



Value of the Week

Innovation. We initiate & continue to improve as individuals, teams & the school. Can you find a better, smarter or more creative way?

School Calendar

December

- 1** Year 7 Orientation
- 10** 7-12 Matt Smith Concert
- 11** Primary EOY Presentation Day
- 14** Year 6 Party Day
- 16** K-12 Last day of Term 4



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The annual Secondary Presentation Assembly is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the academic, sporting, cultural and community achievements of our students.

The awards reflect commitment to the BCS PRIDE values and acknowledge the excellence that has been produced in all areas throughout the 2020 school year.

Congratulations to the award recipients on your successes and personal achievements during the year.

Secondary Presentation Day



Chris Gladys and George with Year 11 Award winners; Blake Richardson (HC Chinese & Construction), Saxon Bramble (3rd in Chemistry & English Standard) and Patrick Nickle (VET Student of the Year).

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George Frangos presenting Sally Curnow (left) with the Indigenous Student of the Year Award and Seleana Murphy with the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge Award (right).



2020 Awards



Academic Achievement Certificates	Awarded to the highest achieving students in each subject. Highly commended certificates are also awarded, recognising a diligent and consistent approach.
Academic Excellence Award	Presented to the highest achieving students in each year group. The awards recognise outstanding academic achievement across multiple subjects.
ADF Future Innovators Award	The award recognises a student who has demonstrated innovation in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and who also displays strong personal values, such as doing one's best.
ADF Long Tan Award	Awarded to a student who demonstrates outstanding leadership and teamwork within both the school and community environments. The award also recognises strong values, including respect and mate ship.
BCS Attendance Award	Awarded in recognition of maintaining an outstanding level of attendance during the year.
BCS STEM Award	Awarded to a student who has shown commitment and achievement in Science, Technology and Mathematics.
Bulahdelah Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award	The award recognises a student who has been actively involved in the Bulahdelah or surrounding communities through participation and/or volunteering.
Bulahdelah Lions Club Commitment Award	The award is presented to a student who has demonstrated a determined and consistent approach to their studies and who always strives to achieve to their best.
CWA Food Technology Student of the Year	Awarded to a student who has demonstrated commitment and high achievement in the Stage 5 Food Technology Course.
Indigenous Student of the Year	Awarded to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student who is dedicated to their studies, displays leadership and has acted as a positive role model for all other students.
Jack Ireland School Community Service Award	Awarded to a student who has displayed outstanding commitment to the school and local community.
Matt Smith Citizenship Award	Presented in memory of 2011 BCS School Captain, Matthew Smith. It is awarded to a student who has consistently displayed kindness, compassion and support to others.
Mid Coast Connect VET Student of the Year	Awarded in recognition of excellence and commitment in a Vocational Education and Training Course.
PRIDE Medallions	Awarded to the student in each year group who gained the highest number of positive behaviour entries during the 2020 school year.
PRIDE Shield	Awarded in recognition of achieving the highest number of positive behavior entries of all students from Years 7-11 in the school merit system.
Principal's Award	The recipient of this years award has been recognised for their compassion and support to others.
Sports Achievement Award	Awarded in recognition of outstanding participation, teamwork and achievement in school sporting events.
Tea Gardens Lions Club Community Service Award	The award recognises a student who has been actively involved in the Tea Gardens or surrounding communities through participation and/or volunteering.

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Major Recognition Awards



Ryan Barnes
Bulahdelah Lions Club
Commitment Award



Zahli Conroy
BCS STEM Award
CWA Student of the Year



Sally Curnow
Indigenous Student of the Year



Georgia McKillop-Davis
CWA Student of the Year



Indianna McDonald
Tea Gardens Lions Club
Community Service Award



Khloe Middleton
Matt Smith Award



Seleana Murphy
Jack Ireland Award
NSW Premier's Sporting Award



Patrick Nickle
VET Student of the Year



Carol Poniris
ADF STEM Award



Sophia Stubbs
CWA Student of the Year



Annie Sullivan
Bulahdelah Chamber of
Commerce Award



Polly Sullivan
BCS STEM Award



Sally Whitelaw
ADF Long Tan Award



Arthur Whyman
Bulahdelah Lions Club
Commitment Award



Taj Witherow-Strutt
Principal's Award

Year 7 Awards

Academic Excellence Awards



Natureh Fenton-Holt
1st English
1st Visual Arts
2nd History
HC Technology Mandatory



