

Baulkham Hills High Newsletter

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Year 12 Formal

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From the principal's desk:

Welcome to Week 8. The term is quickly moving towards the finish. Year 11 are spending this week completing their first Year 12 Assessment Tasks. This means it is all very real. No marks from Year 11 contribute to the HSC but they do now.

Tomorrow (Tuesday) we will welcome our incoming Year 7 2021 students for their Orientation morning. It will be hard for them without their parents for this first visit. I am sure our older students will help keep an eye out for any lost or confused Year 6 students. Our Peer Support leaders from Year 10 will take the new students for a tour of the school.

Our Year 12 students held their formal at Oatlands House last Monday night. Lots of excitement and celebration for the conclusion of their 13 years of schooling. Their behaviour was, as always, impeccable. Staff who attended on the night were very impressed. Everyone looked beautiful.

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Calendar 2020

This calendar is subject to change so please check carefully each week for any alterations. A whole year calendar is on the school website at www.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au

Term 4

Week 8
Monday 30 November
- Yr 11 Assessment Week 30/11 to 4/12
- Y10 HSC Accelerated Geography Excursion (Filewood)
Tuesday 1 December
- Y10 History Elective Korean Cultural Centre Excursion (Reid)
Wednesday 2 December
Thursday 3 December
- Y10 Food Tech – Chinatown. Pds 1-8 (Parnell)
- Support Multisport Day P1-8 (Simpson)
Friday 4 December
- Y10 Reports issued
- Y8 History James Adams Medieval Show 8B, 8A, 8U Pds 1-3; 8L, 8K, 8O & 8H Pds 4-6
- Y9 Christmas Cupcake Decorating. All Day (Parnell)
Week 9
Monday 7 December
- Y9 -9A Nihongo Tanken Centre Excursion (Jin)
- Y10 Japanese Culture Café P5&6 (Zhu)
- Y11 Chemistry Prac Task P7&8 (Scollay)
Tuesday 8 December
- Y9 Australian Volleyball School Cup) – 8 to 11 December
- Y8 Inquisitive Minds. Pds 1-8
- Y10 CT. Critical Thinking Escape Rooms. Recess to Pd8
Wednesday 9 December
- Y8 Camp – 9 to 11 December incl.
- Y10 Camp – 9 to 11 December incl.
- Y9 Australian Volleyball School Cup (NSW) 9/12 to 12/12 incl.
- Volunteers Morning Tea
Thursday 10 December
- Cadets Last Parade Day. After school
Friday 11 December
- Yr 7/8/9 Reports issued
Week 10
Monday 14 December
- Y7 Recognition Assembly
- Y8 Recognition Assembly
- Y10 Peer Support Training Evening 3.30pm-7pm (Iaconis)
Tuesday 15 December
- Y10 Recognition Assembly
- Y9 Recognition Assembly
Wednesday 16 December
- Students Final Day of School
Thursday 17 December
- School Development Day – Staff Only
Friday 18 December
- School Development Day – Staff Only

Term 1, 2021

Week 1
Tuesday 26 January Australia Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 27 January
- School Development Day – Staff Only
Thursday 28 January
- School Development Day – Staff Only
Friday 29 January
- Year 7, Year 10 Peer Support & Year 12 commence
Saturday 30 January – Cadet on-line registration begins (Iaconis)
Week 2
Monday 1 February
- Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 commence
Tuesday 2 February
Wednesday 3 February
- Y8-11 Grade Sport Trials Pds 6-8 Rec Sport Selections (Filewood)
Thursday 4 February
- Y7-12 School Photo Day (Riley)
Friday 5 February

Later in this newsletter you will find links to surveys which we will appreciate if parents and students can take a few minutes to complete. We are developing the next four year plan for the school so it is important that we know exactly what the situation is in the school at the moment. What things are you happy with and what areas can we improve? Of course, some things may be out of our control but we do want to hear from our parents and students. Please complete the survey by the end of this week.

