

# Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus



## June Newsletter



# Principal Letter



Dear students, staff, parents/caregivers and community members,

I am honoured and excited to be Principal of Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus and I look forward to working with the BWSC Learning Community. I previously worked at Narara Valley High School as Acting Principal and Deputy Principal. As an English Head Teacher I worked in both the Hunter and Central Coast regions which reflect the strength and diversity of Public Education in NSW.

I would like to acknowledge the fine work, leadership and professionalism of Adam Montgomery, Acting Principal, whose generosity has made me feel so welcome and provided me with opportunities and information about the school that will allow me to take on this role and commitment to Public Education. I am most fortunate to be working with such a dynamic and dedicated educational team.

I am privileged to have worked with colleagues and leaders who have informed my beliefs and practice. Ensuring young people are always at the centre of my decision-making I look forward to sharing my leadership experience and curriculum knowledge with the established BWSC staff teams and PL Hubs. Through nurturing and supporting staff in their own professional learning we will continue to foster a collaborative learning environment to provide rich learning opportunities for all students.

The BWSC parents and caregivers are well respected across the Central Coast as highly valued partners in learning. I look forward to working with you all and utilising your expertise and insight in school planning. Working closely with the College Management Group will allow me to ensure teaching and learning at the Umina Campus continues to meet the needs of students transitioning from Year 6 and from Year 9 and Year 12. Engaging with the wider community will continue the College's legacy of building productive cultural and career connections.

I bring a passion for learning, strong curriculum knowledge and a wellbeing focus that supports all students so they can achieve. BWSC is the school of choice and I am committed to continuing the fine work already achieved through innovation, technology, professional learning, transition and community relationships. I look forward to working with the school community to prepare our students for the future when I take up the position of Principal at the beginning of Term 3.

Kerrie O'Heir  
Principal

# Deputy Principal



Well another term is fast coming to an end and the fast paced life of our school continues. We have had so many activities and achievements this term and as always I am incredibly proud of the students and the staff who make this place the incredible school it is.

As you would be aware next term we will welcome our new Principal Kerrie O’Heir. Like everyone I am excited to be working with Kerrie. I have known and respected Kerrie for a very long time as we have been English teachers, Head Teachers and Deputies together over the years. She comes to us with much experience and so much to offer our wonderful community.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Adam Montgomery on behalf of the entire school community. Adam has lead this school so well over the last months and we have seen great things take place during his leadership. He has created the Student Services Hub which is an awesome initiative for our students. He has overseen the development of the improvement of the front entrance to the school and he has also been a huge part of the PCYC school program. Thank you Adam for all you have done.

This week I will be meeting with our student voice representative to discuss their ideas and vision for improvements and programs for the school. We believe very strongly that our students need a voice in the life of the school. I am looking forward to working with this wonderful group of students.

Thank you once again to our school community for your continued support of the school. Next term we look forward to Open Night, Education Week tours and Year 5 transition days amongst many other activities and events.

On behalf of us all have a wonderful July holiday. We look forward to continuing to partner with you next term.

Susie Murray  
Deputy Principal

# Team 1

*"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."*

Team One students have been working diligently throughout Term Two. Years 7 and 9 rose to the challenge of NAPLAN with students giving it their best. Students in Team One are now working towards achieving the best possible outcomes for the remainder of the term.

**HSIE:** All classes are now coming to the end of Geography before moving on to study History in Semester Two. Students in 711 are working on a topic about natural hazards and disasters with a focus on geographical and atmospheric hazards that occur in Australia. 811 are studying interconnections and are investigating the impacts of global production and trade on people and environments. Year 9 are also studying interconnections; however, are focusing on international migration and looking at a case study on the experiences of refugees.

**Science:** In 711 Science we are having fun performing experiments to separate mixtures. Friday morning tutorials have are off to a strong start. Students have embraced the collaborative learning environment! In AVID class we have been focusing on the benefits of Cornell notes and how to complete them correctly. In Science 911 have been learning about disease. They grew some bacteria on petri dishes and watched as a 'contagious disease' swept through our class leaving only 2 survivors. (Thanks Manni!!). Today we took a step back in time to examine how the Australian diet and lifestyle has changed since the 1950's.

