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#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear parents and caregivers,

It has been wonderful to be back as Acting Principal of Burnside SHS for the remainder of 2025. I have been very fortunate to be a part of all of the school celebrations which has showcased the wonderful achievements of students.

# 2025 School planning -

Following on from last term, the school has completed the schools Four Year Strategic plan where parent and student feedback was sought and used in its development. We now are currently developing our 2025 AIP (Annual implement plan). The school plan is to focus on the creation of engaging lessons aligning the curriculum and assessment through the capability development of staff.

#### Facilities -

Anyone who has driven past the new Performing Arts building would see that it is really taking shape now. We anticipate students and classes to be working in the new facility in Term 2 2025. Construction has also begun to the new carpark adjacent the new primary school car park which is anticipated to open for the 2025 school year.

# **School Celebrations -**

Over the past month we have celebrated student's achievements across many areas. We have farewelled our Year 12's at both the Formal Dinner and Graduation Ceremony. We acknowledged and celebrated our highest academic achievers of the year at Awards night and enjoyed the achievements and performances of our Dance students; Volleyball excellence and School bands. Thankyou to all of the parents and caregivers who have supported these events and their children.

#### Week 10 & 11 -

I am sure all parents and caregivers have recently seen in the media that we have an 11-week term rather than the normal 10 weeks. This means that our normal last week of the school year activities which usually occur in week 10 will occur as normally in week 10 with alternative activities organised by staff. In week 11 the school will be open and have both academic and cultural activities for students. To assist the school with organisation (canteen and staffing supervision) I will be sending all parents a survey to please inform the school if your child will be in attendance from December 9 – 13 2024. The school is open in week 11.

On behalf of the school we would like to wish all students and their families a happy and safe Christmas holiday period and we look forward to seeing everyone again in 2025.

# Paul Fitzgerald

# **Acting Principal**

#### SRC NEWS

We recently farewelled our 2024 Student Leaders, which is always a sad occasion. Before they left, they planted some native trees at school as a legacy garden. We thank school captains Felicity and Mitchell, vice captains Matthew, Clinton and Hayden, secretary Kirra and Environmental Chair Sophia for their valuable contributions to our school this year, and wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

As its final task for the year, the SRC is in the process of organising donations from students to the Shack's Trees of Change Christmas Appeal, which provides food hampers to local families in need. Any students or families who would like to donate an item (or more) can access the pantry shopping list outside the B Block Shakespeare staffroom, or emailing creil30@eq.edu.au for more details.

We are also seeking early expressions of interest for SRC applications for 2025. If your child is keen to get involved, please have them see either Mrs Reilly or Mrs Griffin for an application form. They don't need any experience – just a desire to serve their school community.

Carly Reilly and Shannon Griffin

#### SRC Coordinators



# REWARDS DAY REQUIREMENTS

Each semester our school runs a "Rewards Day" to celebrate students who exhibit excellent behaviour and effort and who engage enthusiastically in their schooling. Students who are invited to attend celebrate by attending enjoyable activities such as a trip to the movies or a trip to the beach. Criteria to attend includes:

- Excellence in Behaviour
- Excellence in Effort
- At least 90% attendance.
  - Attendance at all major sporting days (swimming carnival, athletics carnival)

Note sickness on the day would need to be justified via a medical certificate. This is one of the many ways Burnside SHS is encouraging your student to do their best.

# UNIFORM GUIDE

Burnside State High School is a progressive and socially responsible school maximising student learning outcomes and preparing young people to become active citizens in a global society. Burnside State High School is a uniform school because the Parents and Citizens Association, representing the parents of the school, has decided to support the wearing of a school uniform.

The Minister for Education has stated that the advantages of wearing school uniforms include "developing a sense of belonging to a group, pride in membership of that group and identification of students to and from school". Research has also shown that there is a clear link between dress standards, school discipline, school spirit and community perceptions of the school in general.

It is our policy that the correct school uniform is worn each day and we urge all parents to support the accepted standard of dress as detailed in this brochure. The Burnside State High School uniform can only be purchased from the school uniform shop.

**SHOES:** Must be completely black with black laces. No coloured logos or white or coloured soles are permitted. No boots or high tops of any type are permitted.