Christi Scale
1st History
2nd Geography
2nd PDHPE
2nd Science
3rd English
HC Visual Arts



Isabella Sumner
1st Geography
1st Science
2nd English
2nd Mathematics
2nd Music
3rd History
HC Technology Mandatory
HC Visual Arts



Abbey Van-Veen
1st Music
1st PDHPE
3rd Geography
HC English
HC History
HC Technology Mandatory

Year 8 Awards

Academic Excellence Awards



Elise Miles
1st English
1st Geography
1st History
1st Music
2nd Mathematics & Science
Equal 2nd Visual Arts
3rd LOTE Chinese & PDHPE
HC Technology Mandatory



Matilda Matheson
1st Mathematics
2nd English
2nd Geography
2nd Music
2nd PDHPE
Equal 2nd Visual Arts
HC Science

Year 9 Awards

Academic Excellence Awards



Charli Alchin

1st Child Studies
1st Forensic History
Equal 1st Photography
3rd English
3rd Science
HC History



Zahli Conroy

1st Food Technology
1st Mathematics
2nd English
2nd Geography
HC History
HC Science



Amia Murphy

1st Science
1st Physical Activity & Sports Studies
2nd Agriculture
3rd Geography
3rd PDHPE
3rd History
3rd Mathematics
HC English & iSTEM



Polly Sullivan

1st Agriculture
1st English
1st Geography
1st History
2nd iSTEM
2nd Mathematics
2nd Physical Activity & Sports Studies
2nd Science

Year 10 Awards

Academic Excellence Awards



Amber Cunningham

1st Food Technology 100 hours
1st Geography
1st PHDPE
Equal 1st Photography
2nd Science
HC Agriculture
HC English
HC History



Jaime Grant

1st Industrial Technology
Timber 100 hours
2nd English
3rd Food Technology
3rd Geography
HC Child Studies
HC History



Sophia Stubbs

1st History
1st Physical Activity & Sports Studies
2nd Food Technology
2nd Geography
2nd Mathematics
HC English
HC PHDPE



Year 11 Awards

Academic Excellence Awards



Chloe Eveleigh
1st Chemistry
Equal 2nd Drama
3rd Mathematics Advanced
HC English Advanced



Indianna McDonald
1st Mathematics Standard
3rd Community &
Family Studies (*Distance Education*)
3rd English Advanced
HC Visual Arts



Seleana Murphy
1st Business Studies
2nd English Advanced
2nd Mathematics Advanced
2nd PDHPE (*Distance Education*)



Annie Sullivan
1st Ancient History
1st English Advanced
1st Mathematics Advanced
HC Business Studies

PRIDE Medallions

Year 10: Alexander Jay, Nicholas Johnston

Year 11: Saxon Bramble



Sport Achievement Awards



Christi Scale



Nate Redman



Polly Sullivan



Tom McInerney



William Markham



On Wednesday, 18 November, Year 12 said their final farewell to the staff of BCS at their Formal.

The afternoon started with a professional photo session with Jarrod from Bedroom Studios down on the boardwalk at Big 4 River Myall Holiday Resort. Many beautiful images were captured of our Year 12s with their families and friends by a glorious waterfront locale. Our students then made their way back to school for the last time, to be joined by many of their teachers, including some from their Primary school days.

Staff and students were met with a transformed and lovingly decorated gymnasium as the scene for our finale. Many of our BCS staff worked for many days to bring about this magical transformation. As each student was welcomed into the gym, the staff revelled in their spectacular and sophisticated formal wear and presentation. Every one of them looking like the young adults we had envisaged. Many a tear was discreetly wiped away as staff caught a glimpse of the future. Words of wisdom and a short trip down memory lane reminded Year 12 of their special place in our hearts and small school community.

The celebration was made more spectacular by the sumptuous meal catered by the talented and efficient team from Sprout Catering. We also had a colourful and decadent array of cupcakes for dessert from Cakes by Candy B. The evening finished with another photo session with teachers and friends before it was time to say our 'Goodbyes'.

