WELCOME BACK

I would like to warmly welcome back all our students and their families to Blackburn High School for the 2015 academic year and trust that you all had an enjoyable summer break. I hope that all students are feeling refreshed and ready for another stimulating and challenging year of learning and enrichment.

I would like to welcome our new staff to Blackburn for 2015, and look forward to working with them in the year to come.

Welcome back to Christina Kodak who have been on leave.

We had a very successful 2014; in academic performance, sporting achievement and in music and arts with our students excelling across the board. Our 2014 VCE results were excellent and we are proud of all of our students who achieved individual excellence by achieving their goals. Well done to the dux of the school, Ethan Grooby who achieved an ATAR score of 99.40 and also to the 10 students who scored over 90, a magnificent achievement. Congratulations to all VCE students and their families, and all our Year 12 teachers, on your excellent performance.

A GREAT start to the year!

It has been a fabulous start to the school year. Staff spent two days on professional development where we focussed on developing high performing teachers, numeracy and literacy as well as what constitutes evidence of student learning. We had very inspiring sessions from our school leaders and this has provided a great platform for all of us to consider our teaching practice. It was great to see all the new students and staff receive their House T shirts, it was a sea of colour on Monday.
From the Principal

Arrival Time

Thank you to all parents who have been helping our students arrive on time for Mentor Group. It is extremely important that all students arrive at school in time to be prepared for their learning. We expect that all students will be here by 8:20am, to allow time to go to the lockers. The first bell goes at 8.35am and they are expected in their Mentor Group to start at 8.40am. Please help your student by creating a learning climate for them that enables them to be well prepared and at school on time. On the other side, it is important that students are not here too early, as staff are not present until 8.15am, as such there is no supervision provided for students before this time, unless students have a scheduled Music commitment.

REMINDER: PARENT VEHICLES using drop off Zone

Parents are requested to use only the drop off zone on the left hand side to let their children off and not stop just inside the gate. Please do not enter the staff car parking area at any time. In addition, due to security requirements, parents must wait for their students at the school boundaries and if they require to come into the school they must sign in at the front office.

Thank you for helping keep our students and yours SAFE!

Student Accident Insurance Arrangements

We would like to remind parents that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians should be reminded that they are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students and that student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.

Sunsmart

Parents are requested to discuss with their child the importance of being ‘Sunsmart’ at school. Whilst this is actively and continually reinforced at school and the vast majority of students are very sensible about this, I am still concerned with a significant number of students who sit or play out in the hot sun. Whilst students can get sunscreen from PE classes, sickbay and the General Office, it would be preferable if they come to school prepared with sunscreen and suitable headwear. For your child’s health and wellbeing could parents please support us by having a conversation about this with your children and encouraging them to be sensible and protect themselves from the effects of the sun, particularly on hot summer days?

School Council Elections

Nominations are now open to all parents for Blackburn High School Council and close on Monday, February 23rd at 4pm. Nomination forms are attached to this week’s newsletter and can also be obtained from the general Office. This is your opportunity to be involved and assist with setting the key directions of your school within centrally provided guidelines. We welcome your interest in being involved.
School Council

Have you considered nominating for School Council this year?

Nominations are now open to all parents for Blackburn High School Council and close on **Monday February 23** at 4pm.

This is your opportunity to be involved and assist with setting the key directions of your school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, the School Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that we provide for our students.

**Who is on the School Council?**

There are three categories of membership with the total number of 15 members:

- **A mandated Parent category.** Majority of the total members must be from this category – eight members.

- **A mandated DEECD employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council – four members.

- **A Community member category.** Two members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences.

The term for all members is two years. Half of the members are due to retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

**Why is Parent membership so important?**

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

**How can you become involved?**

Parent participation on Council is vital to the organisation of the school so standing for election as a member of the School Council is both rewarding and essential to the operational management of the school. You could also encourage another person to stand for election. The Parent Nomination form is included or alternatively you can ask for a copy at the office.

