

School News

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Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus

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Brisbane Water Secondary College
Umina Campus would like to extend a
very warm welcome to Year 7 2022!
We are excited to watch you learn and
grow over the coming years with our
College.



Principal's Message



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2022!

We have had a very busy beginning to the 2022 school year especially with the restrictions around COVID including masks and cohorting. Thank you to our students and their families who have supported the safety of our students and staff by providing masks for their children at school. We will continue to provide masks to those students who forget their mask or need a replacement if they break.

The distribution of Rapid Antigen Home Test (RAHT) kits was a great success. Once again, the cooperation of our community was hugely appreciated in the initial rollout via the drive by pick up.

Please note that our second round of RAHT kits has arrived and we will be distributing them to students on Friday 11 February during the school day. If you would prefer to pick your RAHT kits up from the school, please let us know by calling the office on 43419066 prior to Friday.

As you may be aware, we have had a number of positive COVID-19 cases reported to the school. When this happens, we will advise the families of the year group affected via SchoolBytes email. You will need to monitor your child for symptoms and we insist you keep your child at home if they are unwell.

Thank you to our families who are informing us if their child tests positive from the RAHT kits distributed and following NSW Health protocols around isolation. At school we continue to implement cohorting, social distancing and cleaning and hygiene practices.

As we navigate the beginning of the school year, it is understood that there may be many questions that you would like addressed. We must prioritise each day our duties around teaching and supervision of students and so cannot see parents or return phone calls immediately. The complexity of a school environment on a day to day basis means that we appreciate a call to make an appointment that is at a mutually convenient time. Teachers will endeavour to respond to calls as soon as they can given their days are timetabled teaching students. My advice is to call your child's teacher, Head Teacher or Team Leader initially to convey your thoughts or concerns. They will inform the appropriate Deputy Principal or Principal if needed.

Thank you
Kerrie O'Heir
Principal



Campus Highlights



Like @BWSCUminaCampusCanteen to see upcoming Canteen specials!



BWSC Umina Campus Canteen

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⭐⭐⭐ REGISTER FOR OUR NEW ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM ⭐⭐⭐

From Term 1 2022 you can avoid the queues and order from the BWSC Umina Canteen online via Flexischools. IT'S EASY TO REGISTER....

✅ Download the Flexischools App (Or register online at [Flexischools.com.au](https://flexischools.com.au))

Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notifications.

✅ Add your School and Group

Click on the search icon, enter your school's name, select your school and year group, or groups relevant to you.

✅ Login/Register

Click the 'Order now' button located in the bottom right-hand corner of the app, this will open a login screen.

Click 'Register', enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email to set up your account.

Once your account is set up, add new student; search for our school, enter student details and select their class.



We hope this will offer students and families with a more convenient and efficient process of placing canteen orders!

We are very grateful to our P&C who have donated funds for our

new flagpoles at the entry area of Umina Campus. We are proud to fly the Aboriginal, Australian and Torres Strait Islander flags each day.



We have been honoured by a visit to BWSC Umina Campus from Nova Perris OAM in the last week. I thank Maurice Goolagong, our Aboriginal

Education Officer, who organised this wonderful event for our First Nations students. Nova's generosity in giving her time and wisdom to our Aboriginal students was priceless. She is a truly inspirational, dignified and beautiful human being.

- Kerrie O'Heir, Principal





Campus Highlights



Team 9

Welcome to 2022 from Team 9 Staff. Students have made a productive start this year and we are well on our way to establishing our new routines and adjusting to a new timetable. It's been great to have so many Team 9 students engaged in their elective classes across the school and to represent students in the SRC. Year 7 are settling in well. They have made new relationships, caught up with old friends and started the year with enthusiasm.

We have plenty of opportunities planned throughout this year for students to develop themselves and enjoy their time with Umina Campus.

Team 8

Team 8 (The Croft) would like to welcome Year 7 students who are joining us in 2022. Our new pupils have been introduced to our school with an orientation program coordinated by Ms Maree Caruana, which included a mixture of goal setting and team building activities to ensure they are well prepared for the year ahead. Team 8 also welcome our newest member of staff, Mrs Liana Wright. Mrs Wright who joins us from Wyong High School, brings with her a wealth of teaching experience. She will engage students in an extensive visual art program, starting with mask making.

Team 8 have made a positive start to the year and are looking forward to a variety of activities.



Years 9 & 10 will be provided the opportunity to take part in work readiness programs through the year.

We are looking forward to a positive and productive 2022!



Event Updates



After having to postpone Year 7 Camp due to COVID, I am happy to announce the new dates for Year 7 Great Aussie Bush Camp will be from 22 June – 24 June 2022.

More information will follow as soon as it is available.

The camp is a great time for Year 7 to challenge themselves, learn about themselves and just have some fun!

- Kerrie O'Heir, Principal



BWSC Swimming Carnival will take place on Feb 16th



School Photos will be held on 11th March

