

# Bracken Ridge Matters

Term 4 Week 6 2024



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Next week we celebrate the graduation and formal of our Year 12 students. These culminating events, celebrated with the community, are a recognition of the students' dedication and resilience together with the support from families, friends and school staff to meet their goals. I look forward to seeing the final results and their next steps.

We are finalizing 2025 enrolments, in particular for year 7. The transition day is on Thursday 28 November for those students who have completed the enrolment and interview process. If you have not yet completed the Expression Of Interest for 2025 please do so as soon as possible to secure your place.

We have been reflecting on our whole Annual Improvement Plan for 2024 and wish to celebrate the following achievements. Our target by the end of 2027 for Academic Results - whole school is 90% A, B or C.

Term 1 2023	Sem 1 2023	Sem 2 2023	Term 1 2024	Sem 1 2024
80.3%	84.5%	85.9%	83.4%	86.4%

BRSBS has been part of a Mathematics Community of Practice in the Metropolitan North Region focusing on improving mathematics outcomes for students. Our focus in 2024 has been on Year 7 and 8 mathematics as we implemented the Australian Curriculum version 9. This has resulted in significant

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL (Cont'd)

improvements for our students far and we will continue this work for Year 7, and 9 in 2025.

Mathematics	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Sem 1 2024	82%	88%	67%
Sem 1 2023	71%	66%	70%

I wish to congratulate Deputy Principal's Kylie Price and Dave Christie on their recent permanent appointments to Bracken Ridge State High School. As we move into 2025 we are not anticipating any changes to the leadership team except for short periods of leave.

Our Year coordinators for 2025 are:

Year 7 – Tiana Pittman

Year 8 – Jacqui Kynoch

Year 9 – Chris Heer

Year 10 – Francis Donders

Year 11 – Wendy Porter

Year 12 – Natarsha Moloney

We are currently finalising class groupings and teacher allocations for our 2025 timetable. 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.

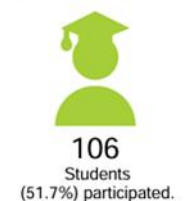
### School Opinion Survey 2024

Thank you to staff, students and parents/carers for completing our 2024 School Opinion Survey. Key highlights are shown below. We continue to work with our whole school community to improve our practices so students can strive to accomplish. Your feedback is valued and I encourage you to reach out and let us know what we are doing well and areas we can improve.

#### Highlights report for (2118) Bracken Ridge State High School, 2024



Most positive items	Agreement
Teachers at this school expect my child to do their best.	91.6
This school celebrates student achievements.	91.1
The expectations and rules are clear at this school.	89.5



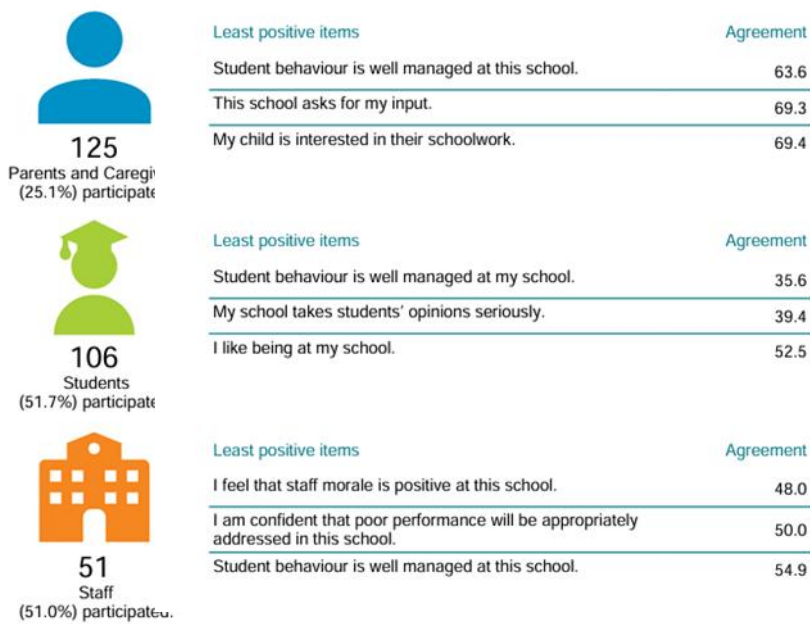
Most positive items	Agreement
My teachers expect me to do my best.	90.1
The expectations and rules are clear at my school.	87.7
I can access computers and other technologies at my school for learning.	83.2



