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SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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# School News

PERSISTENCE & INTEGRITY

## Year 9 Orientation and Bonding Day

Clare Kavanagh | Year 9 Leader

It was great to be amongst the incredible Year 9 cohort at BRAC recently, for a half day of orientation, cementing friendships and relationships with their teachers. Students were put in groups and rotated through different stations of volleyball, team-building activities and a good standing 'Info Session'. The students participated well and engaged positively with each other, problem-solving in group activities and working cooperatively during team sports. We had a tasty BBQ lunch and then enjoyed some time in the pool to cool off and play games. A huge thanks to all the Year 9 form teachers, the students who attended and the support from parents and carers. It was a great way to kick off the start of the year.



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# Principal's Pen

Ngaji Gurrjin

*I am thrilled to report that we have had an outstanding start to the 2023 school year. Our Year 7 students have made a great transition to high school and have settled in well during their first few weeks, enjoying two days of programmed activities before starting their timetabled classes.*



*Congratulations to our cluster schools; Broome Primary School, Cable Beach Primary School, Broome North Primary School and Roebuck Primary School, for their excellent work in preparing these Year 7 students for high school.*

*Our cluster of Broome schools provides quality education from Kindergarten to Year 12, with quality face-to-face teaching. We are proud to be five schools, yet one community. Our school enrolments continue to strengthen from Year 7 to Year 12, enabling Broome Senior High School to offer a broad curriculum, targeted learning initiatives and numerous extra-curricular opportunities.*

*I wish to take this opportunity to remind you that parents play a crucial role in their child's education, and we encourage all to take the opportunity to meet with staff, engage in school activities, or even join the school P&C or the School Board when the opportunity arises. Broome Senior High School will continue to strengthen the relationships with all families, new and old, and to help every student be the best they can be in 2023.*

*My goal for 2023 is for every student at Broome Senior High School to advance and challenge themselves at their highest level. I also want to reassure you that our staff at Broome Senior High School are committed to supporting every student in their journey to achieving this success.*



*I look forward to working with our school community to make 2023 a successful year for all.*

**Mat Burt** | Principal

Gala Mabu



## Senior On-Country day trip

**Matt Allwood** | Broome Clontarf Academy Director

During week two the Senior Broome Clontarf Academy (BCA) students set off on an On-Country day trip to Roebuck Plains.

It was a great way to reconnect with Senior Academy students after a 6-week holiday break.

With the goal of catching and cooking a barney (goanna), the boys were chomping at the bit at the prospect of going barney hunting.

Lucky enough to see a few, some of the students put in a good chase, but unfortunately they were unsuccessful in catching any mainly due to there being a lot of hiding spots and water present.

The students did manage to catch one small one, however, given the respect and understanding of preservation, it was released peacefully.

Overall, the On-Country day trip was a fantastic day and positive interaction with all attendees.



## Concerns reviewed by the WA Education Department

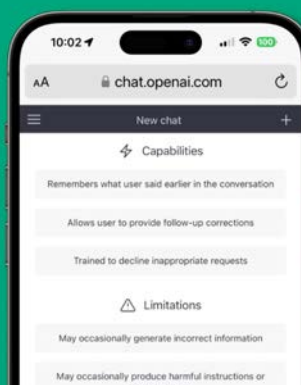
You may have recently learned, a new artificial intelligence application called ChatGPT is being used by some students to create content for assessments and assignments as part of their schoolwork.

After careful consideration, the Department has blocked access to this application on all public-school networks. This decision has been made with the best interest of students and staff in mind.

While technology continues to develop and evolve, and plays a critical part in every child's learning, we need to ensure students can demonstrate and be assessed on what they learn and know.

Users of this technology also need to be 18 years and over.

The Department will monitor this application, as well as other new technology available to staff and students and will respond to any that do not meet the best interests of our students.





# Aboriginal Education update

Clare Stack | Aboriginal Education Coordinator

**Year 7 Induction** - It was an awesome start to 2023. The Year 7 transition day saw rotation groups participate in Aboriginal Contemporary Art activities conducted by our AIEO team in the Cultural Centre. The day was full of fun, learning, and creative experiences.



**Week 2** - A surprise visit from two AIEOs from Fitzroy Valley District High School saw them taken on a tour of our school. They were very impressed with our school and culture.



**Week 3** - Miss Clare shared her personal story to year 7 and 8 classes recently as part of the 15th Anniversary of the National Apology Day for the Stolen Generation. It was an acknowledgment and understanding for students who participated.



## 2023 Financial (Secondary) Assistance Scheme

To assist families with the payment of contributions and charges, the Department of Education offers financial assistance to parents and guardians who are holders of a Centrelink Health Care Card, Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or a Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card.

