Welcome back to Beenleigh SHS for 2015 and I hope you all enjoyed a nice break. I spent time with my family at home and generally just took it pretty easy. I hope many of you were able to do likewise.

It is with a great deal of sadness that I have to advise our community of the passing of one of our teachers Ms Leanne Adams. Ms Adams was a tremendous educator, role model and person whose life was tragically cut short by an aggressive brain tumour. A number of staff and some of her past students were in attendance at the funeral last Saturday week. Ms Adams taught across Queensland and had been at Beenleigh since 2009. She was the architect of our literacy program and her work, even though her cancer prevented her from teaching from 2012, is still fundamental to what we do. My thoughts and those of the school community go out to her husband Simon, her family and her many friends. RIP Leanne.

It is an especially big welcome to our new year 7 and 8. It was a historic day in education and our new students have settled in really well. We also welcome many new families to our school community. Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you need any help. It was also great to see most of our students in full uniform.

All staff participated in a program of activities during the student free days before school started looking at many ways in which we can improve on our performance. Sessions were run on a range of topics and staff enjoyed the program. We are looking to enhance outcomes for all of our students. I will keep you posted on the progress of this development.
Our OP results were satisfactory with over 40% of our students achieving an OP of 15 or better. Most of our students received positions in the university course of their choice. Our Dux of 2014 Cecilia Liu, received an OP of 2 and Brooke Longham attained an OP of 4. Well done girls! Many of our other students performed well whilst others are in apprenticeships and the like. This is pleasing and the preparation of our 2015 seniors will start almost straight away. I put to staff the importance of a good relationship between parents and staff for the benefit of their children. I hope that in 2015 we can build a strong relationship so that our parent body can assist in the education of our children. I urged staff to put energy into their classrooms because students do respond to teachers who enjoy their work. Likewise I encourage our students that not only should they commit to the best school work that they can do, but that they should also commit to behavioural accountability which includes high standards in appearance and personal behaviour and respect for our community and the broad range of activities that we engage in.

Next P & C Meeting this Monday 16 February at 5:30pm in the E-Learning Centre, all welcome to attend.

Can I also welcome to the following new staff to Beenleigh SHS in 2015.

MR MATT O'HANLON
PRINCIPAL

13 February, 2015

SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2015
L-R: Montel Butterworth Vice-Captain, Cordell Blaik Vice Captain, Vincent Shoesmith Captain, Lycharne Parkinson Captain, Zoe TeHau Vice Captain & Anthony Tongia Vice Captain

NEW / RETURNING STAFF FOR 2015

Beenleigh High School would like to welcome the new and the returning staff, and wish you all the best in 2015.

New Staff

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**YEAR 12 ORIENTATION**

On Tuesday 27th of January the year 12's started the year at the PCYC for our annual year 12 Orientation Day.

Year 12 students were involved in a number of leadership activities and team building exercises. The main focus of the day was for students to gain skills in leadership and strive for academic success. Our legacy for this year is “Improve the Grove”, the year 12 cohort did an exceptional job brainstorming in care class group a number of statements to achieve this vision. Below are a few statements that summed up a very successful day.

- It’s okay to achieve
- Always try your best
- Be approachable
- Learn from mistakes
- Listen, care, be fair
- Have the drive to see it through
- Participation and pride

Students were exceptionally well behaved, worked productively as a team and have the necessary tools to make the most of this exciting, no doubt challenging but overall rewarding year ahead of them.
Chaplaincy Services provide spiritual, ethical, and personal support to school communities. SU QLD Chaplains provide positive adult role models for students. Chaplains are present in schools at the invitation of the Principal, in consultation with the local community, and with the support of P&C Association.

What does a School Chaplain do?

A School Chaplain is a safe person for young people to connect with at school and provides a listening ear, caring presence, and a message of hope. Chaplains run positive, fun activities for students and assist in fostering supportive, caring school communities.

Working with other members of the school’s support team, the Chaplain cares for students struggling with issues such as difficult relationships with other children or family members, poor self-esteem, family breakdown and depression.

The partnership between school and the Chaplaincy Services, supported by local churches, businesses and community organizations, provides a network of local support and assistance. These positive relationships help young people to face difficult issues, and provide hope, connection, meaning and purpose.

