# Bracken Ridge Matters Term 4 Week 10 2024





Mrs Michelle Lyons BRSHS Principal

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to Sakura Riches and Mrs Ange Gilbert (Head of Department) on your selection to the STEM Girls Power Program for 2025. Next year marks the 10th Anniversary of STEM Girl Power which aims to provide students with a range of unique experiences in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, encouraging students to participate in STEM at school and consider STEM-related career pathways. STEM Girl Power is a year-long program which includes Term 1 virtual activities, a camp held in Brisbane during Term 2 from 19 to 23 May 2025, Term 3 activities for National Science Week and a Term 4 alumni event.

Over the last few weeks, we have celebrated the graduation of Year 12 and JCE with our Year 9's moving into the senior school. I am proud of the achievements of each student no matter how small.

Report cards for Year 7-11 are being finalized and emailed this week. I look forward to seeing the final results.

We thank the following staff for their contributions to Bracken Ridge and the positive impact they have made. In particular I wish to acknowledge the work of Debbie Cooney and her long term involvement with our school starting with Nashville SHS as a student, then parent of students and as a staff member. We wish you all the best on the next phase of your life journey.

We farewell the following staff who have retired, are leaving or taking long leave in 2025: Debbie Cooney, Kellie Insch, Ryan Worthington, Neil Wickham, Peter Maruff, Cecilia Pattison, Stephanie Larson, Bianca Jones, Martin Braunton, Alec Madara, Ken McCahon, Sam Wilson, Vicki

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL (Cont'd)

Sinclair and Rose Thrupp.

As the year comes to an end if you are moving or your child is not returning in 2025 please contact the office so we can finalise accounts, arrange return of resources and provide any refunds before the end of the year.

The school office opens on Monday 20 January 2025. School starts for Year 7-12 on Tuesday 27 January. Assemblies and STA have been moved to a Wednesday. Formal uniform will continue to be expected to



be worn a Monday. Student leaders are to wear formal uniform at special events on a Wednesday. I look forward to working with you to continue our school improvement journey with our 2025 focus "Engage students in Learning".

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and may your families be healthy and safe over the school holidays.

Kind regards

Mrs Michelle Lyons

### SAKURA'S STEM CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Ange Gilbert (Head of Technologies/IT,) and Year 9 student Sakura Riches on their successful applications to attend the STEM Girl Power program.

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### **BOOMERANG BAGS**

Its been a busy term in year 9 and 10 Textiles studies (TFF) learning how to make Boomerang Bags. Students have learnt about sustainability and have been excited and engaged to make fabric reusable bags.

Mrs Angela Gilbert Head of Technologies/IT

### DEADLY UPDATE ON OUR YARNING CIRCLE

Our sacred space has taken shape this term with substantial efforts, handwork and school funding. Artist and performer Jeremy Donovan has finished painting our totem poles paying respect to the local country, skies, waterways and traditional owners, the Turrbal Peoples - ancestors past, those present and future generations. In 2025, we look forward to expanding use of this space, cherishing the Yarning protocols of listening to others and sharing openly, without judgements.



Mrs Sharon Davies

### CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION

A Celebration of Success and New Beginnings

The 2024 Year 12 Graduation Ceremony was a memorable occasion, filled with pride, joy, and excitement. This important milestone marked the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and growth, and the event was a fitting celebration of everything our senior students have achieved and showcased the talent through touching student performances, and unique cultures of the cohort with recognition of the First Nations students achievements in the Brack N Deadly program.

As the Year 12 students walked across the stage to have their graduation stoles place on their shoulders and receive their certificates, there was a collective sense of accomplishment in the MPSC. Proud parents and caregivers beamed with pride, friends cheered, and teachers looked on, knowing the future holds limitless potential for each graduate.