### EDUCATION PROGRAM ALLOWANCE

\$235 is paid to the school towards the student's contributions and charges and applicants receive a further \$115 clothing allowance which they can elect to receive or have paid directly to the school to further assist them with school costs. Please note families who have applied for Abstudy are not eligible to apply for this allowance.

### ABSTUDY SUPPLEMENT ALLOWANCE

A supplement amount of \$79 is available to families who have already received the Abstudy school allowance of either \$78 or \$156 from Centrelink.

Application forms for both allowances are available from the Broome Senior High School administration office and please note applications close on Thursday 6 April 2023.

# SECONDARY

## 2023

# ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Years 7-12

You may be eligible for up to:

# \$350

*Towards school expenses*

Applications close Thursday 6 April 2023

Ask School Administration Office for more information



## Parent Induction helps kickstart the 2023 Academic Extension program

**Kate Murrihy** | Head of Learning Area, HaSS

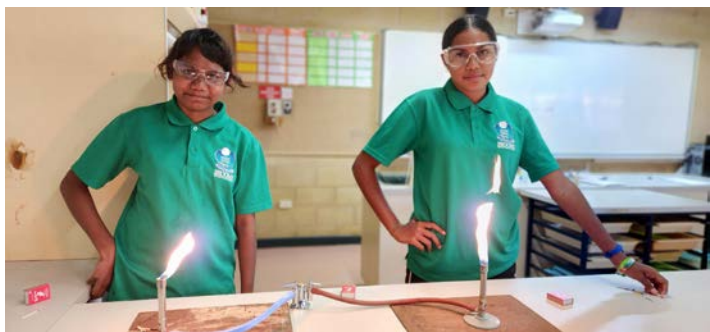
The Academic Extension Parent Induction session held recently here at school saw a really great turn out. Students and parents were introduced to the two-year Academic Extension Program, including an overview of the key skills that will be developed during the course of this program. Students then took their parents on a scavenger hunt around the Big History Project website to help understand the platform that they'll be learning from throughout the program and how it is presented to students.



## It's all about science

**Joelene Pearson** | Science Teacher

This term, students have been introduced to a variety of activities to learn about safety in the lab. Most recently students learnt how to safely use a Bunsen Burner to heat liquids. They are able to read a thermometer to check the temperature and pack away all equipment safely.



## 2023 Faction Captains

**Scott Beatty** | Head of Learning Area, Phys Ed and Health

At our recent Year 12 assembly the following students were announced as our 2023 Faction Captains.

The faction captain role is an important leadership position at our school. We are grateful that these students are prepared to lead by example and take on the challenges of the role.

### DAMPIER



Harri Fox



Zac Millar



Charli Price

### DURACK



Jack Roberts



Lorna Lee Thomas



Jannah Western

### RIDDELL



Azi Lister



Charlee Pollard



Kyle Rowstron

### MILLER



Tallara Cook



Hayley Shadforth



## Three-point shoot-out championships

Will Veldman | School Chaplain

The student council recently held a fundraiser for the Lion's Cancer Institute. Students were invited to bring along a gold-coin donation and enter into the competition. Each student had three chances to shoot a 3-pointer and if they scored at least one, they would go through to the next round.

Around 30 students from Year 7 through to Year 12 entered the competition, with many other students getting down to watch and support.

In the end, there could be only one winner. In a tense shoot out, Eavan Hughes from Year 7 came away with the final hoop, snagging himself the winning basketball.

Well done Eavan! A massive thank you to Sports Power for donating the prize ball, the Student Council for organising the fundraiser and to all the students for coming down, having a go and supporting a worthy cause.



## Attend today and achieve tomorrow

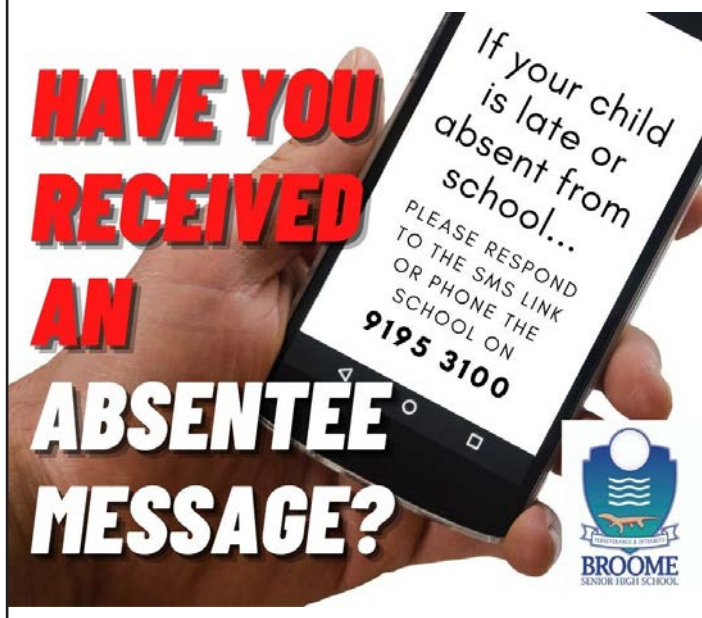
Missing school means your child misses out on vital information and maintaining learning routines. This can result in a loss of confidence and missing out on forming vital friendships.