Most positive items	Agreement
I use the Australian Curriculum (P-10) and/or Queensland senior syllabuses (11-12) for planning teaching, learning and assessment.	100.0
Students are encouraged to do their best at this school.	96.1
I modify my teaching practice after reviewing student assessment data.	94.4

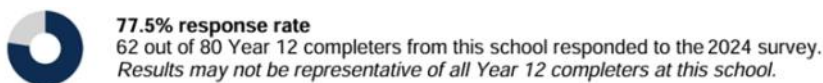
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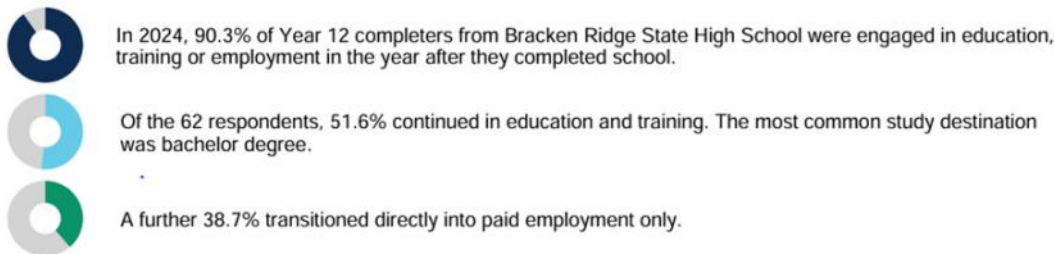


## NEXT STEP – 2024 Post-School Destinations

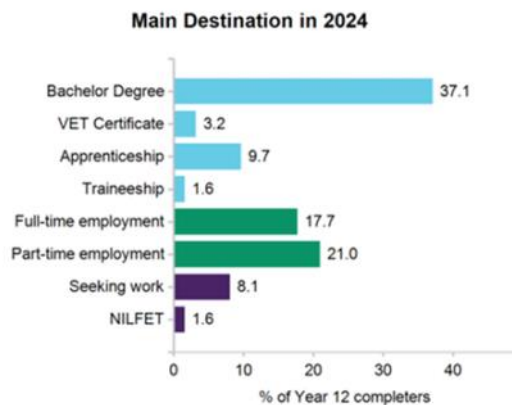
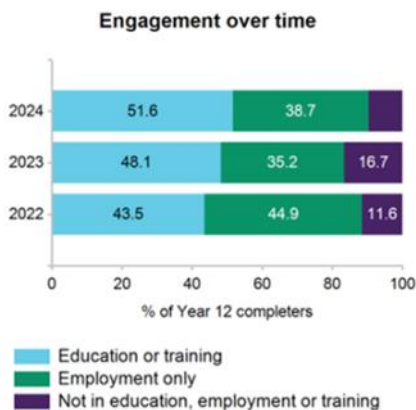
This is a summary of post-school destinations of Year 12 2023 students from Bracken Ridge State High School that completed the Next Step survey. A key part of our vision is supporting our students to achieve their pathway for success. We know our students all have different needs and we proud ourselves on our work with the student and their families to help students achieve their dreams.



### Post-school destinations



All Year 12 completers were assigned to a *main destination*. Respondents who were both studying and working are reported as being in education or training, including apprentices and trainees.



Michelle Lyons



## LIVING DEADLY JARJUMS BUS TOUR

On Friday, Week 10 of last Term, our living Deadly Didge and Dance Cultural group performed at four local primary schools including Norris Road, Brighton, Nashville and Bracken Ridge.

Mrs Davies, Aunty Di and Mr Quant all proudly supported the very enthusiastic First Nations Students, through a 30 minute 'Sharing Performance'.

The performances started with Gari Gynda Narmi (a welcome dance,) and animal Totem movements followed by a didge vocal, with audience participation being a highlight. (only boys in audience played the Didge).

Senior students Hayden and Mimi both engaged the audience with the *BRack-N-Deadly* story of how our school mob gathers regularly to yarn and to build culture connections.

The Primary students were very impressed with our musical and dance elements. And very thrilled to get involved in the face painting using ochre.

We All look forward to returning next year, with the hope of making this an annual event.