One of the most touching moments was the acknowledgment of the support systems that have guided these students through their high school years. From the long hours of studying to the extracurricular activities, school events, and friendships forged, it was clear that every person in the room had played a role in helping these young adults reach this point in their lives. The speeches from the School Captains Madeline Betts and Madison McKenzie, and the Valedictorian Address given by Jackson Werner highlighted the comradery and impact the cohort had on each other, and were full of optimism for all that lies ahead for the class of 2024.

As the ceremony ended, the overwhelming feeling in the room was one of excitement and anticipation for the future. While it was emotional to say goodbye to this chapter of their lives at Bracken Ridge State High, the 12s are ready to take on the next phase, whether it be university, vocational training, employment, or other pursuits. The school community stands behind them, knowing they have the knowledge, skills, and confidence to thrive in whatever path they choose. To our Year 12 students, congratulations once again—you've made us incredibly proud. We can't

> wait to see the incredible things you'll achieve as you embark on the next chapter of your journey.

























### SENIOR SCHOOL REFLECTION

At the start of every year, I always tell the Year 12 students that their final year goes very quickly, and before you know it, they'll be graduating. This year, it was no different. It is the highlight of my role as Head of Senior Schooling to watch a cohort walk across the MPSC stage, knowing that the staff at our school have helped prepare them for the years after. In Term 2 2024, we introduced "Next Step Day" in partnership with Link and Launch and TAFE Queensland to help our seniors plan for Year 13 – the first year after leaving a supportive and structured learning environment. Parents, caregivers and students met with a team of school staff, our TAFE in School specialist Bernie, and Inge from Link and Launch across the day to map out a Plan A and Plan B for life after school, which for our students, is a range of pathways that include university, TAFE, work and training.

The Year 11 students have successfully transitioned into the senior school, with outstanding results generated from students across all our pathway offerings. Throughout the year, there were opportunities to engage in activities that helped build the culture of the cohort, including the Leadership Conference, and their nominations to become leaders of our school.

At BRSHS, we are proud to offer a range of pathways to senior students and we draw on our connections across the school, throughout the community and through industry partnerships to support students identify work experience or training opportunities. We seek to enact our school's vision that we are a "place where all students find their path to success" and use a range of student data to support our diverse cohort. With another successful year completed in the senior school, we look forward to continuing our successful initiatives in 2025.

#### Mrs Heatherbell Fanani HoD Senior School/VET/Senior Business

We wish the graduating class of 2024 all the very best as they venture on to work, study, trades, or a mixture of each. We hope they look back on their time at Bracken Ridge as a time of learning, opportunities and positivity. Congratulations to all our graduates.

Ms Melanie Coghill
Deputy Principal Senior School







**QCE or QCIA - 100%** 

of students achieved a Queensland Certificate of Education or Queensland Certificate of **Individual Achievement** 

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2024 Dux Emma Bishop



29 Students choosing **University study** 

12 early offers to university

### VOCATIONAL

71% of students completed VET Certificate Qualifications

81% Certificate II or above

17% completed School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship

### VET certificate completion

12 Certificate I 45 Certificate II 9 Certificate III 1 Certificate IV



2024 cohort pathways include:

Paramedicine, dental, biomedical science, nutrition, nursing, occupational therapy, pharmacy, psychology, mechanic, electrician, heavy vehicles, plumbing, architectural design, emergency Services, Business, Project Management Information Technology, Music, Arts, Creative Arts, Law, International Studies

Employment in Accounting, Childcare, Hospitality, Property Management and Education

### **QTAC EARLY OFFERS**

Congratulations to the following students who have received QTAC Early Offers for their first preference university course starting in 2025! Recipients of QTAC Early Offers demonstrated consistent dedication and achievement across their senior school program of learning, and their hard work has certainly paid off. The BRSHS community congratulations them on their success, and wishes them all the best for their future studies.