Congratulations to:

- The students who achieved High Distinctions and Distinctions in the various Science Olympiad exams recently.

Jeanne Bathgate
Principal



Science Olympiad Awards Presented in Assembly

Front Row: Jason Dunn, Priyesh Bajracharya, Matthew Wu, Pranali Jani, Tarini Samarasinghe

Back Row: Naman Singh, Nic Sun, Aniket Sinha, Aaron Jeng

Baulko News

Baulkham Hills High School – Situational Analysis 2020 – Community (Parent and Carer) and Student Survey

Dear Members of the BHHS Community,

The NSW Department of Education has recently introduced a new planning model for all schools. This is called the School Excellence in Action model.

Currently, our school is completing a Situational Analysis. This is a rigorous and authentic assessment of our school's current state, and will be used to inform our school's improvement journey in learning, teaching and leading.

The questions in the survey are designed to elicit a broad response from stakeholders – to assist in providing an overview of the school in a range of areas. The results of this survey will contribute to the BHHS School Improvement Plan for 2021 to 2024. Each survey should take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

- Community Survey – for parents and carers -
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BHHSSA2020Community>
- Student Survey – for BHHS students -
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BHHSSAStudent2020>

Thank you for your time in contributing to the future directions of Baulkham Hills High School.

J. Bathgate
Principal

P&C News

Year 7 (2021) Uniform Fitting (21 & 28 Nov 2020): Thank You!

The P&C would like to thank all parents, students and siblings who helped with the Year 7 Uniform fittings over last two Saturdays.

21 Nov: Avneet Arora (parents of incoming Y7 2021), Jane Hao (Ada Hu – Y8), Suresh and Rohma Sureshwaran (Lavann Sureshwaran), Julie Ong, Jean Chan, Yuan Fei Chan.

28 Nov: Shasi Dharan (Siddharth – 7E and sister Shanana), Ping Li (Kathy Zhou – 8O), Maninder Rai (Gurteer Rai – 7D), Louise Zhang, Eau Cheng Bak (Ruxin), Qin Ding, Alice Lai, Maggie Wang (parents of incoming Y7 2021), Eva Au, Ying Hang, Jane Hao, Julie Ong, Gayathri Ganapathy (parents of incoming Y7 2021).

All student volunteers will be issued Community Service Certificate by the school.

Thanks Doreen and Hong for your hard work. There will be one more fitting to go this Sat (5 Dec).

New School Principal Selection Panel

As announced in the school's Newsletter (23 Nov 2020), Dr Bathgate will retire at the end of the year (December 18th). We wish her all the best for her next chapter of life.

Meanwhile, the selection process of the new school principal is underway. The new principal will be selected through merit selection in early 2021. I would like to inform the community that we have 2 parents' representatives from the P&C to be included in the principal selection panel.

The parent representatives are aware of the lengthy selection process they will go through. There will be selection guidelines to learn from the department, lots of document reading, numerous meetings, and lengthy discussions. Let's hope for the best outcome.

Thank you!

Sau Wan Liew
P&C President

Band News

Another wonderful year of band ends this Friday (4th Dec 2020). On behalf of the band committee, we would like to thank all of you for your time, effort and your cooperation especially during this tough year.

A special thank you to our Year 12s who have been in our band program for the past many years. Your dedication and enthusiasm to the band program is highly commendable. We hope and pray that you will be successful in all your future endeavours.

We are going to post special video performances for each band very soon on Facebook since we cannot have a Christmas Music night this year. Make sure you follow us on Facebook for the performance!!! 😊

During last week of band, Students are to:

1. Follow Band Conductor's direction on social distancing.
2. Bass and Wind instrument students must bring their own towel.

SAVE THE DATE:

- **Every student to Clean out Band Lockers** – 4th Dec 2020
- **Last Day of Bands** – 4th Dec 2020
- **Audition for 2021 bands** – 12th Dec 2020

If your child is feeling unwell, please do not send them for the rehearsals or to school.