Attendance is recorded each day. As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day, including sports days unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious illness.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to attend school regularly, you might like to talk to the school Principal or the school Student Services team.

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, including arriving late or leaving early, please contact the school on 9195 3100, or explain the reason by email as soon as possible.





## School-based immunisation program for 2023: what to expect.

The School-based Immunisation Program provides routine and recommended vaccines to WA high school students for free.

Students are eligible to receive the following vaccines in 2023:

- **Year 7:** Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) and Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- **Year 10:** Meningococcal ACWY (Men ACWY)

In the coming weeks:

- our school nurse will provide a talk to students on the vaccinations
- consent forms will be sent out and must be completed even if the student is not having the vaccination.
- dates will be set for the vaccinations
- our school nurse will come to the school to administer them.
- follow-up vaccinations will be done throughout the year on students who may not be at school on the set date.

### Immunisation records

Following vaccination, students will receive a record of the vaccines they have received. All vaccines administered through the school-based program are recorded in the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR). You can access your child's Immunisation History Statements from the AIR to check their vaccinations are up to date.

Visit [healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation) for more information on the diseases and vaccinations used to protect against them.



## Free vaccinations at school for students in years 7 and 10

Protect your child against vaccine-preventable diseases.



Parents and guardians can consent on the [VaccinateWA](https://VaccinateWA.wa.gov.au) website.

Otherwise a hard copy form can be requested from school. Consent is required before the immunisation program starts in Term 1.

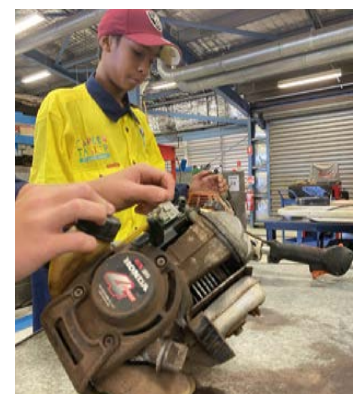
[healthywa.wa.gov.au/schoolimmunisations](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/schoolimmunisations)



## Our Career Tasters program has started again

Anna Gavan | Careers Practitioner

Year 9 students participated recently in practical activities in the Automotive Training Centre at North Regional TAFE as they pulled apart small motors used within the trades. They engaged in Business, learning micro-skills, navigating social media platforms and digital marketing from local industry experts. These experiences are just the beginning of this year's Career Tasters program and are an excellent way to gain exposure to post-school opportunities that students find meaningful.





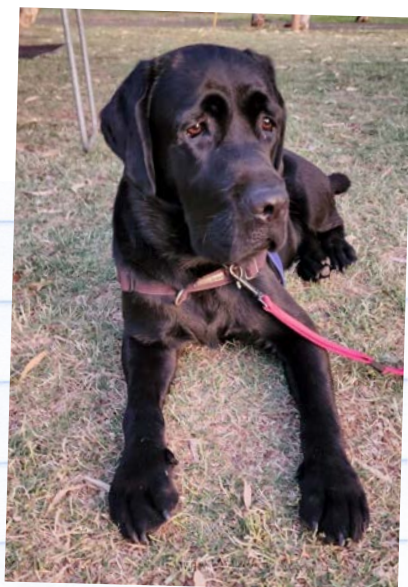
"Hi everyone!

I had a fabulous Christmas holiday down south with mum and dad. I caught up with lots of my furry friends and cousins and had some great play time and lots of swims.

It was very relaxing. Now I am back at school enjoying meeting all my new Year 7 friends and all the other students and staff who come in to rub my tummy.

I hope everyone is going to have a really good year. I am!"

Lots of woofs from Wellington  
Broome Senior High School  
Well-Being dog



## Homework Study Club 2023

Homework club here at school has commenced. All students are invited to attend to complete their homework tasks, research or simply revise. Teachers will be on hand to assist as per the schedule below.