**Do I need special experience to be on school council?**

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future. The emphasis on Council work is through its subcommittees and every member must be a participant on at least one subcommittee. These are: **Finance, Education and Policy, Buildings and Grounds and Publicity and Promotion.**

**What happens if there are more nominations than vacant positions?**

An election will be required for all parents to vote for the four representatives on Council. Further information will be posted should this be required.

**2015 COUNCIL ELECTIONS – nominations now open** and close on **Monday February 23** at 4pm.

There are 4 Parent vacancies for 2015/16 (2 years)
There are 2 DEECD vacancies for 2015/16 (2 years)
Nomination Forms are attached to the back of this Newsletter and additional nomination forms are available at the General office and on the website.

Thankyou to our Parent Representatives:
Geoff Hugo, Wesley September, Ian Kearney and Graham Whyte (Community) have all completed their two year terms (2014/2015). I would like to formally thank them for all their input and many hours of tireless work for Blackburn High school.

As a result of these changes the coming election is for 4 parent representatives – 2 years (2015-2016).

Thankyou to our Department of Education and Training representatives
Geoff Vezey and Tim Dalton have completed their terms and I would like to formally thank them for their contribution to School Council. As a result of this change the coming election is for 2 DEECD representatives – 2 years (2015-2016).

There are two separate electorates within the electorate of the school i.e. parents nominate and vote for parent members, DEECD employees nominate and vote for DEECD members. DEECD employees can stand as parent members of the school their child attends.

Accompanying this newsletter there is a “Notice of Election and Call for Nomination” form and a Nomination Form for the Parent member category for the upcoming election of School Council.

Completed Nomination forms must be lodged with me by 4pm Monday February 23rd 2015.

Should an election be required, votes may be posted to me or placed in the Ballot box at the General Office on any day up until the close of the ballot which is 4pm Tuesday March 10th 2015. Further details regarding the need or otherwise for a ballot will be published once nominations close.

The new Council takes effect immediately the Poll is declared. The new Council therefore comes into effect from Tuesday March 10th 2015 and will have its first meeting on Wednesday March 25th 2015.

The following dates are listed for meetings in 2015.

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- Final meeting of existing Council – Confirmed Budget
- AGM
- Election of Community members
- Election of Office Bearers

Parent electorate of the school
The Parent electorate of the school includes each parent (except the Principal) of a student of the school, other than those who are DEECD employees engaged in work at, and for, the school. A parent of a student of the school who is a DEECD employee but does not work at and for the school, is included in the Parent electorate.

Parent includes a guardian or person who is liable to maintain or has the actual custody of a student of the school.

If a DEECD employee is elected to the Parent category where their child is enrolled but where they do not work, they are counted in the DEECD employee category for quorum requirements.

Parent members must comprise more than one-third of the council's total membership.

The Notice of Election and Call for Nominations and ballot papers must be posted or delivered to each parent.
DEECD employee electorate of the school
The DEECD employee electorate of the school includes the Principal of the school and DEECD employees engaged in work at, and for, the school. The Principal of a school is, and can only be, a DEECD employee member of the school council of his or her school. The Principal means the person who is in charge of the school.

"DEECD employee" means a person employed for eight hours or more per week in either an ongoing capacity or a fixed term of at least 90 days:

- by the DEECD under the Public Administration Act 2004 (Victorian Public Servants employed by DEECD);
- by the school council of a government school (for example, maintenance or grounds person, casual relief teacher, cleaner);
- under Part 2.4 of the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (members of the teaching service including education support officers); or
- under more than one of the paragraphs (i) to (iii) above.

For further information please contact the Principal, Sandra Woodman, or the President, Carolyn Nette via the school.

Schedule 3 Notice of Election and Call for Nominations
An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Blackburn High School. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by Monday 23rd February at 4pm.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Tuesday March 10th 2015.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling
DUNLOP HOUSE NEWS

Claire Greve
Dunlop House Leader

“I have a conviction that it is only when we are put at full stretch that we can realise our full potential’    Sir Edward ‘Weary’ Dunlop.

