

Bracken Ridge Matters

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Mrs Michelle Lyons
BRSHS Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are 'An admired community school that knows each child and their path', as confirmed by our recent quadrennial school review. This is testament to how we work together; staff, parents, students and community; to ensure students 'strive to accomplish'. I am proud to be the Principal here and have thoroughly enjoyed working with the student leadership group, being part of school events and seeing our students, achieve academically, culturally and in the sporting arena.

Academically our students have shone brightly striving to be their best across year levels. In particular, our Year 12 students have excelled in their senior subjects. Many students have received early offers for their preferred university course, employment, traineeships or apprenticeships.

The Arts department have once again enabled our students to shine. Our school musical, Kids Frozen, showcased the talent and dedication of students, parents, staff and supporters from across the community. The Arts Reimagined took advantage of the opening of K block to utilise the new Drama and Music classrooms for performances. The art displays and wearable art, drama and music performances and stage band combined to showcase the incredible skills of our students.

The sporting strengths of our school students continue to be a force to be reckoned with as our students competed across the state in swimming, cross-country, athletics, netball and inter-school sport. The competitive spirit, student involvement and novelty events brought the school community together.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL (Cont'd)

2023 has seen the completion of brand new and renovated facilities here at Bracken Ridge.

This included:

- The new learning centre, K block, now provides purpose-built drama and dance, multi-media, music and standard classrooms, under cover area, staffroom and toilets.
- D block received 3 newly renovated classrooms and furniture for STEM.
- Multi-purpose courts with lighting providing two full basketball courts and provision for tennis, volleyball, netball and European handball.
- Upgraded carpark with dedicated visitor turn-around and parking along with 44 additional carpark spaces.

A special thank you to the P&C for your continued financial support of the school; and the time you give as volunteers. In particular, thank you for your support of Academic Awards, Trent Dalton evening, The Arts Re-imagined and the school musical – Kids Frozen.

Thank you to all the staff across the school for your tireless efforts, for supporting both students and each other throughout this year. You may not see it now, but your efforts inspire, motivate and make a difference in the lives of our young people.

Finally, I am appreciative of our connections with families, past students and community organisations and the support you provide so that together we ensure our students Strive to Accomplish.

We say farewell to the following staff as they take leave, end contracts, transfer to another school or retire. Judith Parker, Brian Jentz, Tyson Clancy-Jones, Ben Jack, Clarissa Moody, Luke Schubert, Megan Whiting, Vandana Relan, Belinda Jennings, Anna Clarke, Mitch Murray, Liz Bobbermien, Janine Keats, Rosie Fitzhenry, Peter Cunningham, Kym Bailey and Gurjeet Bains. I thank you all for your dedication and commitment to improving student outcomes at Bracken Ridge.

The Bracken Ridge team wish you all a safe and relaxing break and look forward to seeing you when school returns on Monday 22 January 2024.

Mrs Michelle Lyons

School Principal

THE LATEST ON THE LAPTOPS

With the rollout of laptops to our final Year 10 cohort next year, we will have a school with all year levels owning laptops. Students are reminded that this technology is an exciting opportunity for them and we look forward to helping them transition by having some technical knowledge and prowess at the end of their High School experience. Students are encouraged to bring their own mice to school. In the past we have had some students taking them from computer labs to use with the laptop, but then not returning them.

The loss of a technician in our IT Department has caused a backlog of laptops in for repair. We are pushing hard to have issues fixed or replacement laptops ready for collection very soon.

The school will have a much better supply of laptops for next year, which will ensure students are never without.

Mr Ben Jack

Head of Technologies/IT



CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATION

On behalf of the senior schooling team, we wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who help with the Graduation Ceremony, and we hope that if you were in attendance today, you enjoyed the celebration.

It is a community event, and we know that every single one of us had a role in sending our students out the door on the day – from office staff (we got all our loans back!!!), to cleaners, to teachers (you did it – you got them through!!), to our teacher aides, our grounds team, the school's spirit of cooperation and support was evident in the event.

