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R U OK Day

A snipped photo of the smiling faces. May they be contagious....

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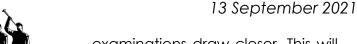
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From the principal's desk:

As we begin the last week of Term 3 2021, I wanted once again to thank all the Baulko staff and community for their support of our students, particularly this term. All BHHS staff, in whatever role they have, have gone above and beyond in supporting the learning and wellbeing students. our community have been patient and positive in supporting staff and students.

A special mention to our Year 12 students in what would usually be their final week of school, culminating in Graduation at the end of the week. Year 12 have myriad challenges in high school, particularly over this past two years. They have shown themselves to be resilient, positive. selfless and supportive as a cohort of **Various** young adults. options still being are discussed. including collecting feedback from Year 12, in how to best support them as the HSC Cont. P2

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Calendar 2021

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

Dates on the Calendar will be updated as further advice regarding COVID-19 comes to hand

Term 3

Week 10
Monday 13 September
Monday 13 September Y11 Assessments 6/9 to 17/9 incl.
Tuesday 14 September
Y10 History Source Test Pds 1,2,6&7 (Reid)
Wednesday 15 September
Y9 History online assessment 1.50pm-3pm
Thursday 16 September
Friday 17 September

	Term 4
Week 1	
Monday 4 October Labour Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 5 October	
Wednesday 6 October	
Thursday 7 October	
Friday 8 October P&C Thank you Morning Tea for BHHS Staff	
Week 2	
Monday 11 October	
Tuesday 12 October	
Wednesday 13 October	
Thursday 14 October	
Friday 15 October	
Week 3	
Monday 18 October	
Tuesday 19 October	
Wednesday 20 October	
Thursday 21 October	
Friday 22 October	
Week 4	
Monday 25 October	
Y12 Return to School	
Tuesday 26 October	
P&C Géneral Meeting 7.30pm	
Wednesday 27 October	
Thursday 28 October	
Friday 29 October Y11 & Support Reports Issued	

examinations draw closer. This will be published as soon as it is finalised.

The revised **2021 written HSC Timetable** has been released by NESA. It can be viewed at https://educationstandards.nsw.e
du.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/key-dates-exam-timetables/hsc-written-exam-timetable

There are also associated COVID-safe HSC Written Exam protocols that will be implemented to support our HSC students. The school will take time to analyse these requirements before communicating specific protocols.

The **Prefect Induction Ceremony** for our new prefects will be held virtually this Friday. Thank you to our current, departing prefects who have demonstrated leadership in all areas of their role, particularly in lockdown. This ceremony will be recorded and made available for general viewing.

There is light at the end of the tunnel. I would like to wish you a good holiday, and hope you have a chance to recharge batteries. Let me also encourage you again, if you or your student is eligible for a vaccination, to take up the opportunity. Staff will not be available during the holiday break – they too are recharging (and probably marking!).

Wayne Humphreys Principal



Baulko News

State Runner Up Years 11 & 12 Students - Australian Medical School Research Quiz - Anishaa Harish (Year 12)

Anishaa Harish (Year 12) received 2nd place out of all Year 11 & 12 participants for a quiz run by the Australian Society of Medical Research (ASMR) for high school students, based on her quiz score and the creativity and thoughtfulness of her open-ended response which highlighted an awareness of today's most relevant medical issues and expressed a keen interest for future medical careers.

Congratulations to Anishaa for this impressive achievement! The judges said they look forward to seeing more responses of such calibre from students at Baulkham Hills High School next year.

Ms Hardy



Congratulations to all the students across Years 7-12 who participated in this online competition!

Ms Hardy

Anukul Ganapathy	7	Sunya Arnold	8	Munira Tabassum Ahmed	11
Dhanya Singh	7	Bavishgar Paramoharan	9	Eric Pan	11
Sean Shivdasani	7	Lakshmi Sravani Jujjuru	9	Gauri Sharma	12
Shamha Devadas	7	Diya Patel	9	Larissa Hee Yu Yip	12
Alexander Ho	8	Judy Huang	9	Tiffany Parker	12
Dylan Huynh	8	Urvee Sarkar	9		
Lara Lan Hoang	8	Yat Hei Ryan Chan	9		
Mohijit Singh	8	Kuval Lamba	10		
Pratheish Sureshwaran	8	Tejas Valluripalli	10		
Pratyush Takalikar	8	Hazel Bektas	10		
Rupak Pangeni	8	Johan Mathew George	11		





Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

We would like to thank you for participating in Round 2 of the 2021 Australian Brain Bee Challenge! We acknowledge that this year has been a particularly challenging one and we appreciate your commitment despite the circumstances. As you may know, the current COVID-19 restrictions have meant that the on-campus activities are not an option this year. We are looking forward to hosting you next year!

