



Bathurst High CAMPUS

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The 2018 school year is disappearing very quickly and our Year 12 students must take a breath, set some clear goals for their remaining two school terms. The HSC will be on our doorstep in the blink of an eye and our school will spend the

next 6 months building Year 12 up and preparing them for this important phase in their lives.

Term 1 concludes on Friday 13th April 2018 with a celebration Vivo BBQ for students at lunchtime followed by our end of school term talent show. I have been impressed with the effort and work rate of both students and staff throughout Term 1 and there have already been many highlights for our students in the arts and



on the sporting fields. Students at Bathurst High Campus are very fortunate to have many support structures, which offer all students the opportunity to improve across their courses looking towards their long-term goals. Student mentoring, assessment support and mathematics tutoring programs are all offered to various students to ensure that students receive the appropriate support to achieve

a higher standard. Students in our senior school need to access support from our learning hub located in the library during study periods where educational support and guidance is offered to students. Mrs Withyman and

Miss Veronica Manock – Year 12 Advisors are available for parents of students in Year 12 to work closely with families as we support our students through the HSC in 2018. If parents would like to discuss support available within our school, please contact the Year Advisors, Deputy Principals – Mrs Rebecca Smith, Mr Nicholas Williams or Mr Ken Barwick on 02 6331 3755.

As we move into winter in Bathurst, uniform sales have skyrocketed and I am concerned about the amount of clothing articles, which are being left lying around the school. Uniform can be very expensive and I suggest making sure that jumpers, jackets and other articles are clearly labelled with your child's name so they can be returned if left behind.

The results of our recent Vocational Education and Training RTO VET Audit during Week 8 proved to be a very positive with only a few minor areas needing attention. I would like to thank all of our VET teachers who were involved in the audit this year.

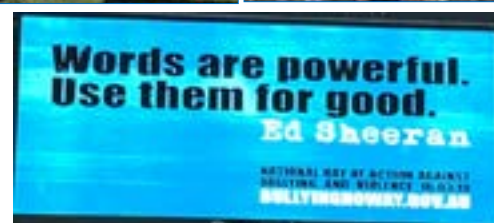
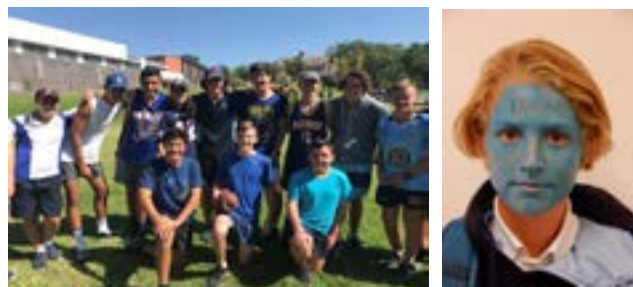
Students will receive their new school timetable for the start of Term 2 shortly. There have only been a few minor changes to support learning across the entire campus. Well done to all of the students and staff for such a great start to 2018, staff at Bathurst High will work hard throughout the remainder of the year in supporting all aspects of student wellbeing. If you have any issues or questions about programs at Bathurst High Campus, please contact me anytime.





Bathurst High turns Blue for Dolly

On Friday 16th March 2018, students at Bathurst High joined forces with other Bathurst Network schools in a united stand to celebrate the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). After Toni Macdonald – Director of Public School in Bathurst inspired all schools to wear BLUE to support the ‘Do it for Dolly Foundation’, our students stepped up in support. The Student Representative Council (SRC) jumped on board to assist with the collection of money and donations, while also handing out free wristbands with anti-bullying messages on them. It was great to see so many students dressed in blue on the day and many students were wearing Ed Sheeran t-shirts they had purchased the night before. The entertainer also supported the National Action Day, displaying many messages at his concerts. Around \$600 was raised through gold coin donations and I would like to thank the SRC and staff for supporting this very important cause, which affects all school students.