- Emma Bishop Bachelor of Psychological Science/Bachelor or Criminology and Criminal Justice, Griffith University
- Alexandria Hogan Tertiary Preparation Pathway, University of the Sunshine Coast
- Allison Gallagher Bachelor of Science, Queensland University of Technology
- Charlotte Johnston Diploma in Educational Studies, Australian Catholic University
- Charlotte Lawrence Bachelor of Computer Science, University of the Sunshine Coast
- Dakoda Zagami Diploma in Educational Studies, Australian Catholic University
- Freya Marsh-Tingey Tertiary Preparation Pathway, University of the Sunshine Coast
- Isabella Redsell Bachelor of Property Economics, Queensland University of Technology
- Kaitlyn Robins Diploma in Educational Studies, Australian Catholic University
- Kayden La Motte Bachelor of Information Technology, Queensland University of Technology
- Natalie Brickell-Smith Bachelor of Nursing, Australian Catholic University
- Jake Rooney Bachelor of Nursing, Australian Catholic University Congratulations once again to these hard-working students from the Class of 2024!

### **2025 SPORT NOMINATIONS**

Sports trial nominations will begin early in 2025. Correspondence will be sent to students via Compass, student notices and school newsletters as the nominations open. Students will be required to scan QR codes on trial notice forms and then complete nomination form following this. As always, closing dates for sports nominations will be regulated strictly. Please see the below link for information regarding Central district sports trials venues and nomination timelines.

https://metnorthschoolsport.eq.edu.au/district-sport/our-districts/central

Mitch Lumsden - Sports Coordinator







### MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

#### Farewell to our Year 10 Middle school students

As the year draws to a close, we bid farewell to our Year 10 students as they transition into their senior years. This major milestone marks the beginning of



an exciting new chapter and we couldn't be prouder of their hard work and dedication.

Throughout the year, students have been diligently preparing for this step, including the completion of their Senior Education and Training (SET) Plans. These plans lay the foundation for their future academic and career pathways, and we commend every student for approaching this process with focus and maturity.

In Week 8, as part of this transition, our Year 10 cohort will undertake block exams. Attendance during this critical period is essential, not only for completing exams but also for catch-up sessions, which are carefully designed to support students in achieving their best possible outcomes.

A special thank you goes to Mrs. Rooney, our Head of Department for Middle School, and her dedicated team for their unwavering support. We also extend our gratitude to Mr. Heer, whose guidance throughout the Term has been invaluable in shaping this year's journey.

As we send Year 10 off into their senior years, we wish them all a rewarding and successful assessment period. Keep up the hard work, stay focused, and remember—every effort you make now brings you closer to your goals. Good luck!

#### Welcome Year 9 Students to Year 10: A New Chapter in Your Journey

As the end of the school year approaches, we are thrilled to welcome our current Year 9 students into Year 10 for the upcoming academic year. This transition marks an exciting milestone as students step into a phase of education that focuses on exploring career pathways and preparing for the challenges and opportunities of senior education.

Year 10 is a pivotal year, offering students the chance to begin shaping their future. It's a time to reflect on personal interests and strengths while gaining insight into a wide range of career options. From vocational training and apprenticeships to university pathways and beyond, Year 10 is about equipping students with the knowledge and skills they need to make informed decisions about their futures. The Year 10 curriculum is designed to support students as they embark on this journey. Through a blend of academic subjects, career education programs, and practical experiences, students will gain valuable insights into their passions and goals. They'll have opportunities to engage with industry professionals, participate in work experience, and explore potential subject selections for Years 11 and 12. A key focus for the year ahead will be ensuring students feel supported as they begin planning for their senior years. Our dedicated Middle School Team staff and career advisors will be on hand to provide guidance every step of the way, helping students navigate the options and make choices that align with their aspirations. We encourage all Year 9 students and their families to embrace this exciting chapter with enthusiasm and curiosity. The upcoming year is not just about academic growth but also about personal development and discovering the pathways that lead to a fulfilling future. To kick off this transition, students will undertake STA program to assist them and provide valuable insights into career planning and senior education pathways. We extend our gratitude to Ms Donders, whose support throughout the Term has been welcomed.



### MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS CONT'D

Congratulations to our Year 9 students as they prepare to step into Year 10. We are excited to see the incredible journeys you will embark on and the achievements you will accomplish in the year ahead.

#### **Celebrating Excellence at Bracken Ridge State High School!**

This year Bracken Ridge has strived to celebrate and foster an environment where every student is inspired to "Strive to Accomplish". With this in mind, we are proud to acknowledge students through the **Recognition Program**, a dynamic initiative designed to celebrate the exceptional efforts, achievements, and positive contributions of our students.

What is the Recognition Program? Our Recognition Program is an exciting way to acknowledge and improve student engagement by celebrating the little things that make a big difference. It's about recognizing students who go above and beyond, whether through their actions, attitudes, or achievements. Recognition is awarded in three key areas:

**The 5Cs:** Consideration, Cooperation, Courtesy, Commitment, and Common Sense.

**Attendance:** Acknowledging consistency and improvement in showing up ready to learn.

**Participation and Service:** Recognizing involvement in curriculum, co-curricular, and extra-curricular programs and events.

Points are awarded by staff for consistency, improvement, or excellence in these areas and recorded in Compass. As students accumulate points, they earn **Shark Coins**, moving through milestone levels and unlocking exciting rewards and incentives.

It was great to see Bazza! Our school mascot engages with students to celebrate their successes. We look forward to 2025 being an even bigger celebration as students proudly demonstrate our school values As we finish another exciting year of learning, we want to take a moment to acknowledge the vital role you play in your child's academic success in 2024. Your support in helping students stay organized, maintain healthy study habits, and develop a growth mindset is instrumental in their achievements. Next year, as we navigate assessments and new opportunities for growth, let's continue working together to create a positive and rewarding experience for every student. Your partnership and encouragement are the foundation of their success, and we are grateful for your unwavering dedication.

The Middle School team would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe, joyful holiday season.

2024 has been a year of growth, resilience, and wonderful achievements for our Middle School students. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication and are grateful for the continued support of our families in making this community so special.

We hope this festive season brings you time to relax, celebrate, and enjoy a well-earned opportunity to rest and recharge!

We're already looking forward to welcoming you back in the new year, refreshed and ready for another fantastic year of learning, discovery, and success. Until then, stay safe and enjoy the holidays!

Mr Dave Christie Deputy Principal Middle School



### TRANSPORT CHANGES

In 2025, the introduction of Brisbane Metro and Brisbane's New Bus Network will deliver the largest uplift to our bus network in over a decade. On 28 January, the first stage will see Route 66 converted into the permanent M2 Brisbane Metro service. This stage will implement changes to some urban and district services, prioritising student connection to schools and universities in time for the new year. Please find attached a factsheet highlighting the changes relevant for Bracken Ridge SHS.

#### **Brisbane Metro Staged Implementation**

Metro 2 & district (school) services



In 2025, the introduction of Brisbane Metro and Brisbane's New Bus Network will deliver the largest uplift to our bus network in over a decade.

The new network will improve reliability and increase capacity, to get your students where they need to go at the times they want to travel. The implementation of the new network will be completed in stages to support your students and staff navigating the new network.

#### Brisbane's New Bus Network staged implementation



Stage 1 - 2024

Getting it right

Metro vehicle testing & Route 169 customer preview



Stage 2 - 28 January 2025 🌟

Back to school & uni

Metros on M2 (Route 66) & new school services



Stage 3 - Q2 2025

A new way to move

Introducing Brisbane's New Bus Network & M1 services



Stage 4 - Q3 2025 Built for Brisbane

Delivering the new Adelaide Street tunnel



Stage 5 - Late 2025 and beyond

A growing network

Expanding services and exploring metro extensions

On 28 January, stage 2 will see Brisbane Metro M2 rolled out from UQ Lakes to Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (previously Route 66). This will mean that Dutton Park Place will not be serviced by this route.