*Aunty Di*

*Teacher Aide and Community Elder*



## LIVING DEADLY MOB BBQ

Each term we have a Mob BBQ and we invite all our school mob to come together to yarn, to eat, and to share the successful learning journeys of our first nations students.

We have consistently had 60-80 family members and students with their friends and the FNEF (First Nations Education Facilitators) team, staff and

community members attending the BBQ and Yarn.

We come together to celebrate and to culturally connect, acknowledging the success of our students. We understand Cultural connections are vital to the success of our mob, and would encourage you to join us; if you've never been, please come along.

We have awarded over 400 Deadly Attender Certificates, and 200 Deadly Brain Certificates. Over the next couple of weeks we will be finalizing our created deadly awards to be given out on assembly in week 8.

*Aunty Di and Sharon Davies*



## HOSPITALITY PRACTICES EXCURSION

11 Hospitality Practices students had a wonderful day touring various hospitality venues in Brisbane City for their upcoming Investigation assessment. Big thanks to the Stamford Plaza for their hotel tour and Argentinean BBQ lunch. The Hotel School also treated the students to a donut and talk about the courses they offer in conjunction with Southern Cross University. We also checked out the amazing new Star Casino Sky deck! These students represented the school proudly.



## ATAR EARLY ENTRY CHAMPIONS

Some of our Year 11 students have been working hard on their future plans, and we're excited to share their results so far:

- Sarah is studying Intro to Criminology and scored a distinction on her last assessment.
- Jake is studying Intro to Bio Science and scored 88% on his mid semester exam and a 96% average which is a high distinction.
- Will is studying Playing with Genre in Creative Writing and scored an 82% average on his first two assessments.
- Zoe is studying Intro to Psychology and scored an 80% average on her preliminary assessments.

Well done to these students whose hard work and dedication is paying off for them and their future.



## SHAKE AND STIR YEAR 9 PERFORMANCES



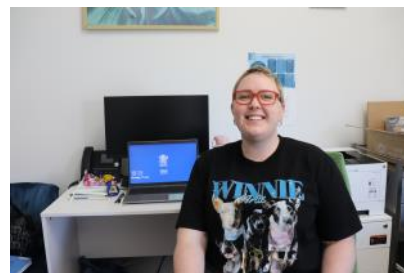
The theatre company **Shake and Stir** has been visiting our school and entertaining English students with their interpretations of some of Shakespeare's plays. The Year 9 presentation was called 'Tragic Magic' and gave students the opportunity to engage in Shakespearean drama and ask questions about the plays and performance art.

*Ms Kelli Gray*  
*Humanities/English Teacher*



## STUDENT SUPPORT - NURSE JILL

It has been a little while since Bracken Ridge SHS has had a SBYH Nurse so I thought this would be a good opportunity to reintroduce everyone to the roll and myself as the school's dedicated SBYH Nurse. Students can book private appointments with the nurse and talk about a range of topics that they may not want to talk about with another adult including growth & development, mental health, smoking/vaping, alcohol and other drugs, relationships, and sexuality as well as personal or family problems.



You may have seen me at assembly last term or my picture on the school Facebook page, my name is Jill, and I am Bracken Ridge SHS's new SBYH Nurse. I have spent much of my time as a nurse working in Emergency but have recently taken an opportunity to work as a SBYH Nurse. I am excited to be apart of the wellbeing team to support young people with all aspects of their health and wellbeing. I am at school on Mondays and Wednesdays sharing my office with the GP and I am more than happy for you to pop in just for a chat or to book an appointment. I look forward to meeting everyone and becoming a part of the school community.

Encourage your teen to speak with their Youth Health Nurse at school if they want to talk about their health and wellbeing.

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/chqSBYHN>

To make a referral to see the School Based Youth Health Nurse, scan the QR Code:



# MEET JILL

## SCHOOL BASED YOUTH HEALTH NURSE/CLINICAL NURSE

**BEFORE I CAME TO BRSHS I:** I worked at Queensland Children's Hospital Emergency department, I still work there a few days a week to keep up my clinical skills.

**A FEW OF MY FAVOURITE THINGS – SUBJECT WHEN I WAS AT SCHOOL:** Fashion

**SUBJECT NOW THAT I'M HERE:** Lunch

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** anything Italian

**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Coffee, or anything Lemon

**FAVOURITE PLACE:** Paros, Greece

**A HOBBY I LOVE:** Gardening, playing in the garden with my dogs Winnie & Arthur

**A FUN FACT ABOUT ME THAT MIGHT SHOCK YOU:** I grew up on an Alpaca farm and spent most of my childhood caring for the alpacas (I even taught some of them to walk on a leash.)

