

Senior Schooling NEWSLETTER



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Well done to the Year 11 & 12 students who earned their invitation to the Rewards BBQ last week. Year 10s....keep an eye out for info about your celebration!



Thank You

A huge thank you to our past students who came back to Bundy High to offer our current Year 12s the benefit of their experience. They spoke about a wide range of topics related to University:

- ✓ Pros & cons of moving away to study and studying locally
- ✓ Pros & cons of living on campus/ in student accommodation
- ✓ Scholarships and financial considerations
- ✓ Special application types & applying interstate
- ✓ Managing work and study - stress management
- ✓ Support systems and uni processes
- ✓ Changing courses and plans
- ✓ Diversity and accessibility



We really appreciate these young men and women giving back to our school in what has become a lovely tradition! Thank you Cadence, Jess, Hayley, Thomas, Fletcher and Brianna!

YEAR 11 AQUATIC PRACTICES

Year 11 Aquatic Practices students have begun their Aquariums and Aquaculture unit. They are actively measuring the growth of red claw crayfish and learning how to maintain healthy conditions for tropical fish in their tanks. This hands-on unit focuses on monitoring water quality, feeding routines, and animal care to support both aquaculture and aquarium management skills.



UPCOMING YEAR 12 SSK SESSIONS

Weeks 3 - 6

UNIVERSITY BOUND??

LINK AND LAUNCH
Support for Year 12 graduates: Work - Study - Training

Bec Egan, Link & Launch Manager, will bring a range of presenters to our students:

TAFE
CQU (Steps)
East Coast
Apprenticeships
Major local employers

So many opportunities!!

LOOKING FOR
EMPLOYMENT
OR OTHER
TRAINING?

QTAC | CHOOSE THE FUTURE

Guidance Officer, Mr Kirk, will be running information sessions for all Year 12s intending to apply for University. These sessions will focus on the processes, timelines and key information about QTAC applications!

Staff will be on hand to support students with their applicationtoo important to miss!

Cooper Madden, Year 11, recently represented Bundaberg State High School at MOST (Musically Outstanding Students) which is Education Queensland's most prestigious extension program for instrumental music. Entry is by audition and only 80 students from state high schools are selected. Students take part in a 10 day residential school, playing music in a variety of small and large ensembles and giving public concerts in professional venues. Well done, Cooper.



COOPER MADDEN

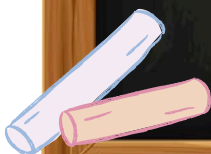
Parent-Teacher Interviews

29th July

Year 7-10 Reports were issued last Friday.

Interviews available for teachers of ALL year levels.

Please book via SOBs or contact admin.



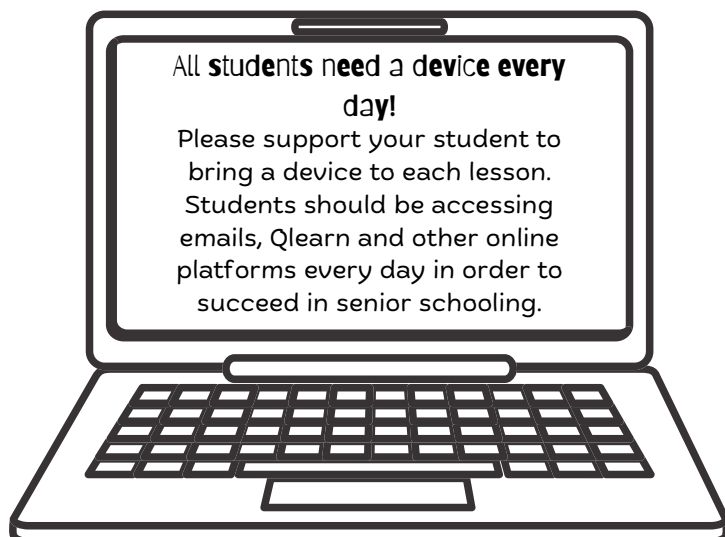
F45 are seeking some
junior coaches.

Interested?