This stage will also implement changes to school services and some urban routes, prioritising student connection to schools and universities in time for the new year

We will keep you informed to ensure parents, students and staff can get ready for back-to-school travel.

In January, Translink's journey planner and school service finder will be updated. We encourage parents, students and staff to use these tools in the new year.

#### What this means for Bracken Ridge State High School

Route	AM/PM	Type of change	Description
988	PM	Realigned route	This modified route will provide an improved service for students and will now commence from outside Bracken Ridge State High School.
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### **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.















### **HEAD OF ENGLISH/HUMANITIES/LANGUAGE**

#### **English, Social Sciences and Languages:**

As we close out another year, I'm delighted to celebrate the big and small changes across our faculties. This year we have worked to ensure the best possible delivery of new curriculum in English; we've sought out new and slightly weird ways to keep the Social Sciences interesting and engaging in an everchanging world; and in Languages we've welcomed back Ohtori and have reinvigorated our Japanese teaching space — massive shout-out to the amazing Japanese Senior class who gave up their holidays to make it happen. Our team works tirelessly to craft engaging, relevant, and challenging learning experiences that not only meet curriculum standards but also inspire our students to think critically, communicate effectively, and engage with the world around them.

#### **English: Exploring Literature and Beyond**

This year, our English department has delved deep into the transformative power of literature. Our students are exploring timeless classics and contemporary texts that resonate with today's global issues. From the haunting themes of Macbeth to the powerful narratives in modern literature, our goal is to foster a love for reading and an appreciation for the written word. We are also focusing on enhancing students' writing skills, encouraging them to express their ideas with clarity and creativity. From persuasive superheroes to product design and play performances students have excelled through a range of learning experiences.

#### **Social Sciences: Understanding Our World**

In Social Sciences, we continue to equip our students with the tools they need to understand the complex world we live in. Our curriculum this year has included: legal issues in Australia and the world; water in the world, zombie apocalypses, sustainable farming, how businesses recover from natural disasters, eco-tourism, the Holocaust, WWII and much, much, more. Through this, students are gaining insights into the factors that drive economic growth, shape societal norms, and influence environmental policies. We are incredibly excited to explore how this will look in 2025 with new curriculum and new opportunities to bring the past to life.

#### **Languages: Embracing Global Communication**

Our Languages department is committed to fostering global citizens who can communicate across cultures. This year has seen several whole-school celebrations of Japanese culture and events. We had students from Ohtori join us in class and develop close connections with our students. We hope to visit Ohtori High School in 2025! We aim to develop not just linguistic proficiency but also a deep understanding and respect for other cultures.

#### **Looking Ahead**

As we move forward, our faculties are focused on creating more interdisciplinary connections, where students can see how the skills and knowledge from English, Social Sciences, and Languages intersect and apply in realworld contexts. We strive to show that life is not just about acquiring knowledge but about developing the ability to think critically, solve problems, and engage with the world in meaningful ways. To our wonderful, supportive and patient parents and guardians, thank you for your continued support and encouragement; let's continue to collaborate and innovate to provide the best possible education for our students. Happy 2024!

Ms Kate Flynn - Head of English/Humanities/Languages



### **JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS - Mrs Price**

What a year 2024 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 2024. 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 2025 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 2025 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 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 2025.

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]
Mrs Tiana Pittman (Year 7 Coordinator)
Ms Jacqueline Kynoch (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 2025.

Mrs Kylie Price Deputy Principal Junior School



### YEAR 7 CAMP

The Year 7 students recently enjoyed an unforgettable adventure at Camp Maranatha in Yandina. Over the course of three action-packed days, our students participated in a variety of exciting activities designed to build teamwork, resilience, and friendships.

Highlights of the camp included the mid-ropes courses and giant swing, where students challenged their fears and supported each other to reach new heights, and the tower of tremble team-building game that fostered cooperation and camaraderie. It was inspiring to see students encourage one another as they navigated across the course, and demonstrating courage and determination to get safely back on the ground.

