Welcome Back and Welcome to Our New Families in our 100th Year of being Bathurst High School

This year has started in a very positive manner. It was wonderful to see the Year 7 and 11 students in their uniforms and ready for their new adventure. This year, for the senior students, we are instituting a policy of no senior uniform, no senior agreement to leave the school. Our senior students need to be instantly recognisable by the community so that all know they have the privilege to sign out of school when they do not have timetabled classes. The community includes the police, who now have a role in ensuring that students attend school. The Bathurst police know that senior students at Bathurst High can earn the senior agreement so that they can complete home study or leave the campus for other reasons when they don’t have classes. It is important that police time is not wasted in questioning senior students—hence the recognisable senior uniform.

There are many avenues for parents and carers to learn about our school and the progress of their students. One of these methods is the parent portal. I will expand on this further on in my report. P&C is another mechanism. The P&C meets every first Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the school staff room. The P&C is not a fundraising body but rather a consultative body that works with the teaching staff and student leader groups to ensure we are delivering the best possible education for the students. At last week’s P&C meeting, we discussed the purchase of laptop trolleys and enough interactive whiteboards to cover the rest of the 52 classrooms in the school as well as numerous organisational matters and the 100 year anniversary. Of course, for those who are not able to make these meetings, minutes are placed on our website.

In a learning environment as complex as a high school, it is important that communication is as open as possible. Please don't hesitate to give your student’s teacher a call. Arrangements can always be made for ongoing contact. While the teacher may be on class and unable to return the call straight away, we will always endeavour to return calls from parents and carers as soon as possible.

100 Year Celebrations
This is the 100th year that Bathurst High has been gazetted. The land was bought from All Saints College and school started in 1913 “on the hill”. To celebrate our “100th” we are holding a dinner dance with Swing Factor supplying the music on the 25th May at the Leagues Club. You might want to think about getting a table. We are also producing a book—100 years of Bathurst High through the eyes of the Bathurst High Burr which is the school magazine and there are tentative plans for an open day at the same time as the dinner dance. We have Burrs going back to 1915 but some are missing and we are looking for anyone who may have an old copy. You may have seen the article in the paper by two community members who are ex teachers at the school, John Payne and Wendy Hastings. They are coordinating this project. Any old Burrs gratefully accepted at the front office.

Parent Portal
Our parent portal and student portal are cutting edge technology that give parents an insight into the world of Bathurst High and the learning of their students. It is improving all the time and is free to any parent who would like access. So if you wish to see your child’s attendance, assessment tasks, reports, welfare and discipline contacts, classes, timetables and teachers or the school notices and a detailed calendar then the parent portal is for you. All you have to do is contact the front office on 63313755 and we will send your secure login details to you via your registered email address.

I look forward to another wonderful year of learning at Bathurst High.

Geoff Hastings
College Principal
Expanded College Team for 2013

The Denison College team, which supports staff and students at both the Kelso High and Bathurst High Campuses has grown (again) for the commencement of the 2013 year.

The following table shows the college team, their key responsibilities, and location.

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Recognition for outstanding achievement!

Over 50 students from both campuses of Denison College were recognised for their outstanding achievements at the annual High Achievers’ Reception held at Charles Sturt University on Wednesday afternoon. Students who achieved in the top performance band in the 2012 HSC or who achieved outstanding results across a range of subjects in Year 11 or Year 10 received their awards in front of over 140 guests including Col Sharp (CSU Bathurst Head of Campus), Carole McDiarmid (Regional Director, Western NSW Region) and Peter Harvey (School Education Director, Bathurst).

I congratulate all the award recipients, their families and their teachers who have all contributed to this excellent result!
School Within a School

SWAS commenced for the year on Monday 4\textsuperscript{th} February. It targets a small group of students in Year 10 and provides an alternate pathway for those who might otherwise find it difficult to engage with mainstream curriculum.
In partnership with a number of agencies, including TAFE, Verto, headspace and Octec Youth Connections this program has proven successful in helping young people to achieve a number of very worthwhile credentials and go on to either continue their studies in Year 11, or transition into the workforce.
In fact, the success of the program saw Denison College receive the Director-General’s Award for School Achievement at the end of 2012.

