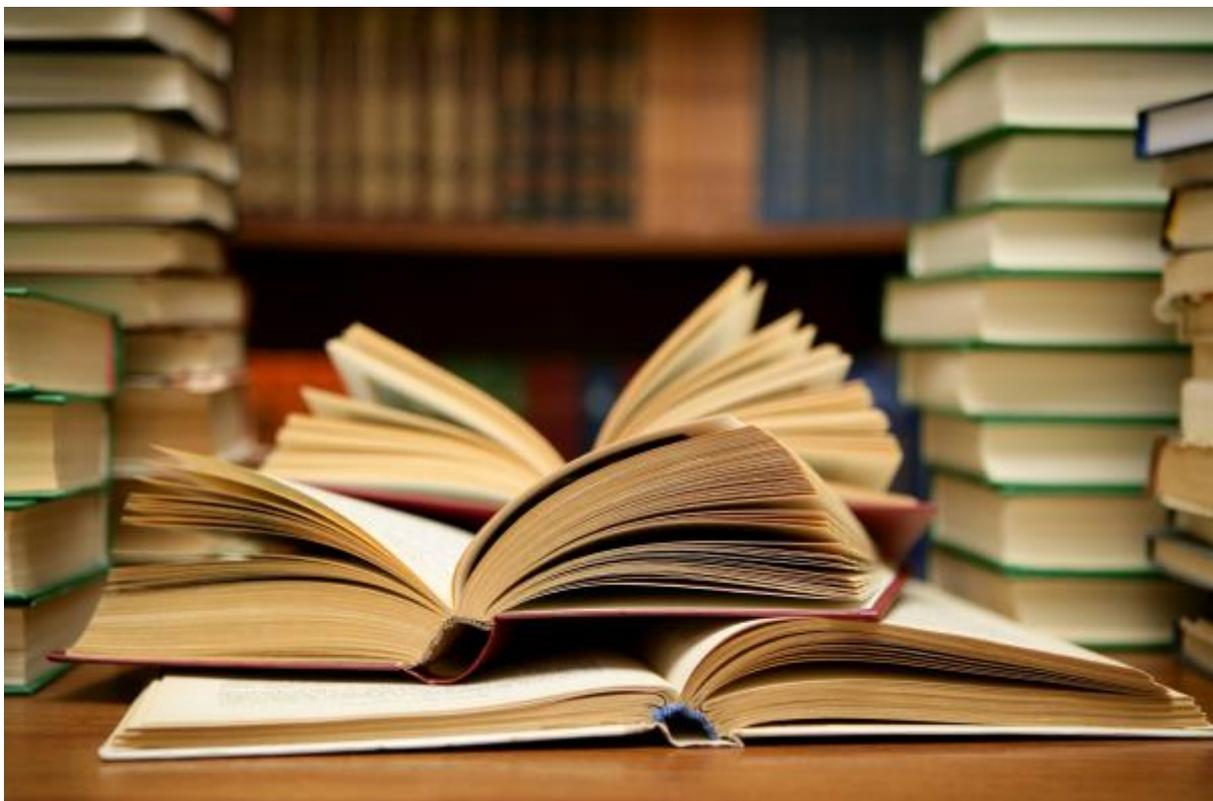
CRICKET

Cricket, cricket, always cricket!
I think it's very wicket.
I'm stumped when asked the question about
When you're in or when you're out.
But all I hear all day long
Is which team is weak and which is strong
And who bowls slow, and who bowls fast
And who played great in the past.
How many runs did Walter's get?
Ian Chappell will score more, I bet.
Then the old grind begins again
Who is out and who is in?
And where you play and how they went,
Until your mind is totally bent
And just the mention of the name
Is enough to put you off the game.

Tim Driscoll, 3rd form



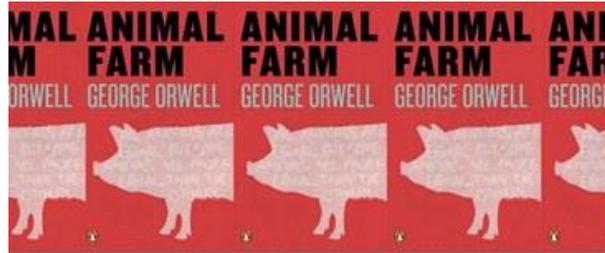
ENGLISH & HUMANITIES FACULTY NEWS



2021 English and Humanities faculty

Welcome!