# **Correct Footwear**



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**HAIR:** Neat, clean and tidy. Long hair must be tied back. Exotic, bright, or unnaturally coloured hairstyles are not acceptable; this includes features such as extravagant ornamental hair clips and decorations, hair extensions and excessive braiding/plaiting.

**JEWELLERY:** 1 stud or sleeper sized earring in each ear, 1 ring and 1 watch. No bracelets or anklets are permitted. No necklaces should be visible at any time

**Note:** No visible body/facial piercings e.g. nose, brow, lip studs or rings. Facial piercings must be removed for school. In the short term, they may be covered with protective tape, or filled with a retainer available from piercing suppliers.

**JUMPERS:** An approved school jumper or a plain navy jumper/cardigan is suitable for winter. Jumpers MUST NOT have a hood or emblem/logo.

MAKE-UP: Visible make-up is not permitted. Nail polish is not permitted

**HATS:** Only approved hats are permitted. There are a range of styles available to choose from including sports caps and bucket hats. Hats are available to purchase from the administration office.

# BSHS CALENDAR AND EVENTS

Please visit our website: https://burnsideshs.eq.edu.au and our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/BurnsideStateHighSchool for Burnside SHS news, updates and events.

**DROP-OFF, PICK-UP AND PARKING RULES:** All three driveways via gate 1, 2 & 3 at Burnside State High School are <u>not</u> to be used to drop off or pick up students.

Please use the *designated* drop-off and pick-up zones which can be found on Blaxland Road outside both Burnside State High School and Burnside State School. These areas are indicated by signage noting the short time limit that applies. There is limited visitor parking available through gate 2 for those wishing to visit the administration building, disabled parking is also available in this car park. Local street parking is available but be aware that time limits do apply.

AIR BORNE CHEMICALS - AEROSOL BAN: Some members of the Burnside State High School community suffer severe allergies to aerosol sprays or perfumes that can act as a trigger to an (often) serious asthma attack, or bring on a severe migraine. The allergy can be sufficiently serious to put one of our students into anaphylactic shock if an aerosol or perfume has been sprayed anywhere in the student's vicinity. This can be a life threatening situation, resulting in the student's airways closing and the student having to be transported to hospital in an ambulance. Aerosols are banned from school premises, excursions, sporting events and all events where students are in confined spaces. To provide the safest environment, students are banned from bringing aerosol sprays and perfume pump-packs to Burnside State High School. This includes for any excursions, camps or other onsite or offsite activities. Risk management strategies will be in place for any aerosol sprays used as part of the curriculum and school business. Aerosol sprays or perfume pump-packs brought to school by students will be confiscated and disposed of. Breaches of this policy will result in disciplinary action. Remember: No student is to use or bring aerosol thank you for considering the health and safety of others.

#### STUDENT ABSENCES

At BSHS, student attendance and safety is a high priority. We know that students who attend regularly are more likely to be successful and safe. If you know your child is going to be late, absent or leave early, please notify the school ASAP. You can notify the school by:

- ABSENCE LINE: 5459 7366. Please leave a message clearly stating your child's name, the reason for absence and the duration.
- EMAIL: Email student\_absences@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au
- PHONE: Contact Student Administration 5459 7309
- SMS: 0429 814 931 (for sms correspondence only)
- QPARENTS APP: https://qparents.qld.edu.au/

# **UNIFORM SHOP**

Phone: 5441 7332, Email: SchoolUniform@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au.
Regular opening hours during school term: Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Friday 8.00am until 9.00am.

**Uniform Returns Policy**: We are happy to accept returns or exchange items for like items however all returns and exchanges require a receipt as proof of purchase and can only be returned in the form of original payment, must be unworn and in its as-sold condition or faulty due to manufacturing faults and returned within 30 days of purchase

#### FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS/FINANCE NEWS

Thank you to all parents/caregivers who have taken up the opportunity to pay their child's schools fees by electronic funds transfer (EFT). For those new to our school or haven't taken up this option and would like to, here are the school details:

#### BSB: 064424 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00091012

#### **NAME: Burnside State High School**

**REFERENCE:** options available so we can track payment:

- Student's surname and initial and short description of the payment
- Student's EQ ID (12 numbers and a letter) with short description
- Invoice number and surname

It would be appreciated if you could also email details of the payment to accounts@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au that way if a reference does not show on our bank statement we can track it via your email and ensure that it is processed correctly against your account.