**English:** 711 have been diligently applying themselves in the 'My World' unit, and most recently have been learning about multimodal texts, in preparation to create a multimodal text. Students in 811 have been continuing their study of the Australian identity through poetry, now focusing on modern Australian poetry, including the poetry of Luka Lesson and Omar Musa. Year 9 have been very focused in their film study of 'Dead Poet's Society' focusing on the theme of 'Power'. They will also be studying 'The Truman Show' as a comparative text.

## **Team 1 Events Update.**

*All BWSC students who have achieved Bronze level have been invited to a free viewing of the 'GREASE' musical production at the Woy Woy campus. This fantastic reward will take place Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.*

*Students who have reached Silver level will be receiving the rewards excursion notes in Week 8.*



# Team 2



7.2.1 in English completing their Graphic Novels



Aaron & Jordan completing Maths online

**PBL:** Students who have achieved Silver Level will be invited to attend a rewards excursion Wednesday Week Ten to celebrate all their hard work this term! They will have a choice of: clip and climb, laser blast, Hoyts at Erina or Ice skating. Well done all Team Two students who have achieved Silver Level and will be enjoying this day out.



Abbey & Tyger helping out at the Ag Farm



Georgia, Sienna & Alannah at the Ag Farm

**UNIFORM:** With the weather getting cooler it is important students stay warm in the correct school uniform. Students are to wear the correct school jumper (no hoodies) and correct school pants, skirt or shorts (no tracksuit pants or tights).



Year 8 have been in the process of creating their own mask. Here are students from 8.2.2 researching different cultural masks.

# Team 3

Students have been working hard in class and putting in a great effort across all KLA's. They have been busy completing assessments over the past few weeks. Reports will be given out at the end of the term.

**Athletics Carnival:** It was great to see so many Team 3 students attend the carnival! There were many participating in field events and races, cheering on their team or helping out around the park. PB's were given to those that participated.

**Uniform:** Just a reminder that in this cold weather, students are to be wearing school jumpers and jackets only. There are school track pants that can be purchased from *We're Sportswear*. Black leather shoes need to be worn each day.

**Rewards Excursion:** There were 75 students in Team 3 invited to attend the Grease Musical at BWSC Woy Woy on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Great work!!!

Silver reward excursions will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – students will be notified soon and given a note if they have reached Silver level.



# Team 4

## 9CAPA

In maths, they are studying scientific notation. In science, they are looking at diseases. In geography, they are about to complete the uni, 'Changing Places' and start history. In English, they are looking at power.

## 8CAPA

In English, students are doing a poetry unit. In maths, they are doing area. Science is solids, liquids and gases and geography is interconnections. For TM this term they are completing cooking and textiles and are ready to start their new subject.

## 7CAPA and 7.4.2

In science, they are looking at solutions. In geography they are looking at place and liveability. Maths is integers and English is poetry.





# Team 5

Team 5 students have studiously completed assessment tasks across a variety of subjects. All teachers are busy typing students' academic reports for Semester 1.

Students that have achieved 250 PB's by Friday 14 June will successfully achieve Silver Level in our PBL system. They will be invited to attend the Rewards Excursion on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019. Silver level students will enjoy activities such as Movies, Ice Skating, Clip and Climb or Laser Tag.

Congratulations to all dedicated Team 5 students who enthusiastically participated in our Athletics Carnival and Cross Country Events.

Below are some photos of our amazing Team 5 students.





# Team 6

## What makes you happy?

The big school oval. I love running around and using up my energy **Annabelle**

Playing soccer makes me feel good **Claire**

Being me **Madison**

Playing with my dog **Aylee**

Getting to do sport or PE almost every day. **Alissa**

My mum's homemade Shepherds pie **Tia**

Painting and drawing **Kahlia**



## From Narrabri to Umina

### What did you do for fun at Narrabri?

I went with my friends to the skate park, pool, movies or hung out at KFC.

### Your perspective on life in the country?

Kids in the country have it much harder because of the drought. You shouldn't whinge about your problems until you have a taste of country life. They have it much tougher there.