We have welcomed two new staff members to the English and Humanities faculty this year. We have Ms Laura Hayden who is a new educator, and Mr Allan Wylie who is an experienced teacher and is currently teaching in three different faculties at Belconnen! I have also returned to Belconnen after two years at an international school in Indonesia, and it's been wonderful to see so many smiling familiar faces, and to meet new people as well.



Students would be in the swing of their classes now, reading novels like *Animal Farm* or *The Outsiders*, choosing their own novels, engaging in wonderful short stories or writing stories, and learning about Shakespeare and his times. It's a world of possibilities in English!



They are also learning about food supply and resources, why we live where we do, Vikings, World War Two and more - there's plenty to learn about! Add to this a Year 10 excursion to the Sydney Jewish Museum and quite a few other excursions we have planned for the year, and it's going to be a great 2021!



If you have any questions about your child's learning in English or Humanities, please feel free to contact me.

Andrea Donaldson

CONNECTING TO COUNTRY



Cultural Integrity - Walk on Ngunnawal Country

On Thursday January 28th, all teaching staff walked up to the Pinnacle Reserve to more of Ngunnawal Country. Ngunnawal and Kamilaroi man Aaron Chatfield joined us and gave invaluable knowledge on Ring trees, Scar trees and Ngunnawal plants and their uses. Josh White returned and along with Anne O'Neill after morning tea led three workshops back at Belconnen school for the teachers to cycle through. Aaron Chatfield spoke and displayed Ngunnawal tools and plants and spoke of what they were made of and their importance. Anne O'Neill gave background to the Cultural Integrity section of the ACT Directorate and the Ngunnawal language and protocols. Josh White led the groups in understanding the Aboriginal Language map, importance of Seven Generations of thinking, Story telling, Orality and other concepts covered in Connecting to Country.



Ngunnawal Acknowledgement

On the last Thursday of Term 4 the Belconnen Leadership team met over at Hawker College, one part of the day was to learn the Ngunnawal Acknowledgement. The Ngunnawal Winnangay Language group, Ngunnawal man Mr Cheyne Halloran and linguist Dr Louise Baird delivered the Professional learning to the Belconnen Leaders. They then returned in late February and taught the student leadership group the Ngunnawal Acknowledgement and the protocols of Welcome to

Country and Acknowledgement of Country. The students had great success in their learning the language along with Mrs Morris and Mrs Cooke.



On the AITSIS site <https://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/welcome-country> Ngunnawal Elder Jude Barlow explains Welcome to Country, Importance of Country and Acknowledgement of Country in short videos. These might be a way for you to understand the difference between a Welcome and an Acknowledgement of Country and the protocols.

Indigenous Garden

Late last year we created an Indigenous Garden near the Futsal court with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their friends with Ngunnawal and Kamilaroi man Aaron Chatfield. Disaster struck in January when an intense storm washed away the fledgling plants leaving only a few. Julie Marshall, our P&C President seized the opportunity of enlisting assistance from Bunnings. Verve from Bunnings, along with Julie Marshall and Anne O'Neill meet on Thursday week 4 to discuss possibilities. Plans have been drawn with excellent ideas and discussions will be happening with the students and the community to rebuild the Indigenous Garden. We will get Aaron Chatfield back in to assist the students in the plantings. Thank you to all the support of Bunnings and our P&C, we will keep you updated with the Indigenous garden progress.