Thank you for your support of the Year 12 students, it has been a pleasure working with you this year to watch 80 students walk the stage today. It was all worth it.

Mrs Heatherbell Fanani

Head of Senior School/VET Studies



SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

As quickly as we say goodbye to a cohort, we welcome a new group of senior students. Our graduating cohort for 2023 are reminded of the Link and Launch supports available to them to secure employment, further study or training options.

<https://www.wethedifferents.qld.edu.au/link-launch/>

In 2024, we are looking forward to welcoming the current Year 10 cohort into Year 11.

In the senior phase of education, students engage in subjects and VET qualifications they have chosen to support their post-schooling pathways. In Term 4, a number of Year 10 students have been proactive and met with our Industry Liaison Officer – Diane Heinze – to arrange TAFE at School enrolments and several Year 10 students have already secured traineeships that start in 2024. If you are interested in one of these options, please visit the Senior Schooling Hub, located at the rear of Student Services in the first week of Term 1, 2024 to discuss options.

Senior students that choose to remain at Bracken Ridge to complete their senior phase of learning must comply with the Senior School Enrolment Agreement signed at SET Planning earlier in the year. Expectations include maintaining approved attendance levels of 95% and above to support academic outcomes, and attempting and submitting all assessment as per the BRSBS Assessment Policy. Maintaining attendance and engagement in the learning program are connected to positive academic outcomes, and in Senior Schooling the curriculum content, assessment, and due dates are governed by the Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority (QCAA), and there is significantly less flexibility than the junior and middle years curriculum.

At times, the academic rigor and expectations of learning in the Senior School can prove to be a challenge for students transitioning from Year 10 to Year 11. Families are encouraged to use the holidays to audit the study habits and environment of their senior student and to put into action habits and resources that will support their child's academic and personal wellbeing in 2024. The Senior Schooling team are another avenue of support, together with the Wellbeing team, and you can contact us at any time to discuss concerns about your child's transition.

We look forward to another successful year in learning, and we wish all our families and students a safe holiday period.

Mrs Heatherbell Fanani
Head of Department—Senior School & VET

*The Senior School Team at the 2023 Formal
(Ms Charlotte Ng, Ms Melanie Coghill, Mrs Heatherbell
Fanani, Mrs Diane Heinze, Mrs Sharon Davies)*





RESOURCE CENTRE RAMBLINGS

A busy couple of weeks in the Resource Centre leading into the end the year.

The Christmas trees are up, the carols are playing we have completed a stocktake of the non-fiction collection. Many thanks to the staff and students who have assisted with this process.

It has allowed us to expand the quiet reading area and make a space to establish a number of specialist collections including two very popular collections: Graphic Novels and Manga. The courtyard games are in their new location and can be borrowed through the booking sheet on the Circulation desk.

Annex 2 has started to morph into a new style of classroom with screens available for students to plug in their laptops. A big thanks to Mr Jack for his hard work in this area.

We are all looking forward to the new school year and would like to wish everyone a joyous vacation.