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back to everyone, I hope that a refreshing break was enjoyed by all. I would particularly like to welcome all new students and their families to Dunlop House. We are looking forward to working with you during your time at Blackburn High School. I would also like to welcome new staff to Dunlop House; Jacinta Thompson and Kaitlin Bennett. We are also fortunate to have current ES staff who are now in Dunlop House; Donna Hewitt, Julia Bates and Jo Henry.

I would like to thank both students and staff for a smooth start last Friday and I look forward to a terrific Term 1 ahead.     Claire Greve—Dunlop House Leader

Student Leadership

Congratulations to Dunlop House Captain Sarah Turner for running her first Dunlop House Assembly. With her high energy and creativity, Sarah led the way for house-t-shirt day and also organised a flash mob at assembly to promote student involvement in the upcoming House Music event. Our student leadership team will be finalised in the coming weeks and we look forward to seeing what Sarah and her team will accomplish.

Dunlop Year 12s 2015

It has become a tradition in Dunlop to capture a Year 12 group photo on the first day of school. We wish all of our Year 12 students the best of luck with their VCE and final year of secondary schooling.
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Housekeeping matters

Uniform
We would like to acknowledge the cooperation of Dunlop students who are meeting the school expectations in wearing the school uniform correctly. Please ensure that you read over the school uniform policy in the school planner.

House Music!

This year the theme of Dunlop House Performing Arts is Madagascar and organisation at lunch-time and auditions are already underway. There was a terrific response in the number of Dunlop students signing up to get involved in either performing or to be a part of the back stage crew. Our sensational senior student team; Sarah Turner, Olivia Severn, Caitlin Ashby, Jessica Duncan, Ellen Silby, Sarah Hooper, Salina Huang are working hard to put on what is surely going to be an exciting and vibrant performance. We look forward to seeing the finished product at the House Music Festival in the school gym. We hope you will be able to attend to support our students producing this entertaining and exciting event!

House Swimming Friday 13th February

Could this be Dunlop’s year?

GO Dunlop Dragons!

Come along and have a fantastic day out! Dress up in house colours to earn points for your house, participate in events and novelty races and cheer your team mates on! Don’t forget to sign your permission form through the Compass Portal!
A warm welcome to all parents and students for the start of the 2015 school year. We wish all the staff and students a successful and enjoyable first term.

Many thanks to students, parents and staff who made day one of the school year successful. This year students went straight to mentor group which helped all students get organised quicker. It was pleasing to see students helping new students get through their first day. Existing Freeman students were allocated a new student to firstly welcome them, and then help them get settled and organised. This worked well.

Thank-you to Mr Hlasko for his work in the House Assistant role over the previous years. This year Ms Roach is the House Assistant Leader and she will play a significant role in working our student leaders.

Term 1 is very busy so I would encourage parents to keep communicating with their child/children to help them be organised to participate in the events offered, in addition to meeting class timelines.

The first school event (Friday 13th February) is the House Swimming Carnival. Make sure students bring their vibrant gold Freeman colours and costumes to the Carnival so we can gain extra points to win the house competition! Just a quick reminder to all parents and students to make sure permission forms are filled in on Compass.

**Mentor Program**

Time has been used to welcome students and to give them opportunities to start to get to know each other. This is in addition to examining timetables, locker allocation and showing where specific classrooms are for new students. Uniform requirements have been addressed which are on page v and vi of the student planner. If there is an issue with uniform would parents please write a note for the Mentor Teacher.

Parents of new students will receive a call from their Mentor Teacher soon. Parents should contact the Mentor Teacher about any academic and/or well being concerns. Also contact the mentor teacher to inform them when your son and/or daughter has excelled in the community. We would like to praise them and acknowledge this.

I am looking forward to working with all parents, students and staff to achieve successful learning outcomes for all students.

Geoff Vezey.
Freeman House Leader.
Monday 2nd February—Welcome back to school
Welcome to 2015

Welcome back to all our Melba students and families for the new school year. On behalf of the Melba Staff I would particularly like to welcome our Year 7 students and their families as they join our vibrant school community. We also welcome new students from across Years 8-12 and I trust and expect that their time at Blackburn High School will be both challenging and fulfilling.

