



Welcome back to our wonderful school community and a special warm welcome to our new families. At the commencement of Term 1, we have had fifty-five new students joining us on campus and we know the entire community will make them feel like BCC is their second home. It was a particularly momentous week for our Preppies as they start their thirteen-year educational journey with us and we pray their time with BCC will be a period of great joy for them.

What an unusual start for the year though! Despite the changing conditions, our amazing families and staff rose to the challenge to ensure a smooth and calm start to the term. The commitment exhibited by our Year 11 and 12 students during their week of online learning was especially commendable as they were focused and ready to learn. The changes have meant this term is a particularly short one, so I urge every student to make the most of every learning opportunity. Despite the shorter term and changed conditions for the first four weeks, we still have many amazing activities and events occurring on campus.

There are so many activities to become involved in; Valentine's Day activities, auditions for our new musical, Pancake and PJ day, the RYDA program, GRIP Leadership Conference, Navy Defence Experience and Swimming Carnival. We also have exciting new subjects this year including Italian, French, Equestrian, Physics, Specialist Sports, Short Course in Literacy and Extension Music.

With the support and leadership of our fantastic College Board, we will be building a new Prep Centre, a Secondary Building and adding a new bus to our fleet. We have also started fund-raising processes for a future new Junior School playground. So much happening – so much to do – make sure your child gets involved in every opportunity!

Our College theme for 2022 is **“Rise, Shine and Roar!”** Although we want students to ‘shine and roar’ at their chosen gifts and by taking part in all our opportunities, we also want them to shine their light at others in a way that illuminates a pathway out of darkness. Remember the light of Jesus shines through all of us and can light up a world that on occasion can seem very dark. In John 8:12 it says:

DATE CLAIMERS

14 Feb - *Valentine's Day Stall*

15 Feb - *Burdekin Netball Trials*
(15 - 19 Feb)

16 Feb - *Parent Info Evening*
(School You Tube Channel)

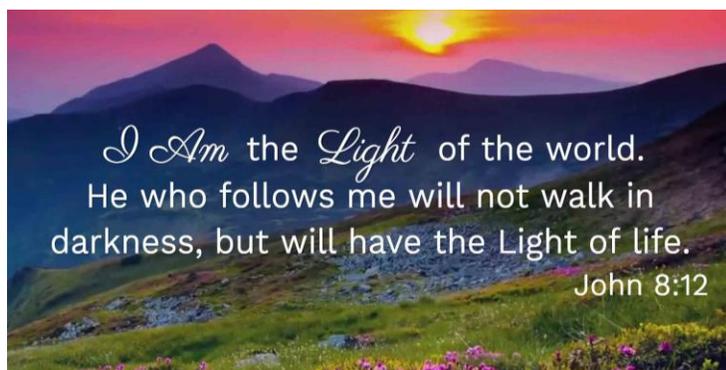
16 Feb - *Year 7 Laptop Info Session*

20 Feb - *Navy Defence Placement Applications Close*

23 Feb - *Burdekin Rugby Trials*
(15 - 19 Feb)

26 Feb - *Cherish High Tea*
Burdekin Community Church

1 Mar - *Pancakes & PJ Day*



In 2022, we want every student and staff member to shine their light. So what can you do in a practical sense to shine your light?

- Remember to smile – such a simple act can brighten another person’s day.
- Be there as a friend to others – Pastor Gerry is decorating our ‘friendship bench’ at the College with beautiful plants. If you see another person sitting there alone, go sit with them.
- Use your passion – maybe you have a passion for art, sport or music – use this interest and gift to put some beauty or enjoyment into others’ lives.
- Give what you can – giving does not always have to be about money. Giving time, giving compliments, giving a helping hand are even more important and selfless.

The ‘small’ things are often the big things to many people. Together we can continue to make BCC such a beautiful, welcoming and wondrous place to be and combine our lights to be a radiant beacon for our community. “Shine your light and let the whole world see.” God Bless.

Debra Creed
College Principal



A warm welcome to the first week of classes here at Burdekin Christian College. We are very excited to welcome your children back to a new school year, well rested and ready to learn! It was lovely meeting the new Prep families and feeling the enthusiasm and energy from the students as they navigated their new school year.

