



BSHS Newsletter Term 1 - Issue 3, 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Understandably, many of us are concerned about the health of the community, our families and friends, and, of course the education of the thousands of students whose normal schooling has been disrupted by the coronavirus's growth in the community. Ever since the staff at Bunbury SHS became aware that face to face teaching would be impossible in the weeks ahead, they have professionally explored and engaged with new technologies that provide a platform for mutual communication between students and teachers. Our website contains links that all stakeholders may explore to connect to the respective classes. Parents please have your children walk you through what they are doing.

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) who control what we teach and how we assess it, are working on some concise statements to inform the journey ahead for all senior schooling students. I appreciate the nervousness of uncertainty, however, the bottom line is that come the end of the year no student will be disadvantaged by the decisions that the authority makes. I hope to have an official statement from SCSA early next week. In the meantime, teachers will continue to communicate with ATAR students, who should continue to work through the work that is delivered on line.

Yesterday, I met with Michael Sinagra, the school's newly appointed Principal. Michael is an engaging, experienced school administrator ready made to lead Bunbury SHS into the next phase of its growth.

I have had eight weeks of engaging and challenging leadership in my brief stint at the helm. Coming out of retirement to oversee the transition from Craige Pettit to Michael Sinagra reminded me of the privilege of school leadership that I left behind when I retired. I am very grateful.

Best wishes to you all.

Greg Slavin, Principal

ALL STUDENTS

Preparing for Learning at Home

Our teachers have been working hard to develop online and printed work packages to support our students who may be learning at home from the start of Term 2.

Connect will be the main method for sharing information online. Some classes also use OneNote, particularly our senior school students. For video link ups our teachers will be using Webex, which is approved by the Department of Education.

It is important that parents know how to log into Connect and to navigate the different sections within it, so that you can support your child with learning at home. It is really easy to email the classroom teacher via Connect. This is the best way to communicate with teachers for now. If you need your log in details, you can email bunbury.shs@education.wa.edu.au and the information will be emailed back to you. If you would like to learn more about Connect, you can access a step by step guide and other support via our school website homepage.

You can also visit the Learning At Home website for more support <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home>

Our Student Services team is also currently working on providing remote wellbeing support for our students. They are checking in on students by phoning or by emailing them. They are also researching the best resources for support for students during Term 2. For other wellbeing support there are links to a range of resources on our school website. If you have urgent wellbeing needs, please contact our Program Coordinators – Tim Fry (7-9) and Cameron Allan (10-12) on the school number 9781 2500 or via their email: timothy.fry@education.wa.edu.au and cameron.allan@education.wa.edu.au.

Kelly Anderson, Vice Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL

Work Placements Postponed

Workplace Learning has been postponed for placements authorised and insured by the school. This relates to students enrolled in VET Training at the Bunbury Regional Trade Training Centres and general work experience. South Regional TAFE may still be approving and insuring work placements where available. This is only on TAFE delivery days or during the school holidays. We appreciate your understanding and hope to recover the program as soon as possible.

Liz Chambers, Workplace Learning

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Preparing for Home Schooling

Homes schooling could soon be a reality for many adult carers as nations act to implement strategies in the prevention of COVID-19. The daunting task of establishing new routines and schedules, whilst juggling work responsibilities, could prove to be disruptive and challenging for families and schools.

Some young people will transition seamlessly, whilst others may struggle. Therefore, it will be vitally important for parents to be vigilant in looking



for signs of anxiety and depression. Parents will need to continue to be reassuring and supportive in this time of uncertainty and acknowledge that this may be a stressful time for students of all ages.

Bunbury SHS will be working hard behind the scenes to ensure our students' academic needs are met, but parents will need to play a key role in providing them with the structure and groundwork for success. Young people will be looking towards their parents to keep things in context and help ease the transition to a different learning environment.

In this Special Report, parents and caregivers will be provided with some guidelines on how best to navigate this time of transition with minimal disruption. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report https://bunburyshs.wa.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-preparing-homeschooling

Thank you for your continued support of the School during these challenging and constantly changing times.

As you are aware, families are now encouraged to keep their children at home if they have the capacity to do so.

From the start of Term 2 teachers will continue delivering online teaching programs. During this time, students who attend school will be supervised only.

We would appreciate if you could complete the form below to inform the school if you plan for your child **to be** on site next term.

Please take care and stay safe

ESSENTIAL SERVICES STUDENT REGISTER

Mrs Kylie Ward, Manager Education Services

COMMUNICATION

Correct Contact Details

It is important to keep the school updated with your current email address as student information is generally distributed in this format. Please notify the school if you have changed your email or wish to identify another email address as your preferred point of contact.

Social Media

Bunbury SHS Facebook Page. Join us on Facebook! We regularly update our page with notifications of school and community news & events.
www.facebook.com/BunburySHS/

Parents of students in Specialist & GAT Programs, we now have a Facebook page for each of these programs:

- VASP - [Bunbury SHS VASP Program](#)
- BEST - [Bunbury SHS Best Program](#)
- GAT - [Bunbury SHS Gifted & Talented Program](#)

Student Achievement

We want to get to know our students and school community better and hear all about your life out of school. If you have been kicking goals out in the community - whether you've had sporting success, are volunteering somewhere fun, or have an interesting or unusual hobby we want to know about it. Email Kylie.Ward3@education.wa.edu.au and you might be featured on our Facebook page in the near future.

Mrs Kylie Ward, Manager Education Services

Chaplain's Corner

All students, parents/carers and staff please know that, I will continue to be contactable throughout the holiday period via email if you require my support during the break. My email address is: Deon.Throne@education.wa.edu.au . I will be checking my emails regularly and will reply back as soon as I am able to.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as we navigate the current difficult times.

Deon Throne, YouthCARE Chaplain

IMPORTANT DATES

6 - 9 April 2020	School open for supervision only
10 April 2020	Good Friday – School Holidays Commence
27 April 2020	ANZAC DAY Public Holiday
28 April 2020	Staff Development Day – Student Free Day
29 April 2020	Students Resume