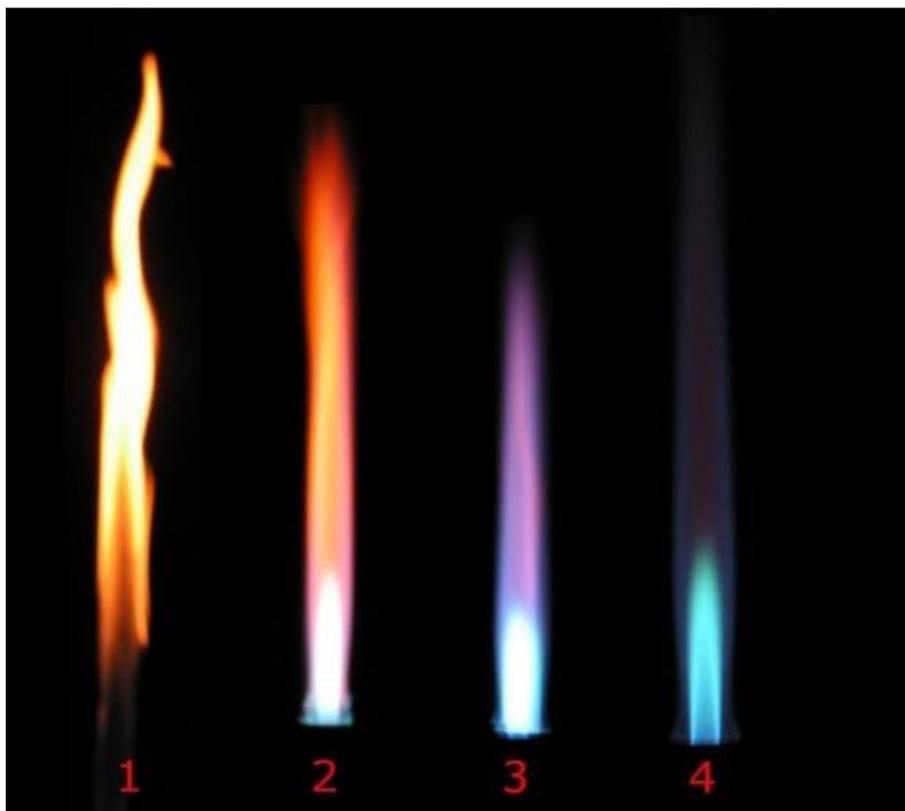
2 - Verve brought along a number of items for the P&C raffle which Julie Marshall kindly accepted on behalf of the P&C.

Teaching with Cultural Integrity

On Wednesday 3rd March the Humanities teachers joined with Anne O'Neill in a Teaching with Cultural Integrity Professional Learning. Taking the time to support staff to be confident and capable in the cultures, histories and languages in the curriculum. The importance of having the discussion in professional learning communities is invaluable to expand the cultural knowledge of all students.



MATHS & SCIENCE NEWS



This year we welcome Ben Mudie to the Maths/Science team. Ben has experience working as a teacher overseas as well as at schools in Canberra and is a great addition to our team.

Science

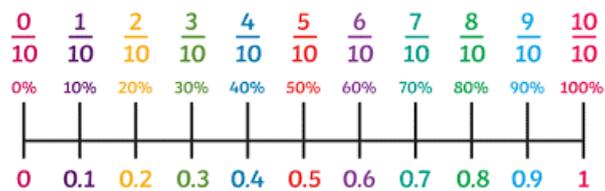
So far this year in Science our Year 7's have been working towards getting their Bunsen Burner licence and learning to navigate their way around a lab safely. Our years 8-10 are looking at many different aspects of Science in our world from Chemical Reactions to Atomic Theory and even the interesting study of Genetics. Our Forensic Science students have been investigating fingerprinting and starting to develop skills in understanding a crime scene ready for their major assessment later this Semester. Our Oceanography students are learning about the interconnectedness of systems and the physical, geological, chemical and biologicals processes in the oceanographic environment. We look forward to sharing more about our learning in Science.



Maths

Our Maths classes are exploring concepts such as Number, Decimals and Fractions through to applying number concepts in challenging algebra topics and exploring measurement concepts such as Pythagoras Theorem, Similarity of Triangles and Trigonometry. The classes have also participated in the PAT Maths test to help teachers have a better understanding of where each student is at in their learning journey and allow for teachers to plan learning to suit the needs of our students. For a breakdown of what your child is doing in each year level please check out our school website and look for our Semester Outlines.

If you have any queries or questions about how your child is going in Maths or Science please get in touch with your child's teacher by emailing them using the teachers first and last name in the following way: firstname.lastname@ed.act.edu.au



ARTS & TECHNOLOGY FACULTY NEWS



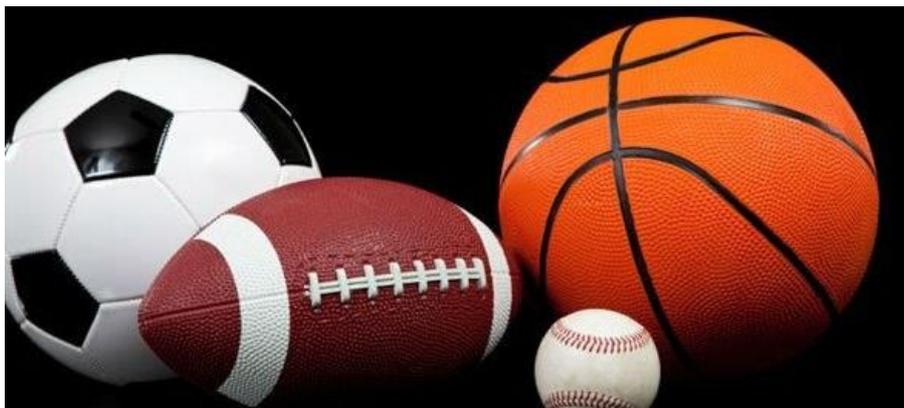
VET Building and Construction – year 10

Students have been learning how to safely use hand and power tools as they learn to build their very own tool box. This is a great project for them learn accuracy and finishing, and provides them a place to store their tools as they progress through the VET Building course.