**MY HOPES FOR THIS YEAR AT BRACKEN RIDGE HIGH:** I really look forward to meeting lots of young people and helping them develop a better understanding of health/healthcare and how they can access the services they need.

**WELCOME JILL!**

A close-up portrait of Nurse Jill, a young woman with blonde hair and a nose ring, wearing a purple top. She is smiling slightly at the camera.The logo of Bracken Ridge High School, featuring a shield with a star and the school's name.

## STUDENT SUPPORT - B.R.I.C. AT BRSHS

Myself (Jill the school-based youth health nurse) and Alec (guidance officer) have re-started B.R.I.C (Bracken Ridge Inclusivity Club).

### What is it?

It is a group being held on Wednesdays at second break that aims to support the LGBTIQ+ students and allies within the school.

It is a safe place for young people to hang out at lunch, chat with their peers as well as Alec and myself and eventually work on a school improvement project (TBD).

### Who can come?

Any student or staff member who is kind or supportive is welcome to attend B01 on Wednesdays at second break to talk and learn from each other.





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'Enchanted Realms'





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# YEAR 7 IN 2025 TRANSITION DAY

## 2025 Year 7 Transition Day Arrangements

It is hard to believe we are now in term 4. It will not be long until we welcome all 2025 Year 7 students at our compulsory Transition Day on Thursday 28 November 2024. During this day, your child will be introduced to our Year 11 buddies, School Vice Captains and become familiar with the layout and facilities of our school. It will also enable us to find out a bit more about your child's interests and academic strengths and weaknesses in an effort to best support them when they begin at Bracken Ridge State High School in 2025.

**This day will begin at 9:00am and conclude at 1pm. Please arrive around 8:30am at meet at the MPSC (front of the school).**

## 2025 Year 7 Parent Information Sessions

We are also holding Information Sessions for parents new to secondary education. These sessions are designed for parents and carers of Year 6 students who will be attending Bracken Ridge State High School in 2025. This session will provide you with an insight into the elements of high school, our school expectations and will give you the opportunity to ask any questions and to meet other parents of students attending in 2025.

There are two sessions to select from:

Monday 25 November 2024 (4:00pm – 5:00pm)

Thursday 28 November 2024 (12:00pm – 1:00pm)

Each session will be held in the school's new building, K block. Please meet in the school office (administration) prior to the sessions. Please RSVP to [events@brackenridgeshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:events@brackenridgeshs.eq.edu.au) by COB Thursday 21 November 2024 stating your name, your child's name and which session you would like to attend.



## Transition Day

On Thursday 28 November 2024,  
we welcome all 2025 enrolled Year 7 students to  
Bracken Ridge State High School.

### What's happening that day?

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| 8.40 am | Meet with Senior Buddies and School Leaders at front of school |
| 9.00 am | Welcome to Bracken Ridge SHS (in MPSC)                         |
| 9.15 am | Commencement of allocated activities:                          |

Activities will allow students to meet many of their new classmates, familiarise them with location of classrooms and other key facilities, meet key staff members and ensure that students are comfortable and confident with their new surroundings.

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| 12:30 pm | Sausage sizzle lunch (supplied by school) |
| 1.00 pm  | Pick up time                              |

Bracken Ridge SHS staff and students look forward to  
meeting with you on this day.

Students are expected to be dressed in their current school sports uniform.

Lunch is provided; however, students will need to bring morning tea or money for tuckshop.

Strive to Accomplish



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# NEW INITIATIVE BEGINNING 2025



## Bracken Ridge SHS Flexi Learning Program



Bracken Ridge State High School acknowledges that some students experience significant challenges at various junctures in their schooling and for most remaining at school provides their best chance of success.

The Flexi Learning Program responds to adolescent development and sets high expectations for achieving the best outcomes possible. The space is staffed by dedicated teachers that help shape innovative practices to provide students with uninterrupted access to the Australian curriculum and high-quality teaching. This core teacher model aims to establish relationships with students, deepen connections with families, foster community engagement and build a strong foundation for learning.