It has been my great joy and privilege to help see Year 12 to the finish line of their Secondary schooling experience. My compliments to them for their commitment to themselves during this most challenging of years and I wish them many successes, adventures and lives filled with beautiful memories.

We thank the team from Big 4 River Myall Holiday Resort for their generosity and willingness to host the afternoon photography session. We also thank the Bulahdelah Bowling Club for their support and hiring of equipment for our event.

To the team of BCS staff who worked so diligently on producing such a special celebration location and atmosphere, can I say (in the words of my Nanna) 'You're worth your weight in gold'. Thank you. *Kim Rigley - Year 12 Advisor*








Year 12







ORIENTATION DAY

YEAR 7- 2020

Tuesday,
1 December

Students will be provided with the opportunity to familiarise themselves with our school environment and procedures, participate in mini-lessons conducted by 2021 Year 7 teachers and interact with their new class mates. A sausage sizzle prepared by the SRC (School Representative Council) will be provided for lunch, but students will be required to bring their own recess or may purchase from the canteen.

Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 restrictions, parents will be unable to attend on the day. In recognition of this, our school has produced a digital tour of our school which will be available on the school website and Facebook page from mid-November.

Students will also be provided with an extensive information pack to take home.

In addition, only students who have completed the full enrolment process will be eligible to attend Orientation Day.

We look forward to meeting your child and to help them navigate the next stage of their educational journey.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office on 4997 4329. *Casey Connell - Year 7 Advisor 2021*

Koori Shirt Update

We have received a new shipment of the BCS Koori shirts so if your child has not yet received a shirt they can let their classroom/roll call teacher know and they will be provided with one shortly.

If your child has outgrown their Koori shirt we are starting a recycling system, to accommodate our growing students. On Friday the 4 December, Miss Pic, the Aboriginal Education Coordinator will go to each classroom of the school and collect student's old shirts.

The following week students will be provided with a shirt in the correct size.

Please return shirts that need replacing. We will also be up-cycling damaged shirts into hair scrunchies, so even if the shirt is damaged we will be able to recycle them.



We are proud of our students and the way they impressively demonstrate connection to the land, the traditional Worimi people of the area and the rich Aboriginal culture of Bulahdelah when they wear these beautifully designed Koori shirts by local Worimi artist Pauline Syron-Coxon. *Michelle-Leigh Gray - Aboriginal Education Coordinator BCS*



Last Wednesday Sally Whitelaw attended a School Based Traineeship sign up at Murrook Cultural Centre at Williamstown with Linda Drenkhahn, Careers Adviser. Her mum Rebecca and representatives from Hunter New England Health and TAFE also accompanied her.

Sally will complete a Certificate III in Business Administration and work at Manning Base Hospital one day per week as part of her HSC. *Linda Drenkhahn - Careers Advisor*



The Matt Smith Annual Memorial Concert

The 2020 Matt Smith Concert will be held on **Thursday, 10 December at 1:30pm** in the school gym. More than 40 students and staff will perform during the event, which is being organised by the SRC (Student Representation Council). Although things will be a little different due to COVID restrictions, the students are looking forward to raising the roof.

The annual concert is held in memory of 2011 BCS School Captain Matt Smith. Matt was a talented musician who thoroughly enjoyed performing. He played in many bands, both at school and out of school. Through his love of music, he developed many strong friendships with his peers and younger students.



He was generous with his time and always supported other students in their performances.

Matt was also an excellent public speaker, a keen and capable student of Drama, a successful member of the Senior Debating Team and a talented writer. One of his proudest moments was being elected School Captain by his peers.

Matt's life was tragically taken in an accident in 2011. He will always be remembered for his commitment and talent in the creative arts, his good humour and leadership. *Wendy Parsons- Music Teacher*



NSW Department of Education

Gain job-ready skills with a new Summer Skills program

Get ahead and make plans to learn, upskill and prepare for 2021

Summer Skills is an initiative of the new JobTrainer NSW package offering fee-free training and skills support to all 2020 Year 12 school leavers.

You can take short vocational courses over the summer period, and both short and long vocational courses across 2021.

Whether you're going on to university or a vocational training organisation, starting work, or taking a gap year, these training courses will help boost your resume and allow you to experience some jobs first hand.