The Wappa walk provided an opportunity for students to explore the beautiful surroundings and learn about local wild-life. Along the way the camp staff provided information to the students about what flora they could eat, and skills for dealing with ticks and leeches. Students also had the opportunity on the walk to see a traditional First Nations shelter, called a humpy. Students also excelled in bush skills, learning some valuable lessons for exploring the great outdoors. A highlight was the evening campfire on the second night, it was great to see everyone relaxed and singing, dancing and sharing stories under the stars.

We are very thankful to the dedicated teachers and camp staff who provided a safe and supportive environment, allowing all students to make the most of this enriching experience.

The Year 7 camp at Camp Maranatha was a resounding success, leaving students with lasting memories and strengthened bonds with their peers. We look forward to more adventures and growth in the future!

Mrs Tiana Pittman Year 7 Coordinator













### **FROM TECHNOLOGIES & IT**

If you are joining us in year 7 for 2025, our expression of interest form to join our Laptop resource scheme has recently been sent via enquiry tracker (check your email). If you missed it – please search 'laptop year 7 2025' on our website and take note of the dates required for return of the note and invoice payment. Payment plans are always welcome.

Hard copies of this paperwork are available at the front office of our school.

### **STEM IGNITE EXPERIENCE**

Earlier this year we had some super keen students from local primary schools come to experience STEM for the morning. Here at BRSHS we recognise that Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) touches every aspect of our lives, from our smartphones to the technologies that enable us to explore the world around us and outer space. It also drives innovation in our fast-changing global economy. To succeed in this environment and for Queensland to continue to prosper into the future, our students need a strong foundation in STEM.

The visiting primary schoolers loved using the STEM skills (problem solving, creativity, curiosity, flexibility and critical thinking to make a wind powered vehicle. What might look like paper, straws, paperclips and lollies was ingenuously transformed into a vehicle. The students blew us away with their ability and engagement – we hope they enrol with us so we can expand their STEM skills further!

Mrs Ange Gilbert Head of Technologies





### YEAR 11 CAMP

After a stormy and adventurous Tuesday night, our Year 11 students have thrown themselves into the island experience—visiting the lighthouse, climbing massive sand dunes, exploring the Champagne Pools, snorkelling, and collecting scientific data along the rocky shore. Cosy nightly campfires have kept them warm and helped them dry off. We were keen to hear more of their stories when they returned safely on the Friday night!

Ms Kirra Turton Head of Science and Maths



### **ACTIVIST ART**

The Y10's ended the year in Visual Arts with a unit on Activism Art. Students learnt how various artists use visual language to communicate awareness of a social issue. They then researched about a social issue they are passionate about that affects their generation. Based on the message they wanted to communicate in their artwork, students chose whichever medium was best suited and the results of work completed are fantastic! Here is a sample of the powerful art produced by our talented 10s (soon to be 11s)!!

Ms Carley Cronk. Art Teacher



### **2024 FORMAL**

On a fine Friday evening, the graduating class of 2024 came together at the beautiful Stamford Plaza Hotel in Brisbane City to celebrate the end of their high school journey. Set against the serene backdrop of the Brisbane River and the Story Bridge, the evening was a chance to reflect on their achievements, share cherished memories, and look ahead to new beginnings.

The students arrived dressed to impress, showcasing their individual styles with elegant gowns and sharp suits that



added to the joy and excitement of the occasion. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming as friends, families, and staff shared in the pride of this significant milestone. The grand staircase provided a perfect spot for the cohort's final group photo, capturing not only their stunning outfits but also the unity and connection built over the years.

The success of the evening was made possible by the hard work and dedication of the Year 12 students, who worked together to organize the event. Their efforts in planning, fundraising, and decorating reflected their thoughtfulness and care in creating a special night for everyone to enjoy. From the delicious menu featuring Japanese platters and a chocolate fountain to the carefully chosen decorations, every detail was a labour of love.