The Chaplaincy Service is available to everyone in the school community regardless of their religious beliefs or non-beliefs.

Our Chaplain assists the school guidance officer in offering welfare services and support in case of bereavement, family breakdown or other crisis and loss situations. Parent approval is sought for students to engage in more personalized programs and pastoral care.

Who is the Beenleigh SHS Chaplain?

I (Krista Kelly) commenced as School Chaplain in Term 4 2014. I have many years experience working as a Child and Youth Worker in school facilities. I am also the Chaplain at Edens Landing Primary and work on
weekends as a support worker for adults. I was born and raised in Canada and have been living in Australia for the past five years.

Chaplaincy in 2015 will consist of pastoral care for the school community, assistance in classrooms and social skills programs.

**Pastoral Care and Support**

Krista is available to meet with students, parents and staff members to provide pastoral care and support. The Chaplaincy Service is available **Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9:00am-3:00pm**. If you wish to access Chaplaincy Services please contact the office ph: 07 3442 3777 for an appointment or leave a note. Krista can also be contacted via email kkell0@eq.edu.au

**Will my child be involved?**

Involvement with the Chaplain is entirely voluntary and students choose whether or not they want to be part of the activities that are offered. Parents will be consulted if their child wishes to be involved in ongoing one-to-one meetings with the Chaplain or in any program or group involving Spiritual or Ethical content. Parents have the right to refuse permission for their child to be involved in any Chaplaincy activity or event.

*By Ms Kelly - Chaplain*

**STUDENT PAYMENTS**

**STUDENT RESOURCE FEES 2015**

Take Advantage of the Early Payment Offer and receive a $20 discount on your student’s resource levy when the amount is **fully paid** by the end of Term 1

**BEENLEIGH STATE HIGH SCHOOL BANK DETAILS 2015**

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Centrepay is also available for those who wish to pay via Centrelink deduction. Forms are available from the payment window. Payments can be made via: Cash, Cheque, Eftpos/Credit Card, or Internet Banking.

Please note some subjects and specialist programs incur a levy. Invoices for these subjects will be forwarded in February.

The student payment room operates 8:30am – 2:00pm, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, closed Tuesdays. For further information please do not hesitate to contact Lisa on 3442 3741.

[CLICK HERE FOR PDF OF SCHEDULE OF FEES AND LEVIES]

**STOP PRESS**

- P & C Meeting every 3rd Monday evening of the month at 5:30pm
- If you wish to view the Electronic version of our newsletter, you could phone the office with your email address or view on the website [http://www.beenleighhs.eq.edu.au/newsletter](http://www.beenleighhs.eq.edu.au/newsletter)
- If you wish to have your newsletter forwarded to you by email, please call the office or email info@beenleighhs.eq.edu.au
- Students and Parents can access and print up their timetable on their OneSchool page
- Mr O’Hanlon leads the teachers relay team to sixth straight victory in the recent swimming carnival

**BEENLEIGH STATE HIGH SCHOOL RESPONSIBLE ELECTRONICA POLICY SUMMARY**

**The Use of Personal Technology Devices at School**

This policy summary reflects the importance the school places on students displaying courtesy, consideration and respect for others whenever they are using personal technology devices.

- The school does not accept responsibility or liability for damaged or stolen electronica such as mobile phones and other personal technology devices (e.g. iPods).
- Personal technologies must be turned off and out of sight during assemblies or classes.
- Personal technology should only be used in a classroom for learning under the explicit instruction and direction of a teacher.
- Personal technology devices may be used during morning tea and lunch breaks and before and after school.
- Teachers will remove electronica from students if they are not being used appropriately and they will be returned to students within a reasonable time frame.
- Recording of behaviours or incidents such as fighting, pranks or bullying on personal electronica is not permitted or legal. Recording of such incidents is an invasion of personal privacy and will result in disciplinary action.
- Devices containing evidence of criminal offences may be reported to the police. In the event of this occurring, police may take possession of such devices with students/parents advised to contact Queensland Police Service directly.
- The school takes no responsibility for, and has no jurisdiction over, personal social network content (e.g. Facebook, Twitter). Such matters should be referred to the Network Site itself (e.g. Facebook) or the Queensland Police Service.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### ANZAC - GALLIPOLI VISIT