If you have any concerns regarding sending your child for the rehearsal giving the current scenario please contact band admin email at bhhsbandcom@gmail.com.

We can only give you newsletter on a weekly basis but if you joined our Facebook page, you will have instant access to news from the Band Committee, you can follow our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Baulko-Band-and-Orchestra-100848740521209>

The Band Committee

Procedure for Early Leavers

If a student needs to leave school early, they must provide a note from their parent/guardian giving reasons for their partial absence. **The student needs to get the note signed by a Deputy Principal before school and hand into the office by 8.30am where they will be issued an early leave pass.** The student can then present the pass to their teacher and leave school at the time advised on their early leave pass.

Senior Students with **Early Study Leave** permission should sign out at the office before leaving School.

NSW Department of Education Online Reading and Numeracy Assessment - Test window for the optional Check-in Assessment reopens weeks 8 -10 Term 4 2020 – For Year 9

Dear parents and carers

Year 9 students will participate in a new reading and numeracy check-in assessment.

The check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor Year 3/5/9* student learning following the period of learning from home.

The check-in assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 9 students during Term 4 Weeks 8-10

Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

Optional advice:

Students will be asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB.

Sport News – Sport Google Classroom

If you have represented in a specific sport or at any carnival you can register this using the google form provided. The link to this form is available on the **SPORT GOOGLE CLASSROOM** page.

This is for all specific sporting representations & carnivals, Hills Zone & beyond. This form is not for grade sport, knockout sport or school carnival representations.

If you do not register your sporting representation using this google form process you will not receive any type of award. There will be deadlines at various times throughout the year when year groups recognition ceremonies are being prepared. These deadlines will be announced publicly as they arise.

Mr Filewood, Sport Organiser

HSC Geography 2021 CLASS – Ecosystems At Risk Fieldwork

On the 6th of November our new 2021 HSC Geography class travelled to Sydney's Northern Beaches to undertake fieldwork and observe the coastal zone.

We started at Collaroy beach then visited Long Reef beach, Long Reef Point, Newport beach, Bilgola beach & finally Palm beach. The beaches provide an important case study for our first HSC topic – ECOSYSTEMS AT RISK.

We observed differences in human impacts, development and management at each beach. We were also able to utilise the schools 3D camera equipment and then produce our own virtual reality tours of each beach for viewing back at school.

We were also able to gather fieldwork data by using the survey123 app which allowed student data to be accessed back at school in preparation for the first HSC assessment task.

Mr Filewood, Social Science



Procedure for Late Arrivals

If a student arrives at school late, they must provide a note to the office signed by their parent/guardian when signing in giving reasons for their partial absence. **The student needs to sign in at the Office when they arrive at school including senior students with study leave in the morning.** The student will be issued a late arrival pass which they can present to their teacher when they arrive in class.

If a note is not provided from home, the student will be issued with a late pass slip which is signed by a parent/guardian. The signed slip must be handed into the office the next day.