Two students share their reflections on their first few days below:

“At first I was really nervous about starting high school, but by Monday I was looking forward to going back! I love how different high school is to primary school although it may take a while to get used to the new routine. There are also many new subjects this year including, Humanities, French and Science which I have never learnt!” – Bella in M7

“In my first few days of high school I had mixed emotions like I was nervous, I was excited and had so many butterflies in my stomach that I couldn’t breathe. For the first few days I felt really lost but luckily I had some friends so we felt lost together. But it all turned out well and I think I chose the right school.” – Reece in M7

In addition, we take this opportunity to welcome four new staff members joining Melba this year, Ms Kodak, Ms Bunn, Mr Tobin and Ms Sally Bonnyman.

Student Leadership/Student Voice

I congratulate the Melba House Student Leaders on their work on Monday’s House T-Shirt and icy pole day. They displayed great initiative and splendid leadership qualities in organising and assisting with the House event. A Great Day was had by all.

They will be continuing to work with Mr Ron Hansen, Assistant House Leader, in planning of the student leadership program to ensure that the team is ready to lead our Student Voice in 2015.
House Music

We are very excited about forthcoming House Performing Arts Gala. The Melba students have chosen Aladdin to showcase their talents. Large numbers of students have already nominated but we have plenty of room for more. Rehearsals commence on Thursday of this week and then we have a hectic two weeks before performances on the evening of Thursday Feb. 19. Be sure to keep the evening free so that you don’t miss out on this wonderful event.

Swimming Sports

Our first School Sports event will be the Swimming Sports on Friday February 13. This event is always well supported with large numbers of students attending and we are sure that this year will be no exception.

School Uniform

Our school uniform is an important part of the school’s culture and all parents have a responsibility to ensure their sons/daughters are wearing the correct summer uniform and also wearing it correctly, every day they leave for school planner. The specific requirements are readily available on the school website or school newsletter. If for any reason your son/daughter is not able to wear the full uniform, please write a note so they can present this to their Mentor Teacher before school and receive a pass. Let’s have the uniform Uniform. Thank you for your cooperation.

House Administration

We would like to remind parents and students that students need to arrive at school by 8.30am at the latest. The Mentor Program begins at 8.40 am each morning and it is important that these valuable activities not be interrupted with students arriving late. When a student does arrive late or misses Mentor Group, without a valid excuse, they will be issued a lunch detention for that day.

In the event that a student is running late or is absent then please contact our House Assistant, Sally Bonnyman, directly on 8804-6407 between the hours of 8.30 am to 3.30pm. Class rolls can then be adjusted and both Mentor and class teachers will know to follow up appropriately with the students.

Martin Baxter
Melba House Leader
BLACKBURN HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM 2015 DATES

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Blackburn High School YEAR SEVEN
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC RECRUITMENT EXPO
TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2015
7.00PM — GYMNASIUM

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET INVOLVED IN THE ENSEMBLE-BASED INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM AT BLACKBURN HIGH SCHOOL

LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN!

Speak to our expert Instrumental staff to find an instrument that suits you.
Participate in this vibrant and energetic Ensemble-Based Program,
Join the Band or Strings Program
And learn to play:
Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone, French Horn, Trumpet,
Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Percussion, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass
Student Leaders

Bonnie Hodge
School Captain

Tristan Webb
School Captain

Sarah Turner
Dunlop House Captain

Andre Burborough
Freeman House Captain

Graziella Estrada
Melba House Captain

Lucy Fist
Hollows House Captain

Steven Hives
Music Captain

Stefan Samos
Music Captain

Patrick O’Shea
Sports Captain

Melissa Webb
Sports Captain
1. Learning Tasks and Reporting

In 2015 feedback on student achievement, effort and behaviour will continue to be provided at regular intervals and will reflect the work completed in each reporting cycle. Each cycle is represented by one of the bars of the report graph. (A sample is on the left.)