Beenleigh State High School has double the reason to celebrate today after the Premier’s announcement of the winners of the 2015 Premiers Award. 2015 School Captain Lycharme Parkinson and Deputy Principal George Bartlett were given the news on Friday the 5th of December and are counting the days until their departure to Gallipoli and the Western Front on the 22nd of April next year. The 2015 Premiers Award is a competition set up by DETE International and the Premier’s Department for all secondary school students from both Queensland State and Non-State schools.
With the 100 year centenary of Gallipoli in 2015, both are extremely excited at the prospects of spending ANZAC day at Gallipoli on such a historically significant occasion. Whilst both are excited to be selected to represent so many students and teachers from Queensland Schools, they both share a direct family link to the original ANZACs who sacrificed so much 100 years ago. Lycharne’s Great, Great Granduncle Arepeta Ahomiro fought with the 28th Maori Contingent at Gallipoli whilst Mr Bartlett’s Grandfather, Rollo Barber, also served with the Australian 11th Battalion at Gallipoli 100 years ago and they also went on to serve on the Western Front.

Lycharne said that she is not only proud to represent her school, she will also be proud to represent her family and is especially looking forward to visiting the battlefields and having the opportunity to pay her respects to all who gallantly gave us the life we have today. Mr Bartlett said that Lycharne was a worthy recipient of the award as she was selected after submitting a moving presentation of the ‘Spirit of ANZAC’ and its significance in contemporary Australia. Lycharne’s English teacher, Miss Graham, provided assistance with drafting and editing and Mrs Wonnacott-Wakeham supported with the presentation. Mr Bartlett was selected after submitting a response to specific criteria relating to ANZAC Day.

Lycharne and Mr Bartlett will also be visiting Belgium and France to also pay their respects to the men and woman who served on the Western Front. Both acknowledge the opportunity to promote the Anzac Spirit across the broader community such as the Beenleigh RSL and other schools within the Beenleigh area. Mr Bartlett said that there is a real opportunity for Beenleigh to have a presence at the services held for the 100 Anniversary at Gallipoli.

L-R: Mr George Bartlett Deputy Principal and Lycharne Parkinson School Captain

CAREER SUPPORT

2015 will present exciting opportunities for the students of Beenleigh State High School in terms of up-skilling students with transferrable knowledge and experience to assist them with career opportunities in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and explain my role within the school. My name is Kirsty Saunders and my title is the Careers Support Manager. My role includes assisting the students with:

School-based Traineeships and Apprenticeships

Work Experience

Advice regarding work preparedness resumes & interview techniques

Industry Tours, TAFE Open days

Structured Work Placement for VET students in Hospitality & Agricultural classes

TAFE application

Council has a number of school based traineeships on offer to commence in February 2015. Ideally, your student will currently be in year 11.

We base our recruitment of trainees on the successful applicant having the best behaviour and attitude. This includes a commitment to undertake both the on-the-job and off-the-job components of the traineeship.

Please note: The Maxima Group are Council’s trainee providers and if you are interested in obtaining one of these traineeships please see Kirsty Saunders (Careers Support Manager) in the Student Services Hub or email me on ksau88@eq.edu.au or phone on 3442 3719

Below are the traineeships on offer:

**Major Venues & Facilities:**

- 1 x Cert III Business – at Logan Metro, Crestmead
- 1 x Cert III in either Sport & Recreation or Community Activity – at Logan Aquatic Centre, Springwood
- 3 x Cert III in either Sport & Recreation or Community Activity – at either Logan Metro, Marsden or Cornubia

**Libraries & Cultural Services:**

- 3 x Cert III Business – at Logan Hyperdome, Marsden and either Logan West or Logan Central libraries

**Plant Fleet Services:**

- 3 x Cert II Automotive Servicing Technology – at Marsden
- Beenleigh Sports Club – Cert III Hospitality

Many more Traineeships are available, for a full list of vacancies students need to look on the notice board in the Student Services Hub.