#### **Payments by BPOINT:**

Please remember you must use the <u>invoice number</u> you are paying as reference for the payment to be successful.

#### **Payment by Direct Deposit:**

Use <u>student name</u> as reference and indicate what payment is to be allocated to for example: 'horizons', 'fees', 'excursion',

**NEW PAYMENT METHOD:** We can now offer parents the ability to pay invoices over the phone using BPoint IVR. Parents call 1300 631 073 and enter their CRN, amount and credit card details to complete payment. At the end of the call you will be provided with a unique payment receipt number. The school office is no longer able to take credit card details over the phone.

Bpoint is to be used ONLY when making a payment relating to an invoice number, if you do not have the invoice number please deposit into the School's bank account with a reference.

**PROCESS FOR PAYMENT PLANS:** We now have a new process for payment plans using BPoint Electronic Direct Debit Registration. If you are unable to make a full payment of an invoice by the due date you need to contact Accounts Receivable to arrange a payment plan. You will negotiate with the school on the amount, frequency and number of payments for the payment plan. You will receive an email with a link for your payment plan. You click on the link and register for the direct debit/payment plan and nominate your credit/debit card or bank account.

You will receive a confirmation email detailing the agreement and you will need to click on the link to confirm the agreement. The next day the school will receive a report confirming the registration for the payment. Once this has been received, your child will be able to attend the activity. You will receive an email reminder the day before your charge is due to be debited from their bank account or credit/debit card.

If families would like to have their student's invoices and statements emailed home instead of through the post please contact the school office by phone or email accounts@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au with email address.

# 'HOW TO BECOME A BURNSIDE BANDITS VOLLEYBALL SUPPORTER'

We are always looking for financial assistance to continue to provide the excellent opportunities we do for our students to compete at the highest levels in Queensland and Australia in their sport. To become a **Silver Level** Burnside Bandits Volleyball Supporter we would require your business to assist us with a minimum input of **\$250**. For that support we would assist your business by:

- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our Volleyball Newsletters and publications.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our Parent Permission Forms.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our Brochures.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our IT Presentations.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our School Newsletters (Which reaches a target audience in the local Nambour area of approximately 1000 people).
- We could also brand your business on some of our equipment such as player water-bottles or promotional material such as coolers.

To become a **Gold Level** Burnside Bandits Volleyball Supporter we would require your business to assist us with a minimum input of **\$1000 or more.** For that support we would assist your business by:

- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our Volleyball Newsletters and publications.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our Parent Permission Forms.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our Brochures.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our IT Presentations.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our School Newsletters (Which reaches a target audience in the local Nambour area of approximately 1000 people).
- We could also brand your business on some of our equipment such as player water-bottles or promotional material such as coolers.
- We could brand our playing shirts/shorts with your Business Logo and provide you with a framed playing shirt with your Business Logo on to display in your foyer.
- We could brand our tracksuit with your Business Logo and provide you with a framed tracksuit top with your Business Logo on to display in your foyer.
- We could brand our Volleyball Polo Dress Shirts with your Business Logo and provide you with a framed Volleyball Polo Dress Shirts with your Business Logo on to display in your foyer. We could brand our Volleyball Sports Bags with your Business Logo and provide you with a Volleyball Sports Bag with your Business Logo on to display in your foyer.

If you wish to become a Burnside Bandits Volleyball Supporter please contact us and we will be more than happy to discuss a supporter's package with you.