Dr Cherylea Browne and Dr Jennie Cederholm
ABBC NSW State Coordinators







NSW State Champion

A big congratulations to *Jason Dunn* from Baulkham Hills High!



Jason will represent NSW in the ABBC National Finals later this year. We wish him all the best!

Top 10 Finalists

Tejas Valluripal Baulkham Hills High School
Matthew Li James Ruse Agricultural High School
Aileen Hao Pymble Ladies' College
Alicia Hooper North Sydney Girls' High School
Jenny Jin James Ruse Agricultural High School
Tarunesh Srikrishna James Ruse Agricultural High School
Vincent Tannos James Ruse Agricultural High School
Sienna Chan Santa Sabina College
Jasmine Rizwan Carlingford High School

Well done to all these students!

Prizes will be sent to each school for distribution



ABBC Round 2 Stats

The top 54 NSW students were invited to participate in Round 2 of the ABBC

47 students from all over the state completed Round 2

The TOP 10 NSW students all achieved above 90%!

The average grade for NSW was 73%







Can you believe it is Week 10 already? CAPA students have been working diligently and impressing the CAPA staff with their dedication, resilience, and creativity. We couldn't be more proud of the work CAPA students have produced this term and looking forward to seeing them continue working so well into next term.

We encourage all BHHS students to embrace their inner artist or performer during this time. Get away from the screen and create some magic! Even if you don't study a CAPA subject we would love to see your creations! If you or your family have created or performed something you are very proud of please send to Head Teacher CAPA at puglianok@bhhs.com.au. We cannot wait to see what you have been working on!

Have a great week everyone!

Thank you

Miss Pugliano Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts

Visual Arts:

Our year 7 Visual Art students have been delving into the photoshop program to learn a range of digital imaging techniques and skills. They have been completing hybrid animal artworks and now are doing wonderful work exploring how to use photoshop to make Pop Art style portraits. They have researched Andy Warhol's celebrity portraits to inspire their artmaking. Our next project is to build a bug!

Pop Art Self-Portraits





Students begin 'Build a Bug' task:



Year 8 have been working carefully to select colours and experiment with watercolour paints in preparation for painting their Del Kathryn inspired self-portraits. They have studied this artists practice and her work closely to produce works they really reflect her style but also their own personalities. Their efforts have been really impressive and we are very proud of the works in progress.

Some year 8 Self-portraits in progress:









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Drama:

Year 9 have been embracing the digital sound medium to develop stories for a locked down audience. They have been researching a variety of podcasts to develop the breadth of their knowledge and are working towards completing their scripts before recording and editing. Below are the synopses for each their projects. They have selected ambitious and often mature subject matter - hopefully we will have them ready for you to listen to in the near future.

Champagne Probems: A forty-year old white man from the deep south, a loud and proud female anarchist and a therapist who doesn't want to deal with their problems. What could possibly go wrong? Join this misadventurous trio on their journey through first-world problems, culture, modern life and bad blood. This is gonna go down in flames. Or the paperwork is, at least.

(Oliver Appave, Alisha Aggarwal, Priscilla Leung)

Addicted

You're addicted. I'm addicted. We're all addicted to the story of Addicted! In Sydney, 2020 (non-corona world), four girls with different addictions meet to overcome their worst adversities, themselves... Allana can't get off social media. Madison needs **red cordial to live**. Mia's addicted to becoming a toothpick. And Valerie is just obsessed with herself. Everyone has a story, everyone has an inner battle. Most of all, everyone has an addiction, no matter how big or small.