Students can find me in the STUDENTS SERVICES HUB in the 100 Block next to the Engagement staffroom. I will be meeting with the students in year 10, 11 and 12 in the first two weeks of school to advise them of my role and the opportunities that are available to them. If you have any enquiries, please feel free to telephone on 3442 3716 or email me at ksaun88@eq.edu.au. I am happy to have discussions over the phone or arrange an appointment to discuss in person the options available to your child. Starting early on your child’s correct pathway is now more important than ever. I look forward to seeing you in 2015.

By Ms Saunders – Careers Support Manager

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**RUGBY LEAGUE ACADEMY**

**Welcome**

Dear Parents, Carers, students and Beenleigh Community, our Rugby League Academy has been established for 4 years. We are passionate about rugby league and the advantages it can provide the young men of Beenleigh. Our aim is to produce men who are good Rugby league players, who demonstrate good values, and who have a pathway after-school. The academy provides students with a t-shirt, shorts, socks, transport to rugby league games, a subsidised camp in term 4, high quality training equipment, experienced coaches and a caring environment. The cost of the academy has gone up slightly but this is the first increase in 4 years – Year 7, 8 & 9 $95; Year 10, 11 & 12 $120. This is excellent value for the clothing, transport and yearlong coaching that is provided.

Finally, our LAUNCH EVENING is on Tuesday February 10th in our E-Learning Centre, 6-6.30pm. This is a great opportunity to meet your son’s coach/teacher and learn about the program. I would strongly encourage new parents to come along.

Regards Damien Ricketts – Rugby League Coordinator

**Year 7 & 8**

I am very excited to welcome all our Year 7 & 8 Rugby League Academy students. There is a great depth in talent across the group. I will be sending information soon about after-school training and term 1 trial matches. Initially, all students are asked to bring an old t-shirt to lessons and boots if they have them. I hope to see many parents at the launch evening on Tuesday February 10th. Year 7 are conducting an in-house trial on Thursday February 12th here at Beenleigh SHS, 2.45-4.30pm. Your son will be bringing home a note. Consent forms have already been circulated. Any questions, please call the coach.

Damien Ricketts – Year 7 Rugby league Coach

P: 34423757                                      E: derrick26@eq.edu.au

Jess Way – Year 8 Rugby League Coach

P: 34423729                                      E: jway0@eq.edu.au

**Year 8**

Due to the significant increase in enrolments and talent in Year 9 rugby league we welcome Mr Ricketts on as a second coach for this year level. As the coach of this group in 2014 I saw significant development in all the Year...
8 rugby league boys, and look forward to continuing this in 2015. In the first two weeks we have conducted fitness testing, which will be revisited throughout the year to monitor the physical development of the boys. We also have continued our focus on individual development of fundamental rugby league skills revisiting grip & carry, catch & pass and draw & pass.

James Mackney – Year 9 Rugby League Coach
P: 34423789 E: jmack155@eq.edu.au

Damien Ricketts – Year 9 Rugby League Coach
P: 34423757 E: drick26@eq.edu.au

Year 10
Year 10 is a schoolboy representative year for our young men. The highly regarded State Schoolboy Championships will be held in Roma in May and one of our coaches, Mr Damien Ricketts, will be the South Coast Manager. Interested players will need to attend the District trial to be selected for Pacific Rim. Following this, they will attend the Regional Trial where the South Coast team will be selected to compete at the State Titles. Good luck to all our players.

Cade Smith – Year 10 Rugby League Coach
P: 34423764 E: csmit902@eq.edu.au

Opens
The Beenleigh SHS Opens Rugby League Academy has got off to a tremendous start with great commitment and effort in class training times. It is impressive to see our numbers at afterschool gym sessions continue to improve with our preseason focus on strength and fitness. We will look forward to many students trialling for the River District representative team in the coming weeks for possible south coast selection. Term 1 school games will be preseason trial matches in preparation of the Titan’s Cup beginning in term 2.

Dustin Stewart – Opens Rugby League Coach
P: 34423749 E: dstew138@eq.edu.au

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER NEWS

Mibunn Jinndi is the name given to our Indigenous Unit at Beenleigh State High School. The name “Mibunn Jinndi”, meaning Eagle’s Nest, was given to the unit by a local elder to represent the local Yugembeh totem, the eagle. The unit is a place in the school for our Indigenous students to feel welcome, the same way that young bird feel safe in their nest. Having our own space in the school allows us to run many programs and to offer greater support to our Indigenous students, both culturally and educationally.