The six-month Flexi Learning Program:

- Supports students in enhancing their potential by increasing their learning engagement and independence
- Supports student learning through individualised approaches
- Encourages students to take risks with their learning and improve learning outcomes
- Provides a safe learning environment to enable students to take learning risks
- Collectively works to enhance student's confidence, social-emotional connectedness and wellbeing.

Students will be identified by a team of dedicated staff who will analyse student data (academic outcomes including behaviour and effort, engagement and attendance) to consider participation in the program. Students will be invited to attend the program, and an information session will occur to outline the program to parent/carers.

The Flexi Learning Program will assist students to re-engage, build confidence in their own ability and improve their learning endurance. The basis of the program is to build on solid academic foundations to prepare for the years ahead. This is complimented by a well-established transition program which ensures each student feels valued and supported. The program will track student progress, observe student behaviour and engagement in classes, and provide students with self-regulation skills, attitudes and strategies to achieve individual goals for improvement.

Students will participate in learning tasks and assessments to meet the requirements of the Australian Curriculum. The academic program is designed to build learning resilience, with confidence and endurance through Social Sciences and Science expectations. Additional social and emotional programs will allow students to improve critical and creative thinking, personal and social capability and ethical and intercultural understanding. Students will continue to attend all other timetabled classes.

**The Flexi Learning Program provides  
quality teaching, learning and  
personal growth opportunities in a  
dedicated learning environment  
that is safe and consistent for students.**





## MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

### Term 4 Assessment Time

With assessment tasks and tests coming up, this is an important time for students to showcase their hard work and growth! While assessments can feel challenging, approaching this period with positivity and preparation can make a world of difference.

Here are some tips to help students manage their time and stay balanced. Parents and carers, your support and encouragement during this time can make a huge impact! Here's how you can help:

#### Top Tips for Supporting Students During Assessments:

- **Help Students Stay Organised:** Encourage the use of a student planner or calendar app to track assessment dates and deadlines. Regularly check that dates are recorded to help them stay on top of their tasks. Year 10 should review the exam block timetable and make sure they are at school on time for the start of each exam period.
- **Set Clear, Realistic Expectations:** Break down assessments into manageable parts using simple language and clear criteria. This will help students understand each task and build confidence.
- **Encourage Help-Seeking:** Remind students that it's okay to seek support if they're feeling overwhelmed. They can turn to teachers, student services, or the school psychologist for guidance.
- **Provide Diverse Learning Experiences:** Use a variety of class activities and assessment methods to give students opportunities to demonstrate their understanding and skills in different ways.
- **Promote a Growth Mindset:** Encourage students to view setbacks as learning opportunities. This mindset is key to resilience and long-term success in school and beyond.
- **Goal-Setting Practice:** Guide students in setting achievable short, medium, and long-term learning goals. This habit builds motivation and a sense of accomplishment.

#### A Note to Parents and Carers:

Your support during this assessment period is invaluable! By helping students stay organized, encouraging a growth mindset, and promoting healthy study habits, you play a crucial role in their success. Let's work together to make this a positive and rewarding experience for all our students. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership!

For our **Year 9 students**, you are close to achieving your Junior Certificate of Education this year! Keep up your focus and effort to finish strong. If you need any clarity or have questions, please feel free to reach out to your Year Level Coordinator, Miss Donders.

Our **Year 10 students** have completed their SET Plans in preparation for Year 11, and as part of this important transition, will be sitting a block exam in Week 8. Attendance during this time is essential for exams and catch-up sessions, designed to help you achieve the best results possible. Special thanks to Mrs. Rooney (Head of Department: Middle School) and her team for their ongoing support, and to Mr. Kirk for his guidance throughout Terms 1, 2, and 3.

We wish all students a rewarding and successful assessment period—keep up the hard work, and remember, every effort brings you closer to your goals!

*Mr David Christie*

*Deputy Principal – Middle School*



*Middle School Team*

Deputy Principal – Mr David Christie  
Head of Department Middle School – Mrs Linda Rooney  
Year Level Coordinator Year 10 – Mr Chris Heer  
Year Level Coordinator Year – Ms Francis Donders



## PREPARING FOR LEARNING

A reminder for all students that you are required to bring your laptop every day, charged and ready for learning. Charging cords **should not** be brought to school. Before school and lunch time charging is available in the library. Day Loans are available from the Library prior to 8.30am. Please ensure you protect your laptop by always transporting it to and from school (and between classes) using the case. Warranty claims can be voided when the Laptop is not transported using the provided case.