Senior students with Study Leave must be in by Recess

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Careers News – Term 4

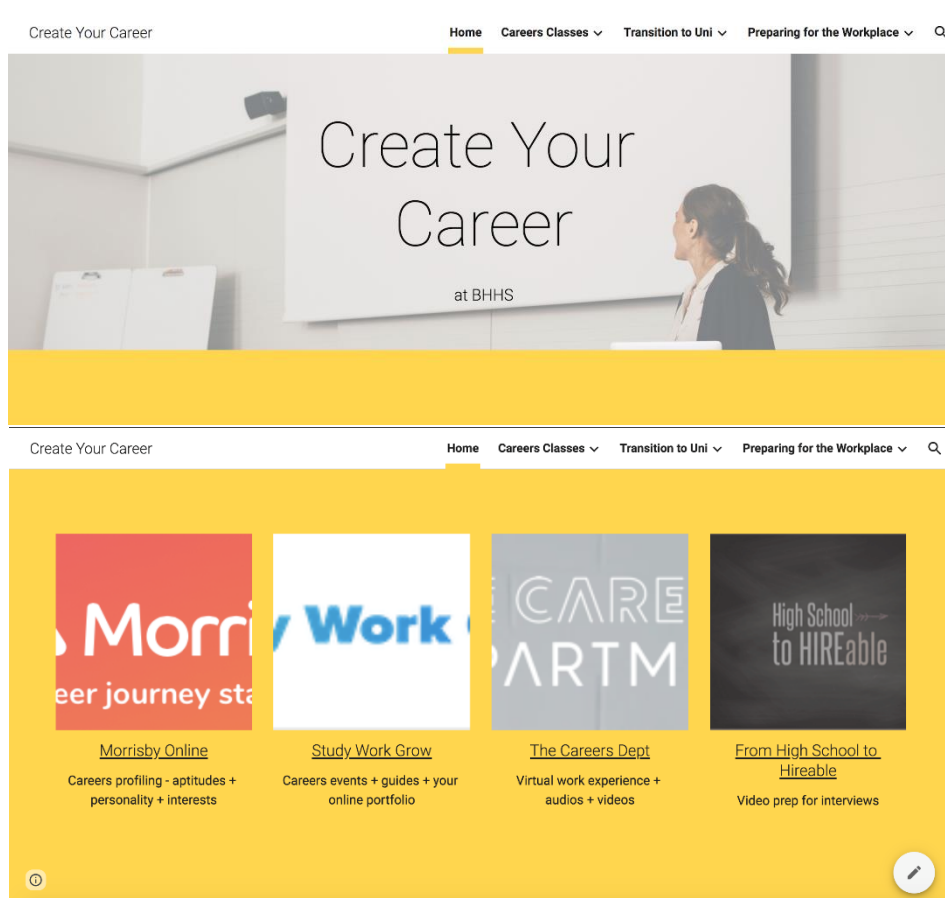
Due to the increasing volume of Careers info in 2020, a new Google Site (**Create Your Career at BHHS**) has been created along with a new corresponding Google Classroom for regular updates. Students can access this content via their @bhhs Google accounts. To help your child with their career development process, please see this link: <https://myfuture.edu.au/assist-your-child>