(Eugenie Jung, Pragya Gupta, Michelle Lam, Charlotte Cheng, Christina Yang)

Ambition and setbacks

After years of working hard at his job, Sanjay is excited to receive his hard-earned promotion! He puts himself out there in the interview but gets shot down due to blatant workplace racism. How will he move on and recover from this setback...listen in find out!

(Wolf Kumaran-Eriksson, Leo Cui, Risith Seraratne, Hywel Gan, Michael Sun)

Deception

In a world where the outside is a deadly environment, everything is safe inside the Cupola...or so it seems. Deception follows the story of Zephyr, a young student, and her friend as they try to uncover what's being hidden from them. What happens after 6:24? How does the elusive news reporter get her information? Will they ever get their freedom?

(Sajani Sumarasingh, Joy Thevasaeyan, Sankavi Jeyakanthan, Sravani Jujjuru)



A Message from the Wellbeing Team

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the midst of uncertainty and ever-changing circumstances, it is especially important to support you and your child's mental, physical and emotional wellbeing. We understand that disruptions to routine can cause undue stress and anxiety, and we understand that the present circumstances surrounding Covid-19 are also likely to cause a mix of feelings and emotions.

The Wellbeing Team would like to remind you that there are many support services and information available to you and your child -24/7. We encourage you to be proactive in seeking information and/or support services when needed, and in safeguarding your child's mental health.

To assist you with this, the Wellbeing Team has put together a document containing details for a range of support services and information pertaining to mental health issues, parenting resources and more specifically to Covid-19.

Be proactive in supporting you and your child's mental health – access any of these resources when needed, and stay informed. Have regular conversations with your child about their wellbeing, and encourage them to engage with support services and open discussion about mental health.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact one of your child's Year Advisers or myself.

We are here to support you, but there are also many resources and organisations available to support you beyond the school environment. We encourage you to engage with them.

On Behalf of the Wellbeing Team 2021 - Take care of yourselves!

Ms Terryanne Fletcher Head Teacher Wellbeing Baulkham Hills High School

Ph: 9639 8699



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Resources to Support Wellbeing

Information for Parents!



Who can you call for support?

- In an emergency, always call triple zero (000)
- Mental Health Intake Line: 1800 011 511
- National Coronavirus Hotline: 1800 020 080
- Lifeline: 13 11 14 (24/7) (Webchat also available)
- Parent Line NSW:1300 1300 52 (Webchat also available)
- Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636 (Webchat also available)
- Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659467 (24/7)
- Family Referral Service: 1300 403 373
- For support regarding domestic violence: 1800RESPECT

Resources on parenting

- http://www.resourcingparents.nsw.gov.au/Parents
- https://raisingchildren.net.au/
- https://www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/
- https://www.relationships.org.au/relationship-advice
- https://parenttv.com/

How do you access external mental health support for your child?

- Talk to your local GP to obtain a referral to a psychologist.
- Online Psychologist Database: https://www.psychology.org.au/Find-a-Psychologist
- Headspace centres: https://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/
- Mental Health Care Plan: https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/mental-health-care-plan

Online wellbeing programs for your child

- https://www.cci.health.wa.gov.au/resources/looking-after-yourself (self-help resources on various topics)
- https://thiswayup.org.au/ (mood, anxiety, mindfulness, sleep, and stress)
- https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/ (anxiety)
- https://moodgym.com.au/ (mood)

Apps your child can download

- Headspace (mental health support and guided relaxation strategies)
- Smilingmind (guided relaxation strategies)
- Virtual Hopebox (distraction techniques and relaxation strategies)
- What's up (for managing difficult thoughts and emotions associated with anxiety, depression etc)
- Self-Help for Anxiety Management (SAM) (build your own 24-hour anxiety toolkit)
- Daylio (mood and activity tracker, to help remind you which activities lift your mood)
- BeyondNow (create a safety plan to help you if ever at risk of harm)
- Mindshift (teaches the importance of changing how you think about anxiety)
- Calmharm (supports individuals with temptation to self-harm)



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Where can you learn more about mental health?