The programs that we are offering to our students are:

- Indigenous Homework Club: Run every Thursday afternoon. Students receive assistance with assessment and homework task from our Indigenous staff and their teachers.
• Annual Indigenous Camp: A week long camp for our Indigenous students where students experience cultural activities, life skills and get to know each other and our staff outside of the school environment.

• NAIDOC Week Celebrations: A chance for BSHS as a whole to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait culture with many activities and experiences.

• Culture Day: A day all of BSHS celebrate all of the cultures we have at our school with a key focus being on Indigenous culture.

• School-based Traineeships & Apprenticeships: Assistance with school-based traineeships and apprenticeships.

• Titans 4 Tomorrow Program: Titans Indigenous staff assists our senior students in their transition to life after school.

The Former Origin Greats “ARTIE” (Achieving Results Through Indigenous Education) Academy is an Australian Government supported program providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at our school the opportunity to participate in a program that encourages and rewards improvements in:

- School attendance
- Classroom effort and behaviour
- Academic achievement
- Year 12 attainment

Named in honour of the late Arthur Beetson, the ARTIE Academy uses current and former QLD State of Origin players to promote the importance of staying school and achieving your best.

Beenleigh State High School’s “Mibunn Jinndi Dance Group is developing a reputation as one of the premier high school Aboriginal dance groups. Through the guidance of Nunukul Yuggara dance tutors, our students experience songs and dances from the local area. We perform at school parades, school district functions, other schools within the region and numerous other events.

Our team consisting of the following staff members that are more than happy to meet with you.

Dustin Stewart – Indigenous Education Teacher – Email: dstew138@eq.edu.au

Phone 3442 3749

Marley Turnbull – Community Education Counsellor – Email: mtturn268@eq.edu.au

Phone 3442 3749

Ted Williams – Indigenous Education Teacher – Email: twill539@eq.edu.au

Phone 34423849

Brenda Little – Head of Department for Teaching & Learning – Email: blitt53@eq.edu.au

Phone 3442 3709

READING MATTERS

"Achievement in reading literacy is not only a foundation for achievement in other subject areas within the educational system, but also a prerequisite for successful participation in most areas of adult life. Australian 15 year old students are still performing above the OECD average, though reading literacy has declined over the past decade" (Courier Mail 27/1/15)
In order to improve our students reading literacy, all English classes begin with 15 minutes of sustained silent reading. Each class has a wide array of reading material for our students to choose from. In the weeks to come, teachers will conference individually with students to determine their reading interests and progress.

These are ways you can nurture confident and successful readers:

• enquire about what your child is reading
• surround your child with reading material
• encourage a wide variety of reading activities
• utilise your local library
• be knowledgeable about your children’s reading progress and level
• get help promptly if you suspect any reading problems

By Mrs Morris – Head of Department - English

TRADE TRAINING CENTRE HOSTS DETE

INTERNATIONAL FUNCTION

On the weekend the Trade Training Centre proudly hosted the DETE International function. This is an honourable event that brings together teachers and students from all over Queensland to learn about the Anzac Legacy. Students and teachers have the opportunity to travel to Gallipoli and the Western Front battlefields to learn about the Anzac tradition firsthand. Our very own Deputy Principal George Bartlett and School Captain Lycharne Parkinson have both been selected to attend this memorable experience. At 9:45am we had Erin and Olivia on the frontline, preparing coffees for our guests. As the coffee line grew our two grade twelve hospitality students dug their heels in, remained focused and worked very hard to supply the coffee demand. DETE International has contacted the school to commend the girls on their level of professionalism and barista skills. The girls received endless compliments and showed all the schools in Queensland what Beenleigh State High School can do; we achieve, we care, we are responsible.

By Miss Te Iwimate – Hospitality Teacher

2015 COMPUTER PROGRAM

- BYOD AND OFFICE 365
Students are expected to have a technological device in all classes from 2015 as the 1:1 Computer funding has ceased. Students can choose from the following options:

**Option 1: BYOD**
Students bring a device that can be used in the classroom to research using the internet; create word processing and presentation documents. These devices are maintained by the student and parents/caregiver with limited assistance with basic problems and connectivity from the school IT technicians. Insurance is recommended. The cost of the WiFi maintenance is $20.