School Tours –

An important part of School Reunions

A regular occurrence at Bathurst High Campus on a Saturday afternoon are school tours to celebrate school reunions. Late in March, around 20 people spent a few hours reminiscing about life and fun times they had as students of Bathurst High School from 1968 to 1973. It was a real pleasure to look through the artifacts with this group and to find the original photographer of some of the photos present. They also expressed concern about young people and their lack of face-to-face communication skills and phones at school sparked the greatest discussion points. Many in this group had heard about the famous dungeon; however, they had never visited whilst at school. Of course, in the middle of the tour, the Bathurst CBD had an electric blackout, which really added to the atmosphere. Following are some of the pictures of the visit –



Australian Karate Federation Championships for Felicity

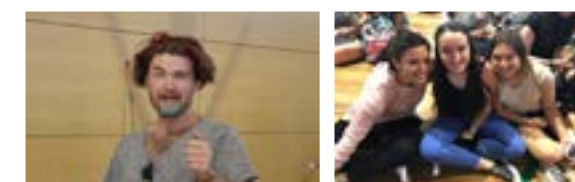
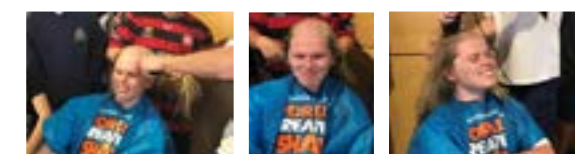
Year 12 student, Felicity Hickey was recently selected in the Australian Karate Federation (AKF) NSW Team to contest the Australian Championships in 2018. This is a massive achievement for the second year running. Competing at this elite level is testament to Felicity's ongoing commitment to training and her determined focus on achieving her goals, particularly while completing her HSC. The staff and students at Bathurst High Campus appreciate Felicity's passion and dedication to her sport, as she is an inspiration to many other younger students. Congratulations to both Felicity and her family on this outstanding success, well done!



Bathurst High Smashes World' Greatest Shave Targets

Students and teachers at Bathurst High Campus of Denison College smashed all previous records when they recorded in excess of \$7500 in Fundraising for the Leukaemia Foundation on Thursday 29th March 2018. Hundreds of students cheered and celebrated as the hairdressers went to work at lunchtime in the school gymnasium. Hair that had stood the test of time

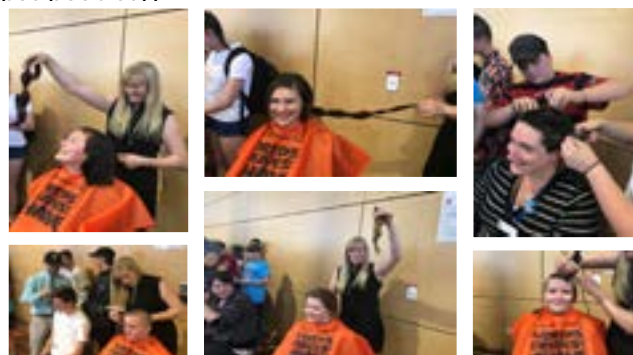
came off as students encouraged everyone involved. Deputy Principal – Mr Nicholas Williams followed through with his promise, while General Assistant – Rocky joined in on the fun! Year 12 student Roland Derwent stunned everyone when he happily donated his long blonde hair to the fundraising efforts. Mr Drewe Churches and students enjoyed the bravery of so many who had been fundraising for many weeks to support the foundation. Shave for a Cure is special at Bathurst High Campus as many past and current students, teachers and their families have been touched by Leukaemia in some way.



The afternoon finally concluded at 3.25pm with Levi Letcher being the final person to lose his hair. There were many highlights during the day as students donated to wear free dress, had their hair coloured at recess and purchased a viewing position at the lunchtime event. Mrs. Ann McIntyre allowed students to perform the duties while Miss Georgia Sverdlhoff lost the greatest amount of hair on the day. Tyler Glossop firstly removed the piggy tail and then made the decision to remove her entire head of hair. An outstanding effort from all participants throughout the day. Massive thanks to Sue Cheevers who performed the majority of the shaving tasks and to all members of the SRC who organised the activities throughout the day. Nearing the end of the day the school target of \$4000 had been eclipsed, with donations nearing \$7752.20.