- Beyond Blue: https://www.beyondblue.org.au/the-facts
- Headspace: https://headspace.org.au/
- Kids Helpline: https://kidshelpline.com.au/teens
- Black Dog Institute: https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/
- Butterfly Foundation: 1800 33 4673 or https://butterfly.org.au/get-support/chat-online/

Information about Covid 19

- World Health Organisation Q & A: https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-coronaviruses
- World Health Organisation Advice for the Public: https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public
- Australian Government Official Covid Website: https://www.australia.gov.au/

Tips for supporting stress & anxiety around Covid

- Tips for Handling Coronavirus Anxiety & Stress: https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/resources-support/coronavirus-resources-for-anxiety-stress/
- Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support: https://coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au/
- CDC: Mental Health and Coping during Covid-19: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/managing-stress-anxiety.html
- How to cope with Covid-19 stress: https://headspace.org.au/young-people/how-to-cope-with-stress-related-to-covid-19/
- CDC: Helping Children Cope with Emergencies: https://www.cdc.gov/childrenindisasters/helping-children-cope.html





BODY IMAGE Typs YOUNG PEOPLE

Did you know that body image is how you FEEL and THINK about your body? It's actually not about what you look like!

No two people were born to look or be the same. Celebrating and embracing our differences is really important. There isn't a right or a wrong way to look.

Beauty and appearance ideals exist in all societies and they are all unhelpful! These ideals don't encourage uniqueness but instead suggest that everyone 'should' and 'could' look a certain way, which is unrealistic! Spending time, money and energy on changing your appearance is exhausting and research tells us that altering your appearance won't help your body confidence or self-esteem in the long run. What will help, is reminding yourself that you have the power to change the way you see, think and feel about how you look.

Here are some positive tips to help you:

You are so much more than your appearance. You are not an 'object' or a 'thing'. You are a human being. Your weight, body shape, muscles, hair/skin colour, complexion, height does not define you. Your appearance does not determine your worth.

Avoid making unhelpful comparisons. The more you compare your appearance to siblings, friends, celebs, sport stars or anyone, the more unhappy you'll feel. It's ok to admire beauty in others, but avoid devaluing your own body if you do.

Treat your body well. Your body is the only one you're ever going to get. It might not look exactly as you'd like, but it does so many amazing things for you. Speaking kindly, finding exercise and activities that you love, eating mindfully and taking time out to rest, demonstrates body respect. It's really important that you avoid any kind of restrictive diet and excessive exercise plans. They do not work or help your body confidence (no matter how much advertisers try to make us think otherwise).

Keep yourself media and social media savvy.

What you see may not always be! It's important that you stay savvy when looking at media and social media images. Photoshop, hair and make-up, endless filters and editing tools work to create the highly stylised and perfect images that you see – on celebrities and our friends. You never really know what is going on behind the image, remember, no one is perfect.

Go easy on yourself... AND your friends! Body bullying and food shaming is never ok. Speaking kindly to yourself and your friends – face to face and online – is the only way. If you wouldn't say it to a friend, avoid saying it to yourself. If you couldn't say it to someone's face, don't say it to them online. Words can build people up or tear them down. Use your words carefully (to yourself and to others).

Have fun with your appearance but don't let it rule your life. It's ok to take pride in your appearance and have fun with fashion and styling (if that's what interests you), but obsessing and worrying about how you look is not good for us. Remember, you are more than your appearance, so spend time doing the things that make you feel good.

Surround yourself with people who accept you as you are. Changing your appearance to fit in won't make you a better, more lovable person. If a person or group doesn't like YOU for who YOU are, then it's time to find some new people to spend time with. You are enough just as you are.

If your body image is getting you down or you are worried about a friend, talking helps and Butterfly is here to listen:

National Helpline on 1800 ED HOPE (1800 33 4673) or support@thebutterflyfoundation.org.au





BODY IMAGE Typs FOR PARENTS

Children are very sensitive to messages about body image and appearance from their parents. Often you may not even be aware of the messages your child is hearing from you. Parents can have a very positive impact on the way a child feels about the way they look and their self esteem. Helping your child develop a healthy body image is important as it can also strengthen their relationship with eating and exercise and reduce the risk of developing disordered eating and eating disorders.

Here are some tips on ways you can be a good body image role model for your child:

Reflect on your own relationship with your body.