The Stamford Plaza's picturesque setting, with its elegant décor and views of Brisbane's city lights, provided the perfect backdrop for an evening filled with music, dancing, and heartfelt moments. Beyond the formalities and festivities, it was a time to celebrate friendships and reflect on the journey that brought them to this moment.

To the graduates of 2024: this evening was a testament to your kindness, teamwork, and gratitude. As you move forward into new opportunities and challenges, may the memories of this night remind you of the strong connections and shared experiences that shaped your time at school. Thank you for making this celebration a true reflection of your incredible spirit.





### **FORMAL PHOTOS**

Formal Photos Are Out!

Attention parents and students! The much-awaited formal photos are now available! Please check your emails for details from Year 12 Coordinator Ms Charlotte Ng on how to access the gallery.

Important Reminder:

The photo gallery will expire on January 10, 2025. After this date, there will be a \$25 re-load fee to access your photos.

Make sure to download and back up your photos in a safe

location before the expiry date to avoid any extra costs.

Cherish these special memories!



### **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.





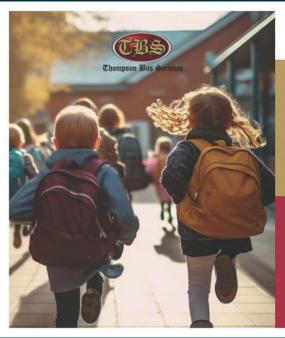
# COMMUNITY **NOTICES**



The AEC is recruiting up to 100,000 temporary staff to help deliver the federal election. There are paid jobs available before, on and after voting day. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply. Register today at aec.gov.au/electionjobs







#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

School routes and times might be changing next year in your area and your students may be affected.

Keep up to date by checking the Translink Journey Planner online by visiting jp.translink.com.au



More infomation from translink will be available online from 6 January 2025.

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\$70PP INCLUDING 5HRS ALL ACCESS, GAMES,
FREE PLAY, LUNCH + DRINK AND GRIP SOCKS

16TH AND 20TH DECEMBER 10AM-3PM BOOKINGS CLOSE ON THE 13/12/2024

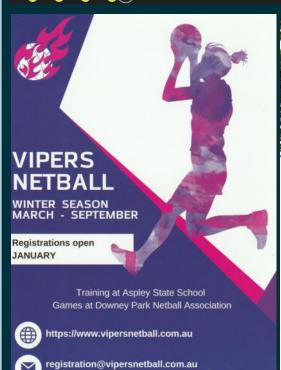


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Saturday 14 December: 7:30am to 1:30pm Saturday 21 December: 7:30am to 1:30pm

Pre-order by emailing: nngscoutsxmastrees@gmail.com

Location: Wonargo Cultural Centre, 62 Flower St, Northgate (next to Toombul Bowls Club)



### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**



The results of the largest survey of young people in Australia are now available at Annual Youth Survey | Mission Australia.

Mission Australia will once again conduct its national Youth Survey in 2025 and we would value your support. If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes to register your interest and we'll be in touch with all the details closer to the launch date.

We hope you find these reports both interesting and useful to your work of supporting Australia's young people.



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High school can be an exciting time but it can also be demanding and stressful. As a high school student, you might face a range of issues such as bullying, friendship problems, relationship drama, family conflict, identity, sexuality, gender, body image and stress about assessment and study. These issues can have a big impact on you, and some young people can start to develop mental health symptoms such as anxiety and low mood.

Fortunately, help is available. You may be able to talk to your School Psychologist or Guidance Officer, but there are also other options.

Digital mental health services (programs or apps delivered online or over the phone) can offer you a free/low-cost and easily accessible option for mental health support, information and treatment. You can use the resources on your own (i.e., self-guided), with the help of an online health practitioner (if a program includes this), or along-