If you suspect your Password could be known by any other person, please ask a teacher to reset your password and immediately choose a new Password and keep it private.

Parents: please support your young person to charge their device at home, bring it in the case and ensure it is restarted on the school network at least once a week.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

*Mrs Angela Gilbert - Head of Technologies*

## YEAR 10 EXAM BLOCK

In Week 8 of Term 4, a five-day block exam period will be occurring for the Year 10 cohort **starting Monday 18 November, concluding Friday 22 November.**

Please take the time to discuss with your child the exam schedule and times for attending school so any transport arrangements can be organised.

Key information about exam block:

- Students are required to arrive at the exam location 10 minutes before each session begins – 8:50 am and 11:50 am.
- Attendance is mandatory for all required sessions.
- There is no expectation for students to attend school from Monday to Friday outside of scheduled examination sessions. Attendance records will be updated to reflect this.
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- Absences from exams must be supported by a medical certificate and a missed examination form. Additionally, please notify the school of any expected absences prior to the exam date.
- For any catch-up sessions to complete outstanding assessments, notification emails will be sent to both the student and parent/caregiver requiring attendance.
- Once exams are completed, students are to either leave the school grounds or sign in at the Resource Centre for quiet individual study.
- Year 10 students are required to read the attached document carefully to ensure they are aware of the expectations to successfully complete the exam period. Students should develop a study plan to ensure they are prepared to perform to the best of their ability.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Middle School team.

### Term 4 – Week 8 Exam Block Timetable – Year 10

Session	Monday 18 Nov	Tuesday 19 Nov	Wednesday 20 Nov	Thursday 21 Nov	Friday 22 Nov
1 9:00 am to 11:30 am	YEAR 10 - English 2 Hours + 15 Minutes Planning K Block	YEAR 10 - Maths 90 Minutes + 10 Minutes Perusal K Block	YEAR 10 - Science 90 Minutes + 10 Minutes Perusal K Block	YEAR 10 - Music Practical Performances K Block	Final Catch Up Sessions for absent students  Students required for this session will be contacted by the HoD Middle School
Lunch	Students who do not have a Session 2 to attend may leave the school campus or study in the Resource Centre.				
2 12:00 pm to 2:50 pm	Catch up session 1 (English, Languages and Humanities) Resource Centre	YEAR 10 -History 2 hrs + 15 Minutes planning K Block  Catch up session 2 Science and Maths Resource Centre	YEAR 10 - Civics 2 hrs + 15 Minutes Planning K Block	Catch up session 3 Arts, HPE and Technologies Resource Centre	

## SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

As discussed in this week's assembly, the plan for the next couple of weeks will require careful review to ensure Year 11 students attend all required sessions across the next couple of weeks.



### Week 7

- **Monday – Wednesday Exam Block (timetable below):** Sessions are **compulsory** unless you have been advised by your teacher that attendance is not required in these sessions.
- **Illness during exams:** You must supply a medical certificate and complete the documentation attached.

**VET students:** If you do not complete the required Year 11 work from Term 1 – 4 during Block Exams, you must attend summer school in Week 8.

### Week 8

- **Monday:** All students will be in timetabled classes, with the exception of the Smith Family excursion students.
- **Tuesday:** Camp students depart; Day 2 of the Smith Family excursion; Summer school commences
- **Wednesday - Friday:** Summer School continues.

Students who are not on camp, and have completed all their Year 11 work, have Literacy / Numeracy and have 50% of their VET subjects will have "attendance not required" recorded.

More details about Summer School will be shared with those students as required by one of the Senior School team and communication shared home.