**Option 2: Take-home laptop program**
Students can hire a laptop or tablet for the year which they can take home. This is the device hire program where the school maintains the device. This program costs $150 for the year. The first accidental warranty claim is $50, the second accidental warranty claim is $100, the third accidental warranty claim is $150. There are limited devices available.

**Option 3: Day hire**
Students can rent a device at no cost from the student technology desk. The device must be collected between 8.00am-8.40am and returned each afternoon by 3pm. If the device is not returned the following steps will occur;

- **Step 1:** The parents/caregivers of the student will receive a text message to return the device
- **Step 2:** The student will receive an after school detention and will not be able to rent a device for 1 week. Another ICT RUP form will be required to be resigned by the parent and student and returned to the student laptop technician.
- **Step 3:** The student’s school account will be invoiced for $150 take-home laptop payment.

**Office 365 free to all Education Queensland Students**
Go to this webpage [https://mishelp.eq.edu.au/studentadvantage/Pages/default.aspx](https://mishelp.eq.edu.au/studentadvantage/Pages/default.aspx) to access the instructions to download Office 365 to students personal device. This enables students to have free access to presentation software for school assignments such as word, power point and excel.

By Miss Jolly - Head of Department for Business/IT/Industrial Tech & Home Economics

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**A YEAR 8 BEACH DATE!**

What do you get when you mix a group of Year 8 students with a classroom at the beach; flag face painting, golf balls, towels, a parachute, subway and a dip in the ocean. If your answer is – building friendships, team building and a really good time at Tallebudgera, then your answer is correct.

This was how our year 8 students started the year. In a time when employers and the job markets, Universities and TAFE’s of the future are all looking for young leaders with perseverance; they can stop looking because they are all here!

Congratulations to all the year 8 students attending this team building camp on Monday. You represented our school well and gave 110%.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR YEAR 8’s for your participation and Ms Aquilina for all her organisation.

THANK YOU TO PARENTS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Mrs Cheal - Year 8 Engagement Co-Ordinator - Ph: 34423731 or ocheal1@eq.edu.au

More photos in the next edition in the electronic version.
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

Welcome back to a new PBL year and welcome to all our new students. We have begun 2015 focusing on all of our 3 PBL values. WE CARE, WE ARE RESPONSIBLE AND WE ACHIEVE. During weeks 3 & 4 students will be focusing on WE CARE – Care about our own learning. Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded PBL certificates. Great work everyone.

Mrs Richardson – Teacher Aide E-Learning Centre

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SPREAD THE WORD – FREE MICROSOFT

FOR STUDENTS’ PERSONAL COMPUTERS

All state school students from Prep–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 should contact their school’s MIS Administrator or class teacher. The administrator will help students activate their MIS login.

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

Find out how students can download their free copy of Microsoft Office 2013 Suite.

By Miss Jolly – HOD Business/THTD & Home Economics

INTRODUCTION SenseAbility - BUILDING RESILIENCE IN OUR STUDENTS

Students in Years 7-9 will be participating in a new program during 2015. Called SenseAbility, the program is aimed at building resilience in young people, to help them manage the life challenges that are an inevitable part of growing up. The program is part of our school’s commitment to the understanding that teachers, in partnership with parents, have a significant role in promoting good mental health in their students.

SenseAbility will be delivered to students by our teachers and will provide a range of skills to empower students to care for their own wellbeing. The program takes a strengths-based approach. Instead of focusing on negatives and things that don’t work, it assists young people to focus on the unique characteristics and qualities they have, but are inclined to ignore or downplay. How often do your children comment on the things they can’t do? A strengths-based approach does not require individuals to excel or perform in particular areas, rather it encourages them to acknowledge and appreciate the small things they do in their everyday lives - such as being a good friend, being responsible and demonstrating small acts of kindness that reflect underlying valuable qualities. The program also encourages young people to develop good help-seeking skills for themselves and others, so they can obtain assistance if challenges are too difficult for them to manage alone.

