



From the Principal

The year draws to a close in the 'busyness' of preparations for 2015. A new building on site, two new year levels and the excitement of another year of extraordinary student achievements.

Our school families have shown tremendous support in 2014 for our high expectations and the high standards that are associated with being a student at Benowa High. Please accept my sincere thanks for your commitment.

The Senior Secondary students have now left for the year and indications are that again a wonderful legacy of personal success will feature in our conversations about 2014.

I take great pride in being associated with our school and I also see this every day in the most extraordinary group of young Australians enrolled at Benowa. I look forward to hearing of the success of our alumni in 2015.

From my family to yours, please have a very safe and enjoyable holiday break and I wish you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mark Rickard
Executive Principal

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French Immersion
Gabrielle Bert

International Students
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Sport
Kerry Styles



Benowa High School was recently granted a cheque for \$3,400 from Cr Lex Bell's divisional funds to go towards additional seating around our school.

Cr Lex Bell is pictured sitting on one of the purchased settings with Karen Bulmer, P&C Vice President, and students Sage Reynolds and Pip Nimmo

Thank you very much Lex for your continued support of our school.

Commencement Times 2015

Year 7	Tuesday 27th January 2015	at 9.00am	Assemble in the Sports Hall
Year 8	Tuesday 27th January 2015	at 9.00am	Assemble in the Sports Hall
Year 9	Wednesday 28th January 2015	at 9.00am	Assemble in the Sports Hall
Year 10	Wednesday 28th January 2015	at 11.00	Assemble in the Sports Hall
Year 11	Wednesday 28th January 2015	at 12.10pm	Assemble in the Sports Hall
Year 12 TIP Leaders -	Tuesday 27th January 2015	at 10.00am	Assemble in the Performaing Arts K
All Year 12 Students	Wednesday 28th January 2015	at 9.00am.	care room allocation displayed in Senior area and then go to allocated care class

School Photo Information - 2015

- School Photos will be taken on Monday 16th February 2015. Students are to be in full school uniform and no makeup.
- All students will be photographed as these photos will be used for Student ID Cards provided free of charge for all students.
- Envelopes for orders will be issued late in second week or early in the third week of school and you will be required to return them on the day of the photos, 16th February.
- A catch-up day for those who missed the 16th February will be held on the 23rd February 2015.

IMPORTANT ENROLMENT INFORMATION

**2015 Year 7 and 8 enrolments are now due.
Enrolment packs can be collected from our Administration building.
Please complete and return as soon as possible.**

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS VET Courses – Certificates II & III in Business

Please be advised that the Senior Secondary Curriculum Guide on the school website has been updated with some changes to the units outlined in Certificates II & III in Business, now reflecting the latest versions of the courses. Additionally, the requirement for 100 hours of work experience for Certificate III in Business is now advertised in the Curriculum Guide. The updated information can be found on Pages 31 and 32 of the Curriculum Guide, found in the 'Senior Secondary' section of the Curriculum tab.

Students who are OP-ineligible and decide not to sit the QCS test – Cert I in IDMT

For various reasons, many students decide to become OP ineligible so that they can qualify instead for a Tertiary Selection Rank. This rank is based on the best 20 semesters or the equivalent on a student's Senior Statement. This is an alternative method of tertiary entrance.

Benowa SHS's philosophy of "Many pathways – No limits" ensures that all students (whether OP eligible or ineligible) leave Year 12 with the best possible outcomes and qualifications for tertiary education, vocational education or the workplace. It has been a requirement and expectation at this school that all Year 12 students who are not preparing and training for the QCS test instead complete a Certificate I in Information, Digital Media & Technology. This entry-level qualification can contribute 2 points towards a student's QCE. It provides the skills and knowledge for individuals to safely perform foundation digital literacy tasks using a personal computer and a range of software applications and digital devices.

The units studied in this course are:

- ♣ ICAICT101A Operate a personal computer
- ♣ ICAICT102A Operate word-processing applications
- ♣ ICAICT103A Use, communicate and search securely on the internet
- ♣ ICAICT104A Use digital devices
- ♣ ICAICT105A Operate spreadsheet applications
- ♣ ICAICT106A Operate presentation packages

If a student has previously completed this Certificate in an earlier year, then Certificate I in Business is offered as an alternative.