In the Primary School, we are looking forward to building a partnership with you and facilitating the learning and growth of your children. We will aim to keep our lines of communication open and please do not hesitate to touch base with us if you have any questions or concerns.

Parent Teacher (online) Evening

The Primary teachers are busy filming their Parent Teacher Evenings. This is a new experience for us, and we hope to be able to give you as much information as possible about our classroom routines. These videos will be available from Tuesday 16 February - Tuesday 22 February.

Formal Uniform

In addition to formal occasions, all students in the Primary School are expected to wear their formal uniform on Friday each week.

At Home ‘COVID Emergency’ Packs

This week your child will bring home their ‘COVID Emergency Pack’. If they become suddenly unwell over the next 4 weeks, their pack will have work they can complete at home, so they do not miss the learning of any core concepts at school.

Assembly

Due to the 4-week return to school plan, the Primary Assembly will be cancelled. We will resume assembly on Friday 11 March.

Lisa Crowther
Deputy Principal – Primary / Year 6 Teacher

DEPUTY'S DESK

Senior

Joel Keenan
Deputy Principal - Senior School

Burdekin Christian College is excited to be welcoming everyone back for the first week of classes. We hope that everyone had a wonderful break and is ready to come back to school for an engaging first term. It was wonderful to meet all the new parents and students and it was great to see students so excited to be back on campus and amongst the BCC Community.

Secondary teachers have been working hard behind the scenes to provide quality virtual lessons online for our Year 11 and 12 students during these challenging times. It has been great to see our students highly engaged in these new learning environments and adapting to these circumstances. If you have any questions or concerns about COVID, virtual classrooms, laptops or anything else, please feel free to contact me.

Laptops

Laptops are rolling out to high school students again this year after the success of the program in 2021.

Year 7 and 8 Laptops are currently having all the required programs and protective software installed and verified on them. Year 7, 8 and all new students will be able to collect a laptop after the 16 February 2022. Students will have a lesson on the schools Digital Technology Agreement that outlines the rules and responsibilities of receiving a school laptop. After this date, students and their parents/guardians/carers will need to sign and agree to the agreement and pay \$100 to cover the insurance fees of the laptop.



Parent Teacher (online) Evening

The Secondary teachers are busy filming their Parent Teacher Evenings. This is a new experience for us, and we hope to be able to give you as much information as possible about our classes. These videos will be available from Tuesday 16 February – Tuesday 22 February.

Formal Uniform

In addition to formal occasions, all students in Secondary School are expected to wear their formal uniform on Wednesday each week.

At Home Learning

If students are not able to attend school due to COVID or any other reason, Secondary teachers are

uploading all class materials onto their Google Classroom. Students will be able to keep up with all schoolwork at home, thus allowing them to keep up with their peers and not miss out on any essential learning.



DEPUTY'S DESK

Curriculum & Compliance

The College has been unusually quiet during home-based learning, and I have enjoyed the return of a bustling campus this past week as we welcome students and staff back. While my online Year 12 Music classes have been enjoyable, nothing beats face-to-face learning. With the delayed start to Term 1, the current priority is for students to reconnect with their individual goals and settle quickly back into effective learning routines.

For most Year 12 students they will have started their first internal assessment for each subject, with many assessments being due by Week 7 of this term. It is important that students develop effective study skills and time management, as well as proactive ways of promoting their well-being.

Students in Year 11 should have settled into their new classes following on from a comprehensive SET planning process last year. The move from Year 10 to Year 11 is one of the most demanding of all transition in high school, with a noticeable increase in workload. Effective organisation, particularly of time management, and a solid work ethic are essential to success, with Year 11 demands being such that students studying predominantly General (ATAR) subjects should be completing a minimum of ten hours of study across the course of a week.

The relationship between parents, students and the college is important to create an environment for students to excel, and the first few weeks of term are vital for establishing balance. Parents are asked to assist their student in creating good routines to help them manage and optimise their studies. Key points to observe are their work ethic at home, organisation, sleep, diet, gaming and social activities. An investment at this time of the year will help set the standards for later.