Many of the activities will give students the opportunity to practice breaking down their thoughts in the following way:

The program will also allow students to work individually and cooperatively with their peers, thus developing their ability to build relationships and enhance their connection to school. These are vital elements to improving your child’s sense of self and belonging. Parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss the SenseAbility lessons at home with their children so that all students understand that the significant people in their lives have an important part to play in their wellbeing.

Parents and guardians are welcome to look at the materials in this program by visiting www.beyondblue.org.au/senseability. Please contact the following year level coordinators if you have questions about the program:

Year 7 – Ms Sarah-Jane Currie P: 34423715
Year 8 – Ms Odette Cheal P: 34423789
Year 9 – Mr James Mackney P: 34423789
STRUCTURED WORK PLACEMENT
FOR STUDENTS IN CERTIFICATE COURSES FOR 2015

Q. HOW DO I GET STRUCTURED WORK PLACEMENT?
A. Your teacher will give you a Structured Work Placement (SWP) application form to complete. Once that has been processed your teacher will give you a SWP agreement form. You, your parent/guardian and your SWP employer must sign this form, and then return it to your VET teacher who will pass it on to the HOD VET.

If you need help or support to call your employer please ask your teacher to assist you. If you have been given a Work Placement Contract, then your placement is booked. Do not think that because you didn't get your contract signed you can just not go. If you currently have a job where you can demonstrate skills and knowledge that are similar to your VET course and has been observed by your supervisor, credit for your first placement can be gained by completing your Work placement booklet for your teacher.

(N.B. Applications will only be accepted until the due date. If students miss this date, they will have to wait until the following term. If a student is participating in more than one VET subject, only one form is required each term with the Subject, Class and Teacher marked clearly on the form each term.)

Your teacher will phone your workplace on your first or second day to check if you are present and that you and the employer are satisfied with your work efforts.

Structured Work Placement dates for 2015 are:

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NOTE: Placements are made on other weeks to meet the needs of the employers.

Work placements can be organised on school holidays in special situations upon approval from the classroom teacher, careers support manager and the employer.
Q. WHAT IF I JUST DON’T WANT TO GO TO STRUCTURED WORK PLACEMENT AND IT IS A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT OF MY COURSE? (Hospitality and Agriculture courses)

A. You should not be in this subject and will need to change out.

Q. WHAT IF A PLACEMENT HAS BEEN ORGANISED FOR ME AND I CAN’T GO?

A. At least the week before your placement date, you must notify your VET classroom teacher that you are not going to attend SWP and tell them why. You need to have an acceptable reason such as illness. Your teacher will tell the HOD Senior Schooling/VET.

Q. WHAT IF I JUST DON’T TURN UP TO WORK PLACEMENT OR AM SICK ONE DAY AND CAN’T GO: OR DECIDE TO NOT GO ONE DAY DURING THE PLACEMENT?

A. If you are sick: you call the employer BEFORE your starting time and tell them you will be away sick. If you do not turn up to work and do not notify your employer: your supervising VET teacher will phone your home and put a comment on your ONE SCHOOL record. If you do not have an acceptable reason: you will have an interview with the HOD VET which may result in an interview with your year level Deputy Principal and an enrolment interview. As well you can be charged the $30 fee the school pays to organise your work placement.

Information for parents and students: From 1 January 2015, the Australian Government requires all students studying Vocational Education and Training (VET) to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). This includes students who are studying VET in schools. There is no cost to the student. The USI will allow students to access their enrolment and achievement record for all VET learning online (from 1 January 2015); and no VET records will be lost.

Registered Training Organisations (RTO) must have a valid USI for a student before issuing a qualification or statement of attainment.

USI - UNIQUE STUDENT IDENTIFIER

This includes school RTOs.

What is a USI?

• A USI is a reference number. It is made up of numbers and letters.
• The USI gives students access to their USI account.
• The USI account allows a student to see all their training results from all providers. This includes all completed training units and qualifications.

Why do students need a USI? Students will need a USI:

• so that an RTO is able to issue a statement of attainment, or certificate, for nationally recognised accredited training
• for online access to their record of enrolment and achievement for VET learning
• to provide evidence of their accredited VET, for example when applying for a job or further study.