*Mrs Heatherbell Fanani*

*Head of Senior School/Senior Business/VET*

## Term 4 – Week 7 Exam Block Timetable – Year 11

Session	Monday 11 November	Tuesday 12 November	Wednesday 13 November	Thursday 14 November	Friday 15 November
1  9:00 am to 11:15 am	<b>DRAMA</b> P01 (Auditorium) 20 Mins Planning + 120 Mins Working 4 Students	<b>LEGAL STUDIES</b> P01 (Auditorium) 15 Minutes Planning + 120 Mins Working 6 Students	<b>ESSENTIAL MATHS</b> E05  5 Mins Perusal & 60 Mins working  All Students	<b>GRADUATION PRACTICE</b> Form – Period 1	<b>GRADUATION</b> MPSC Form – Period 2
	<b>MODERN HISTORY</b> P01 (Auditorium) 20 Mins Planning + 120 Mins Working 10 Students	<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b> P01 (Auditorium) 15 Minutes Planning + 120 Mins Working 6 Students			
	<b>CONSTRUCTION</b> E01 Form – Period 2 19 Students	<b>ENGINEERING</b> E05 Form – Period 2 13 Students		<b>TIMETABLED CLASSES</b> Period 2	
Lunch	Students who do not have a Session 2 to attend may leave the school campus or study in the senior student spaces in the Resource Centre				
2  12:00 pm To 2:50 pm	<b>WORKPLACE SKILLS</b> P01 (Auditorium) Period 3 – Period 4  • Attendance is at request of teacher and is compulsory • Students will be advised prior to session	<b>BUSINESS</b> P01 (Auditorium) 2 Hours + 15 Minutes 2 Students	<b>TOURISM</b> P01 (Auditorium) Period 3 – Period 4  • Attendance is at request of teacher and is compulsory • Students will be advised prior to session	<b>TIMETABLED CLASSES</b> Period 3	<b>TIMETABLED CLASSES</b> Period 3
		<b>HOSPITALITY</b> B14 2 Hours + 15 Minutes Period 3 – Period 4 18 Students		<b>TIMETABLED CLASSES</b> Period 4	<b>TIMETABLED CLASSES</b> Period 4



# ACADEMIC AND SPORTS AWARD CELEBRATION

Earlier this term we celebrated our highest achieving academic and sporting students at our annual Awards Night. We combined the top tier outcomes in both Academic and Sporting pursuits and showcased the remarkable students we have here at Bracken Ridge SHS.



Students who were the highest-ranked student in their year level and subject were recognised, and their combined efforts in receiving Excellence in both sports and their academic results were featured. The night culminated with our special awards, where students in the following fields were congratulated:

Ava Green-Oliver	Round Table Coffee Reader of the Year
Kaewa Marumaru	P&C Citizenship Award
Harrison Sedun	Junior Instrumental Music Award
Jessica Fuller	Australian Academy of Music - Senior Instrumental Music Award
Kaewa Marumaru	Cr Sandy Landers Information Processing Technology Award
Charlotte Tobler	Trainee of the Year Award
Maisie Storey	Cr Jared Cassidy Excellence in Maths and Science Award
Sia Newell	Cr Jared Cassidy Excellence in Sports Award (joint winner)
Alex Saunders	Cr Jared Cassidy Excellence in Sports Award (joint winner)
Beau Hubbard	Support Services Award
Kaitlyn Robins	Stirling Hinchliffe Community Service Award
Mia Fry	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Excellence Award
Dakoda Zagami	Sports Coordinator Award
Rosa Quant	Year 10 - ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award
Crystal Wright-Powell	Year 12 - ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award
Phillip Groeneweld	Year 10 - ADF Future Innovators Award
Kaewa Marumaru	Year 12 - ADF Future Innovators Award
Rafael Doig	Petrie Shield - Leadership (Year 9)
Haydn Roberts	Petrie Shield - Sporting Spirit
Hannah Snadden-Jackson	Junior Dux (Petrie Shield - Academic)
Crystal Wright -Powell	Ampol All Rounder
Kaitlyn Robins	Sportsperson of the Year
Emma Bishop	Senior Dux

We are grateful to our sponsors, presenters, teachers and support staff who made this night a very special event, and thank all involved in making it a wonderful celebration of another great year at Bracken Ridge State High School.



## GPs IN SCHOOLS FOR YOUR CHILD

We know how important it is to support our students' physical and mental health, which is why our school is proud to be participating in the GPs in State Schools Program.



Dr Yan Lee joined the program at Bracken Ridge SHS in June 2022. Students can see Dr Lee for any physical, mental, or sexual and reproductive health concerns. Our school's GP clinic is open every Tuesday during term time between 8:30am and 12:00 noon.

Students are encouraged to talk to Student Services for more information or to make an appointment.



Proudly participating in the  
**GPs in State Schools Program**



## Smart Ticketing is live on Thompson Bus Services

Students who travel on Thompson Bus Services are now able to pay for their travel using Smart Ticketing Visa, Mastercard and American Express contactless credit or debit cards, smartphones, smart watches and other smart devices, if they have access to them.