Contact: Kieran Quinn
bundaberg@f45training.com.au
0432 032 682

All **students need a device every day!**

Please support your student to bring a device to each lesson. Students should be accessing emails, Qlearn and other online platforms every day in order to succeed in senior schooling.





Congratulations

Congratulations to Shaurya Jain for being awarded a High Distinction in the Junior Science Olympiad exam. This places Shaurya in the top 10% of students across the country who participate in the Science Olympiad. Shaurya will now receive scientific mentoring as part of the program's talent development program. Shaurya is going to use this mentoring to prepare him for entering the Senior classification of the Science Olympiad when he enters Year 11 next year. If successful in those endeavors, he will have the opportunity to be selected for Australia at the International Science Olympiads in 2026/27. Could he be Bundy High's next Olympian? Well done and good luck Shaurya.



Stay Tuned

Applications for **Special Awards** to be presented at this year's Awards night in November will be released soon!

Students must self-nominate to be in the running!

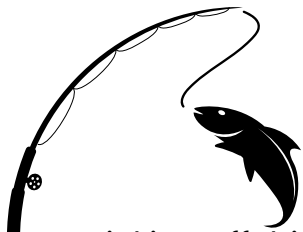


year 12 formal

Information packs will be available to students next week:

- invitation and ticketing
- arrivals
- seating arrangements
- dietary requirements
- pre-dinner function for guests

Please follow up with your Year 12 student to meet all deadlines.



Year 12 Aquatic Practices

Kicking off this week and running over the next 12 weeks, Year 12 Aquatic Practices are gearing up for their annual fishing competition! After absolutely smashing the competition last year, Mr Hohn's Aquatic class has set the bar high and is fired up to defend their title. Aquatics students- this is your chance to reel in bragging rights, big catches, and maybe even set a new record.



Grab your gear, bring your best game, and let's see who rules the water this year! Tight lines!



Touch Football



**Open Mixed All Schools training
begins this Wednesday
afternoon.**

**Wednesday 23rd July
and**

Wednesday 30th July

BSHS Senior oval from 2:45-4pm.



REMEMBER

Uniform Policy Reminder

JEWELLERY & PIERCINGS

Jewellery is limited to:

- one ring (which cannot present a potential hazard to other students),
- a watch,
- and up to three small studs or sleepers in each ear.

**Spacers, bars, spikes, tapers,
bracelets, anklets, cosmetic contact
lenses and visible necklaces are not
permitted.**

Facial and visible body piercing is NOT permitted except for Years 10, 11 and 12 who are permitted to have **one small nose stud**.

Your support in ensuring your student meets this Uniform policy requirement is appreciated.

2025
BULLYING NO WAY
National week
of action
OFFICIAL SCHOOLS

BULLYING NO WAY WEEK
This year's theme is: **Be Bold. Be Kind. Speak Up.**

Bullying is everyone's responsibility. It takes a community to be brave and address bullying behaviours, within and beyond the school gate.

The National Week of Action Against Bullying will occur throughout week 5.

BUNDY HIGH WILL COME TOGETHER TO BE BOLD, BE KIND & SPEAK UP

During Week 5 students will participate in various activities all culminating in a celebration on Friday where students will be encouraged to wear a purple accessory. Stay tuned for more details...

**Be Bold. Be Kind.
Speak Up.**

BULLYING NO WAY WEEK
11th - 15th AUGUST 2025

Students wear a PURPLE accessory on Friday - week 5.
Be BOLD - Be KIND - SPEAK UP

creative
generation

Featured instrumentalist

Sophie Van Iren



Congratulations to Sophie Van Iren who was selected to participate in the Creative Generation - State Schools Onstage program last week. Sophie had the opportunity to be involved in a professionally produced, award-winning arena spectacular. It was a fantastic chance to acquire new skills by working with some of Australia's leading performers and industry professionals in a world-class venue. Well done, Sophie!