Depending on the curriculum delivered in each time frame, a report may reflect one or more Learning Tasks. Learning tasks will be clearly named, with the cycle indicated, to make it easy to track back to the learning which informed the report. Each of these tasks will provide students and parents with feedback on the assessed task.

Please note that the grade allocated to a VCE learning task will reflect both work requirements and school assessed coursework if this has been completed during this cycle.

2. Reporting Schedule

Our 2015 schedule for feedback to parents via the graphical cyclic reports for Semester 1 is:

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3. Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Information

The BYOD information booklet can be located on the school website. http://www.blackburnhs.vic.edu.au/

This booklet includes information on the school policy, FAQs and some options in terms of either purchasing or flexi-renting a device.

This week we began a very hectic schedule of providing the school image to BYODs at Year 7 level. Any students in any other year levels who have a device which needs to be imaged are requested to make an appointment with the school technicians as soon as possible.

4. Parent Internet Safety Presentation ~ Wednesday April 15th (put it in your diary)

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, Blackburn High School is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

More information to come closer to the date.
The GLP in 2015

The Global Learning Program is bigger and better than ever in 2015. This year for the first time the program will run for the whole year for all Year 9 students at once. Classes will run for six periods a week, with a whole day on Monday. With nearly 200 Year 9s this year we are also running two separate GLP groups, one in the Dunlop building and the other in the Resource Centre.

The Year 9 students have a lot to look forward to in 2015. They will be taking part in community and city orienteering activities, a street art tour, an Old Melbourne Gaol courtroom drama, a Global Awareness lunchtime fundraiser, a trip to Marysville with a focus on bushfires, a day of volunteering with the Salvation Army and number of video conferences with our sister school in China.

They will also be given the chance to form and undertake their own unsupervised excursions. This will all lead to the students developing and implementing their own activities and actions with the aim of making a positive difference to themselves, their community, their city, their country and their world.

Of course, the Year 9s have already begun Global Learning Program and have already completed a number of activities aimed at raising their awareness of the issues our world faces and assuring them that it is possible for them to make a difference. Pictured are some students taking part in a street tour run by Melbourne City Mission with a focus of youth homelessness, a Big Issue Classroom session and an incursion run by High Resolves with a focus on global citizenship and responsibility.

After an encouraging start we are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Aaron Bear
GLP Coordinator
ABOUT ISP:
We would particularly like to welcome our 11 new International students as they begin their Blackburn High School journey. BHS has a truly dynamic, animated and worldwide engaged International Student Program. We host students from a wide range of countries including China, Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, India, Argentina, Malaysia, Singapore, Germany and America. BHS has a long and successful tradition of academic excellence that provides a great learning environment for international students. Our highly qualified and experienced staff of the school provide international students with a diverse curriculum and challenging education program. Our homestay families are involved in functions and working closely with our students.

Program Team Member:
Huiqin GAN ; Jo HENRY; Jennifer ROBERTSON; Isabel ZHOU

International Students Achievements

**International Student Captain 2015:** Lily LI

**Year 10 Academic Excellence Award 2014:**
- Gabby JIANG,
- June ZHONG

**Year 10 Subject Award:**
- Mathematics - Wnyu CHENG
- English - Michelle ZHOU
- Science - Gabby JIANG

**Year 11 Academic Excellence Award:**
- Mohammad Askarisabzevari
- Damon Kim
- Lily Liying LI

Homestays Wanted

**We are looking for:** Local families to host students from overseas who will be studying at Blackburn High School from Years 10—12. Homestay families are paid approximately $270 per week. You must be English-speaking, willing to help the student(s) adjust to life in Australia and help improve their English through a variety of means. Please contact the International Students’ Program Coordinator Isabel Zhou on 8804 6464 if you would to have any further information. Email: zhou.isabel.y@edumail.vic.gov.au
**EAL News**

**English as an Additional Language. 2015**

Students learning English as an Additional Language are at varying stages of acquiring English skills. They come from a variety of cultural backgrounds and languages with different past and present educational experiences.

A comprehensive program in reading, writing, listening and speaking is provided for EAL students. The broad outcomes of the English curriculum will ultimately be the same for all students and EAL students are required to complete work requirements and assessment tasks as for English. However, appropriate outcomes and flexible requirements will be designed to cater for specific language needs.