Assessment planners for all high school students specifying the dates of Term 1 exams and assignments will be handed out soon and made available to all parents via email.

Karen Wilson

Deputy of Curriculum & Compliance



DEAN'S CORNER

VET & Careers

Vocational Education and Training (VET) partners with industry and government to provide students with workplace skills and technical knowledge to help them advance their career now and in the future.

In a rapidly changing employment environment, the speed, value and skills VET provides helps students take a faster, more cost-effective route to completing a qualification and entering the workforce. As a result, VET graduates enter employment with confidence and first-hand experience. VET is offered by a variety of training providers both publicly (TAFE) and privately operated. (Government N. S., 2020) Participating in a VET course while at school may:

- provide credit toward your Queensland Certificate of Education
- contribute to the calculation of your tertiary selection rank
- support your transition to employment, vocational and higher education. (Government Q., 2020)



Currently our school is offering a Certificate II in Automotive Preparation through the Burdekin TAFE at Home Hill as well as a Certificate II in Salon. Burdekin Christian College is also partnered with Binnacle Training College offering a Certificate II & III in Sport & Recreation as well as a Certificate III in Fitness.

Other inspiring partnerships are with Aviation Australia offering a Certificate III in Aviation (remote pilot), ACCCO offering a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care, Central Queensland University offering a Certificate II in Animal Studies and Prestigious Service Training offering a Diploma in Business. Students are constantly being enlightened with career choices and experiences and have plenty of stories to share.

James Pacey

Dean of VET & Careers

STUDENT VACCINATIONS

As parents are aware through various pieces of correspondence, all staff and volunteers must be double vaccinated for Covid-19 to work at our College. There is NO requirement for parents, carers and students to be vaccinated for Covid-19.

Vaccinations for students is currently a very contentious issue with a wide variety of opinions in our community on the topic. At BCC, everyone's viewpoints are valued and respected. As a private school, we wanted to reassure parents and carers that any BCC student will only vaccinated at our College if we have written parental consent. This has always been our viewpoint on this topic.

For many years, students in Years 7 and 10 have had access to vaccination programs for immunization for human papillomavirus, diphtheria-tetanus, pertussis and meningococcal vaccinations. This will continue in 2022. Students immunized under these programs have only ever done so if the College and the provider has written parental consent.

Any parent concerned about the vaccination program for students is always encouraged to contact the Principal, your viewpoint and feedback will always be respected.

COVID-19
Vaccination Program



Term Fees

Term fees will be issued shortly. Please be mindful and check your emails to ensure delivery of your fee statement. It is the responsibility of parents to meet fee accounts by the due date. Weekly or fortnightly payment plans are available by arrangement with the Business Manager.

School Stream

School Stream is a school-based app that allows us to send you notifications about upcoming events, notices, place your tuck-shop order and pay your bills. The events from the app can also be added to your smart phone/device calendar for further reminders and alerts. School stream will also be used to send out important information that may be at short notice and will alert you immediately. We will also continue to use our traditional forms of communication, i.e. SMS, email and hard copy to compliment this service.

HOW TO DOWNLOAD YOUR APP

1. On your mobile device go to the **App Store (iPhone/iPad)** OR **Google Play (Android)**



2. Search for **School Stream** and **download** to your device (image below of app)



3. Make sure you **agree to push notifications**
4. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app
5. **Type Burdekin Christian College** into the search bar

Medication at School

Should medication prescribed by the student's doctor be required to be administered while the student is at school, the **parent must fill in a Medication Form**, which can be obtained from the school office.

The Medication Form needs to be updated each year for existing students. If you have not updated your child's form for 2022, please contact the office.

The instructions provided should be written on the medication container by the pharmacist at the medical practitioner's direction. The instructions on the medication container need to indicate specific times at which medication is to be administered, including amount/dose.