Students have also been undertaking their White card and Asbestos Awareness training, which will allow them to complete work experience or gain employment in the building industry, should they be interested.



PE FACULTY NEWS



Physical Education:

During Term One, students will be covering the following units in Physical Education:

Year 7 - Throwing and Catching, Kicking and Athletics.

Year 8 - Touch Football, Soccer, Hockey and Netball/Basketball and Athletics.

Year 9 – Sport Education Program and Athletics.

Year 10 – Racquet Sports, Team Sports, Leisure Sports and Athletics.

Health Units:

During Semester One, students across all year levels will complete two Health units. The topics covered:

Year 7 Term 1: Puberty/Friendships & Changes

Term 2: Identity & Belonging.

Year 8 Term 1: Body Imagine.

Term 2: Resilience and Help seeking.

Year 9 Term 1: Mental Health.

Term 2: First Aid and Risk Management.

Year 10 Term 1: Party Safe.

Term 2: Safe Relationships

Getting changed for PE lessons:

During practical PE classes students are required to get changed, this includes wearing the BHS PE Uniform (available at our uniform shop), sports shorts, hat, drink bottle and appropriate footwear. At the end of all PE lessons students MUST change back into their full school uniform, this includes Period 5 at the end of the day.

Personal Hygiene is important during adolescence, after an active PE lesson. We strongly encourage students practice positive personal hygiene by keeping PE uniforms clean and wearing deodorant. Students should only be applying roll on deodorant at school due to several allergy and asthma conditions.

School Sport:

PE staff are excited to have School Sport returning with minimal COVID restriction for 2021. Belconnen High School will be competing in Touch Football, Basketball, Softball and North side Swimming carnivals during Term 1.

Reminder for all students to keep listening to daily announcements during PCG for upcoming trials and training. Good luck to all our teams competing in Term 1!

Outdoor Education Term 1 2021

This semester in Outdoor Education, students have been studying Ocean Sports, which has included theory topics including Rip Currents, Surfboards, Waves and Surfing First Aid. Students have also been engaged in a host of team building and problem-solving games, been assessed on how to set up a tent correctly (see the photo below) and completed the arduous swim test for open water swimming. During Week 7 (17 – 19th March) the Outdoor Ed classes will be attending the Ocean

Sports Camp down at the south coast, students will be participating in Kayaking, Stand Up Paddle Boarding and Surfing lessons. Next term, students will be participating in a Ropes, Climbing & Bushwalking unit.

Mr Erlandson and Ms Ikin



Swimming Carnival:

Thank you to all staff and students for a fantastic swimming carnival this year at Civic Pool!

With the weather gods on our side, we were able to host a day full of in-water and out of water activities. Swimming races, volleyball, diving board and soccer were some of the activities on the day, it was pleasing to see so many students getting involved on earning extra House Points.

Winning house results will be announced during our Week 6 whole school assembly. Thank you to the staff, Year 10 leadership students and House Captains for assisting throughout the carnival.

A very successful fundraiser BBQ for our trip to Northern Territory saw plenty of snags and lolly bags consumed on the day.

We would like to congratulate Ava Rollason who broke the 14years girls, 50m butterfly record. A record which hasn't been broken since 2006. Congratulations Ava and Good luck at the North side Competition later this term.

Thank you to Ms McLellan and her team for organising a fabulous 2021 Swimming Carnival!



LEARNING SUPPORT NEWS



Learning Support Faculty

The Learning Support faculty would like to welcome Ms Cate Walker to our team. Cate is an experienced teacher who brings a wealth of knowledge in the areas of English, writing, languages,

music, literacy and numeracy. She has worked across educational settings from kindergarten through to university level and is excited to be a part of the Belconnen High community.

Mrs Katie Beattie has also returned from maternity this year. She will be working in our Learning Support and Physical Education department. Welcome back Katie!