Burnside Bandits is proudly supported by:





# **SWPBS**

The Student Wide Positive Behaviour Scheme is a program in place here at Burnside State High School that recognises and rewards positive behaviour in students. Students receive a GOTCHA Tickets whenever a teacher catches them doing the right thing around the school. This may be for displaying excellent manners in class, completing class work, helping another student etc. The program tries to encourage positive behaviours by rewarding them. Students place their GOTCHA tickets in the year level boxes at student administration and prizes are distributed on year level assemblies every few weeks. Students may receive tuckshop vouchers, Suncity Tenpin or Laser Zone vouchers or a number of other great prizes donated from our supporting Sponsors. If you would like to donate any prizes to the SWPBS Program please contact Mr Luke Ward. 54597333



# STUDENT ABSENCES & SICK BAY PROCEDURE

#### Full day absences and late arrivals

Please use one of the following options to report an absence:

- Absence line (24 hour voicemail): 5459 7366
- Absence Text: 0429 814 931
- Absence email: student\_absences@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au
- Submit via the QParents App

Please state your child's name, the reason for absence and the duration of absence.

#### Early departures

For a known early departure:

- advise of early departure via QParents app, our designated text message number, email, or phone call
- your student should go to Student Administration in the morning to obtain an early departure slip
- student shows their teacher the early departure slip and is permitted to leave class
- student meets parent/guardian at Administration Office

For an unplanned early departure

- phone 5459 7333 and press option 1
- please phone ahead to give staff time to locate your student so they are waiting on your arrival
- please avoid arriving at the Administration Office to request collection of your student without prior notice

#### Sick Bay

- if a student becomes unwell during school, they come to sick bay
- admin staff will phone a parent to advise of illness and request early collection of student
- students MUST NOT contact a parent directly

As we say goodbye to the Year 12's for 2024 the DLH teachers and staff would like to wish them all the best on their new journeys.

#### **DLH Hosts Successful Senior Pathways Information Session -**

This term the DLH held a highly informative Senior Pathways Information Session for its Senior DLH Cohort, aimed at helping Year 12 students prepare for the next phase of their lives.

The event featured a group of speakers from external providers, including P2P, Equity Works, STEPS, and APM, all of whom have strong partnerships with the school.

These organisations generously gave their time to share valuable insights and advice with both students and their families. Topics ranged from further education and training opportunities to career pathways and support services available after high school.

The session was well-received by both the students and their families, who appreciated the expert guidance on how to navigate life after graduation. The positive feedback from Year 12s reflects the significance of this session in helping our students plan for their future.

We extend our sincere thanks to all the external providers for their continued support and commitment to our students' success. Many thanks to our senior DLH facilitators, Jess Pelka and Marg Burns for organising the event.

DLH would like to wish all our families a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to your return in 2025.



#### CREATIVE GENERATION 2025

Expressions of interest are available for students interested in being part of the amazing performance that is Creative Generation in 2025. Nominations close in February 2025 so if interested, forms are available from Mr Kimlin. There may be auditions and preparation needed so students need to discuss with Mr Kimlin so they can prepare.

You are able to watch this year's performance on 9Now. The documentary and performance were shown on Channel 9 last weekend. This is a great way to see how big and amazing this performance production is. Students from across Queensland all performing at such a high level. There will also be a school excursion organised for students to watch the performance live in 2025. Stay tuned.



# LOTE NEWS

#### Global Connections with Indonesia -

A selected group of Burnside students, from Year 7 and 9, have been connecting with a small school in Jakarta Indonesia. This school is unique as it functions as an orphanage for 70 of the 100 students.



Our students have been learning so much about the Indonesian culture and language. Students were interested to learn that our Indonesian friends live in one of the most populated cities on earth; speak at least two other languages; eat very different foods and embrace different

religions with specific rituals every day and season.

However, it has been wonderful to realise how many things are held in common as teen-agers and as global citizens. This growing friendship is yielding many benefits in the areas of cultural understandings, geographic skills and Bahasa Indonesia language development. Both schools are hoping to continue the program in 2025. Terima Kasih



#### Congratulations Mrs Griffin! -

One of our senior Japanese teachers, Shannon Griffin has been awarded the Osaka Global Teacher Scholarship 2025! This allows Shannon to head to Osaka Japan for two weeks for fully paid immersion program in Japanese language and culture.

This is a wonderful reflection of Shannon's excellent and innovative teaching expertise and passion for languages. Congratulations Ms Griffin!



#### YR 9 BUSINESS VENTURES

On November 8th Year 9 Business Studies students participated in a business venture. Groups operated business stalls which included selling: bacon and egg burgers, "spiders", milkshakes, cupcakes, sausages, donuts, brownies and cookies. The students demonstrated their entrepreneurial skills, teamwork, and innovation.