Buddy up with a friend or sign up to discover new passions and meet like-minded school leavers across the state.

More information about the support package and courses on offer are available via the NSW Department of Education web page at

education.nsw.gov.au/summer-skills

You can use these fee free training courses to:

- find out what you may be interested in long-term
- learn new skills that can lead to part-time job or career
- get a head start on further study or full-qualification.

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What courses are on offer?

Where	Industry	All Summer Skills short courses are fee free
Taree, Wauchope, Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour, Ballina, Lismore, Wollongbar, Yamba CLC, Grafton, Kingscliff, Murwillumbah CLC and Online	Various	https://www.tafensw.edu.au/summer-skills Digital Security, Civil Construction, Construction, Electrical, Information Technology, Early Childhood, Community Services, Social Media, Business services
Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour, Nambucca Heads	Business Services	Work effectively with diversity.
Port Macquarie	Business Services	Organise schedules, Create electronic presentations, Design & produce digital text documents.
Coffs Harbour	Aged Care Sector	Facilitate the empowerment of older people, Provide support to people living with dementia, Meet personal support needs.
Coffs Harbour	Disability Sector	Contribute to ongoing skills development using a strengths-based approach, Follow established person-centred behaviour supports, Support community participation & social inclusion, Facilitate the empowerment of people with disability.
Coffs Harbour, Kempsey, Nambucca Heads, Tweed Heads, Ballina	Construction	White card - Prepare to work safely in the construction industry
Coffs Harbour, Kempsey, Nambucca Heads, Tweed Heads	Construction	Licence to Operate a Forklift Truck
Coffs Harbour, Nambucca Heads, Kempsey, Tweed Heads, Ballina	Construction	Operate-elevating-work-platform, work safely at heights
Port Macquarie	Creative Arts	Assist with a basic camera shoot
Kempsey, Port Macquarie	Early Childhood	Provide an emergency first aid response in an education and care setting
Port Macquarie	Early Childhood	Intro to Child Care -Ensure the health and safety of children, Provide care for children, Provide experiences to support children's play and learning
Port Macquarie, Taree	First Aid	Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Provide basic emergency life support, Provide first aid
Grafton	Hospitality	Participate in safe food handling practice, Provide responsible gambling services, Provide responsible service of alcohol, Use hygienic practices for food safety
Ballina, Coffs Harbour, Nimbin, Port Macquarie	Hospitality	Provide responsible gambling service, Provide responsible service of alcohol, Provide service to customers, Use hygienic practices for food safety.
Coffs Harbour	Hospitality	Provide responsible service of alcohol, Provide responsible gambling services.
Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie	Hospitality	Cafe Skills - Prepare & Present Sandwich, Prepare & serve espresso coffee, Provide Service to Customers, Use Hygiene practices for food safety
Kempsey	Hospitality	Clean and tidy bar areas, Prepare and serve espresso coffee, Prepare and serve non-alcoholic beverages, Provide responsible service of alcohol, Serve food and beverage, Use hygienic practices for food safety
Port Macquarie	Retail	Analyse and achieve sales targets, Sell to the retail customer, Use social media to engage customers

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Contact us – Places are limited.

Not sure where to start? Our Summer Skills support team is here to help you find a local training provider and enrol in the training course that's right for you.

Speak to them today, call T3 28 11.





DEPUTY PRINCIPAL INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER:

Pizza Voucher Winners

Congratulations to the first 4 Pizza Voucher winners for this term. The Early Stage 1-Stage 1 winners were Saxon Evans and Madison Lyons, while Lucy Mohring and Jack Murray were the Stage 2-3 recipients. All these students display the PRIDE values, working quietly and completing all set tasks. They willingly assist others when required and continue to strive by working at their personal best level. Thank you once again to the Lady Jane Motel for supplying the pizza vouchers to support our students. It is truly appreciated.



Jack Murray and Lucy Mohring- Voucher Winners.

Final Kindergarten Orientation

For the past 4 weeks students from the Bulahdelah, Tea Gardens and Nabic Pre-schools, plus a handful of other students have been attending Kinder Orientation visits at BCS. With staggered start and ending times, the students have participated in a wide variety of activities that they will experience when they begin their Primary schooling journey in 2021. A big thank you to the staff from our local Pre-school for their continued support.