Ms Meikle
Teacher Librarian

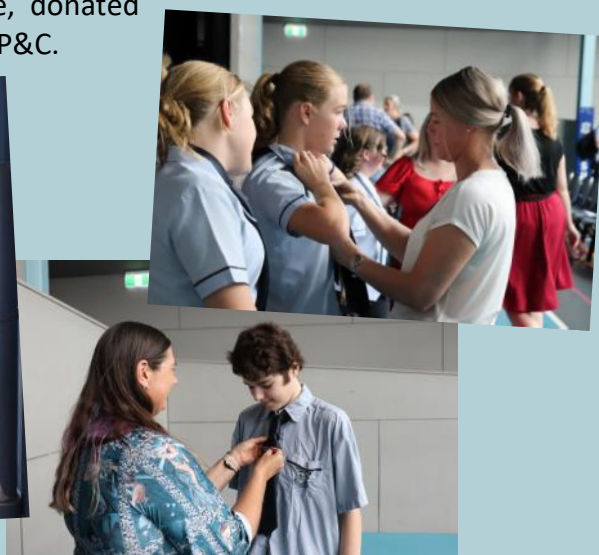
Mrs Rooney
HoD Middle School



JCE CEREMONY

Our Year 9 students are at the half-way mark of their High School journey, and were formally recognised at the JCE Ceremony held this term. Parents, siblings, staff and peers witnessed the cohort receiving their certificates and ties and the Junior students celebrated with them.

Thanks to the parents that came to help us celebrate and to those who stayed behind to help teaching students how to don a tie, donated to us by the P&C.





JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS - Mrs Price

What a year 2023 has been. As our school year concludes, I would like to thank every member of the Bracken Ridge community: staff, parents and students. This year was productive for our junior school students and we have had much to celebrate. The end of year is a time to pause to reflect and acknowledge the academic, cultural and sporting achievements of our students.

It wasn't long ago that we welcomed our current Year 7s to Bracken Ridge SHS. Even though at the start students were unfamiliar with procedures, they certainly have thrived at high school. They embraced every aspect of our Bracken Ridge life and participated in many school activities. Our Year 8 students are very keen to lead our junior school in 2023. They were eager to assist and mentor the Year 7 students. The junior Team has enjoyed working with them for the last two years and wish them all the best as they begin their middle phase of learning.

Next year will be upon us all too soon and we have already set the scene with the students over the last two weeks:

- We have talked about beginning 2024 in the right frame of mind.
- We have discussed uniform, attendance, punctuality and minimising distractions to their learning.
- We have reviewed our curriculum and made adjustments to ensure our students are equipped for future learnings.
- We extended a warm welcome to our future 2024 Year 7 students to our school last week. Bracken Ridge SHS is honoured that so many parents entrust their student's education to us.

We finish the term with students and staff busy completing end of term assessments, and then moving on to our *End of Year* Program that will see our students involved in a diverse range of literacy and numeracy activities from Wednesday 6 December to Friday 8 December. Semester Two Reports will be emailed home with a collection of important documentation pertaining to next year. Parents/carers are asked to read the information that will assist students with a smooth transition into the new school year in 2024.

As the year comes to an end, I would like to acknowledge the commitment and effort by all staff, students and parents/carers who have worked tirelessly this year to ensure students have worked towards achieving their best. I would particularly like to thank the Junior School team, which this year included:

Mr Ethan Sorrell [Head of Department]
 Ms Clarissa Moody (Year 7 Coordinator)
 Mrs Tiana Pittman (Year 8 Coordinator).

The Junior School Team have done an amazing job helping students in Year 7 and 8 work their way through the year. I am indebted to them for their level of commitment and support – they have done a tremendous job.

I wish you all a happy holiday – enjoy spending time with family and friends over the festive season. I look forward to sharing an exciting new year with you all in 2024.





PHONE-FREE SURVIVAL GUIDE

How to survive without
your phone during the school day

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BRING YOUR LAPTOP



Bring your device and use
this to access your
timetable
and emails.

REMEMBER to charge your
laptop every night

REPLACE YOUR EAR PODS

Replace wireless
ear pods or
headphones with
wired
headphones
if required for
class use only



GET A DEBIT CARD

Use a debit card
for tuckshop
purchases,
pre-order before
8:15 via qkr!, or
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REMIND YOUR PARENTS

Remind your parents
and employer that
students cannot be
contacted during
school hours
except
by email.



WEAR A WATCH

Wear a watch to
keep an eye on
the time.