Students were very organised and are to be congratulated on running their stalls very professionally.



# GP CLINIC



Bulk-billed student appointments are available with Dr Richard at our GP clinic Friday afternoons.

To book, email GPappointment@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au or speak with the Guidance Officer.

# INTERCLASS MATHS TOURNAMENT 2024

This year was the 17th year of the interclass maths tournament. We had 45 of our best mathematics students from year 7, 8 and 9 competing and year 10 Maths Methods students helped out with judging. It was a fun but competitive day with the year 9 team of Lincoln Reilly, Vince Duncan, Cooper Armstrong, Dylan Davis and Sebastian Ngoviky being named as the interclass champions.

Special thanks to the year 10 students who helped out with judging. We would not be able to run this event without your help. Thank you Ava, Maddisen, Mikayla Pitcher, Grace Bramble, Scarlett, Keely Maher , Jonathon Little and Matilda Campling. Thanks also to Mrs Van Egmond, Miss Gould and Miss Wright for supporting this event this year.

I look forward to seeing you all compete again next year!

Shawn Jessen - Maths teacher



#### ISLAND EXCURSION

After a major upheaval with a last minute date change (due to a broken down ferry) 32 weary souls headed off two days before planned on Monday 20 November before dawn. The journey went well and by early afternoon Heron Island loomed large like an emerald jewel. Even as we entered the harbour the students could see turtles and sharks (job done!).

Snorkelling for the next few days revealed many corals recovering from a major bleaching event last March: reinforcing the classwork looking at threats to the reef and the optimism that the reef is resilient. Sites like Blue Pools and Pam's Point still had many deeper corals that were less affected; and fish numbers were still high. Unfortunately, the absence of anemones with their clownfish tenants was a major disappointment for us all. Mrs Muller (Kirrily) noted that this was the first time in two decades we haven't seen clownfish of any variety. Hopefully the reef will recover. Thankfully for Mr Trampnau and myself there was no shortage of Coral Trout (yummo).

Everyone managed to see plenty of turtles in the water and nesting on the beaches. The sight of female turtles lumbering up and down the beach on the way to lay eggs was a remarkable contrast to their gracefulness in the water. Mr Trampnua led an early morning walk on Wednesday and there were turtles everywhere!

Many hours of GoPro footage were gathered as a wonderful record of our visit. Five of our PADI qualified students were accompanied by Ms Bradford for a spectacular SCUBA dive featuring the famous Heron Bommie. The footage from that dive was sprinkled with amazing encounters with sharks and turtles. Highly recommended for eligible students to complete their dive certification.

Thank you to Mrs Kirrily Muller for being our 'camp mum'; Mr Trampnau; Ms Bradford; all the staff at Burnside SHS who contributed behind the scenes; parents/guardians/host parents for preparing your students; Heron Island Research Station staff; our caterers; Hinter-Coast Transport; and Heron Island PADI Diveshop staff.

And finally, thank you to the students for taking on the challenges and joys of learning in one of the best classrooms on Earth. Remember: this is just the start of your ocean adventure!

### Peter Wicks - Marine Science Teacher

(Trivia time: this was approximately the 27th excursion to Heron Island by BSHS; Kirrily has completed approximately 20 Heron Island camps; it is 18 years since Mr Wicks & Mr Trampnau last supervised an excursion together; and Ms Bradford was a student participant in 2016 and is the first past student who has returned as a teacher).



# CHAPPY CHAT

Firstly, I would like to thank the amazing BSHS community for welcoming me and making me feel at home in my first year as Chappy at Burnside High. It has been a privilege to step into an amazing legacy left by Matt Brady and more recently Mark Horsfall. I have made some wonderful connections with both students and staff. I have especially enjoyed reconnecting with a number of students that have graduated from the primary school over the last 3 years that I have also been a chaplain there.

This last term saw our amazing Year 10 PATHFINDERS groups explore and conquer the Upper Noosa River on a 3-day Canoe Trek. The first day was a mammoth effort, paddling 18km from Elanda Point to Campsite 3. The following day started with a 12km hike to the Cooloola Sandpatch, before a 6km paddle back to Harry's Hut, where we camped the 2nd night. The last day had us packing up camp and setting out for the 12km paddle back to Elanda point.