Term 1	Even Weeks	Odd Weeks
Monday	<b>Lunch:</b> P5 Art Studio  <b>After school:</b> R Block maths - Larkman Human Biology/Psych – Latchman Biology – Stocks Physics - Thorogood	<b>Lunch:</b> P5 Art Studio  <b>After school:</b> R Block maths - Larkman Human Biology/Psych – Latchman Biology - Stocks Physics - Thorogood
Tuesday	<b>Lunch:</b> P5 Art Studio  <b>After school:</b> Yr 11 Art Tutorial in P5	<b>Lunch:</b> P5 Art Studio  <b>After school:</b> Yr 11 Art Tutorial in P5
Wednesday	<b>Lunch:</b> P5 Art Studio  <b>After school:</b> English O block Corridor – English Staff AEHBY/AECHE Tutorials – Cole F5	<b>Lunch:</b> P5 Art Studio  <b>After school:</b> Library - Staff English O block Corridor - English Staff AEHBY/AECHE Tutorials – Cole F5
Thursday	<b>Lunch:</b> P5 Art Studio  <b>After school:</b> Upstairs R Block (Maths) Chemistry – Beeton Library - Jill Haymes	<b>Lunch:</b> P5 Art Studio  <b>After school:</b> Upstairs R Block (Maths) Chemistry - Beeton Library - Jill Haymes
Friday	<b>Lunch:</b> P5 Art Studio  <b>After school:</b> Yr 11/12 Art Tutorial in P5 Physics - Reid	<b>Lunch:</b> P5 Art Studio  <b>After school:</b> Yr 11/12 Art Tutorial in P5 Physics - Reid

## Broome Senior High School School Board News and communications

Ngaji Gurrjin

The Broome Senior High School Board are looking forward to another positive and successful year for our students and community. All new Board news will be posted here or shared with you via the school's social media account.

In Term One we will be looking to recruit new board members, as a number of our current Board are at the end of their elected term.

If you are interested in joining the Board and supporting the school in its endeavours to provide the highest level of quality education to our students, a call for nominations will be circulated later this term.

### Current School Board Members

Mathew Burt	School Principal
Joe Edgar	Cultural Advisor - Yawuru
Sean Cooper	Community Representative - Broome Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Michael Gilmour	Community Representative - Broome Residential College
Clare Stack	Staff Representative
Sam Alexeeff	Staff Representative
Travis Campbell	Student Representative
Jeff White	Parent Representative
Ashley Eastwood	Parent Representative - Board Chair
Steve Wicks	Parent Representative - Vacant
Jacqui Mackay	Parent Representative
Derek Monks	Parent Representative

As part of the school's governance structure as an Independent Public School (IPS), Broome Senior High School has a School Board.

### The role of the School Board is to:

- Establish and review the school's purpose and performance indicators.
- Represent the educational needs and aspirations of students, teachers, parents and community.
- Promote the school in the community.
- Take part in formulating codes of conduct for students.
- Monitor the allocation of financial and human resources.
- Determine a dress code for students.
- Review school contributions and charges.
- Determine the school priority areas in consultation with staff.

If you are interested in being part of the School Board, please contact the Principal.

**ATTENDANCE AND ABSENTEES**

COMPASS is our school management online platform that allows parents and carers to access up-to-date information about our school, your child's attendance and progress, enter absences and update your contacts. Make sure you download the App or login via the Parent portal on our school website. For more information please contact the school on 9195 3100.

**Compass**

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

## Term ONE 2023 Weeks 6-10

Please note content on this calendar is provided in good faith, however may be subject to change without specific notice.



WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MARCH	6	7	8	9	10
W6	Labour Day Public Holiday	Year 7 Two-Way Science excursion Y11/12 OLNA	International Women's Day Aqua Spectacular Swimming Carnival Stars SENIOR Attendance Dinner Y11/12 OLNA	Year 7 Two-Way Science excursion Whole School Assembly Y11/12 OLNA	Y11/12 OLNA
MARCH	13	14	15	16	17
W7		P&C Meeting			Close the Gap Day National Day of action against Bullying & Violence NAPLAN
MARCH	20	21	22	23	24
W8	- TAFE BLOCK WEEK / YEAR 12 WORKPLACE LEARNING -				
		Harmony Day NAPLAN	NAPLAN	Interschool Swim Carnival NAPLAN	NAPLAN
MARCH	27	28	29	30	31
W9	Year 10-12 BCA Senior Boab Cup (Broome and Port Smith) → → → → → → → → → → Year 7 Two-Way Science excursion NAPLAN	Year 7-9 BCA Boab Cup (Broome/Cygnnet Bay) Stars SENIOR Attendance Excursion		Careers EXPO & Speed Recruiting 6-8pm Stars JUNIOR Attendance Overnight Camp	Careers EXPO Year 10 Induction Day
APRIL	3	4	5	6	7
W10	Year 10/11 FTD Perth Uni Visits → → → → → → → → → →			ANZAC Day Assembly <b>T1 ENDS</b>	Good Friday Public Holiday
HOLIDAYS	10	11	12	13	14
	Easter Monday Public Holiday				
HOLIDAYS	17	18	19	20	21