The EAL Teachers for 2015 include Ms Kourelis, Ms Pennell, Ms Taylor, Ms Potter, Ms Chislett.

We are also highly appreciative to have the assistance and support from Ms Zhou our International Student Co-ordinator and two Multicultural Education Aides, Ms Jennifer Robertson who speaks Korean and Ms Huiqin Gan who speaks Chinese.

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**Community News**

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**Community Notices**

The school is publishing the above community notices because they may interest some students or community members, but the school is unable to endorse or recommend any of these advertisements.
A warm welcome to all our new students and their families and welcome back to the school year to everyone else. I trust that the holidays were a time of refreshment and relaxation—at least some of the time! I will get to know many more students and families over the course of the year I am sure. In the meantime, if you have concerns about school, learning or wellbeing there is a team of people here to help.

The first contact point for parents and guardians is your child’s Mentor Teacher. You will hear from the Mentor Teacher over the first few weeks of term and if you have any particular concerns (or information to pass on) please let the Mentor Teacher know. For issues that may be beyond the scope of the Mentor Teacher, we have a wellbeing team. Let me introduce them here:

**Kate Steel : Chaplain**

Kate is here every day except Thursday afternoons. Her role is to provide pastoral care and support for the school community. She is available to all regardless of their faith position (or none). Kate is not permitted to promote any particular religious beliefs. Young people (and their parents/families) must self refer to see Kate.

**Heather Barton : Educational Psychologist**

Heather is employed by the Department of Education and works across a number of schools and is at Blackburn High School for one and a half days each week. Her role is primarily to conduct educational testing for young people. Referrals to Heather are co-ordinated by me.

**Christa Carey : Speech Pathologist**

Christa, like Heather, is employed by the Department of Education and is at Blackburn High School for half a day per week. Referrals to Christa are also co-ordinated by me.

**Wellbeing Co-ordinator**

My role—as suggested by the title— is to co-ordinate wellbeing at the school. This includes providing support and referrals for students and their families. My role is not to provide ongoing counselling services, but to make assessments and identify appropriate referrals to resources in the community.

We look forward to working with you all in supporting the young people here to make the most of their educational opportunities.
YEAR 7 BBQ & MUSIC EXPO!

For students and their families.

TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY, 5:30-7pm @ Blackburn High School.
Sausages and bread provided (a vegetarian option will also be available).

Come and meet other families and staff members!

**BBQ organised by the Blackburn High School Chaplaincy Committee**

The Year 7 Music Expo will follow @ 7pm in the Gymnasium Building

We hope to see you there!

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The second hand uniform shop is open every Tuesday morning from 8:15—8:45pm. If you would like to donate any uniform items you can leave them at reception at any time.

“Chaplaincy at BHS is partially supported by the Federal Government’s National School Chaplaincy and Program”.

Sandwiches
Salad (lettuce, cheese, tomato, carrot, capsicum & cucumber) $4.00
Chicken, lettuce & mayo $5.00
Chicken & Salad $5.00
Ham & Salad $4.00
Egg and Lettuce $4.00
Must be ordered by end of recess

Extras
Roll $0.50
Mayo, mustard or pickles no charge

Wraps
Chicken, cheese, lettuce & mayo $5.50
Salad (lettuce, rocket, tomato, cucumber, carrot, capsicum, Red onion, cheese & salad dressing) $5.50
Ham, lettuce, egg mixture, cheese & Mayo $5.50
Must be ordered by end of recess

Soups
Soup will be available on a Tuesday (in Term 2 and 3)
Soup of the day (with a roll) $4.00

Hot Food
Spinach & Cheese Roll (Vegetarian) $3.00
Aussie Meat Pie $3.50
King Size Sausage Roll $3.00
Vegetable Roll (Vegetarian) $3.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Strips $1.50 each
Steamed Dim Sims $1.00
Fantastic Noodles;
Chicken, Beef, Mi Goreng & Oriental-available Term 2 $3.00
Tomato Sauce .50