This may not be easy but being aware of your attitude towards your own body will help you be conscious of the messages you send to your kids. Try to avoid looking in the mirror and making negative comments about the way you look. If your child sees that you feel comfortable and happy with your body, this can help them feel comfortable in their own skin.

Avoid talking about diets. Dieting is the biggest risk factor for an eating disorder. Try to avoid talking about diets, your "naughty" eating habits, or your weight and size. This can give kids the impression that weight and size are highly valued by you and they might feel pressure to look a certain way or be a certain size. Celebrate diversity and emphasise how loved and valued your child is no matter what their weight, shape or size.

Talk to your child about the way they feel about the way they look. Encourage your child to talk with you about their feelings. Create space to talk about things on a daily basis including what is happening with their friends. If your child feels safe to talk to you, then they are likely to share feelings about their bodies with you.

Help your child stay body confident when using social media. Talk to your child about the realities of digital manipulation and that what they see in the media and online is not always real. Encourage them to reflect on how their social media experiences make them feel and if it's not positive then they need to change it up.

Despite best parenting efforts serious body image issues and eating disorders do develop. It's important to recognise the warning signs of body dissatisfaction and low self esteem as early as possible. There are certain cues you can pick up on in your child once you know what to look for.

Here are some warning signs to keep an eye on in your child:

- Withdrawal from social events and activities that they used to enjoy
- A focus on diets, calories, health and particular foods. They
 might talk about wanting to be healthier or fitter and become
 obsessive about checking the nutritional content of what they
 are eating.
- They might become irritable or anxious around dinner time.
 They may refuse to eat certain foods or whole food groups.
- Complaints about the way they look, e.g. "I'm ugly" or "I'm fat", or negative comments about their abilities, e.g. "I'm hopeless"
- Frequent self scrutiny such as weighing themselves or excessively looking at their reflection.
- Change in clothing style such as wearing baggy or oversized clothing

If you notice any of these signs in your child it is important to seek help as early as possible. You know your child best, so trust your instincts. If you are finding it hard to be accepting of your own body, remember it's never too late to seek help.

Butterfly can support you. Call our National Helpline on 1800 ED HOPE (1800 33 4673) or email us at support@butterfly.org.au























https://kidshelpline.com.au/teens/issues/self-care



Careers News

Careers Term 3 News - Uni Zoom Lunch Sessions

Both UNSW and the University of Sydney (the top 2 destinations for students for Baulkham Hills High School students) presented via Zoom in Week 4 at Tuesday and Thursday lunches to supplement the face-to-face presentations that were held in Term 2 for a range of universities.

Thank you to USyd and UNSW for adapting to the changing environment and presenting to Year 10, 11 and 12 students in engaging presentations, preparing students for life beyond high school, notifying them of upcoming Open Days and answering questions.

Ms Hardy





Careers News - Update for Year 12 Parents

What does my child have access to for Careers in Year 12?

Face-to-face/individual support

- Individual appointments with the Careers Advisor (applying to uni, scholarships, general Careers advice) –
 students can book via the link in Google Classroom to a Google Sheets schedule
- Written feedback for cadetships/scholarships/medicine applications is given via Google Docs as well as general advice via email
- Mock interviews for cadetships/scholarships/medicine

Speaker sessions

- Universities visit the school Tues & Thurs lunchtimes in Term 2 schedule posted on Google Classroom and in the Year 12 Study; reminders sent to students via Google Classroom
- UAC Session and Scholarships/Written Applications Workshop (as part of Year 12 Wellbeing Day); resources have been emailed to students/on Google Classroom – please ask your child if you would like to see this information
- Students also had a speaker (doctor) present a session on Career Resilience & Planning as part of their Year 11 Wellbeing Day in 2020

Subscription Services

- Online interview skills course (see handout in this newsletter; access details have been emailed to students)
- Study Work Grow newsletter (to receive information directly from universities/industry)
- Morrisby Online Profiling students have had access to this since Year 10 list of career suggestions/uni
 courses based on a student's individual profile
- Career Central Career Management Software access via BHHS Google Accounts
- The Careers Department (Virtual Work Experience and audios/videos of careers & university courses)