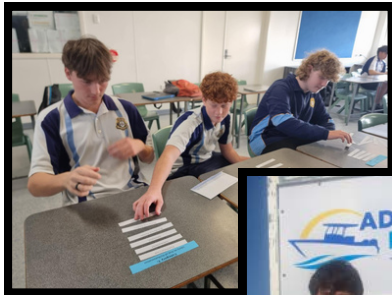


YEAR 10 CAREERS WEEK

During Career Week, Year 10 students took part in a range of activities to explore future career options and build their employability skills. Guest speakers from local industries shared insights into their careers, and students participated in resume writing workshops, university pathway sessions, and learning about qualification levels with CQU.

Students also explored careers linked to their current subjects, looked at how AI is changing the workforce, learned about the National Employment Standards, and completed microcredentials to boost their job readiness.

Many students completed work experience placements. During school visits, employers gave strong feedback about the maturity, work ethic, and enthusiasm of our students. They also spoke about skills shortages in key industries and the importance of students being well-prepared—especially when seeking apprenticeships. Congratulations to all Year 10 students for their active participation, and thank you to parents and carers for your continued support.



A student's perspective: Liam Thomson

This past week was an incredible experience in working in the sector of media and The Arts, as I spent my time at the Wintergarden Media Hub in Bundaberg – with my work experience partner David Quarrel. The variety of projects and opportunities were amazing, and it highlighted how innovative and interconnected this industry really is.

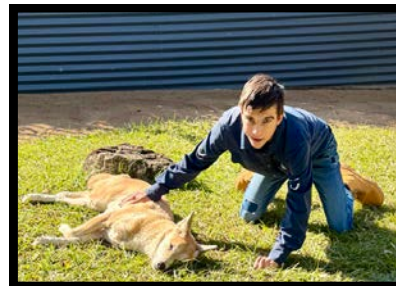
On Monday, I was extremely fortunate to be on a set and experience a screen test for a new upcoming online series, working with a psychiatrist and a puppet named "Mimp." It was fantastic to see a blank space transformed into a visually stunning environment, with the adjusting of lighting and addition of props. Seeing professional cameras and boom mics in action was inspiring, giving me a firsthand look at what a filmset really looks like.

We had an unexpected and exciting visitor on Tuesday: Don, a highly respected international game developer who has worked on titles such as Spyro the Dragon and The Clone Wars. He spent several hours with us, sharing his career journey and his thoughts on the future of gaming, including his advice that all game developers should be able to code simple but fun games on a Raspberry Pi, and as a result I started to build a small arcade unit powered by a Raspberry Pi. I also talked with his daughter who shared a passion for The Arts, and it was a great reminder that networking is a very important aspect of the industry.

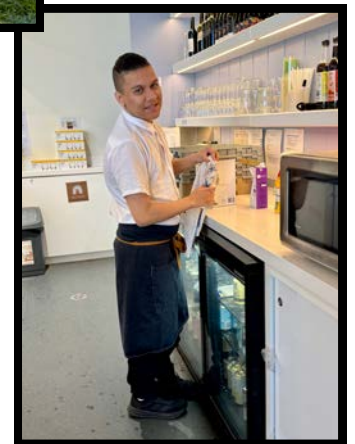
On Wednesday David and I explored stereoscopic vision, using VR goggles. We had an in-depth discussion about the future of this technology and its potential role in society, from entertainment to education.

We started looking into the possibilities of the software Unreal Engine 5 on Thursday. While most people know it for its game development, we discovered its huge potential for filmmaking and animation, bridging the gap between two creative fields.

This week I learned that apart from technical skills, networking and the people you meet along the way is also an extremely valuable part of any creative field. I appreciate and give thanks to Mr Duxbury and Bundaberg State High School for giving me this opportunity to connect with the team at the Wintergarden Media Hub, and I'd also like to thank David Quarrel from Associate Media for taking me onboard. It was an experience I certainly won't forget.



10S Work Experience



We have been super proud of the 6 students from our 10S class on work experience this week. The support received from local employers has been amazing and we thank you. All students have challenged themselves, received great feedback and have loved their experiences!



Year 10 Subject Changes

Year 10s have been advised that any students who wish to make subject changes for Semester 2 will need to

finalise this process by

Friday 1st August.