If you have further questions about OP eligibility, Tertiary Selection Rank or Certificate I in IDMT, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,

Matt Pickersgill
Acting Senior Schooling HOD

French Immersion news...

It was a wonderful day on Sunday 23 November for the inaugural Bonjour French Festival at Evandale Parklands! Benowa State High School was represented by an enthusiastic group of students who sang the French and Australian national anthems, danced to a selection of French songs and worked at our stand, distributing brochures and answering questions from interested parents about our French Immersion Program.

We thank students, parents and staff for their involvement on the day and, in particular, a huge “*merci*” to Immersion Science teacher Miss Sophie Olivier who put many hours into rehearsals and preparing students for the day – they represented Benowa State High school with pride.



Students on stage, preparing to sing the anthems...



Soma Kochak (9i) also sang a beautiful solo “L’amour existe encore” – bravo!



Dancing with enthusiasm!



We also recently held our Language Perfect Party as a celebration for our Elite winners and the winning class 8M - again, congratulations everyone we are proud of our world champions!

To view the 2014 World Series Wrap Up video visit:

<http://worldseries.educationperfect.com/>

Stop press!

At the Bonjour French Festival a group of boys from French Immersion played in the soccer tournament and won! They have received a fine cup (actually made from recycled vacuum cleaners!) and tickets to Currumbin Sanctuary Adventure Park – well done boys!

*From students and staff in French Immersion,
Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année!*



FINANCE NEWS

RESOURCE SCHEME 2015 – PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED AND RETURNED THE 2015 RESOURCE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FORM (lime colour). This form can be found on the school website.

Year 7	\$315	Year 10	\$415
Year 8	\$315	Year 11	\$415
Year 9	\$315	Year 12	\$415

Payment Options

Full payment can be made as a single payment of the total amount above.

Instalments – during the **first two weeks of the first three terms**, in the following proportion of the total amount:

Years 7, 8 and 9	Term 1 - \$115	Term 2 - \$100	Term 3 - \$100
Years 10, 11 and 12	Term 1 - \$165	Term 2 - \$150	Term 3 - \$100

Centrelink – Instalments can be deducted from a regular fortnightly Centrelink pension. The minimum fortnightly payment is \$50 per student. Forms are available from the Cashiers Office or you can contact Centrelink directly.

CASHIERS OFFICE

Payments can be made by cash, cheque or credit card/EFTPOS at the Cashiers Office. Credit card payments can be made by contacting the Cashiers Office on 55827302 or 55827348 during the hours detailed below. Internet banking payments can also be made by using the following information:

BSB:	064-430
Account Number:	00090630
Account Name:	Benowa SHS General A/c
Reference:	1234567890A RES (example only)

To guarantee correct identification of the payment, please ensure that the internet banking reference clearly includes the student ID number as well as the reference code– (see example above). The student ID number can be found on the current student ID card or at the top of the student timetable.

Operating Hours:
Monday to Wednesday 8.00am – 3.00pm
Thursday 8.00am – 1.00pm
Friday – CLOSED

**** 2015 extended trading hours will occur from Monday 19 January through to Friday 6 February from 8.00am to 3.00pm****

ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR 2015

One to One Laptop Program Years 9-12- \$190 per year (due by the end of February)

Sport Excellence Years 8, 9 – costs will be advised at the beginning of each term

Interschool Sport Levy (Semester 1 only) - \$110 approximately (exact cost will be advised at the beginning of term 1, 2015)

Recreational Sporting activities – as detailed on the information letter

Music Levy – \$50 per student

Instrument Hire - \$75

Excursions – as detailed on individual excursion letters

SUBJECT LEVIES

Marine Studies Year 11* \$275

Marine Studies Year 12* \$185

Multi Media Studies Years 11 & 12* \$200

*Students in Years 11 and 12 who have selected a paying subject will be required to pay the subject levy by Monday 2 March.

P&C Building Fund

The P&C Association contribution is a voluntary, but very important, contribution and is the major fund raising activity of the P&C Association. This contribution is tax deductible. Contribution amounts are: \$50 per student / \$80 for two students / \$100 for the family (maximum).