Who applies for a USI?

• A student can apply for a USI.
• An RTO can apply for a USI on a student’s behalf. (This may be a school RTO, TAFE or other external RTO.)

What do students need to do? If the RTO does not apply for a USI on behalf of the student, the individual must apply for a USI. A student can apply for a USI at the Australian Government USI website - create your USI. The student must then provide the USI details to their training provider (school RTO, TAFE or external RTO) or they will not receive a statement of attainment or qualification.

PARENTS/CARERS NOTICE

• Parents/Carers please be aware that if your child is absent for any reason you must phone the absentee line on 34423760. If for some reasons you haven’t contacted the absentee line, a SMS message is deployed to the 1st contact person from student’s data - please reply. We attempt to do our very best in communicating with the information we have.
• Many students are using their mobile phones to ring parents to get permission to leave. Unless someone from the office has actually spoken to the parent/carer, then the student will not be signed out.
• Please understand that during class time it is very difficult to get messages through to students. Please keep messages to emergencies only. If you need to drop off lunches, money or cooking etc, office staff will endeavour to locate your child. However sometimes with outside school/classroom activities, this is not always possible.

• If you wish your child to be signed out, please write a note with student’s name, date, time out and parent’s or carer’s signature which is to be handed into the office in the morning so passes can be arranged. Please be aware of school break times.

• Students can be contacted on their mobiles only during the lunch times (listed below).

A reminder that mobile phones must be turned off during class times.

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AURASMA AT BEENLEIGH STATE HIGH SCHOOL

This year as a way to get our students and parents working with new technologies we have been busy creating some magnets which are being handed out with this addition of the newsletter. On this magnet there are two interactive icons. The first is a QR code and when you use any QR reader app you will find some instructions about how to access our Aurasma channel. This is a free augmented reality app which we are using more and more of throughout 2015. We are encouraging the students within their lessons to create their own videos to engage with our displays within the school grounds. The second icon on the magnet can be scanned using Aurasma and will direct you to the latest addition of the newsletter. Therefore you can keep it on the fridge and always have access to the latest news from our wonderful school.

By Mrs Wonnacott-Wakeham – Head of Curriculum Teacher Instruction

CLICK HERE FOR THE PDF INSTRUCTIONS OF AURASMA

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Communication between parents/caregivers and staff is very important to all members of staff at the Beenleigh High School. We are asking parents/caregivers to provide their email address to the school via the school email address: info@beenleighs.eq.edu.au. Teachers want to use this form of communication also for sending student assessment and progress throughout the year. The school newsletter is also sent via email on a fortnightly basis. In using email we are all also helping our environment with less paper being used in printing of the school newsletter.

ATTENDANCE & LATENESS NOTICES

Please read the flyer attached re attendance and lateness, this is very useful, important information for parents/carers and your student.

CLICK HERE FOR THE PDF FLYER
BEENLEIGH SHS APP FOR PHONE/MOBILE

Be involved in our school community, keep yourself in touch and this provides you all the information from the website. You can save school calendar dates to your personal mobile, access newsletters, news pages, twitter, class times, forms and documents and annual reports.

You can download our Beenleigh SHS app to your phone/ mobile device? (In less than 1 minute)

1. Download QSchools from the app store
2. Open the app
3. Search Beenleigh SHS

Click the star to add Beenleigh SHS to your favourites

AFL JUNIOR/YOUTH SIGN ON

Teams U6’s to U17’s, U15’s Girls Team, Seniors & Reserves

For further enquiries please contact: Kylie Jordan (Secretary) 0450 330 124

beenleighjuniors@aflbj.com

LOGAN CITY RUGBY UNION

Recruiting now, Senior, Colts & Junior players all welcome.

Time & Dates: 10am – 2pm Saturday 14, 21 & 28 February

Venue: 200 Queens Road, Slacks Creek
STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

FREE FAMILY INFORMATION EVENING FOR Beenleigh State High School STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE IN 2015

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We would like to invite your students and families to a FREE Information Evening on the Gold Coast, on Thursday, 19th February. The session is being held at the Southport Community Centre, 6 Lawson Street and starts at 7:00pm.

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