All enquiries are through Deputy Principal, Mrs Arnold in Administration.

LOOKING TO STAND OUT AS A JOB SEEKER?

Completing the **I'M ALERT Food Safety Training** is a smart move for anyone seeking work in hospitality.

This free, online course shows employers you understand the basics of safe food handling and are serious about workplace responsibility—making you a more attractive candidate from day one.

<https://www.imalert.com.au/v6/?sub=bundaberg>



Boost Your Skills with TAFE Micro-Credentials

Looking to build job-ready skills fast? TAFE offers short, flexible micro-credentials in areas like business, digital skills, trades, and more. They're a great way to upskill or explore new career paths.

Check them out on the TAFE Queensland website under Short Courses.

Hit the Road with Confidence:



Free QLD Learner's Test Prep Online

Looking to get your QLD Learner's Licence?

Here's a great online resource to help you prepare—free through Bundaberg Regional Libraries under the Online Learning section!

You'll get access to the 2025 Keys to Driving in Queensland, plus interactive practice tests using real handbook questions (with hints and feedback). There's even a Test Simulator for the closest thing to the real exam.

It's the perfect way to study smart and build confidence before your learner's test—check it out today!

<https://bundaberg.aussie-driver.com/queensland/>



Year 10

SET Planning:

Choosing Subjects for Year 11, 2026.

Students' Senior Education and Training (SET) Plans are developed in partnership with parents to map out a plan of action for success in Senior Secondary.

All Year 10 students are required to **choose subjects for Year 11 & 12** as part of this process.

What?

A meeting with key staff involving students and parents

When?

Thursday 21st Aug & Friday 22nd Aug

NOTE:

Year 10 students will only attend school for these appointments.

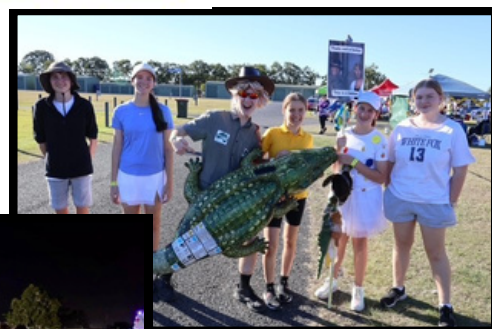
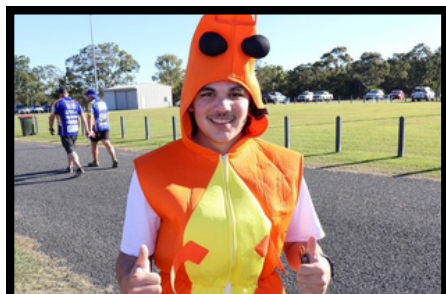
No timetabled classes on these days.

A letter will be sent to parents shortly regarding appointment times.

Thank-you to the many students who gave up their time on the weekend to participate in the Bundaberg Relay for Life. As always, our students demonstrated exemplary behaviour, manners, drive & passion. They were wonderful advocates for those who suffer with, or are caring for those experiencing, cancer and we are very proud of them. Thanks also to staff for supporting and encouraging our students' passion for community service.



Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.



Is your student thinking about University in 2026? Visiting campuses can help with planning the next move or thinking about what's possible.

Visit

<https://www.qtac.edu.au/events/>
for a full list of upcoming open days and career expos.

Bond University

26th July

Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

27th July

University of Queensland (UQ)

4th August

University of the Sunshine Coast (UniSC)

4th August

Griffith University

10th August

and more....

Congratulations
Shaurya Jain

on winning **SILVER** in the Under 18 Division of the State Chess Competition!



Bundaberg Eisteddfod

Good luck to all students participating in the Bundaberg Eisteddfod over the coming weeks. We look forward to acknowledging your achievements in the next newsletter!



Flourish Family Fun Day

Over the school holidays a group of amazing students helped Miss Retha, our school nurse with Flourish Day, an event that raises awareness of support services for kids under 5 in our community.