Case Managers:

I would like to introduce the Learning Support Case Managers for 2021:

Cate Walker – Years 7 & 10 catherine.walker@ed.act.edu.au

Katie Beattie – Year 8 & 9 katie.beattie@ed.act.edu.au

Case Managers are currently working on ILP's (Individual Learning Plans) for all students and will be in contact with families in the coming weeks for feedback.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's learning please don't hesitate to contact the appropriate Case Manager for support.

Learning Support Update

Year 7 students have transitioned positively to the High School setting. They are all familiar with their timetables, finding their way around the school, meeting new friends and we are excited to welcome them into our Belconnen High community.

It has been a busy start to term with all students in Learning Support classes completing several PAT (Progressive Achievement Testing) and other diagnostic testing. This has supported staff in designing individual programs for each student based on their current individual academic ability. Students will be working on the same topic in Literacy and Numeracy classes but targeted to their individual ability.

Year 7/8 Literacy classes students are engaged in a Fairy Tale unit focusing on vocabulary, comprehension, and paragraph structures. By the end of the unit students will be supported to write their own fairy tale and present their story to the whole class. Staff are looking forward to their final products. Year 9/ 10 students are reading the novel *Bridge to Terabithia* and will be working towards writing their own short story.

All students are engaging in *Prodigy* an online learning tool at the beginning of each Numeracy lesson. Across the semester, students will be working on individual programs focusing on whole numbers and arithmetic processes.

Tutorial students are looking at how to be a respectful, responsible learner at Belconnen High. Staff are working with students on organisations skills to support them in their classes.

Life Skills students have been discussing what it means to be a good friend and respectful relationships. They have been developing their skills around listening to each and conflict resolution. Next week they look at the importance of personal hygiene in adolescents.

Passion Projects are the buzz within the Integrated class this Term. Students are excited to be researching and engaging in learning around their area of interest. Writing novels, lawn mowers, the ice age and video games are just some of the topics covered. Students are currently putting together vision boards in the planning stages of their projects. Staff are looking forward to students presenting their final projects at the end of the semester.

BELCONNEN LEARNING COMMONS NEWS



'Many thanks to our P & C with the recent purchase of a VR (Virtual Reality) headset and educational games for our students.'



CYBERSPACE



BHS has recently shared an e-Safety @BHS guide to all families. With some tools and guidance on supporting your child to navigate cyberspace in our 21st Century world.

You can access the guide [here](#).

This term we will be working with our students on their proficiency in using their devices and Google Apps for Learning, as well as their digital identity. The start of the year is an opportune time to establish (or double check) our use of devices and being positive in the online space. A time to review passwords and our online privacy settings, as well as establishing a positive approach to online communication within classrooms and the school community. We promote online safety classroom agreements, adding cyberspace to our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) expectations and values - @ BHS we are Responsible, Respectful Learners.

We also promote the advocacy and guidance of the e-Safety Commissioner. This time we share resources on [Cyberbullying](#) and how to support and protect your child online.



FINANCE NEWS REGARDING CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS:



CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS

Due to unprecedented times with Covid 19, Belconnen High School will only be accepting contactless payments until further notice. We welcome your payments via QuickWeb which can be located on the Payments tab on our [Webpage](#).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this process for future payments.

IMPORTANT - FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS:



It is important that the school maintains an accurate and up to date record of family/carer email addresses, home addresses and telephone numbers for all student. Please let us know if there are changes to your contact details by sending an email to info_BLCH@ed.act.edu.au or phone the front office on 6142 1690. We are always grateful to receive this information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING:



STUDENT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT

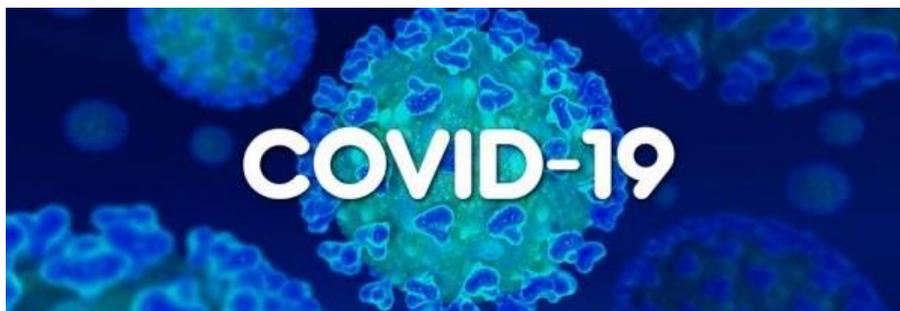
Schools collect information about injuries and incidents, which occur at school or on school organised activities, on behalf of the Education and Training Directorate. Some of the information may be personal information as defined in the Privacy Act 1988 and the Health Records (Privacy and Access) Act 1997. The information is usually included in a Student Accident/Incident Report together with any accompanying witness statements or the Notification of a Critical Incident.