Online/informational Support

- Regular updates are posted in Google Classroom including scholarship & cadetship information, expos, competitions, university & industry updates
- UAC info sessions: https://www.uac.edu.au/schools/uac-digital
- Information on Early Entry (SRS) has been emailed to students (PowerPoint slides) and also information on an upcoming session run by UAC: https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/earlyentry-43
- Year 12 students can use the UAC online tool Course Compass to assist their decisions
- Reminders about upcoming deadlines are posted on Google Classroom/emailed to students
- Create Your Career Google Site with tailored resources (via BHHS accounts)







Update of Address and Contact Details

If there have been any changes to your home address, phone number or email address, please email the school with any changes **asap**

It is important that parents/guardians keep the school informed of any changes

baulkham-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

If your preferred email address is a hotmail/yahoo address please check your spam/junk folder



Careers News - Create Your Career Google Site

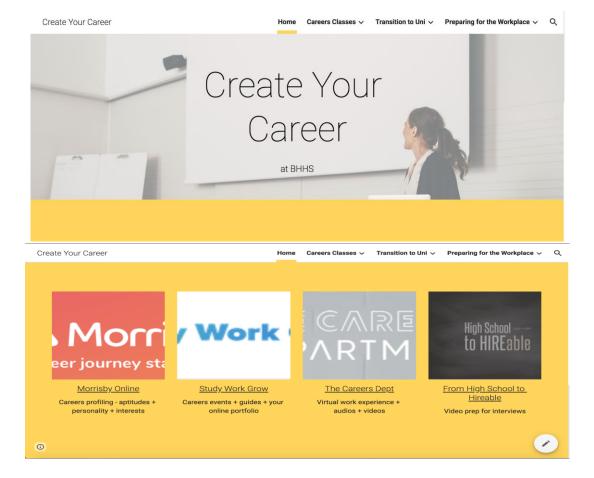
Students can access this content via their @bhhs Google accounts. To help your child with their career development process, please see this link: https://myfuture.edu.au/assist-your-child

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)

As well as content on <u>Careers Classes, Transition to Uni and the Workforce</u>, students have easy access to <u>useful tools</u>:

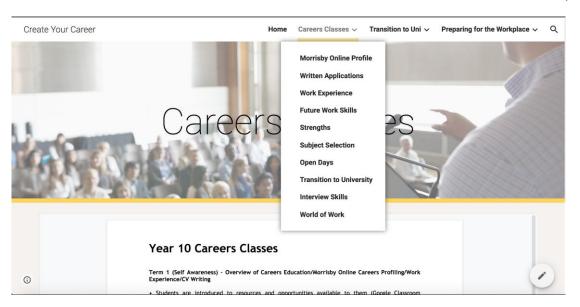
- Book a Careers appointment spreadsheet
- Careers Checklists
- Uni speakers at BHHS
- Year 12 Deadlines

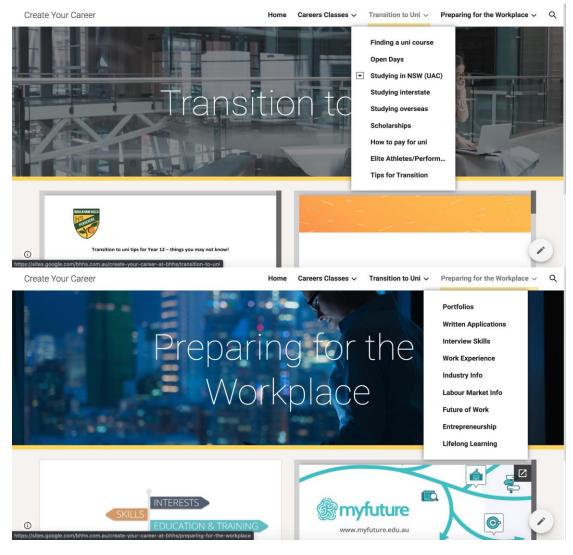




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myfuture has a new look!

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



Lost Property on Hills Bus

Lost Property Contact Details

For enquiries about lost items, please contact the relevant depot for further information.

Alternatively, if your matter is urgent please contact Transport for NSW on 131 500

Not sure who to contact? Visit Lost Property - Transport for NSW.

Hillsbus



(02) 9890 0000

customer.service@cdcbus.com.au

Symptoms of COVID-19

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever (37.5°C 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

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.