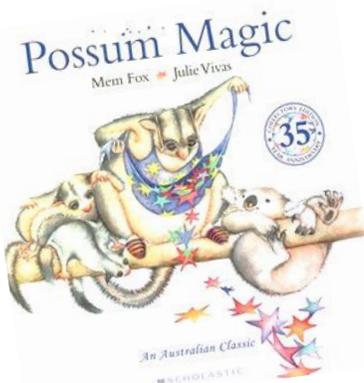
Medication not in the prescribed container will not be administered. The school does not keep Panadol on the premises. If a parent requires a child to take non-prescribed medication, e.g. panadol, cough mixture etc. this can only be done by the school on a doctor's orders. The selected number of tablets/dose, labelled by the pharmacy must be sent to the school office for administration during that day. The appropriate form will still need to be completed by the parent.

Puffers and spacers need to be supplied by the parent for children with Asthma, along with an Action Plan.





Our Pre-Kindy children made lamingtons recently, after reading the Australian classic 'Possum Magic'. They loved getting messy with the chocolate and coconut before enjoying a delicious snack made all by themselves. One of our children even brought in her own toy possum to join in on the fun!



WELCOME!

Preps 2022

The jungle and the Australian bush were twittering with excitement, as we welcomed our new Prep students to the school. Our special students enjoyed a fun filled day with all sorts of activities such as letter formation, name writing, fine motor activities, counting and craft. We look forward to a wonderful term of learning, laughter and exploring. We are very proud of our youngest students, they are settling into our special school so well.



Fleur Vigerzi & Valerie Baptista
Prep Teachers





This week the Year 7 students embarked on an adventure, an adventure that is often overlooked by those of us who have travelled along that road a long time ago. However, we must applaud the Year 7 students for their successes thus far and encourage them for the journey ahead. It was wonderful to see so many new faces at BCC this week and so many new smiles that not even masks could hide.

High school can be a scary place at first but I am certain that each of these incredible students will soon find their feet and begin to thrive. The homework may start to pile up, the assignments will roll in, the exams will creep that bit closer and while the mountain of work might seem impossible to climb, I guarantee the views from the top are worth it.



God Bless!

Abbey Fegan
Secondary Teacher



It is great to see our students return to school and already excited about participating in sporting and physical activities. In academies, the focus this term is on Touch Football for Primary school. Townville Rugby will be here next week on Monday 14, running lessons with our Primary students from year 3 to year 6.

In the senior school, the focus is volleyball for the year 7 and 8 students. For year 9 and 10 students, their sporting activities are based on Gridiron, (American football).

The first big event will be our Swimming Carnival, which will be held on Friday April 1 (the last day of term). This annual school event is always a fun, exciting and colourful one.



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JT ACADEMY

JTBelieve

Date: Friday 18th February 2022

Burdekin Theatre, Ayr

JTBelieve Youth Session
Burdekin
Rugby League Fields
3.15pm - 4.30pm
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
 Recommended for Ages 10+

4.30PM - 5.30PM
FREE Community Meet & Greet
All welcome to meet JT
& join us for a sausage sizzle

Confidence, Courage & Self Belief

FREE Tickets for JTBelieve Youth Session must be secured online at tribooking.com or via the QR Code.

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There is an amazing opportunity for the local youth and their families coming up on **Friday 18 February at the Rugby Park, Ayr.**

Tickets are FREE but need to be booked and secured online. The program is designed for youth aged 10 years and over.

This workshop gives young people an insight into mental health and wellbeing and gives them practical tools to help them deal with life's challenges.

Following this session, there will be a community meet & greet and free BBQ from 4.30pm where teachers, parents and all community members are invited to attend.

JTBelieve Youth Session Details:

Where: Burdekin Rugby League Fields
Time: 3: 15 pm to 4: 30 pm
When: Friday 18th February
Theme: 'Confidence, Courage & Self Belief'

Jayne Orchard
 Primary HPE Teacher



Lawrence Zanella
Science Teacher

BCC offers a unique agricultural learning opportunity for students who are passionate about discovering the world of sustainable Agriculture.

Agricultural Science is an important branch of science and has relevance to the lives of both rural and non-rural students. This subject allows students to explore the ways people sustainably manage natural resources such as plants, animals, climate, soil and water. Agricultural Science provides students with the opportunity to acquire knowledge and develop problem solving and communication skills within a context involving living plants and animals.

Students are looking forward to designing and executing experiments to help understand horticultural scientific principles and experience the practices on a farm through field trips.