In total, the whole program ran over 2 terms, with some great learning and reflection being made, from the students involved, about how their lives can be made better and the choices and options available to achieve their potential. We ended the program with an amazing Celebration afternoon tea, where some great speeches were made and so amazing memories reflected upon, through video and conversations.

Special thanks to all the teachers that were involved in helping with the program – Megan Cross, Hunter Macdonald & Zach Fitzgerald. To Nambour APEX for their generous financial support. To the facilitators at Sunshine Coast Environmental Education Centre – Dan McNally, Glen Murphy & Bo Gibson. Finally to the amazing school leadership that allow this program to continue to have impact on student's lives... we will never get to see the fruit, the impact that this program has on some of the students lives!

Finally I would like to wish all the Burnside families a safe and blessed Christmas & New Year and I look forward to connecting with and meeting many more of you next year.

Remember, my door is always open...

Love & Peace, Chappy Paul

# NAMBOUR RSL - Tuesday 30th October

On Tuesday 30th October, we held our 16th annual Burnside Volleyball Awards Night at the Nambour RSL. It was a night to celebrate another great year that we have had for Burnside Volleyball.

Some awards given out on the night included:

# Certificates to Regional & State Representatives and Referee's:

Mia Couacaud, Lily McMeeken, Matthew Jessen, Oliver King, Charles Davis, Caleb Bridge, Nathan King, Jesse Deans, William Jessen, Nate Wolfe, Jade Meehan

# **Most Improved Medallions from QVSC:**

- Year 7 Boys Tayne Lister
- Year 7 Girls Brooke Gleeson
- Year 8 Boys Kovu Collier
- Year 9 Girls Stefanie Fooks
- Year 10 Boys Oliver Blackman
- Year 10 Girls Amelie Deans
- Year 11 Boys Oliver King
- Year 11 Girls Kiana Holdaway
- Year 12 Boys Roy Donaldson
- Year 12 Girls Jamey Bartholomew

#### **Trophies for Most Valuable Player Award:**

- Year 7 Boys Max Goodman
- Year 7 Girls Emmerson Short
- Year 8 Boys Caleb Williams
- Year 9 Girls Tia Warby
- Year 10 Boys Fletcher Whittington
- Year 10 Girls Lily McMeeken
- Year 11 Boys Charles Davis
- Year 11 Girls Lylah-Grace Day
- Year 12 Boys Caleb Bridge
- Year 12 Girls Jade Meehan

### **6 Year Service Certificates:**

Tygah-Rose Leonard, Nathan King, Jesse Deans, Shelby Suell, Ava Iwase-Atiau, Alana Iwase-Atiau, Cameron Beath, Lilliana Jones, Caleb Bridge, Jordan Marland

# Manager of the Year Award: Scott Sergeant Coach of the Year Award: Jordan Grenfell

#### **Life Member Inductees:**

- Cassidy Muller (10 Years)
- Kirrily Muller (12 Years)
- Team of the Year Award: Year 11 Boys
- Junior Bandit of the Year Award: Mia Couacaud
- Senior Bandit of the Year Award: Shelby Suell

This year's Hall of fame winner was:

Hall of Fame # 22 - Tony Schwieso

A huge thankyou goes to all the staff, students and parents for supporting the night which saw approximately 200 people attend. A huge thankyou also goes to all of our Supporters for 2024. We look forward to next year's Burnside Volleyball Awards Night.

Yours in Volleyball, Liz Jessen

















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# YR 9 ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS EXCURSION

On the 18th November Year 9 Business students visited The Ginger Factory to further develop their understanding of marketing strategies and operating a business internationally. The excursion allowed students to explore real-world concepts such as branding, social media, and promotional campaigns. The excursion highlighted the importance of understanding target audiences and creating memorable experiences. Students had a fabulous time and learnt a lot of information which will assist them in future years.









# YR 11 MODERN HISTORY EXCURSION

Last week our year 11 Modern History students got the opportunity to travel to Brisbane to visit the Queensland Holocaust Museum where they gained a deeper understanding of the Holocaust by engaging with testimonies and artifacts from survivors now living in Queensland.