Congratulations and thanks to all students and staff involved in this wonderful event. We now look forward to the World's Greatest Shave 2019, as a new target



Bathurst High students Excel at Western Region Swimming

Congratulations to the entire Bathurst High Campus swim team who travelled to Dubbo on Thursday 15th March 2018 to compete at the Western Region Swimming Championships and trials for the NSW Carnival in late April this year. Fifteen very talented swimmers who have competed against each other at multiple swim meets across NSW all successfully qualified for individual races at the CHS state trials, along with all our Denison College relay teams. Many students smashed personal best times one the day and every swimmer qualified for state in a relay and for some in multiple individual events. The team events proving to be the highlights of the day for everyone where we swam and worked together as a Campus and a College. Special thanks must go to our very dedicated swim coach and teacher, Luisa Simeonidis. Competing students are listed below –

Year 7 – Tyler Johnson, Jacob Roffe, Keira Copeland, Kalari Wade

Year 8 – Jasmine Gold, Mitch Lamb, Rohan Smith

Year 9 – Bridget Warne, Morgan Murphy, Tianna Copeland, Taylah Wade, Joshua Whittingham, Jackson Tapu

Year 10 – Travis McMahon



Student Attendance at School is Compulsory

Attendance every day that the school is open for instruction is a legal requirement and a major responsibility of parents/carers. Do not keep your child away from school for the following reasons as they are not considered to be acceptable:

- o Family Holidays (no longer exempt)
- o Birthdays
- o Shopping
- o Minding other children
- o For routine check-ups or care such as hair cuts
- o Minor family events
- o Medical and other health appointments for your child with specialists such as dentists or doctors should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays
- o Regular appointments (i.e. private swimming or music lessons during school time) which require students to leave school early

It is important to understand that the Department may take further action where children of compulsory school age (6-17) have recurring numbers of unexplained or unacceptable absences from school. Some of the following actions may be undertaken.

- o Attendance meetings and compulsory attendance conferences - Parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a meeting with school personnel and other regional officers. The aim of the meeting is to help identify strategies to support the child and family. Other agencies may also be invited along to help, if parents agree.
- o If the school and other regional officers have tried to help improve a child's attendance, without success, parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a compulsory attendance conference. The conference will be run by a trained conference convenor. The aim of the conference is for the school, parents/child and other identified agencies ("the parties") to further identify the issues which are impacting on a child's attendance.



- o The outcome of a compulsory attendance conference is for the parties to agree to undertake certain actions to improve the child's attendance. These actions are written in the form of undertakings.

- o Applications to the Children's Court – A Compulsory Schooling Order. Legal compliance can be sought through an application to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The aim is to assist a family and/or child to address the issues which are preventing satisfactory school attendance but has the added enforcement of a Court's powers.

- o Prosecution in the Local Court - If all attempts by schools and regional support staff fail to improve a student's attendance, action can be taken in the Local Court and the result can be fines up to a maximum of \$11,000.

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College Principal's Report

Nesa Visit Both campuses were visited by David de Carvalho (CEO, NSW Education Standards Authority) on Thursday 15th March. During his visit, Mr de Carvalho had the opportunity to meet student leaders from both campuses. He was particularly interested in their perceptions of the differences between Year 10 and the senior school. My thanks to the following teachers who let us visit their classes:

Miss Cloherty and Mrs Harlor (BHC) – Year 11 Advanced English; Mrs Barr (BHC) – Year 8 Science;



Miss Inwood (KHC) – Year 8 Science; Mr Kelly (KHC) – Year 8 Agriculture; Mr Trevillion (KHC) – Year 11 Advanced English.