The students volunteered their precious time over their school holiday to dress up and have fun with the young kids at the event. They led the Teddy Bears Parade, judged one of the 3 best Teddies and also got the kids up and dancing in a Dance Party. Blessing led the parade with her singing and they also met the mayor who gave them very positive feedback on their creativeness. She was very proud of them for volunteering their time. The students showed amazing community engagement and connection and learned that volunteering could have so many positive mental health benefits for everyone. Miss Retha is also very proud to say that they presented BSHS very well and the feedback from the organisers was so positive that they have been invited back to next year's event.



Thank you and well done to
Lachlan, Giaan, Quinn,
Abigail, Holly, Blessing, Mia,
Lexi, Karlea and Ava.

LINK AND LAUNCH
Support for Year 12 graduates: Work – Study – Training

Navigating Life After School
– Link and Launch Program –

Link and Launch Program, run by the Department of Education, is here to support you! Link and Launch is designed to help you explore your options, whether you're considering further study, training, employment, or just need help figuring things out for when you finish school. It's a free service that provides one-on-one support tailored to your interests and goals.

Contact Bec Egan: regan30@eq.edu.au

Year 12 students can make bookings with Bec through Nigel in the Senior HUB. Now is the time to start making some plans....



If you're a Year 11 student with big ideas and ambitions, join us for a 4-day program. You'll connect with other Young ChangeMakers, think critically about local and global issues and develop leadership and communication skills. The program includes:

- A 4-day (3-night) stay at UQ's St Lucia Campus
- A peek into university life, with a comprehensive itinerary that includes interactive faculty workshops, inspiring keynotes and cultural, sporting and social activities.
- A Young ChangeMakers reunion at UQ Open Day (2026)

Program date - Sunday 30 November – Wednesday 3 December 2025

Cost - \$520. This includes all activities, meals and accommodation. Transport to and from UQ is not included in the cost.

Financial Hardship – You may be eligible for a program fee waiver (this means UQ will cover the cost of the program for you).

Bundaberg State High School key contact - Mr Kirk (Guidance Officer).

How to Apply - <https://study.uq.edu.au/information-resources/high-school-students/young-changemakers-program>

Applications close - 21 September 2025

Contact us

Email: youngchangemakers@uq.edu.au

Phone: [\(07\) 3346 9641](tel:(07)33469641)



Experience uni life



Meet mentors



Connect with academics



Explore real world issues



Stay on campus



Be inspired

Have you registered for QParents?

Department of Education

QParents



What is QParents?

QParents is a user-friendly portal accessible via app or web browser, providing parents with secure online access to information about their child's schooling.

How will QParents assist me?

QParents enables you to access and manage information about your child online.

What information is available in QParents?

You can access information about:

- attendance details
- timetables and upcoming events
- report cards and assessments
- invoices and payment history.

What are the benefits of using QParents?

You will benefit from:

- greater transparency with online access to your child's information
- ease of viewing and updating your child's details including address and medical conditions
- anytime, anywhere access on a smart phone, tablet or computer
- access to the latest information in one centralised place
- improved administration efficiencies and reduced printing and mail outs.

How do I register for QParents?

Your child's school will send you a letter or email inviting you to register for QParents. You will then be able to register via the secure QParents website: qparents.qld.edu.au using the unique invitation code contained in the letter or email.

You will require each child's unique EQ ID and you must verify your identity by providing 100 points of ID. If you cannot verify your identity online, you should contact your child's school for assistance.

The school will review your registration and approve your account. You will then be able to access the QParents app and delegate read-only access to another parent, carer or family member, known as a 'Delegated Viewer'.

For more information on registering and verifying your identity, see the QParents registration fact sheet.

What personal information is stored about me in QParents?

The following details are securely stored on your QParents account:

- your full name
- your email address
- your mobile phone number (if provided)
- basic details of any delegated viewers you have invited
- the types of documents you provided during registration (but not the actual documents)
- details of any payments you have made (but not credit card details).

**For more information about how to register, visit
the Bundaberg SHS website:**

<https://bundabergshs.eq.edu.au/support-and-resources/parent-resources/qparents>