Smart watches must
be off (no phone
calls, messages or
notifications)



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made by calling
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YEAR 7 CAMP PART 2

On Thursday 9 November, students set off on part two of their year 7 camp. For our overnight camp, we made the short 20-minute journey to YMCA Camp Warrawee. The weather was just the right temperature for all the activities we had planned. Throughout the two days students participated in a number of fantastic activities that included canoeing, raft building, crate stack, giant and mega swing and a catapult challenge. Throughout these activities, students showed their resilience when faced with fear and cooperation skills as for many activities, students had to work as a group to be successful. It was great to see students encouraging one another through all activities. Trivia showed a number of our students have a competitive nature as they worked together to answer a number of questions from general knowledge, kids, sport and music. Well done to CPS who came away victorious.

This camp proved to us that we have a number of wonderful students who are always happy to volunteer and help out. These students showed initiative and leadership skills. Students had to assist with serving food as well as washing dishes after dinner and breakfast meals.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who made this wonderful experience possible for our Year 7s and to the year 7 students for demonstrating the 5Cs towards their peers and camp staff.

Ms Clarissa Moody
Year 7 Coordinator



YEAR 11 MARINE CAMP

The four-day, three-night camp at Moreton Island for all Year 11 Aquatic Practices, Biology, Marine Science and Sport and Recreation students links directly to student's assessment.

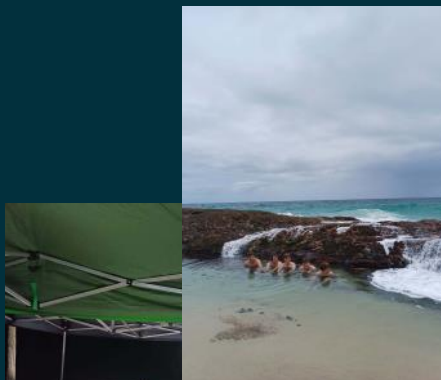
During this camp, students will explore a variety of locations on Moreton Island. These include:

- Bulwer Beach
- Comboyuro Point
- North Point
- Cape Moreton Light House
- Tangalooma and
- Blue Lagoon (tide permitting).

Camp activities include fishing and bait gathering, scientific field work, biological activities, handling marine organisms, sand sliding, bush walking, orienteering, swimming and snorkelling.

The aims of the activity are to enhance scientific skills, fulfil curriculum/assessment requirements and complete field work course requirements for all subjects attending.

Mr Andrew Quant
Maths/Science/Marine Teacher



ACADEMIC AWARDS EVENING

A wonderful night was had by all who attended our annual Academic Awards evening. Students, parents, staff and special guests enjoyed a number of special presentations including our Merit, Excellence and Subject Award winners, as well as our Special Awards. Many thanks to award sponsors Round Table Coffee and The Australian Academy of Music as well as Councillor Jared Cassidy and Cr Sandy Landers for attending on the night and presenting your awards. Thank you to the Bracken Ridge SHS P&C as well as our School Council representatives who have supported our school throughout the year and also presented awards on the night.

Congratulations to our incoming 2024 Captains who enjoyed the blazer ceremony, and thank you to our 2023 Leadership team and outgoing captains for 2023 as well as the school concert band that performed for one final night, led by Mr CJ. All the helpers behind the scenes and efforts of the working committee culminated in a night of celebration that reflected the wonderful work of the remarkable community we have here at Bracken Ridge State High School.

Congratulations to the following students who received special awards on the evening:

Georgia Morgan	Year 10 - ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award
MollyQuant	Year 12 - ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award
Rivar Dibbens	Year 10 - ADF Future Innovators Award
DM Ramiro	Year 12 - ADF Future Innovators Award
Rosa Quant	Petrie Shield - Leadership (Year 9)
Talia Bevan	P&C Citizenship Award
Mark Cunningham	Stirling Hinchliffe - Community Service
Riley Stewart	Petrie Shield - Sporting Spirit
Brayden McLeary	Cr Jared Cassidy - Excellence in Maths and Science
Brayden McLeary	Cr Sandy Landers - Information Processing Technology Award
Riley Stewart	Junior Instrumental Music Award
MollyQuant	Australian Academy of Music - Senior Instrumental Music Award
Ruby Hunt	Round Table Coffee Debating Excellence
Charlie Stone	Round Table Coffee Debating Excellence
Rosa Quant	Round Table Coffee Debating Excellence
Francesca McAntee	Round Table Coffee Debating Excellence
Mimi Lewis	Support Services Award
Destiny Wise	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Excellence Award
Yury Tabone	Trainee of the Year Award
Jett C	Round Table Coffee Reader of the Year