Year 7 2019 Information Night

It was great to see hundreds of families in attendance at the Year 7 2019 Information Sessions held at both campuses on Tuesday 20 March. This was a great opportunity for staff at both campuses to meet families and answer questions about enrolment and the educational programs available across the college. For more information on each campus, visit our websites <http://www.bathurst-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/> and <https://www.kelsohighschool.com.au/> Information about enrolment is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/enrolment/high-school-enrolment>

Breakfast with the Minister

In my capacity as Deputy President of NSW Secondary Principals' Council, I am regularly called upon to attend meetings with senior officers of the Department of Education. On a recent visit to Sydney, I was privileged to be able to attend Breakfast with the Minister of Education, Rob Stokes, with a small group of colleagues from the Australian Council for Educational Leaders. Minister Stokes spoke to us about the importance of educational leadership and the unique nature of schools. In addition to my meetings with the Minister for Education, I also had the chance to meet briefly with Premier Gladys Berejiklian. We discussed, among other topics, the Scholarship tour currently being undertaken by Mr Childs (Head Teacher, Teaching & Learning, BHC) to the USA and Singapore. Mr Childs is investigating effective Professional Development models used to prepare teachers for future focused teaching and innovative styles of student centred learning which integrate technology. Mr Grace will be relieving for Mr Childs for the remainder of first term.





VET at Denison College

Both campuses have recently participated in an audit of our VET (Vocational Education and Training) Programs. We offer a wide range of subjects for students in Years 11 and 12 which contribute to qualifications recognised nationally. Subjects include Hospitality, Primary Industries, Construction, Metal & Engineering, Entertainment Industry and Retail Services. Congratulations to all of our VET trainers and our VET Coordinators - Mrs Batchelor (BHC) and Mr Moloney (KHC) who worked tirelessly throughout the term with Mr Smith (VET Manager) in preparation for the audit last week.

Fair Education Program

Principals and school leaders from across the Bathurst and Orange Networks met at Bathurst Schools' Office on Monday 19th March to discuss our technology partnerships with primary schools. This project is now in its third year and sees secondary teachers working with Year 6 classes and their teachers to develop additional skills around technology in preparation for secondary school.

Craig Petersen
College Principal



YEAR 7 - 2019 REMINDER: LOCAL CAMPUS ENROLMENT

Due to increased enrolments across the two Denison College catchment areas, parents/carers of students beginning Year 7 in 2019 should apply to enrol at their local campus by 16 March 2018.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder>

Out-of-zone enrolments will be assessed by a panel of executive, teaching and community members. To be considered by this placement panel, any outstanding Expression of Interest forms should be forwarded to either campus of Denison College by 13 April 2018.

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Upcoming Events

13 April 2018	Last day of Term 1 2018
30 April 2018	Term 2 Staff Development Day
1 May 2018	Term 2 commences for all students
2 May 2018	P & C Meeting 7.00 - 8.30pm
2 May 2018	Maths Tutoring 3-5pm
9 May 2018	Maths Tutoring 3-5pm

The Science Faculty 2018

What an exciting start to Science at Bathurst High Campus. Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the changes that have occurred to staffing within the Science faculty. We have been fortunate enough to have two temporary teachers take on roles within the faculty for 2018, Ms Georgia Sverdlhoff and Mr Taylor Newton, who are doing an outstanding job teaching science within this faculty. This year the Science faculty are once again very busy organising excursions, promoting competitions and introducing the new science syllabus for all Year 11 science courses.

Excursion/ Incursions in Science

I would like to take this opportunity to advise all parents and carers that Year 7 will be participating in an incursion on 8th May 2018 in conjunction with their topic "Living Things". Snake Tails is an exciting reptile show that promotes and extends their knowledge and understanding of reptiles and dangerous creatures living in Australia. The incursion will also provide students with the opportunity to see and identify reptiles that are harmless, dangerous or poisonous that live within Australia. Students will also be given the chance to ask questions in relation to reptiles and gain valuable information about these creatures during the incursion. The cost for this incursion is \$7.00 and students will need to pay by Friday 4th May 2018.