STUDENT DETAILS

It is vitally important, should parent/s, guardian/s or caregiver/s change address, telephone numbers (work, home or mobile) or email to advise Administration in writing as soon as these changes apply.

ABSENCES

Please notify the school as soon as you know your child will be absent.

You may report an absence by:

- sending a text message to 0417 159 081;
- telephoning the absence line on 07 5582 7360;
- replying to a text message;
- sending a note with the student on their return to school.

When you report an absence please give **clear and concise** details -Student's full name, year level, date of absence and a very brief reason for absence eg. appointment, sickness, family matter, etc. Unexplained absence/s will be investigated. Persistent absence may affect school enrolment.

Homestay families needed

Since 1990, Benowa High has welcomed hundreds of students to our International High School Programs.

We are now seeking additional homestay families who:

- Are **warm, friendly and caring** and are willing to include an International student in their life.
- Have a spare comfortable room with a desk and wardrobe, fan or air conditioning.
- Are open to sharing new cultures.
- Are willing to include the student in family activities and outings.
- Will attend training sessions and meetings.
- Live within 4km of the school.
- Three month minimum stays.

Payment of \$254.00 per week for approved homestay families.

Please direct expressions of interest to jgold88@eq.edu.au



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**Is your child at school or starting next year?
Would you like \$500 to help pay for uniforms,
books, excursions or a laptop?**

To be eligible you need to:

- have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school now or starting next year
- have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500. Saver Plus is looking for new participants so enquire about signing up today!

To find out more, phone or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355, or email saverplus@bsf.org.au

CAR PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS A REMINDER FOR STAFF AND PARENTS

ALL STAFF SHOULD ONLY PARK WHERE THERE ARE DESIGNATED SPACES AND STAY OUT OF TRAFFIC FLOW AREAS. PARENTS SHOULD RESTRICT ACCESS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS UNLESS URGENT OR NEEDED TO COLLECT SICK AND INJURED CHILDREN.

ALL CARS PARKED WITHIN SCHOOL GROUNDS ARE DONE AT THE OWNERS OWN RISK AND ARE NOT COVERED BY ANY DEPARTMENT INSURANCES.

Student Advantage - free Microsoft Office software for students' personal computers

All state school students from Prep to Year 12 can now download multiple free copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite to their personal home and mobile computer equipment.

Students who want the free software will need an active Managed Internet Service (MIS) login, school email account and password - those who don't have these should contact their school's MIS Administrator or class teacher.

Currently, MS Office Suite 2013 is available for students' personal equipment only - not equipment which is part of a school network.

Please access the following link for further information about downloading.

<https://mishelp.eq.edu.au/studentadvantage/Pages/default.aspx>

P&C information

Introducing our current Executive Members for 2014

President: Mr Shane Thomas

Vice President 1: Mrs Karen Bulmer

Treasurer: Mrs Julie Webster

Secretary: Mrs Donna Fraser

P&C Rep (QCPCA): Bindi Moore

Our exiting P&C Executive Members

Mark Rickard and the Executive Members would like to thank the exiting P&C Executive Members for all they did for our school.

Iris Brennan - Vice President 1

Brenda Farrugia - Secretary

Carol Halton - Treasurer

Thank you ladies, you are three amazing women.

***** “Exciting News” *****

2015 will see the introduction of Flexi Schools On Line Ordering for both the Canteen and Uniform shop. A Point of Sale System is being implemented which will see students ID Cards as a cash card. Further information will be available soon.

Ann Swann

P & C Operations Manager

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Operating hours: Monday—Friday 8:00am—11.30AM

Payment may be made by Cash/EFTPOS/Credit Card/Layby

EXTENDED TRADING TIMES

2014 Extended Trading Hours— **Mon. 24 Nov. to Wed. 10 Dec.**—7.30am to 4.00pm weekdays

2015 Extended Trading Hours—**Mon. 19 Jan. to Fri. 23 Jan.** — 8.00am to 2.00pm

(Closed Australia Day Holiday, Monday 26th January 2015)

For the latest school news and upcoming school events check our website -

www.benowashs.eq.edu.au