On the final visit last week, a Christmas theme prevailed. Students produced some amazing star Santa's, Christmas snowmen and had to listen and follow instructions to draw Christmas stockings. There were some absolutely amazing efforts, as can be seen in the photos. We also took time to have a Teddy Bears Picnic complete with Tiny Teddy biscuits and an ice-block. Everyone is looking forward to beginning Kindergarten next year.

This program would not have been as successful without the Year 5 Group Leaders- Charlie, Isaac, Nikita, Isla, Scarlett, Salome, Henry, Jasper, Lacey, Grace, Jaydah and Mindy. What wonderful assistants these students were and all displayed great leadership skills. We thank you very much!



Food Glorious Food

Sometimes my role definitely has perks and last Tuesday was one of those days. I was treated to some lovely school-baked zucchini pie complete with cherry tomatoes. This was grown and prepared by Year 2/3 and their teacher, Kayla Hunter, with the support of Jessica Kelly from the Secondary TAS (Technological & Applied Studies) staff. I would be happy if the class would like to cook for me very night. Thank you! I thoroughly enjoyed my slice!

Reports

Over the past few weeks the Primary staff have been busy writing student reports for those in their classes. These reports will be sent home on Thursday, 10 December.

Primary Presentation Assembly

This assembly is planned to be held on Friday, 11 December between 10:00am and 11:00am. Due to restrictions still being in place parents will not be able to attend. However, we will be videoing the event for parents to watch remotely after the presentation conclusion.

Upcoming Dates

Year 6 End of Primary School Party Day - Monday, 14 December. Details TBC.

Due to restrictions Swim School has been postponed until Term 1, 2021. At this stage it will take place during Weeks 3 and 4, 2021. *Debbie Booth*



Bronze & Silver Awards

Presented to

Kindergarten/Year 1

Jordana Gordon

J-Lee Lawrence

Year 1/2

Jack Bates

Harley Burdekin

Ava Masters

Jaxon Styles

Year 2/3

Samuel Raines

Josiah Reitsma

Claire Tufrey

Indy Watling

Year 3/4

Jordan Brown

Diesel Case

Levi Cassar

Liam Dorn

Breanna Loveday

Nathanael Scale

Ryder Wheaton

Noah Whitby

Henry Whitelaw

Year 5

Salome Reitsma

Riley Smith & Silver

Nikita Wheaton

Year 6

Chilali Baggins-Cupitt

Kyesha Jobson

Alex Lucas & Silver

Aiden Miles



REMINDER

If your child has had a laptop during the COVID home learning period, could you please make sure it is returned to the Office/Library by 27 November.

These laptops need to be returned to the school for updates and audit. Thanks.



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- + Job search assistance**
- + Job applications**
- + Resumes & cover letters**

Brooke will be at the
Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group
88 King St, Gloucester
26th November 9.30am - 3pm
10th December 9.30am - 3pm
Call on 0422 449 482





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Taree
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Opening Event

Thursday December 17

You're invited to attend our exciting Campus Opening Event on Thursday, 17 December 2020 with live entertainment and refreshments.

3pm Session

Perfect for recent school leavers and those looking to begin studying in 2021, this is an ideal opportunity to get guidance and advice direct from our University Partners.

This is also a great time to meet the TUC Board - a group of passionate locals responsible for bringing our Campus to life - as well as our CEO, Donna Ballard and Campus Coordinator, Marlo Slavin. They will be the ones supporting you through your TUC study experience.

6pm Session

This session is open to the broader community, for those who want to be a part of the success of TUC. Whether you're a local business who wants to be involved in student placements, or are a professional who would like to support a student in their studies via tutoring or mentorship, we can't wait to see you there.

University partners, key Campus personnel and other stakeholders eager to support MidCoast students will all be there to answer questions and work with you to get started.

Want to come along? We'd love to see you there!

Register your interest to attend by Friday, 11 December 2020.

Due to COVID restrictions, contact tracing and social distancing requirements, **spaces are limited** and we're asking attendees to register their details in advance. If you wish to be a part of our Opening Event, please visit the event page on the website and enter your details.

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