In the pursuit of excellence in music, Burdekin Christian College is now offering a Year 12 Music Extension program that provides outstanding students with the opportunity to further extend their musical abilities by studying at a more challenging and exacting level. Students extend their learning through on of the three specialisations: Composition, Musicology and Performance.



This year, Year 12 student Demi Tudehope has started studying the performance specialisation. The performance specialisation evolves from the performer’s cognitive, physical and emotional engagement with music. Integral to performance is the intention to connect and communicate with an audience. Demi has already recorded one song in her first week of learning and will be performing during assemblies and special events throughout the year.

Karen Wilson
Deputy Principal - Curriculum and Compliance



Well, many things have happened in the past 6 months. As part of the first strings program at Burdekin Christian College, Year 4 students had the opportunity to learn about and choose their instruments to play. Week after week, students showed up; eager and willing to practice and learn and I have to say, it has been a great success. I have seen students not only step out of their comfort zone and challenge what they know, but I have seen them take ownership of their learning and their instruments and picking up learning patterns with ease and wanting to better themselves.

Over the holidays, plans were being made for this year. From selecting top - secret sheet music to enhance current students' skills that will be showcased at the Burdekin Eisteddfod to sourcing new learning material for beginning students and even a couple of new instruments. As these things were being organized, I could not help but reflect upon my own journey learning the Violin and Double Bass and thinking of all the wonderful opportunities I participated in growing up. From countless ensembles, music lessons, and awards night presentations, to end of year concerts and pizza parties to celebrate our successes. Even when I was younger, playing in the doctor's waiting room and in front of family celebrating Christmas, I was surrounded by people who supported me and were there to encourage me when I felt like giving up.

So parents and caregivers, I want to thank you for the support and encouragement that you have given to your children who want to learn a new instrument and practice at home. I am truly excited for the year ahead and all that we can achieve as a school, as well as your budding musicians. And, for those who want to know the name of the top – secret sheet music, stay tuned!



Amber Melhuish
High School Teacher



This year, the Burdekin Inter-school Drama Festival will be taking place on the night of April the 29th (Week 2 of Term 2). This is a yearly tradition in the Burdekin community whereby local high schools participate in the performance of their own 20-30 minute play at the Burdekin Theatre. Audition times will be taking place early in this term to allow us ample time for rehearsals.

Any high school students, who may be interested, keep an eye on the C Block noticeboard for sign in sheet and audition dates. Watch this space for the announcement of our play, the finalised cast list and rehearsal times.

David Lequerica
Primary Music Teacher / Year 3 Teacher





Over the holidays, one of our very own Music/Drama teachers, Mr David Lequerica, starred in Townsville Choral Society’s musical of The Little Mermaid. He played the insidious character of Jetsam, who is one-half of the evil eel henchmen duo.

Unfortunately, their season of shows was cut short with only the first five performances being available but there are plans for the production to reopen sometime in August this year! If you didn’t manage to get to see our “Mr L” on stage, there may very well be another chance for it in the near future! We are so proud of his amazing talent and wish him all the best with his extra-curricular acting endeavours.



Some things will look a little different at the start of the term due to local grocery shortages and restrictions. I have been able to source many items in bulk from our usual Townsville supplier.

Chicken will be pre-cooked now instead of cooking from scratch and the pizza subs will have a different shape. Gluten free is proving to be a little tricky. GF bread, wraps and nuggets will still be available.

Burrito bowls, sweet treats (non-GF), yoghurt, popcorn and salami toasties have been added to the menu.

The first 4 weeks of pop up tuckshop are as follows:

- 14 Feb - Mini Hot Dogs
- 21 Feb - Bacon and Egg Burgers
- 28 Feb - Sausages in Pastry
- 7 Mar - Curried Sausages and Rice

I am so excited to be back and cannot wait to see how the new things go.

Renee Tunbridge
Tuckshop Convenor



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Welcome to our new and returning students, parents, carers and staff at Burdekin Christian College. We are excited about what 2022 holds for us as a school community and blessed that you are a part of it too. It is so good to hear the sounds of laughter, busyness and see smiley faces of our students again.