### Zane 9.6.1

#### When I get stressed I...

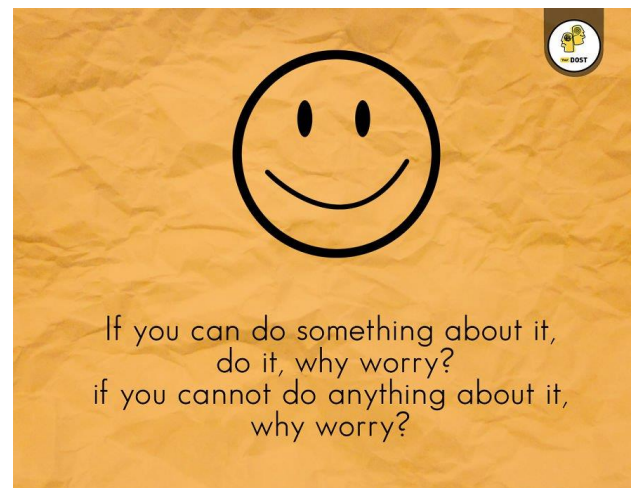
try to distract myself **Jordan**

meditation **Charlotte**

talk to my parents **Will**

listen to music **Harry**

talk to my best friend **Jasmin**



⇒ **Pack your bag the night before school**

⇒ **Know your timetable**

⇒ **Bring healthy food for lunch 1 and 2**

⇒ **Ask for help if you need it**

⇒ **Make friends with positive people**



# *Team 7*

## **PBL**

Team 7 have been working hard in and out of the class room to earn PB'S for their positive behaviour. We are proud that the majority of our students in Team 7 have earned Silver level and are invited to the silver rewards excursion.

Team seven's PBL focus for the remainder of the Term, is to improve maturity and self-control.

## **Athletics Carnival**

Congratulations to 771 who had 100% attendance at our school Athletics Carnival. Special mention to two 771 boys who broke school records on the day Brodie Williams 12 boys 1500m Isaiah Dorrell 12 boys discuss.

## **Under 13's Rugby League**

During Week 5 our Under 13's Rugby League team Qualified for the Central Coast Grand Final to be played later in the year.

Well done boys and good luck.





# Team 8

The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go."— Dr. Seuss

Another fantastic term is almost coming to an end. Collaboration is one of the main learning objectives in Team 8 and both year 7 and 8 are thoroughly engaged in their Project Based Learning lessons where they are developing the most amazing ideas! Year 9 are beginning to write their resumes in Careers which will see them well prepared for Mock Interviews later on in the year. Our Positive Behaviour Learning focus at the moment is uniform which includes black leather shoes, no hoodies and our new BWSC track pants for those cold days. Everyone here at Team 8 is excited to learn and be challenged all the way up to the holidays.



Year 8 enjoying PE in the gym learning how to serve and play volleyball. Everyone gets involved and supports one another which makes for some really fun lessons!



Year 7 maths with Mrs Gilchrist. Students are working hard solving algebraic equations!

Another fantastic example of collaborative learning. Year 9 Geography students joining classes in the connected classrooms to share ideas and work in different groups.



# Library

Where is your  
reading journey  
going to take you this  
year?

**TUTORIAL  
TUESDAYS**

Homework centre is  
open every Tuesday  
afternoon until 4pm

What's happening in the

## BWSC LIBRARY

We had an exceptionally busy start to the year in the library - but we know why. Our library borrowings doubled for Term 1 with 4,000 books being lent out from the library during the term. Manga and graphic novels continue to top the most popular student reading choices.

We have a great new selection of books in our library including the Children's Book Council award shortlist, and a fantastic selection of new non-fiction books. Thank you to our art teachers who have helped choose some fabulous new titles to support our students.

Our robotics and coding club started in the library during lunchtimes this term. Many students have come at lunch to enjoy working with our various kits. It will be great to see what creations arise though these sessions.

Homework centre continues to bring many students to our library on Tuesday afternoons to complete homework, access maths online, work on assessment tasks, use our technology and hang with their friends in the library. ☺

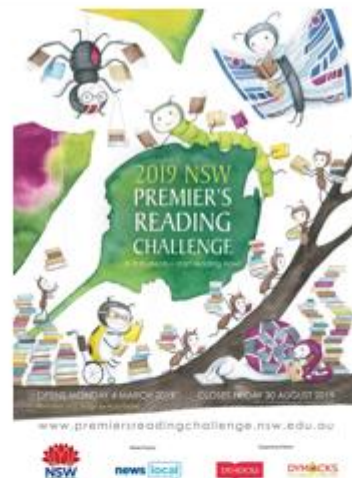
There is approximately 11 weeks left before the end of the Premier's Reading Challenge. Don't forget to log your books!

Happy reading

*One of our recent library displays celebrated Time!*



Two of our Student Librarians working at the circulation desk.





# Careers Corner

This term has seen several students head out for work experience. Two of them have been Dylan Hooppell who is continuing on in carpentry and doing extremely well and Riley Green who is assisting with Pergola installations and repairs.