To use Smart Ticketing successfully, students need to prepare early, take their card out of their wallet or case, or prepare their smart device ready to tap. They must also tap on and tap off at the end of their journey using the same card or device.

## FAQs

### 1. Can I use Smart Ticketing to transfer between services?

Yes, you can transfer between services using Smart Ticketing if it is enabled on that service. When transferring between services, remember to tap on and tap off using the same payment method for every trip on your journey, so your fare is calculated correctly. If you are transferring to a SEQ bus other than a Caboolture Bus Lines, Kinetic Sunshine Coast, or Hornibrook Bus Lines operated service, please continue to use your go card at this time.

### 2. How do I know if I have tapped on correctly?

If a customer taps on correctly at a validator, they will see a "tick" on the screen. If a customer doesn't tap on correctly at a validator, they will see a "cross" instead. Customers must tap on at the start of their journey and tap off at the end of their journey with the same card or device, the same way that customers do with a go card.

### 3. Can I use eftpos or prepaid cards?

No. Eftpos or prepaid cards are not accepted with Smart Ticketing. Smart Ticketing payment methods are contactless Visa, Mastercard or American Express debit or credit cards, including cards in the digital wallet of your smartphone, smart watch or other smart devices.

### 4. Can I still use my go card on Smart Ticketing equipment?

Yes, customers can still use their go card on Smart Ticketing equipment.

Smart Ticketing trials are being progressively activated for travel on all remaining Queensland buses and Southern Moreton Bay Island ferries, operator-by-operator in the coming months. To learn more about Smart Ticketing, visit [translink.com.au/smartticketing](https://translink.com.au/smartticketing)



## ZENITH EOI FOR 2024

Do you want your own copy of this year's Yearbook?  
We're asking for Expressions of Interest to be placed with us now for collection in early 2025.

Send an email to [events@brackenridgeshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:events@brackenridgeshs.eq.edu.au) with your name and the number of copies you want, and we'll advise when they're ready for collection.

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# ZENITH 2024

# EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Week 7

Monday 11 November - Year 11 Block Exams (until Wednesday 13 Nov)

Wednesday 13 November - External Exams finish for Year 12

Thursday 14 November - Year 12 Graduation Rehearsal

Friday 16 November - Senior Graduation, Class of 2024 8:45am, Last Day for Year 12 students

Friday 17 November - Year 12 Formal

### Week 8

Monday 18 November - Year 10 Block Exams (until Wednesday 20 November)

Monday 18 November - Smith Family Excursion Year 11

Tuesday 19 November - Smith Family Excursion Year 11

Tuesday 19 November - AQP/BIO/REC/MRN Camp (until Friday 22 November)

Wednesday 20 November - P&C Meeting 6pm

Wednesday 20 November - Year 11 Summer School

Thursday 21 November - Year 11 Summer School

Friday 22 November - Last Day of School for Year 10 & 11

### Week 9

Thursday 28 November - Transition Day, Year 6 students

Friday 29 November - JCE Rehearsal

### Week 10

Monday 2 December - JCE Ceremony

Thursday 5 December - HoD Structured Activities

Friday 6 December - HoD Structured Activities

Friday 6 December - Year 10/11 Reports issued

### Week 11

Thursday 12 December - Year 7, 8 & 9 Reports issued

Friday 13 December - Last Day of the school year (7, 8 & 9)

## Finishing Year 12 in 2024?

Take part in the **Next Step survey**



#### When?

March to June 2025

#### Why?

Your answers will help improve services for future students and you can win a laptop!

#### How?

You will be contacted by phone, email or mail.

Check your contact details are correct at <https://myqce.qcaa.qld.gov.au> to receive your invitation.

More info at [www.qld.gov.au/nextstep](http://www.qld.gov.au/nextstep)

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Are You A Parent of a Child Between 0 to 12 Years Old?

Researchers from the University of Southern Queensland and The University of Queensland, are conducting research into parents' opinions about parenting and climate change.

If you are a parent (18+ years) of a child aged 0 to 12 years and live in Australia, we would love to hear your views. You will need to complete a short online survey. To find out more or to participate, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/4e3mmrjc>

This research has been approved by the UniSQ Human Research Ethics Committee (ETH2024-0126)



## What is it like to PARENT in times of CLIMATE CHANGE ?

To complete the survey, please visit

<https://tinyurl.com/4e3mmrjc>

or scan the QR code:



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