Competitions in Science

Once again the Science faculty is offering the chance for all students to participate in the following competitions;

· The Big Science Competition will be held between the 7th -16th May at a cost of \$7.00. If you would like your child to participate in this competition, please



return the permission note by 2nd May.

· The ICAS competition will be held on 29th May at a cost of \$9.90. If you would like your child to participate in this competition, please return the permission note by 1st May. The note will be sent home with your child next week.

If you need to contact me, please feel free to do so through the school.

Finally, I would like to say that we have many exciting excursions and events lined up for 2018 and I am looking forward to a fantastic year for all students at Bathurst High.

Thank You

Rosie Weithaler (Head Teacher Science)

Western Matchplay Champion

It is US Masters week in the golf world but Bathurst High are celebrating their own champion golfer. Congratulations to Cameron Jackson of Year 8 who has recently won the Western Region Golf Matchplay Championship. Cameron beat Jackson Nassis from Kandos High School in the final by a score of 4/3. On his way to victory, Cameron has beaten opponents from Lithgow, Cowra and Kandos. Cameron has been working hard on his game and has reduced his handicap down to 8.6. He will now travel to Forster to compete in the CHS Matchplay finals where he will play against other regional winners from across the state. Congratulations Cameron.



Under 15's Touch 2018

On Friday 2nd March 2018 myself and a small group of boys and girls went to Orange to play touch footy against some other schools from the Central West. Although we didn't go too well, we had lots of fun. We extended our football abilities, listened to some great music and had a lot of laughs. I can't wait until next year to play for the school team again. – Maddison Clary, Year 9

The Bathurst High Campus under 15s boys and girls touch teams represented the school with enthusiasm. The girls' team were lucky enough to play for 5th place and competed in 5 games altogether. The boys' team played hard and fast footy but struggled to adjust to the tactics of touch football rather than tackle. A big thank you to the students who made it a really enjoyable day.





Bathurst Family Fun Day

Macquarie River Bicentennial (Peace) Park



FREE fun for the whole family!
Enjoy activities, games, food,
entertainment and more...

Everything is FREE!

Join the **cardboard box parade**
wearing or carrying something you've made
from a cardboard box – for young and old!

For more information call Centacare Bathurst on **6331 8944**
& like 'Bathurst Child and Family Network' on Facebook to keep updated



Join the Bathurst GIANTS in 2018

Under 12s/14s/16s & 16 years+

WEDNESDAYS 4-5pm (TRAINING)
Come and try it out for free!

George Park 1 - Top Oval 'The Land of the GIANTS'

SUNDAYS (GAMES)
during **School Terms** May-August

Join our inaugural Youth Girls Team (13-17 years)!
No previous AFL experience necessary

The Active Kids Voucher will fully cover our Registration Fee



Contact us for more information:

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AUSKICK: www.aflauskick.com.au and search 'Bathurst Giants Auskick'.
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Autumn Tennis Clinic

3 days

Date:

Mon 16th - Wed 18th April

Time:

9.00am - 12.00pm

- Loads of fun
- May enrol for individual days

- Early drop off if needed

No tennis experience necessary

AGES 5-15 YRS

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

For bookings or more information please call

Bathurst Tennis Centre

Ph: 63313786 / 0431354480



Building Healthy Relationships Seminar



This course is for teenagers to gain a greater understanding on the nature of healthy relationships

Relationships Australia facilitators will lead teenagers to talk about their experiences and thoughts around relationships with family and friends. The seminar will provide an opportunity for teenagers to discuss their thoughts and their understanding of what constitutes a healthy relationship.

Learning outcomes of the seminar:

- To gain an understanding of the meaning of being in a relationship with another
- To gain an understanding of Healthy, Unhealthy and Abusive relationships
- To provide an opportunity to Role Play how a relationship may look
- To be able to easily distinguish between healthy and unhealthy relationships

We will be presenting 2 x seminars which will take place at:
Relationships Australia, 91 Seymour St, Bathurst
On Thursday 19th April, 2018
Time: 10am to 12.30pm (Seminar 1)
Time: 2pm to 3.30pm (Seminar 2)