Students wanting to try a career or are seeking employment should drop a note in the 'Careers' office letterbox. I will then arrange a time to meet with them and discuss their career aspirations and interests. Students are eligible to do work experience at the age of 14.

Year 8 Students have had the opportunity in class to gain information on resume writing, how to prepare for an interview and what to expect in the interview process. Resume inclusions can be found on the BWSC Umina website under 'Careers; Mock Interviews'.

In the last weeks of term, students will be shown last year's 'Elective Subject Selection booklet'. Showing them the booklet gives students an opportunity to discuss these electives and their possible choices over the holiday break. Students will be given class time to go through the booklets and look at all the courses which were offered last year. The 'Subject Elective Selection' open night is on August 14. All parents and Year 8 students are encouraged to come along, meet the teachers and find out more about the electives on offer.

Year 9 Students have started writing their resumes. All students should now have a draft of their resumes in their class books. We are now starting to transfer this information into the google classroom resume template. A good website which students have explored is the Skillsroad website ([www.skillsroad.com.au](http://www.skillsroad.com.au)). This site has a careers quiz that students have completed in class. The results enable students to develop a profile statement and enlighten them on their strengths and skills. Whilst we do not explore the entire website, it is recommended as it provides a lot of useful information.

I have had several parent meetings this term which has enabled me to discuss their child's needs, career paths and interests. If you would like any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me for an appointment.

A reminder that the last White Card Course for 2019 is in August. Notes are available on the BWSC Umina website under 'Careers'.

Ms. N. Lewis

# BRISBANE WATER SECONDARY COLLEGE

## UNIFORM

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| <b>Supplier:</b><br><b>We're Sportswear Pty Ltd</b><br>U1, 13-15 Mutu Street, Woy Woy 2256<br>4341 5123<br>Hours: Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm<br>Saturday 9am to 12noon |
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| YEARS 7 - 10                |       |          |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Garment                     |       | Price    |
| Boys Shirt                  | White | \$ 30.00 |
| Boys Shorts                 | Navy  | \$ 32.00 |
| Boys Trousers-Elastic Waist | Navy  | \$ 35.00 |

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Girls Blouse - Junior Style         | White          | \$ 30.00 |
| Girls Skirt - Junior Style          | Navy Tartan    | \$ 53.00 |
| Girls Shorts                        | Navy           | \$ 53.00 |
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| Sport Shorts                        | Navy/gold      | \$ 23.00 |
| Sports Polos                        | Navy/gold      | \$ 30.00 |
| Sport Jacket - light lining         | Navy           | \$ 39.00 |
| Track Pants - cotton blend lining   | Navy           | \$ 30.00 |
| Sweat V-Neck Pullover               | Navy           | \$ 35.00 |
| Fleece Jacket                       | Navy           | \$ 49.00 |
| Winter Jacket - polar fleece lining | Navy/gold      | \$ 54.00 |
| Bucket Hat - \$15 / Cap - \$12      | Navy with logo |          |

| YEARS 11 - 12 (SENIORS)             |                |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Garment                             |                | Price    |
| Boys Shirt                          | Blue           | \$ 30.00 |
| Boys Shorts                         | Navy           | \$ 32.00 |
| Boys Trousers-Elastic Waist         | Navy           | \$ 35.00 |
|                                     |                |          |
| Girls Blouse - Senior Style         | Blue           | \$ 35.00 |
| Girls Skirt - Senior Style          | Navy           | \$ 53.00 |
| Girls Shorts                        | Navy           | \$ 53.00 |
|                                     |                |          |
| Sport Shorts                        | navy/gold      | \$ 23.00 |
| Sports Polos                        | navy/gold      | \$ 30.00 |
| Sport Jacket - light lining         | Navy           | \$ 39.00 |
| Track Pants - cotton blend lining   | Navy           | \$ 30.00 |
| Sweat V-Neck Pullover               | Navy           | \$ 35.00 |
| Woollen Jumper - Senior             | Navy           | \$ 75.00 |
| Fleece Jacket                       | Navy           | \$ 49.00 |
| Winter Jacket - polar fleece lining | Navy/gold      | \$ 54.00 |
| Bucket Hat - \$15 / Cap - \$12      | Navy with logo |          |

30th October, 2018



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School holidays commence Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July and resumes Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

***The next P & C meeting will be Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August at  
Umina Campus***