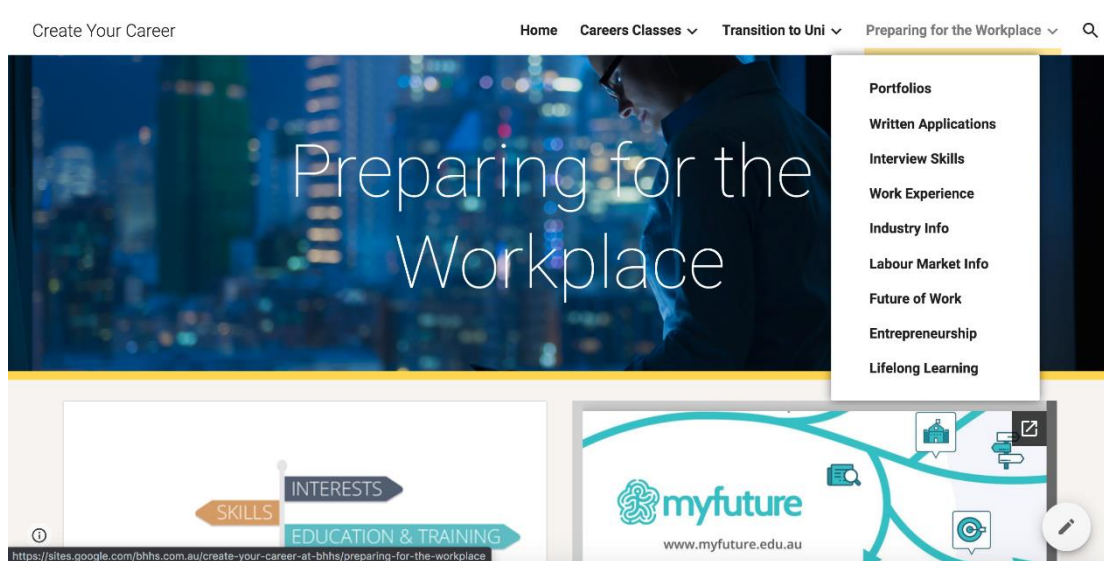
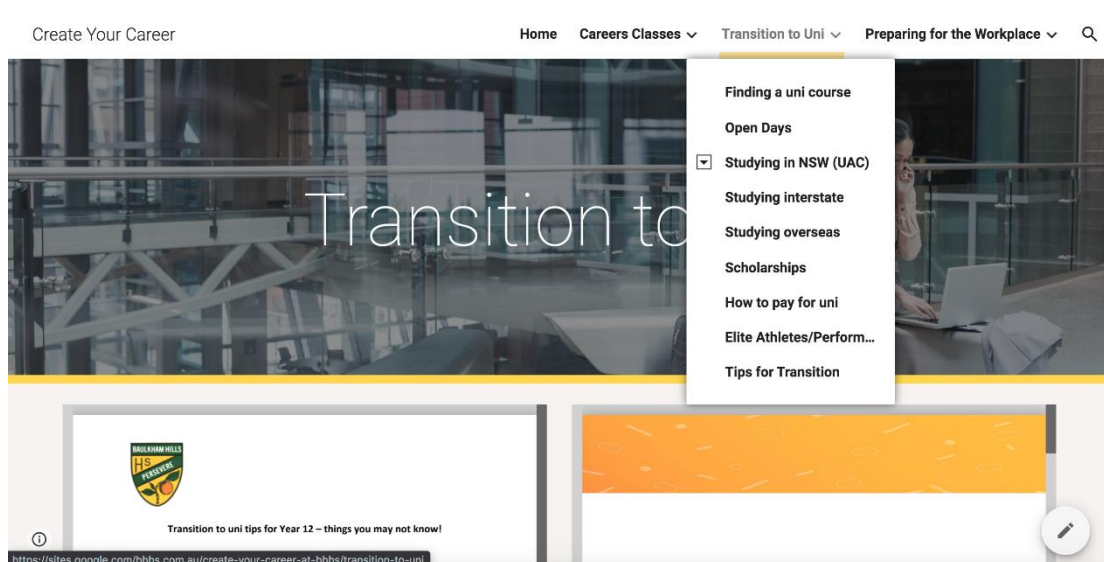
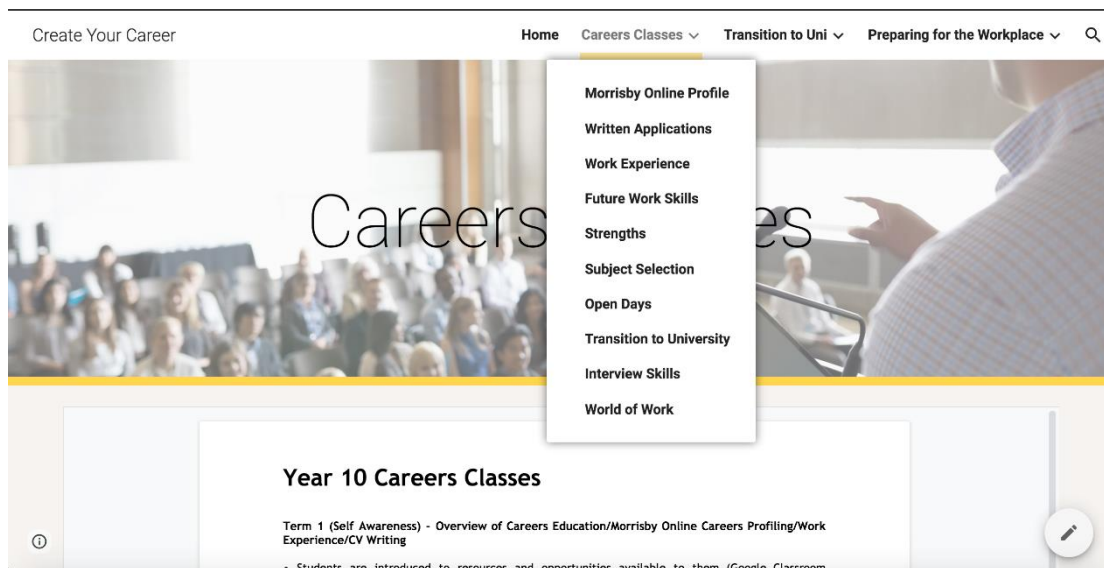
From the homepage, students can access all their subscription resources:

