Principal’s Welcome

This term is an extremely important one for our Senior School students as they only have a short time left until they have their final examinations. This can be a stressful period for students and they require as much support as possible. Thank you to the parents who are supporting students with their home studies. Also a special thanks to teachers who have been running after school homework classes or conducted study sessions in the holidays. I feel sure our students have been advantaged by the extra time provided to them and that it will be reflected in their results.

A special thank you to the Deputy, Principal and Year Coordinators who have had many counselling meetings throughout the year. The care and concern you show goes a long way to ensuring a positive future for our students. Also a special thank you for everyone who was involved in such a wonderful graduation ceremony. It was an outstanding evening and was such a wonderful way to farewell the graduating students of 2015.

In this edition I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all of the staff in the Student Services area. They have an enormously important role in our school. They are expected to monitor student achievement, watch student attendance, support with behaviour issues and address the needs of every child within the school. The role this team play significantly enhances the smooth running of the school.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of staff who are involved in the specialist educational programs such as Science Horizons, Engineering and the enrichment program MASH. These programs are designed to bring like minded students together in an environment where their natural talents and interests are fostered and developed. The courses are designed to extend students in their discipline and I would encourage new parents to consider contacting the coordinators of these programs to ascertain how to enrol in these programs.

As the Principal of Newton Moore SHS, I take seriously the responsibility to ensure that our diverse student population have the opportunities to achieve future success. The school is very proud of its success for students who transition to university, tertiary training and/or the workforce. This success will only continue and strengthen in the coming years.

Susan Kerr

Upper School

HECS – Help Benefit

HECS Help can result in recent graduates (graduating since 2009) to reduce their HECS debt by thousands of dollars.

You can Google “HECS Help benefit” to find the criteria and forms. (Completed forms can be sent off to the ATO)
Examination Tips for Students

- Use the reading time effectively.
- You can't write anything during reading time but you can think about your answers!
- Invest time in planning.
- While your ideas are fresh from reading time—take a couple of minutes to jot them down.
- Divide your time carefully.
- Consider the suggested working time for each section. Factor in some checking time into this working time. Balance your time...
- Answer the question asked.
- Don't answer the question you wish you had been asked. Examination markers have guidelines they have to use.
- Write legibly. Markers will not be able to decipher writing that is illegible.
- Save time for editing.
- Budget some time at the end of the examination to read through your answers.

Tips for parents who have a student at Leavers

Before they go

- Know your child’s plan for Leavers.
- Ensure your child takes photo ID with them to purchase a 2015 Leavers’ wristband.
- Encourage your child to celebrate during the official Leavers Period only, which is Monday 23rd – Thursday 26th November 2015.
- Know the dates your son or daughter will be away.
- Know how they will be getting to and from their destination, and how they intend to travel around once they arrive. Know where they are staying. Obtain the name, address and contact details of the accommodation venue.
- Encourage your son or daughter to work out a budget for their holiday.
- Let your child know they can contact you at any time while they are away.
- Do not provide your children with alcohol to take to Leavers even if your child is 18.
- Further information and tips for parents can be accessed on the SDERA website: [www.det.wa.edu.au/sdera](http://www.det.wa.edu.au/sdera)

Student Services Update

Girls School Shorts

With the start of warmer weather girls must ensure that their shorts are of an appropriate length. That is to the end of your fingertips when girls have their arms by their side. With the introduction of the new girls shorts in the uniform shop, shorts will not be permitted to have any white strips on them next year. So if you need new shorts it is best to buy the school shorts or otherwise they must be plain black with no other markings and the right length.

Donation of Uniforms

If you are leaving the school or moving into Year 10 next year please consider donating you uniforms to the school for students in need. Please bring them to Student Services any time. Any donations are sincerely appreciated.

Lateness Process

Students who arrive between 8.40am – 8.50am should go directly to form to have their attendance marked off. If students arrive after 8.50am, they need to sign in at Student Services. This is a very important process so our attendance records are correct. A note from a parent /guardian must be provided to Student Services. This can also be done via a phone call to Student Services or by the parent signing the student in. If students arrive after 9am without a reason their parent/guardians will be contacted for an explanation. Please note that students will lose their Good Standing if they arrive late on three or more occasions without a valid explanation.
**Community News**

Preparation and Revision Program
ATAR Advantage will be running preparation and revision programs for all students from Year 7 to 12.

**Where:** Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School  
**When:** January 18–23 2016  
**Ph:** 9486 1377  
**Email:** admin@ataradvantage.com.au

**Study Skills Vacation Courses**
Top Marks Learning Centres Study Course for students in Year 7–12.

**Contact:** Ann Spence  
**Ph:** 0437222480  
**Web:** www.topmarks1.com

Life Skills for Teens
ATI–MIRAGE interactive workshops teaching life skills to teens.

**When:** 14 & 16 Jan 2016  
**Email:** admin@ati-mirage.com.au  
**Web:** www.ati-mirage.com.au

BMX Come and Try Day
Bunbury BMX Club are holding a Come & Try day

**When:** Mid-November  
**Email:** bunburybmxclub@hotmail.com

Performing Group Program 10 years
Bunbury Young Voices is a performing group for young people 10 or above. When: Monday 16th November, 5.30pm

**Where:** St Augustine’s Uniting Church,  
Mangles Street, Bunbury  
**Contact:** Helen Brown  
**Email:** helenbrown hb@gmail.com

**Community Music Showcase**
Bunbury City Band, Brassomatic and Contempo will be holding their inaugural music showcase.

**When:** Sunday 22 November, 2–5pm  
**Where:** Graham Bricknell Music Shell  
**Contact:** Ian Elliott  
**Ph:** 0407756853.