Available at recess
Pizza Slice – (Margherita/Hawaiian or Supreme) $3.50
Egg, bacon & cheese muffin $3.50
Freshly baked Cheese and Bacon Roll $2.50
Hash brown (baked) $1.50
Pancake with maple syrup (Available Term 2) $1.00
Homemade muffins:
(Choc chip/blueberry/Banana/Apple Cinnamon $2.50
Party Pie / Party Sausage roll / Party Pastie $1.50
(Selection of hot food available - eg. Aussie Meat Pie, Aussie Sausage Roll and Vegetable Rolls)

Ice Creams
Lemonade or Raspberry Icypole $1.50
Cruncher (orange juice flavour) $1.00
Fandangle – Fairy Floss/Choc Smallow $2.00
Dixie Cup $2.00
Milo Cup $2.50
**Daily Specials**

**Monday**
- Penne pasta with Napolitana Sauce (Vegetarian) $4.50
- Nachos – served with sour cream (Vegetarian) $3.50

**Tuesday**
- Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap with Mayo. Lettuce, Tomato and cheese $4.50
- Oven Baked Wedges $3.00
- Nachos – served with sour cream (Vegetarian) $3.50

**Wednesday**
- Homemade pizza (Vegetarian option available) $2.50 per slice
- Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap with Lettuce, Tomato, cheese and mayo $4.50

**Thursday**
- Rice Paper rolls (variety available) $2.50 each
- Sushi (variety available) $2.50 each
- Chicken Schnitzel roll with lettuce and mayo $4.50 each

**Friday**
- Oven baked fish with wedges and tartare sauce $4.50
- Oven Baked Sweet Chilli Chicken Strips with wedges and mayo $4.50
- Nachos – served with sour cream $3.50

**Snacks**
- Fresh fruit (in season) $1.00
- Fresh fruit salad cups (Terms 1&4) $1.50
- Low Fat Yoghurt and fruit Salad Cups $1.50
- Homemade muffins (variety) $2.50
- Country Delight Cookies $3.00
- Red Rock Deli Chips (45g) $2.50
  - (Sea Salt / Sweet Chilli / Salt & Vinegar and Honey, Soy Chicken Chips)
- Fudge (Caramel/Chocolate) $1.50
- Cup Cakes $2.50

**Drinks**
- Water (600ml) – Cool Ridge $2.00
- Water (750ml) – Cool Ridge - Pop top $2.50
- Daily Juice – 300ml (Orange/Apple) $2.00
- Gatorade $3.50
- Real Iced Tea – 500ml - (Peach / Lemon / Mango / Green) $3.50
- Soft drink (Pepsi Max /Coke Zero /Sugar free lemonade – 375ml) $2.50
- Soft drink (Pepsi Max 400 ml Bottle) $3.00
- Oak Light (300ml) $2.00
- Oak (600ml) $3.00
- Ice Break (500ml Iced Coffee) $3.00
- Glee – Bubble gum/Berry/Strawberry $1.50
- Waterfords Mineral Water – Orange Mango/Orange, Lemon and Lime/ Diet Bitter Lemon $2.50

**Hot Drinks**
- Flat White/Latte/Cappuccino (Small) $3.00
  - (Large) $3.50
- Hot Chocolate $3.00
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- Year 7 camp 1
- Year 7 camp 2
Schedule 5A  Self-Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the

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Name................................................................................................................................

Residential address ................................................................................................................................

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Home telephone: ........................................
Business telephone: ............................................................
Email: ...........................................................................................................

I am the parent/guardian of ................................................................., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development:

    Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I
am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable of-
fence.

Signature of Candidate: .................................................. Date: ......................

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.
I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a DEECD employee representative on the
……………………………………………………………… school council.

Name:..............................................................................................................

Residential address: .....................................................................................

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Home telephone: .................................

Business telephone: .............................

Email:.............................................................................................................

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development:
Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a DEECD employee member of the above-named school council. I hereby
declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an
indictable offence.

Signature of Candidate: ................................................

Date: .................

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.