And the biggest awards of the evening went to:-

MollyQuant	Ampol All Rounder
Rosa Quant	Junior Dux (Petrie Shield - Academic)
MollyQuant	Senior Dux

Congratulations to all recipients, and we look forward to celebrating a new swag of achievers with you in the New Year!



2023 FORMAL

What a night the Class of 2023 had to finish off their schooling life! The Formal was held at Mon Komo in Redcliffe and was a great way to end the year and say farewell to the Year 12 cohort in style! A great night had by all, we hope you enjoyed the evening!





COMPASS PLATFORM

Bracken Ridge State High School will be transitioning to a new school management platform called Compass.

Compass allows you to see your child's day at school, receive communications, school news feeds, parent teacher bookings and your child's timetable. You can enter absentee notes and leave passes. Compass will also allow for you to receive notifications directly from the teachers to build a culture of learning between school and home.

You would have received an email this term asking you to login to a website application called Compass. The setup process is very quick and simple. You will be provided with a {username} and {temporary password} to login.

Once completed you can download the 'App' onto your phone and login.

Watch out for the email and join in your child's learning.



ARE YOU A QPARENT YET?

The portal allows you to securely access information about your child and to communicate directly with your child's school. QParents provides secure, online access to student information including attendance details, report cards, timetables, invoices and payment history.

Check your emails for login details sent earlier this year and stay connected with your child's school.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



BORED THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

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Team building	First aid/CPR
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When

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Who

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Cost

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Where

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Contact

Program Coordinator - Sophia Walker
GSFWZillmere@pcyc.org.au 0498 565 582

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SEEKING RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS

ARE YOU A YOUNG PERSON FROM A CULTURALLY DIVERSE AND MIGRANT BACKGROUND?

- ☐ Take part in the QUT PhD study that aims to find out the perspectives of young people from culturally diverse and migrant backgrounds about citizenship education.

The research team is inviting young people who:

1. Identify as belonging to a culturally diverse and migrant background;
2. Are currently between 15-17 years of age; and
3. Are currently enrolled in an Australian school or have completed a minimum of one school term in an Australian school.

Participation involves:

- ✓ A short **online Demographic Diversity Questionnaire** (approx. 5 minutes to complete) and
- ✓ One **Interview** (up to 60 minutes, **face-to-face at QUT**, or **online**) during which you will be invited to share your perspectives and experiences of citizenship and citizenship education. A Feedback Form is completed at the end of the interview.

To recognise your contribution should you choose to participate, the research team is offering a voucher for Dymocks books and gifts, JB Hi-Fi or Officeworks (valued at \$20).

To participate:



Scan this QR code:

OR

Follow this link: https://survey.qut.edu.au/jfe/form/SV_9REBgslqua4RQDY

OR

Email: **Ana Radovic** ana.radovic@hdr.qut.edu.au

QUT Ethics Approval Number: 7096

Bracken Ridge Swimming Club

Club Membership:

- values participation, recognises improvement and celebrates performance
- provides a complete swimming pathway - Learn to Swim, Stroke Correction, Squads - Competitive & Adult Swim Fit
 - Weekly Club Nights (Tuesday 6.15pm)
- access to Sprint & Club Championships + internal and external swim meets
- is more than just attending the large meets
 - 40+ years of fun, fitness & friendships

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