It was an insightful experience designed to inspire and educate the students to stand up against intolerance, antisemitism, hatred, racism and indifference and promote multiculturalism, acceptance and harmony







# FAREWELL 2024 GRADUATES

Congratulations to the Graduating class of 2024. We wish you all the very best in their future endeavours.













Earlier this month a group of Industry Liaison Officers visited Diggerman at Coolum to explore potential Industry partnerships. The visit included a comprehensive site tour, giving the ILO's an up-close look at Diggermans operations and facilities. This provided an overview of the current programs, upcoming events and opportunities for future employment in the earthmoving industry.

In the coming weeks, in collaboration with Construction Skills Qld (CSQ) and McNab, I will have the exciting opportunity to visit the new Maroochydore Private Hospital and Maroochydore CBD developments. This will provide a firsthand look at one of the region's largest construction projects and offer valuable insights into the diverse career pathways within the construction industry.

Stay tuned for updates on this exciting journey!





Recently a group of lucky Year 11 students travelled to Brisbane to hear from Autosports Group their employment about opportunities career and and opportunities pathways within the company. The day was organised and funded by "The Smith Family" who have been amazing support to our students throughout the year. Students were able to speak with lead technicians and the Principal Dealer and even more excitingly, they were able to tour the dealership, looking and hearing

some very expensive and stylish cars that are in the dealership. Not sure who was more excited, the students or the teachers!!

A big shout out to Autosports Group for hosting this wonderful event and to The Smith Family for organising the day.



Michelle Mugliett —VET Industry Liaison Officer

This year, 41 students across Grades 10 to 12, have embarked on a journey through school-based trainee/apprenticeships. These students were placed in various industries, from trades to hospitality to business and individual support, floristry and retail, gaining invaluable hands-on experiences that will shape their future. Employers have praised the students work ethics, by learning to manage their time with real world tasks, some have gone or are going onto permanent positions. As we look to the future, it is clear that apprenticeships and traineeships provide success to lifelong learning. We are excited to see where the future takes them. Some of the Year 11 students in action at their various places of employment. For further information about School based Apprentice/Traineeships please contact Michelle: mmugl1@eq.edu.au













#### **GOODBYE INTERNATIONALS**

At Mooloolaba last week it was time to farewell the following students and wish them the very best for a wonderful future of inspiration and creative industry. Helena, Larissa, Cilia, Jonah, Max, Paula, Tara, Riccardo and Till who have all spent six months with us at Burnside State High School. The students will all fly home in the next fortnight. Nagisa, our Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education student also departs in a week after one year of study. Nagi has worked extremely hard all year and returns to Japan very competent in her English conversation. Congratulations Nagi! And congratulations Hina who graduated this week after three years of schooling at Burnside State High. Hina fully embraced her study experience in Australia and graduated with many personal achievements. Hina hopes to return to Australia next year to further her studies. We hope so too!

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF TERM 4**

A great term of adventure for the Internationals included snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef from Heron Island and Lady Elliot Island; celebrating their academic achievements at Awards Night; performing at Dance Night; experiencing the School Formal; working out at Bli Bli Aqua Park and Marine Science excursions to the beach and our International Food Market.

#### INTERNATIONAL HOMESTAY ORIENTATION

Inviting all host families and anyone interested in becoming part of our program to an information session Tuesday 26th November 4.30pm – 5.30pm in the Jacaranda Room, Administration Block. This session is a requirement for all host families hosting International or Study Tour students in 2025 and will answer any questions about the program.

# **BEST WISHES AND THANK YOU**

As the year school year draws to a close, we would like to thank all our wonderful, generous host families; our hard working, supportive teachers and the caring, fun students who have made great friendships with the many International students this year. May the holiday season be one of joy and rest.

# Jo & Cassie - The International Team













# HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

Burnside State High School is seeking caring, supportive, nurturing families for short and long term homestays for international students.

Homestay families are required to provide:

- · A private, furnished room
  - All meals
- Access to Public Transport
  - Care and Supervision

Host families receive financial assistance for hosting students.

For more details please contact Burnside State High School on 5459 7333 or email International@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au

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