

# Reach for the Stars

2025 Term 4 Week 10



## Principal – Belinda Hall

- What a year we have had. A massive thank you to each and everyone of you. Your tremendous efforts and dedication to the College is what makes BCC an amazing place for our students to learn, and for us to work. I hope you all have a well-deserved break and spend some quality time with the special people in your life.
- Thank you to Tim and the HPE team for the champions lunch event. It was professionally organised, and every tiny detail was thought of. It is wonderful to see how many of our students participate in out of school sporting activities. We are very blessed to have HPE teachers who are willing to give so much of themselves for the students to have these experiences.
- Thanks also to HPE for the Olympiad. This is another massive event on the calendar and one that students and staff alike really enjoy. Thanks for bringing it back.
- Thanks to Krystal and Stephanie and everyone across the College who was involved in Music in the Park 2025. It is a massive event, which requires hours of work to pull together but the outcome is simply sensational. Our school community really appreciate it, and we have received overwhelming positive feedback.
- Thanks to the Student Services team for leading the transition events for our Year 6 students over the past few weeks. The students felt very welcome and their confidence grew immensely. They all reported making new friends and looking forward to joining us in 2026. Thank you to all of the staff across, mainstream, Ed Support and LINKS that worked to make the day special and purposeful for the students.

## Deputy Principal – Jodie Fitzsimmons

Thank you to all staff involved in the Year 12 Breakfast and Awards Ceremony. It was fantastic to see our students celebrating their achievements and the end of their secondary education. Whilst our amazing award winners were acknowledged I believe it's also important to reflect on the positive impact made on some of our more vulnerable students:

- The student who is the first member of their family to ever achieve the WACE;
- The EALD student who was supported to master Standard Australian English;
- The student who achieved a VET qualification that has kick started their career;
- The student who was supported to overcome challenges and finish Year 12;
- The student who said, "Thanks for helping me. I'll never forget you."

Dear teachers, you make a difference! You change lives! I celebrate you!

Enjoy a well-earned summer break and an opportunity to relax, refresh and rejuvenate.

## Manager, Corporate Services – Sue James

**Please refer to the email from Sue James outlining the End of Year Procedures for 2025.**

This contains important information for all staff, and it is essential that this is read prior to the last day of term on Thursday 18 December 2025.

### Cleaning

- The last time Cassowary campus is cleaned is Thursday 18 December 2025
- The last time Illawarra campus is cleaned is Friday 19 December 2025
- No further cleaning is undertaken at the College from Monday 22 December through to Thursday 22 January 2026.

### Holiday Closure

Officially all schools are closed from and including Monday 22 December 2025 through to Monday 26 January 2026. Administrative staff return on Tuesday 27 January 2026.

Whilst Public Servant staff members (Rebecca, Sharon, Sue, Brooke, Bianca, Ryan, and Daniel) continue to work during the holidays, the site will be completely closed from and including Monday 22 December and will reopen to contractors on Monday 5 January 2026.

Public servant staff members will also be taking additional leave over the holidays and, as such, there will only be a few staff members on site on most days.

## Staff Member of the Week *Adam Camuglia*

### POSITIVES:

- Well done to Samara Burgess for overcoming her Public Speaking fears and presenting with me at the HEIA conference last Monday – Chris Burch
- Thanks to Adam Camuglia for supporting students at the IMPACT orientation day and parent info session – Gemma Novotny
- Thanks to Ben Sheldon for organising catering and cooking of BBQ for IMPACT orientation - Gemma Novotny
- Thanks to Brendon Nutt for going the extra mile to support our team all day every day - Gemma Novotny

- Thanks to Anita Ganz for supporting an IMPACT student to complete the necessary Cert units to progress to Year 12 - Gemma Novotny
- Mark Anderson for running extra sessions at the IMPACT Orientation Day and for the support at the parent info session - Gemma Novotny
- Liz Storey for all the organisation of paperwork for external VETDSS students for 2026 and going above and beyond to assist with IMPACT orientation IMPACT orientation day - Gemma Novotny
- Bianca James for a wonderful Year Book – Cheryl Pavlenko
- Sam Mesiti and the grounds team – for the huge preparation effort, including new toilets, concreting pathways, setup and the sausage sizzle. The space looked fantastic and was genuinely welcoming – Lucy Skillman
- Chelsea Numan – for organising and coordinating all STEM activities. The structure and variety were exceptional and created high engagement from start to finish - Lucy Skillman
- Mandy Powell – for ordering, preparing and sorting all event materials - Lucy Skillman
- Bruno – for stepping in before and throughout the day, assisting wherever needed and helping maintain the calm, organised flow of activities - Lucy Skillman
- Angela Knight – for active support prior to and during the event, and for being available and helpful across multiple areas - Lucy Skillman
- Bec Garlett – for sharing stories, cultural knowledge and giving up valuable time in a busy weekend. Families genuinely connected with this opportunity - Lucy Skillman
- Annette Wyatt & Nathan Smith – for running a full-day science station, with enthusiasm and energy that sustained student interest throughout the event - Lucy Skillman
- Chris Burch & Samara Burgess – for providing outstanding ice cream flavours and serving families throughout the event—an absolute highlight - Lucy Skillman
- Bianca James – for significant work in the lead-up including promotion, preparation and documentation on the day - Lucy Skillman
- Lucy Skillman for coordinating a grant for the “Growing Together” STEM event on Sunday – Bruno Pileggi
- The Police Rangers for their excellent contribution to the STEM event on Sunday – Bruno Pileggi

### Birthdays

*Di Carere, Wendy Parker, Beti Suleski, Stephanie Daga, Robert Smith, James Garcia, Mohammad Hasan, Brendon Nutt*

### Thought of the Week

**“Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud”**

- Maya Angelou

### Jokes for the Week

❖ Why did the astronaut break up with his girlfriend, because he needed space, and it was a star-crossed love.

❖ What’s the best time to go to the dentist? Tooth-hurty (2:30)



### Quote

Education is learning  
what you didn't even  
know you didn't know.

Daniel J. Boorstin

#knowwhatyouknow

## Staff Association News



STAFF ASSOCIATION PRESENTS....

### Session 6

Come join us for cheap drinks, snacks  
and an opportunity to chat to fellow  
colleagues at the end of every working week!

## Birak (December - January)

The Noongar Season 'Birak' is represented by the colour red as it symbolises heat, sun and fire.

During Birak season the rain eases and the warm weather really starts to take hold. After the Birak season sees the rains ease up and the warm weather really start to take hold. The afternoons are cooled by the sea breezes that abound from the southwest. This was the fire season, a time to burn the country in mosaic patterns.

An almost clockwork style of easterly winds in the morning and sea breezes in the afternoon, meant that traditionally this was the burning time of year for Nyoongar people.

They would burn the country in mosaic patterns for several reasons including fuel reduction, increasing the grazing pastures for some animals, to aid in seed germination for some plants and for ease of mobility across the country.

As for the animals, there are many fledglings now venturing out of nests, though some are still staying close to their parents. Reptiles are looking to shed their old skin for a new one.

With the rising temperatures and the decreasing rainfall, it's also time for the baby frogs to complete their transformation into adulthood.

Afternoons are cooled by the sea breezes from the south-west.



<b>Term 4 Week 10</b>	<b>15 December</b> Year 7-10 Good Standing Reward to Adventure World	<b>16 December</b>	<b>17 December</b> Year 7 – 10 Final Assembly – S1	<b>18 December</b> Term 4 Last Day	<b>19 December</b> School Holidays Commence School Development Day
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