AMBULANCE TRANSPORT

Ambulance transport for students at school This information is from the ACT Department of Education policy on Student accidents/incidents:

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during approved school activities within the ACT. Free ambulance cover does not apply to students who attend Jervis Bay School.

COVID-19 NEWS





COVID-19 – Testing is not just for end of term

No one should have to do a test on their first week back at school! But there is one test that can't be ignored. With increased travel over the summer holidays, it is important that all Canberrans – even children - get tested for COVID-19, even with the mildest of symptoms.

While evidence suggests that young children are less likely to acquire and transmit COVID-19, their symptoms should not be ignored, with testing our best surveillance tool against the virus.

The COVID-19 test is free, quick and easy and most people receive their test result within 24 hours.

Parents and carers who are required to take their children for testing can also be issued with a carers' certificate for the time when they take their child for a test and while they await results.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, sore throat, cough, runny or blocked nose, or shortness of breath.

There are seven free COVID-19 testing locations across the ACT, with four of them open seven days a week.

Some testing clinics don't have facilities to test children under the age of eight. Please check the website to make sure you're going to the right clinic: www.covid19.act.gov.au/testing

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS



A warm welcome to our Year 7 families. It was nice to see some of you on the information night and now you know where to find our fabulous Uniform Shop!!

We have had a very busy start to 2021 and the shelves are now EMPTY of boys shirts. Our wish list is still operational uniform.shop.bhs@gmail.com so send your request and we will be in touch. If you happen to have a pile of outgrown shirts at home could you please donate them?? We would love to help them find a new home within our school community.

The good news is the shelves are groaning with zip jackets, polar fleeces and red jumpers (especially size 14's!) so with the cooler weather approaching now is a great time to get in a grab a bargain.

A reminder to please label clothing. Lost property is located at student services and IF they find a name on a uniform they will return it to you. Fantastic service we think!! But No name, No returns.

Uniform shopfront is open every Thursday 230-3pm. EFTPOS available. Questions, requests, comments via the above email address any time. And remember Workin' Gear at Fyshwick has a free delivery service to BHS for online orders.

Danielle & Toni

P&C NEWS



P&C News

Newsletter term 1, week 5

A warm welcome to families new to Belconnen High in 2021 and welcome back to our continuing crew.

The P&C got off to a great start at our AGM with all committee positions filled. Some new faces joining those continuing on in current roles. Thanks everyone.

President: Julie Marshall

Vice President: Emma Dykes

Secretary: Sam Holthouse

Treasurer: Brian Selmes

Public Officer: David Tudehope

Uniform shop co-ordinators: Danielle Gilchrist and Toni Jones

ACT P&C Council Rep: Sharon Ding

School Board Rep: Dianne Gleeson

So please feel free to come along to our next meeting on Monday 3 May at 6pm (at the school or online) to hear updates from the principal and find out a bit more about the goings on at Belconnen High (knowing you won't get stuck on the committee! ;)

If you can't make the meeting but have a question, comment or just want to be kept in the loop, contact us via the P&C email bhspnc@gmail.com

BBQ volunteers please!

Our growing school community is a wonderful thing, however, it means we need more chairs in the Hall for assemblies and other whole school events. The P&C has agreed to contribute to this expense and has managed to land a Bunnings BBQ on **Saturday 1 May** to help raise funds.

Many hands make light work ... so if you can give an hour of your weekend to contribute to funds for the students here at BHS that would be great. Please drop an email to bhspnc@gmail.com if you're able to help.

CANTEEN NEWS



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COMMUNITY NEWS



Attention Year 7 Parents



Your child's first round of vaccinations are due in term 1 or 2



The following vaccine will be offered **FREE** as part of the ACT High School Immunisation Program in term 1 or 2

✓ Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Dose 1

Keep an eye out for consent cards which are sent home with students during the first week of school and due back to school as soon as possible.

🔍 Find a consent card at your school OR download one from our website

📝 Sign and complete the card

📬 Return it to your school ASAP

For more information:
www.health.act.gov.au/subadolescent-immunisation
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