Our theme for this year is **"Rise, Shine and Roar"** which is so fitting. Let us all be part of this exciting journey as we put our trust in 'Jesus Christ Our Sure Foundation.' In Him, we can face the challenges of life with hopeful expectancy. All the restrictions, mandates and uncertainty that COVID has brought become secondary as we put our trust in Him:

"For nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1: 37)

"I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4: 13).



Welcome BBQ

On the first day back at school we had a sausage sizzle for all students and staff. Thanks to our wonderful cohort of year 12 students who helped in making this a success delivering the food to individual classrooms.



Gardening Club

We have some very enthusiastic young gardening gurus who cannot wait to get started. I am ready to start next week with plans to plants vegies, flowers and herbs and hopefully Australian natives too.



Men's Mental Health Evening

'Farmers & Friends' are presenting a Men's Mental Health Evening on Friday 18 February at Populins Hall, Queen St, Ayr from 6:00 p.m.

The guest speakers for the night are **Johnathan Thurston & Antonio Winterstein** and the presentation by **'Are You Bugged Mate?'**

Tables of 10 or individual tickets are \$50, which includes a gourmet BBQ. BCC is sponsoring senior male students who are interested (just need parental consent).

Any parents who may be interested can call the office (not just for men).

God bless & looking forward to a great 2022.

Ps Gerry MacManus
School Chaplain

Join us
for a beer, & laugh with mates
and a little bit of the
serious stuff ...

FARMERS & FRIENDS

Mens Mental Health Evening

Friday 18th February 2022

Populins Hall, Queen St, Ayr
from 6.00pm til late

GUEST SPEAKERS
JOHNATHAN THURSTON & ANTONIO WINTERSTEIN

PRESENTATION BY
ARE YOU BOGGED MATE?

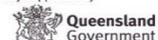
Tickets
\$50 Tables of 10 or individual tickets

Includes a gourmet BBQ
Licenced Bar Open
Ages 16+

Bookings via - www.burdekintheatre.com.au or contact 47839800

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Library News

Janine Lando

Teacher Aide / Library Assistant

The students were welcomed to a fun, colourful and vibrant Library this week. There were plenty of Llama's and Alpaca's on display and colouring-in sheets for the primary school students to beat the heat during their lunch breaks. Matt Cosgrove is a very talented author and illustrator and we have many of his wonderful books available for borrowing. There are plenty of free resources also available on the following website: <https://www.mattcosgrovebooks.com/new-blog/tag/Scholastic>



Bonjour,

The school is revitalizing our language program with the Grade 8's learning French this Semester. *Merveilleux!* Students are thoroughly enjoying the challenge of learning a new language and putting their knowledge to the test in our classroom conversations.

We will be focusing on our speaking, writing, reading and listening skills to enhance our understanding of this *magnifique* language. I cannot wait to see their progression and confidence develop as the Semester progresses.

C'est la vie!



Megan Diamond
High School Teacher



SENIORS

Senior shirts have arrived and don't they look fabulous!



Staff News

We have been swamped with well-wishers and love for our currently absent Mrs Butler, as Ashlee and her husband Travis are now the proud parents of the adorable Charlie James Butler. We are happy to report mother, father and child are all doing well. Ashlee has given us special permission to share these lovely photos of her family with you - we know you will be as smitten with Charlie as we are! God Bless our wonderful Butler family and may your lives continue to be filled with love and joy.





 New Leaders

FRIDAY 11TH FEB

be the example

Crossfire

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FUN = FRIENDS = FAITH

 Burdekin Community Church

 6:30pm - 8:30pm

BCC PRIMARY SRC FUNDRAISER

ZOOPER DOOPER WEDNESDAYS!

 EVERY WEDNESDAY 2ND BREAK

 50c EACH

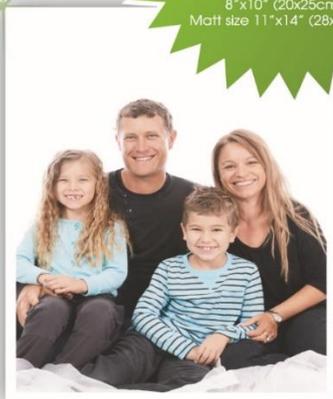
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