- Morrisby Online Career Profiling (aptitudes, personality, interests)
- Career Central (Career Management software)
- Study Work Grow (guides, updates, portfolio)
- The Careers Department (virtual work experience, audios, videos)
- From High School to Hireable (coming 2021 – online interview skills course)
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As well as content on Careers Classes, Transition to Uni and the Workforce, students have easy access to useful tools:

- Book a Careers appointment spreadsheet
- Careers Checklists
- Uni speakers at BHHS
- Year 12 Deadlines


















myfuture has a new look!

Informed by feedback from users and experts, myfuture's updated website continues to provide access to high-quality and reliable career information from official sources, but its tools and resources have been restructured to make them easier to explore. A number of new features have also been introduced, including a 'My Favourites' section, glossary terms and tips to help students uncover new information and options.

As a government-funded service, myfuture provides free online resources and tools to support students to develop self-knowledge for career decision-making.

myfuture's personalised features assist young Australians to explore how their values, interests and skills relate to a wide range of career options and vocational and higher education pathways.

-  Complete [My career profile](#) activities
-  Use [Career bullseyes](#) to learn about career pathways related to school learning areas
-  Explore over [350 occupations](#)
-  Discover higher education and vocational education and training (VET) [courses](#)
-  Access important [industry information](#), including employment prospects
-  Get tips and tricks by reading real-life [career stories](#)
-  Read [career articles](#) to discover practical information to support career exploration
-  Learn more about educational [institutions](#) and study options
-  Find out about [organisations](#), career resources, opportunities and career pathways
-  Explore resources for [teachers and career practitioners](#)
-  Begin the conversation about the world of work as a [parent or carer](#)

myfuture also offers targeted resources and professional development opportunities for those who support or influence career choices, such as teachers, career practitioners, parents and carers.

Explore the recent updates: <https://bit.ly/myfuture20>



BAULKHAM HILLS HIGH INVITES YOU TO THE

BOOK FAIR 2020

Join us Tuesday 1st December at recess
under the bridge

50C EACH OR \$5 FOR ALL YOU CAN CARRY! EVERY
PURCHASE BENEFITS THE SCHOOL.

FOR SALE – Gymnastics equipment (Vault and Pommel Horse)

The PDHPE faculty is updating our learning resources and have some equipment that is currently not being used.

We are selling a Vault and Pommel horse.

Both are in good condition, but not used for the past few years.

Please contact the school for further information and price.



Regards,

Mr McDonell
Head Teacher PDHPE
Baulkham Hills High School

Symptoms of COVID-19

Symptoms of COVID-19 include

- Fever (37.5 ° or higher)
- cough
- sore/scratchy throat
- shortness of breath
- loss of smell or
- loss of taste.

Other reported symptoms include

- fatigue
- runny nose
- muscle pain
- joint pain
- headache
- diarrhoea
- nausea/vomiting
- loss of appetite.

In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia with severe acute respiratory distress.

When COVID-19 symptoms appear

The amount of time between exposure to the virus and the first appearance of symptoms is usually 5 to 6 days, although it may range from 2 to 14 days.

People who might have been in contact with someone who is confirmed to have COVID-19 should [self-isolate](#) for 14 days.

You should prevent the spread of viruses, by keeping your [hands clean](#), not touching your face and [keeping your distance](#) from other people.