Shared Courses = Expanded Opportunities

Those senior students studying shared courses commenced their lessons on Monday 4\textsuperscript{th} February. The shared courses mean that senior students can have access to subjects at both campuses. This is a feature of the college which means that we can run more courses and make sure that we are getting the very best out of the resources at our disposal.
It can sometimes be a bit daunting starting a course at the other campus for the first time, but results over the last five years show that students successfully undertaking and completing shared courses perform very well in the HSC.
Mrs Murphy (KHC) and Mr Browning (BHC) are responsible for co-ordinating transport and ensuring that everything runs as smoothly as possible. Please contact them if they can be of any assistance in relation to shared courses.

I wish you all the very best for a successful 2013!

Craig Petersen
College Principal
It is so good to be back ready for the new year at Bathurst High! I would like to welcome all our Year 7 students and the many new students we have in other years. For those parents new to the school I am the Deputy Principal responsible for years 7 8 and 9. If you have any issues at all please don’t hesitate to contact me or the student advisers.

Year 7  Mauricia Withyman and Peter Downs
Year 8  Beatrice Merriman and Megan Ward
Year 9  Peter Grace

Year 7 Camp is only a few weeks away and students have been given their information and permission notes. We encourage all students to attend the camp and can organise a payment plan if required. Parents who cannot pay all the money before the students leave for camp should contact me to organise a deposit and regular fortnightly repayments.

The swimming carnival is on Wednesday 13th February and students have also received a note with details of the organisation for the day.

Year 8 and 9 students have settled into their new classes. Year 9 students are especially enjoying their elective subjects. Elective classes are quite full and the ability to change these is limited. If for some reason a change is required the student should see Mr Grace.

By the time you receive this letter year 7 students would have participated in an anti-bullying workshop by Penrith Rugby League. We continually strive to support anti – bullying opportunities in the school and thank them for working with our students.

Many opportunities exist at present for students to join extra-curricular groups. At present these include:
- Concert Band
- Chill Factor
- Swing Factor
- String Group
- Vocal Group
- Jazz Ensemble

Rehearsals are also occurring for the school’s Dance Ensemble. Many sporting teams will be having trials. Students can access all this information through the daily notices and can view these and the school calendar through the parent portal on millennium. If parents would like to have access to this they should contact the school office with an appropriate email address.

I look forward to an extremely productive and successful year and hope all students strive to do their very best each and every day.

Jenny Stirling
Deputy Principal
Middle School
What a fantastic start to the 2013! Students look fabulous in their uniform.

**Year 10**
Students participated in a ‘Welcome Back’ assembly where Board of Study requirements, our expectations and emphasis on time management was explained. Students are very aware that they must submit work on time and that classwork counts towards the grade submitted to the Board of Studies at the end of Year 10.

**Year 11**
Thank you to Mr Browning who worked through the compulsory Board of Studies course ‘All My Own Work’. Students know about plagiarism and the consequences of copying work and claiming it as their own. Completion of this course is one part of ensuring eligibility for the HSC qualification. All students in Year 11 are to be at school at all times, even if they have a study period. The Senior Agreement has not been offered to Year 11 students as yet. It will be offered to individuals in the coming weeks, after consideration of each person’s academic diligence, attendance, uniform and participation.

The deadline for discussions regarding change of a subject is Friday the 22\textsuperscript{nd} of February. There will be no changes to subjects after this date. Subject changes only occur after parent permission has been given.

**Year 12**
Three terms to go! The Leadership Team is busy organising Valentine’s Day goodies for a fundraiser and meet regularly to plan other events for the school. Students need to see me if they have misplaced their Assessment Booklets, as it is urgent that no assessment tasks are overlooked.

Ancient History students in Years 11 and 12 have the wonderful opportunity on the 22\textsuperscript{nd} February, to visit the Australian Museum for the *Alexander* exhibition and then to participate in an archaeology workshop at the Nicholson Museum.

**Swimming Carnival**
Congratulations to our senior students who attended the carnival around study and TAFE commitments on Wednesday. The Year 12 swim is always worth a laugh!

Gaye Dunshea  
Deputy Principal  
Senior School
**Notices**

**Year 7 Meet the Teacher Afternoon**  
Wednesday 27th February  
4.00pm – 6.00pm  
English Area – enter via Hope St

A letter will be sent to parents inviting them to this important event. Teachers from the different faculty areas are scheduled to talk to the class group of parents about:  
- Program and learning activities  
- Expectations  
- How parents can help at home

Please be aware that there are **NO** eftpos facilities available at the canteen at this stage.

**Coming Events**

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